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Principal's NEWS

Student Success at Coloma High School is our number one priority. Our students have many opportunities to choose classes that they are interested in. CTE classes in welding, automotive, nursing, and business are classes that we offer on campus. Students also have the opportunity to take classes off campus for cadet teaching and culinary arts, to name a few. Students also have the opportunity to apply for Early Middle College and to take college level classes through dual enrollment. These are all choices students have at their disposal to choose an avenue they are passionate about.

We want all students to take advantage of these different choices throughout their career here at Coloma High School. To help make sure all students have these opportunities, we also have different interventions in place to help students when they are struggling. We offer Homework Hour Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00pm-4:00pm for students who need a quiet place to get their school work done. A certified teacher is there to supervise and help students when needed. Students have an RTI period built in their schedules. During that time, students rotate to their six periods daily. That way students can get extra help in their classes from their teachers, and teachers can reteach skills or help support students.

Coloma Community Schools as a district has started implementing a Red Flag Process. Building administration and teachers can refer to a student who is struggling in class. Once a student is referred, a meeting with parents is set up. The meeting is a means to support the student and improve communication between the family and the school. During that meeting parents and administration look at the child as a whole. Different data points are discussed such as NWEA scores, PSAT/SAT scores, current grades, behavior logs, and attendance. Also, interventions that individual teachers have put in place to help the student succeed are discussed and evaluated. Parents and administration look at the information and come up with a plan together to help the student succeed.

FROM THE
DESK OF:
Craig Fisher



All these strategies are to help all students at Coloma High School achieve their goals for post graduation. Coloma High School wants nothing more than all of our students to be productive citizens in their community and have opportunities once they attain their high school diploma.



NOVEMBER 3 - SAC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 6 - TIME CHANGE
NOVEMBER 9 - LATE START, SCHOOL STARTS AT 10AM
NOVEMBER 22 - M2 PROGRESS REPORTS
NOVEMBER 23, 24, 25 - THANKSGIVING BREAK, NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 28 - NO SCHOOL, PD DAY FOR TEACHERS
NOVEMBER 30 - LATE START, SCHOOL STARTS AT 10AM

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IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING FAFSA

November is National Scholarship Month! Paying for college might feel overwhelming, but there are many ways to reduce the cost to your family.

- 1. The first step in securing any kind of financial aid is completing the FAFSA. To complete the FAFSA, go to www.studentaid.gov and create an account. The earlier you complete the FAFSA, the more financial aid is available.**
- 2. Has your student received Medicaid for two consecutive years between ages 9 and now? They may be eligible for the Michigan Tuition Incentive Program (TIP), which provides significant financial assistance at various institutions. Complete your FAFSA and go to the MiSSG Student Portal to determine your eligibility at: www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.**
- 3. Whether or not students qualify for financial aid, everyone can apply for scholarships. Scholarships fall into three general categories:**
 - a. National/state scholarships are often large prizes with large applicant pools and can be found through reliable websites such as Fastweb and CollegeBoard.**
 - b. Local scholarships are available to CHS students or Berrien County students only, and applications are available at: www.berriencommunity.org.**
 - c. School/program-based scholarships are listed on college websites and are only available to accepted students who meet certain eligibility requirements. We recommend that students focus on local and college-based scholarships.**

For more information on Esports, FAFSA, and/or scholarships, please contact Mr. Shaffer at: gshaffer@ccs.coloma.org or 269-468-2400 ext. 4004.



COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL NHS PRESENTS:

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) - Student Series is a program designed to engage all students with LLS and our mission through age appropriate philanthropy. The LLS supports research to advance more promising therapies and acts as the voice for blood cancer patients to ensure access to the best available treatments.

Pennies for Patients takes place in hundreds of schools in honor of local blood cancer survivors.

Bring your change and put it in the collection jars in your second period class. The jars will be collected at the end of the month and the winning class will get Sweetwater Donuts. Let's work together to make a successful fundraiser!



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WORKING HARD FOR RICE KRISPIE TREATS



"Pre-Calculus, Sinusoidal Functions Article 22.10.25"

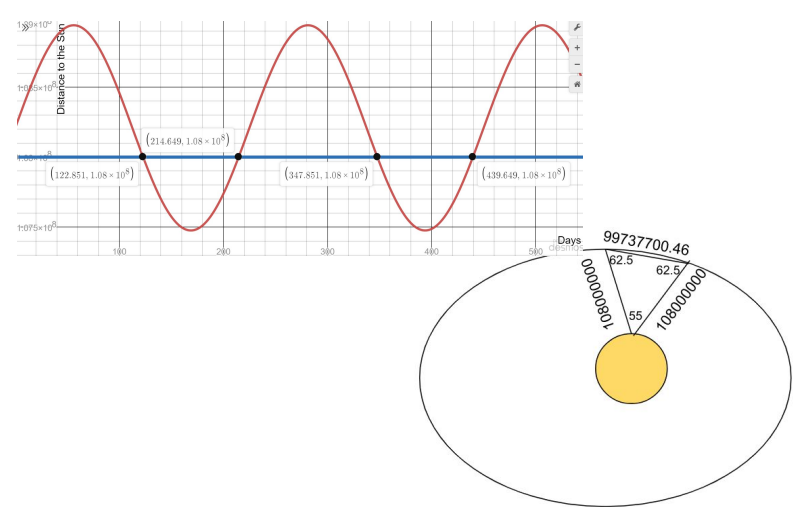
Mrs.Traylor’s Special education class has been working hard focussing on adding/subtraction calories and using math in sports. We have been looking at nutrition labels and figuring out how many calories are in the entire container. We also looked at how many grams of protein, carbohydrates, fat, etc. Mrs. Traylor brought in multiple different food items so the students could look at the nutrition label. They had to figure out how many servings were in the container, how many calories per serving/per container, and other nutrition facts.

After they finished the mini unit on calories they moved onto using math in sports. Students had to score bowling games. They learned how many points a strike and spare was. As well as how to score an entire game. Within the unit students also had to figure out how much weight someone was lifting. Once they figured out what the weight was they had to round to the nearest 10s, 100s, and 1,000s. We are still working on this mini unit and really grasping onto the concept of rounding.

Because the students have been working so hard during math class (and every other class) and it is getting closer to Halloween, the cafeteria staff brought in rice crispy treats dipped in chocolate for each student. They also had edible markers so they could draw on the treat. Some students drew pictures, wrote their name, or just ate the treat. Overall the students enjoyed their treat and learning about calories and using math in sports.

Students in Pre-Calculus use trigonometry to solve problems involving the location of planets. Nearly all the planets travel the sun in an elliptical orbit that allows us to calculate the location of the planet.

Alyse Grennon 1st solved the sinusoidal equation $108000000=732923.52225x+108208925.5$ to determine that Venus would be 108,000,000 miles from the sun after about 123 days, again after about 215 days and then again every 225 days.



Alyse was then able to use the law of sines to conclude that any spaceship traveling between the locations of Venus would be 99,737,700 miles if the angle that Venus had rotate around the sun was 55° by solving the equation $a\sin(55)=108000000\sin(62.5)$.

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PHCA, the Professional Health Careers Academy introduces high school students to professional health care careers through classroom work and rotating internships at health care facilities. Rotation sites include Spectrum Health, Lakeland, in St. Joe and Watervliet, Medic-1 Ambulance, Wil-o-Paw Animal Hospital, Great Lakes Eye Care, St. Joseph, and many more.

Clinical rotation begins November 8, in preparation, PHCA students attend training and orientation at Spectrum Health, Lakeland in St. Joe. On September 27 students became certified in CPR & First Aid.



Practicing skills in the classroom lab.



Left to right: Ava Janes, Essie Zuniga, Cecillia Williams, Daela Coleman, Lydia Bixby, Natalia Beran, Gregory Almora and Eden Gray.



To observe in the operating room student's attend OR orientation.

Why are you taking PHCA? -

Essie Zuniga said: " I'm taking PHCA because this program will help me set the path to what I want to become, a pediatrician"

What are you looking forward to the most, going to clinical rotation?

Eden Gray said: "observing surgeries and getting to see what it's like working in a hospital setting"

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★STUDENTS OF THE ★MONTH



9TH GRADE -
Ava Cartwright



10TH GRADE -
Eddy Granados



11TH GRADE -
Lilianna Contreras



12TH GRADE -
Kyle Burnette

STARFISH AWARD

****This award is presented to educators who go above and beyond to meet the needs of all of their students through Universal Design for Learning and the implementation of accessible educational materials and assistive technology. ****



This month's Starfish award recipient is Sara Glisson. Sara, a veteran teacher, has taught Biology, Advanced Biology, and Behavioral Sciences here at Coloma for the past 30 years. Sara's favorite part of teaching is doing the hands-on learning in which students take more ownership and generally have high interest. During her tenure Sara, always going above and beyond, has volunteered for countless student clubs and committees and can often be seen at choir and band concerts supporting the students. In Sara's spare time she loves to travel, garden, going to the beach, boating, cooking and reading.

"You get out of your education what you put into it. Don't be a passive learner - get involved, bring your energy, enthusiasm and curiosity!"



Esports was recently adopted and recognized by Coloma Community School District's School Board. Esports provides excellent social-emotional building opportunities, along with providing opportunities for leadership development and STEM awareness.

Currently, there are approximately 24 schools participating and competing among each other in Esports within Berrien County and neighboring counties, which is coordinated by Berrien RESA in partnership with Lake Michigan College.

Our Esports team has already been doing amazing work in building team spirit and morale among our teammates. In addition, our Esports team is currently undefeated while displaying amazing sportsmanship with our opponents!

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