

Comet Comments

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Comet Families,

Congratulations! You and your child have successfully completed the standardized testing season at Coloma High School. We at the high school want to thank you for making sure your child was not only at school, but prepared for the three days of testing. This is no one's favorite time of the school year, but one that is necessary. Your child can expect the results from SAT, PSAT, MSTEP, or ACT WorkKeys in six to eight weeks.

We now look forward to the few weeks we have left in the 2022-2023 school year. It does not matter if your child is a freshman or a senior, the Spring always leads to wanting to get outside and maybe let a priority or two slide. When a Senior experiences it, we call it "Senioritis". We don't have a fancy name for when a freshman goes through it, but they still have the same symptoms. This is the time that students need to refocus. Their academic and athletic goals are in reach. We are in the last leg of a great school year. We all need to help our students finish strong.

I am looking forward to being able to watch our students celebrate their achievements for this school year. Whether it be underclassmen being recognized for their accomplishments receiving academic letters and certificates from the different departments, or our Seniors walking across the stage to obtain their diplomas, this time of year is one to be proud of and to celebrate your child's performance. Parents, you should also take a bow for your part of the many accomplishments your child has achieved this school year. All of those rides over the years, the late night homework sessions, the snacks, and the hugs have all made contributions to your child's success.

Even though our Seniors graduate on May 26, 2023, this does not symbolize the end of the journey. Our Seniors will continue to need your counsel and support. Graduation is a time for all of us to pause and tell our graduates, "Well done."

Go Comets!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 1: M4 Progress Reports

May 10: Late Start School starts at 10 am; Senior

Awards Night 7 pm

May 12: Academic Awards

May 21: Spring Band Concert 2pm

May 26: Graduation 7 pm

May 29: No School; Memorial Day

June 8 & 9: ½ Day Exams

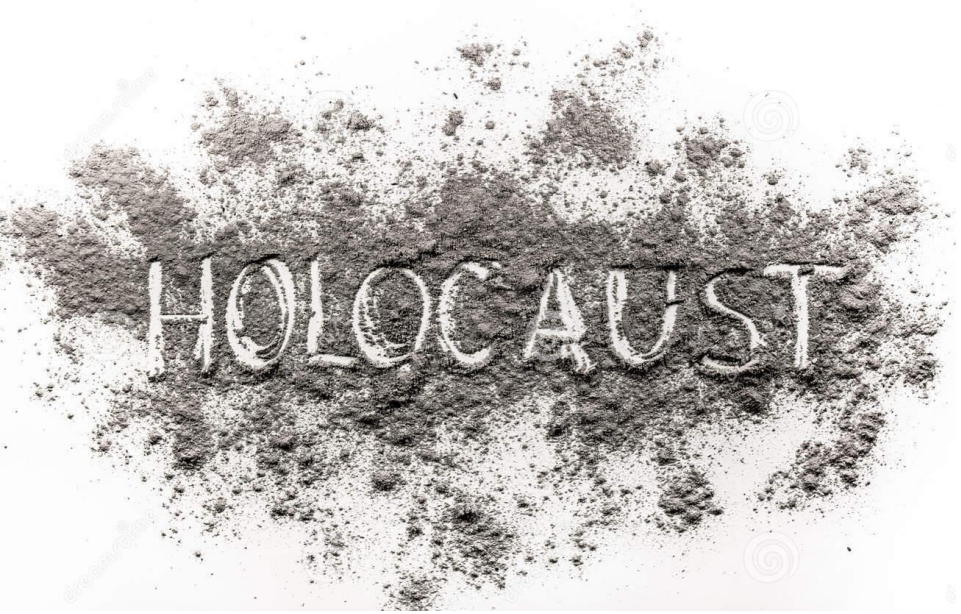
June 9: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER



When and how do I get my (PSAT 9, PSAT 10, SAT, or ACT WorkKeys) scores?

- Scores generally take about 6 to 8 weeks to be posted.
- You can get your **PSAT 9; PSAT 10; or SAT** scores here: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>
- You can get your **ACT WorkKeys** scores here: <https://my.act.org/account/signin?location=https://my.act.org>
- **When registering, please use your personal email NOT your school email.**

ACT WorkKeys scores

- Scores will be distributed to students at the beginning of next school year.

On Friday April 7th, 32 students from Coloma High School were able to visit the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center because of a grant awarded to Mr. Cantrell through the Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation. The grant of \$750 is awarded to teachers to "Expand and support Holocaust Education for students by providing funds necessary for educators to teach about the lessons learned from the past and how they relate to today."

Students that attended were from across the grade spectrum and expressed an interest in learning more about the Holocaust. The exhibits included artifacts from the years leading up to the holocaust, photo exhibits, a walk through a train car similar to one used to transport victims, and a meeting with a woman who managed to escape from Germany prior to the war but experienced much of the antisemitism leading up to Kristallnacht. Many students were able to ask her questions and gain a deeper appreciation of what people gave up to flee from fascism. Coloma Community Schools Board Chair Heidi Ishmael and Board member Steve Groendyk chaperoned the trip and were impressed with the students as well as the exhibits and experience from the museum. Hopefully, future field trips will offer this experience to more students in the coming years.



Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland



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We (the Special Education teachers at the High School) would like to congratulate our Seniors. Angel Kiser, Bob Zeilke, Dawn Cunningham, Michael Garey, Yarely Gonzales Romero, Charitilin White and Tailan Beaty.

Angel Kiser says that she loves to sing at home and go to church. She enjoys spending time with her family and going camping with her mom and dad. She would like to get a job and pay her own bills. She loves Art, Choir and Math class with Mrs. Traylor. “I had the honor of working with Angel this school year. She always came to school ready to learn and grew so much this year. I wish her the best of luck as she starts her internship.” -Mrs. Traylor

Bob Zeilke loves writing his country songs and singing them. He enjoys performing them on his youtube channel. Bob is looking forward to starting his life outside of Coloma High school. In Bob’s free time he works with Hereford Cows and shows them at the Berrien County Youth Fair. I had the pleasure of working with Bob this school year and wish him the very best as he starts his next adventure. -Mrs.Traylor.

Dawn Cunningham is a very creative soul who enjoys writing and being artistic. She would like to do tattoo work in her future.

Michael Garey would like to work in the mechanic field. He does well in his English classes. Michael is quiet but very polite and wonderful to work with.

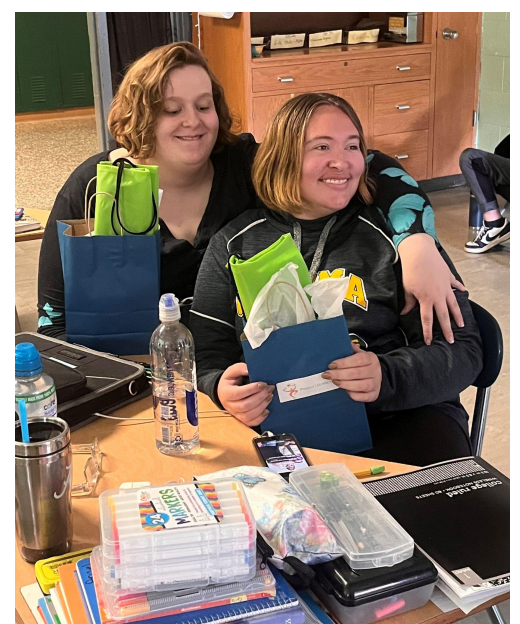
YarelyGonzalez is going to attend college in the fall and would like to study accounting. She has dreams of being a lawyer one day. She is close to her family and would like to stay in the area during/ after college.

Congratulations to Charitilin White for being accepted into Project Search which is a school led internship!. Charitilin is a senior and will be graduating this year. She is always busy doing her work in class. She has been an absolute pleasure to work with this school year. I wish her the best of luck with her future endeavors!

It has been a pleasure working with Tailan Beaty this year and she is an excellent person! Tailan has demonstrated growth and determination throughout the school year. She always likes to take care of her priorities and complete tasks in a timely fashion. She has been an excellent student to work with and will be missed! I wish her the best of luck in her future journeys!



Project | SEARCH®



Angel Kiser and Charitlin White have been accepted into Project Search.

PROJECT SEARCH is a nine-month internship program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is targeted for individuals whose goal is competitive employment.

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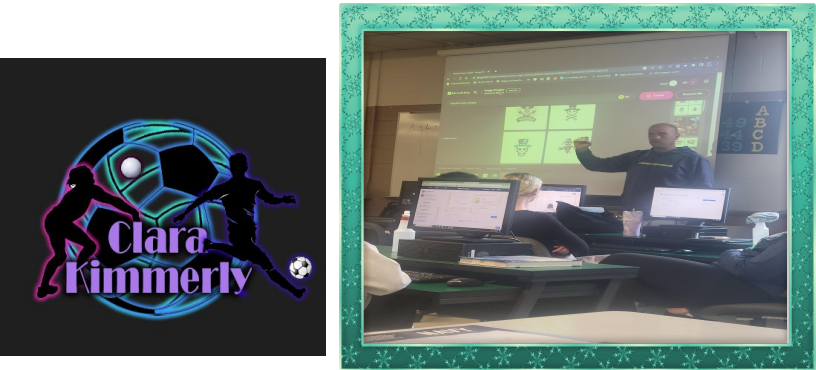
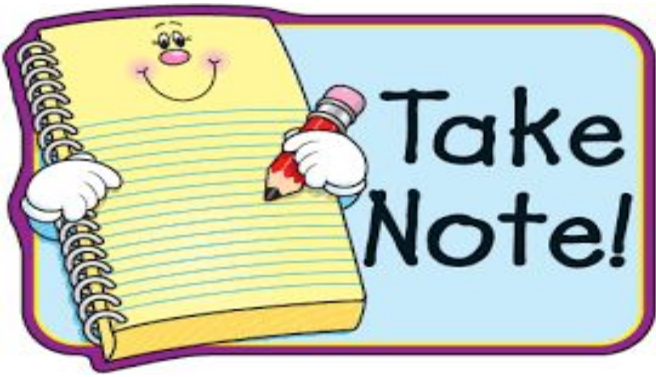
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Coloma High School Digital Multimedia students learn about branding, logo design and using AI.

Guest Speaker Denny Farmer, Entrepreneur, spoke to Mr. Mead’s CTE Digital Multimedia Computer class about work experience, building a business and marketing that business. Denny told his story about how he ended up becoming a business owner and creating a brand. He spoke about the importance of a good brand to create a successful business. He then demonstrated the process of creating a logo for a start up business using artificial intelligence. The class then went on to work with the AI program hands on. This presentation went along with the classes recently completed branding unit. Students created their own brand and logo based off of their personalities. To create this digital artwork students used Adobe Photoshop.



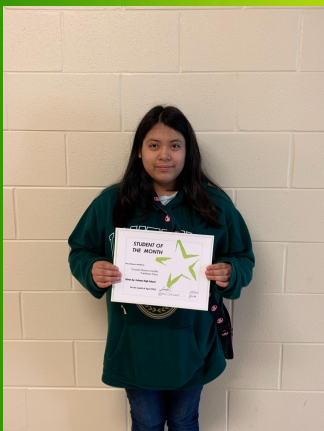
- The following requirements must be met before they can receive their Cap and Gown for the commencement ceremony:
- 1. Any student taking correspondence courses or credit recovery must have all work completed by May 19th.
 - 2. All grade and Michigan Merit Curriculum credit requirements must be met by May 19th. All incomplete and course requirements must be completed by this date.
 - 3. All bills owed to the school (current and past due) must be paid in full on or before May 19, 2023.
- ANY SENIOR WHO ARRIVES FOR COMMENCEMENT DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY OR WHO DISPLAYS INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY.

Calendar of Events

May 18, 2023	Exams 4th, 5th, and 6th hour. Students will receive a checkout sheet in their 4th hour. Upon the completion of each exam, students will use the sheet to check out of each of their classes with their teachers. Please leave your checkout sheet with your 6th-hour teacher at the end of the exam in that class. Friday morning, please pick up your checkout sheet (from 6th hour) to complete the same process for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-hour exams on May 20th.
May 19, 2023	Exams 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hour. Upon completion of each exam checkout with your teacher using the same sheet as you did the prior day. After 3rd hour, bring your check out form to the Auditorium to complete the check-out process
May 26, 2023	ALL STUDENTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION REHEARSAL. FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN REHEARSAL WILL MEAN YOU WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY. Senior Breakfast, superlatives, and senior checkout will start at 7:45 in the cafeteria. Practice for the commencement will follow breakfast. BRING YOUR CAP AND GOWN. After rehearsal, we will march past the elementary and intermediate schools for a celebration with the younger Comets! We will all return to the football field for the Class of 2023 photo. The students will then be released for the day.

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★STUDENTS OF THE ★MONTH



**9TH GRADE -
Crisstal Almora-Castillo**



**10TH GRADE -
Aubrey Stevens**



**11TH GRADE -
Benjamin Hess**



**12TH GRADE -
Carlos Hernandez**

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.****

Chyann Traylor has been a valuable asset to our family here at Coloma High School. She has taken the leap and jumped in with both feet. Being both compassionate and firm brings new teaching techniques to her classroom.

"You have to work hard for the things you want in life - the only person that determines your life is YOU! Push yourself and never stop trying."



Mrs. Traylor has been teaching Special Education for 1-½ years.

She loves working with the students who feel like they cannot do something (because that is all they have known), and likes to be the one that is there pushing them and helping them realize that they can do it.

Hobbies and interests Mrs. Traylor has: camping and spending time with family.

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