

Comet Comments

SCHOOL ISSUE - End of Year 2023



FROM THE
DESK OF:
Craig Fisher



Comet Families,

I would like to take a minute to thank all that contributed to making the graduation ceremony a success for our graduating class. I would like to thank the maintenance staff for all of their hard work in setting up the stage and chairs, and Alan Selvidge for being in charge of the sound system. The band and choir lead by Kaitlyn Keck and Lane Alsup did a wonderful job. Denise Hauch helped with the decorations. A huge thank you to the board of education and David Ehlers for congratulating our seniors. Michael Churchill did a great job announcing our graduates. I would also like to thank Marilyn Paulsen who worked tirelessly since January to make sure everything was in place for this year's graduation.

The school year does not end for ninth through eleventh graders until June 9th. Final exams are scheduled for June 8th and June 9th. The 8th and 9th are also half days. The schedule for exams is as follows:

June 8, 2023

- 1st period Exam: 8:00 - 9:07 am
- 2nd Period Exam 9:12 - 10:25 am
- 3rd Period Exam: 10:30 - 11:37 am

June 9, 2023

- 4th period Exam: 8:00 - 9:07 am
- 5th Period Exam 9:12 - 10:25 am
- 6th Period Exam: 10:30 - 11:37 am

Summer School will have two sessions. Session I will be June 19, 2023 through June 30, 2023, with no summer school on Tuesday, June 27th. Session II will be July 18, 2023 through July 28, 2023. They will run Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Letters were sent home to parents of students who may need summer school to earn credits to stay on track to graduate with their class. It was essential that we let parents know about this possibility ahead of time so plans could be made for their child to attend. You can contact the high school office (269-468-2400) if you have any questions.

As I complete my first year here at Coloma, I would like to thank all of you for making this year one to remember. The Coloma community has made me feel at home. I look forward to seeing what the future brings to Coloma High School. There is no limit to what we can achieve together.



*Green and Gold 2023:
Camryn Brown*



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

June 8 & 9: ½ day Final Exams

June 9: Last day of School

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As we head into the summer months, there are a few things all students can focus on to be sure they are refreshed and ready to return to school in the fall:

- **Rest!** It has been a unique and challenging year for everyone, and it is important to take this time to intentionally care for ourselves. Rest can look like a few extra hours of sleep, unplugging from screens and electronic devices, or simply carving out time for things you enjoy.
- **Stay engaged!** In addition to resting, students should actively seek opportunities to keep their minds engaged. This might be participating in summer camps, taking on a job or internship, studying for the SAT, or simply reading thirty minutes each day.
- **Look to the future!** Summer is an excellent opportunity to visit colleges, meet with employers, and consider plans for after high school.
- **Get support!** If you or a family member are in need of mental health support, assistance, or health care, visit <https://www.mi211.org/>. We wish everyone a safe and healthy break and look forward to seeing everyone for the upcoming school year!

Going to be a senior next school year and have no clue what to do?
The following will help get you on the right track!

NEVER USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL. USE A PERSONAL EMAIL FOR THE FOLLOWING.

FAFSA and Scholarships

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid and it is necessary to complete if your senior(s) wishes to receive any kind of funds, such as scholarships, grants, and/or loans for the college/university they wish to attend. Here is a link with more detailed information on the steps needed to complete the FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

You may also want to check out the “Going Merry” website to complete the FAFSA (another way to do the FAFSA; comparable to TurboTax format) and you can also use this website to look for scholarships for free: [sign up for Going Merry](#).

Furthermore, you may want to sign up for the notifications of many various scholarships that are regularly updated at: <https://studentscholarships.org/newsletters>

Official Transcripts

Seniors will need to request official high school transcripts as they apply to colleges/universities and may also need to request them for certain jobs. To order your official high school transcripts for free, create an account (if you do not already have one) at: Parchment.com

Simplify the application process to colleges/universities

Seniors may be applying to more than one post-secondary institution and using CommonApp is an efficient way to do this in one location. This website allows for students to apply to multiple colleges/universities and to track the status of their applications. Create your free account at: Commonapp.org

SAT scores

Seniors may want to obtain their SAT scores. These scores may be obtained by accessing their accounts at: Collegeboard.org. Official scores will be released after typically mid June.

This semester we’ve had a busy show season for the art program with students entering the Buchanan and Box Factory art shows in addition to our own Coloma Art Show. It took students 3 school days and several after school hours to set up the high school art show. We greatly appreciate all the positive feedback we’ve received and art students enjoyed seeing their classmates and teachers walk through and enjoy the show. The tech department kindly came down and took a video walk through of the show. Scan the QR code to see the video!



Buchanan Art Show Results

Selene Ramirez - Second Place - 2D

Savannah Hamilton - Second Place - 2D

Aaron Dotson - Third Place - 3D

Box Factory Art Show Results

Cristian Quintana-Santana - RESA HS Scholarship & First Place - 2D

Coloma Art Show Results

In the Ceramics category...

with an honorable mention - Mackenzie Tackett

with an honorable mention - Brielle Hicks

in third place - Jaidyn Johnson

in second place - Cristian Quintana-Santana

in first place - McKinleigh Kraemer

In the Art 1 & Art 2 category...

with an honorable mention - Elissa Fischer

in third place - Fatima Aveline-Rexa

in second place - Michelle Quintana-Santana

in first place - Mia Cavazos

In the Advanced Art category...

with an honorable mention - Elissa Fischer

with an honorable mention - Joselin Chavez Lopse

with an honorable mention - Ben Hess

in third place - Jaidyn Johnson

in second place - Savannah Hamilton

in first place - Cristian Quintana-Santana

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Chase your dreams

Class of 2023



 Emily Abraham	 Carmen Aguilera Brady	 Gregory Almora Castillo	 Wyatt Arms	 Tailan Beaty	 Scott Borr	 Camryn Brown	 Kyle Burnette	 Eryn Clark	 Malik Cowgill	 Olivia Cowgill	 Dawn Cunningham	 Lilean Dunafin
 Yohaly Estrada	 Michael Garey	 Mazelee Gargano	 Carsyn Goldner	 Yarely Gonzalez Romero	 Andy Granados	 Hannah Grenon	 Savannah Hamilton	 Carlos Hernandez-Alba	 Madalyn Hicks	 Jacqueline Holmer	 Jaidyn Johnson	 Omari Jones
 Hailey Kirkland	 Angel Kiser	 Conner Kiser	 Kelly Kolenko	<div>Coloma High School Class of 2023</div>				 Maleke Lias	 Charles Little	 Brianna Loomis	 Nevaeh McGlennon	
 Ethon McNew	 Brodie McQuillan	 Seth McQuillan	 Tye Megna	 Craig Fisher	 Mike Churchill	 Addyson Mihnickel	 Lauren Montimore	 Preston Parker	 Kayla Pratt			
 Savanah Pratt	 Cristian Quintana-Santana	 Otoniel Ramirez	 Jordan Reid	 Alexis Robards	 Samantha Romero	 Preston Scott	 Ava Selby	 Mathew Shook	 Clover Sinkler	 Devin Sinnett	 Wyatt Sinnett	 Hudson Sternaman
 Elizabeth Teter	 Skylar Tuttle	 Trevor Vuchovich	 Benjamin Webb	 Charitilin White	 Kamya Whitfield	 Sasha Wilson	 Raffe Wittig	 Skylar Wolfe	 Tonesha Wright	 Bob Zeilke	Not Pictured: Tatianna Venson	



SENIOR NIGHT



SAC Academic Awards - Hannah Grenon, Camryn Brown, Brody McQuillan



Female Athlete of the Year - Savannah Hamilton



Male Athlete of the Year - Brody McQuillan



Neil Peters Award - Savannah Hamilton



Top Ten - Seth McQuillan, Preston Scott, Brodie McQuillan, Cristian Quintana Santana, Andy Granados, Addyson Milnickel, Hannah Grenon, Kyle Burnette, Camryn Brown, Kayla Pratl



Senior Class Officers - Camryn Brown, Hannah Grenon, Nevaeh Mc Glennon, Preston Scott

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GRADUATION DAY!



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CHOIR

WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

Lake Michigan College's Music Department made a Tour stop at the Coloma High School Choir Room. Dr. Rob Lunn and Professor Rebecca Selvidge brought a handful of LMC students to present the different music classes, ensembles and camps that are offered at their college. We watched a duet of a Bass and Keytar who modeled some funk and improv for us, while the choir performed a variety of Classical, Modern-Classical, and Jazz Music. This event definitely inspired some students who were not aware of the possibility to continue their music education and in such a convenient location with a very familiar face directing their Choirs!



Meal Service Locations

Breakfast & Lunch Meals Available For All Children Under 18

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Meet up and Eat Up
Three Locations

Coloma Library 151 W Center St Coloma, MI	Randall Park Tannery Dr Coloma, MI	Coloma Intermediate 274 West St Coloma, MI
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DATES & TIMES

Starting June 19th

Lunch Served @ Library
Monday - Thursday
11:30 am-12:00 pm

Lunch Served @ Randall
Monday - Thursday
11:00 am-11:25 am

Breakfast and Lunch Served
@ Intermediate
Monday - Friday
7:45-8:30
11:00-12:00 pm

DETAILS

What's Included

Meals must be eaten on site

Meals served to
any children 18 years old or
younger or children with
special needs who are 26 or
younger.

Coloma Community Schools

Any questions please contact Shelley Mazigian
smazigian@ccs.coloma.org 269-468-2598

This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

For more information on Chartwells daily food service visit:
ccs.coloma.org



To the lunch staff: Our SuperHeros - Thank you for your helping hand in everything you do. You always have time to feed us all, even when we spring it on you at the last minute. Thank you for your warm smiles, laughter and delicious eats - you do so much for us ALL here at Coloma High School.

You are our lunch heroes - we can say it enough: THANKS, THANKS, AND MORE THANKS!

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ASE CERTIFICATION UPDATE

CHS Automotive Technology Program
Ryan Ransom, Instructor

In automotive Technology one of the benchmarks is ASE Certification. Automotive Service Excellence is a non-profit set up in the 1970s to set standards for Automotive Technicians in the United States. It has grown to include School Accreditation in addition to Technician Certification. 9 Coloma Students have passed one or more certifications this spring. These are entry level certifications which differ from the professional certifications in two ways. First they are only good for 2 years and they have no experience hour requirement. Professional level ASE certs require 2 years or 4000 hours of work experience. As few high school students can attain professional level certifications the Entry Level version was developed. The questions are no different than the professional tests and as most students will tell you they are plenty difficult there simply is no work experience requirement and they are only good for the duration of the time it would take to attain the experience hours.



Matthew Shook passed, Brakes, Suspension & Steering and Maintenance and Light Repair



Mazelee Gargano passed, Maintenance and Light Repair



Wyatt Sinnett passed, Electrical Electronics, Suspension & Steering and HVAC



Scott Borr passed, Electrical Electronics, Brakes and Maintenance and Light Repair



Tye Megna passed, Electrical Electronics and Maintenance and Light Repair



Lauren Mortimer passed, Maintenance and Light Repair



Skylar Wolfe passed, Maintenance and Light Repair



Clover Sinkler passed, Electrical Electronics, Brakes, Suspension & Steering and Maintenance and Light repair Certifications.



Brodie McQuillan passed, Maintenance and Light Repair



Coloma High School English 10 students are reading the ever famous classic - To Kill A Mockingbird. One of the many assignments associated with the novel is to construct a frame story for Part I of the reading. Students were to draw a picture of their favorite scene or novel cover, along with “framing” it with the characters, themes, major events, and their favorite quotes. The following are some of the amazing examples from the students.

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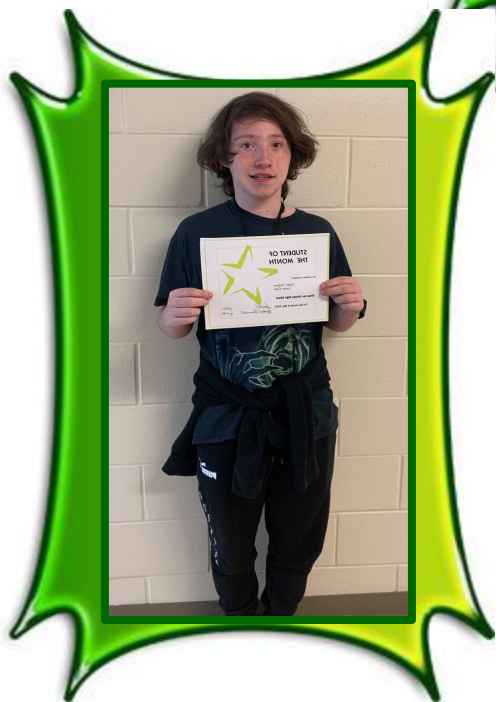
★STUDENTS OF THE ★MONTH



9TH GRADE -
Lylah Hyska



10TH GRADE -
Carson Ashley



11TH GRADE -
Colin Coburn

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.****

Sonya Vroon has been teaching 24 years at Coloma Community Schools teaching Physical Education, Biology, Earth Science and Physical Science. Sonya favorite part of teaching is talking and interacting with the students. Her interests outside of school is traveling with her family, watching her kids play sports and just sitting down and reading a good book.



**"This too shall pass"
No matter how difficult or challenging a situation may be, it is temporary and will eventually come to an end.**

I chose Sonya for the Starfish Award because she displays kindness, dedication, and accountability. As a teacher she shows kindness to everyone but especially to the students and staff that seem to need it a little more. Her dedication to both students and colleges is extraordinary. She wants to make sure everyone is safe and has an environment that is suitable for learning. Sonya holds her students accountable to their own success. She does not make excuses for them and sets her expectations high. She is more than deserving of the Starfish Award because she goes above and beyond for Coloma High School.

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