COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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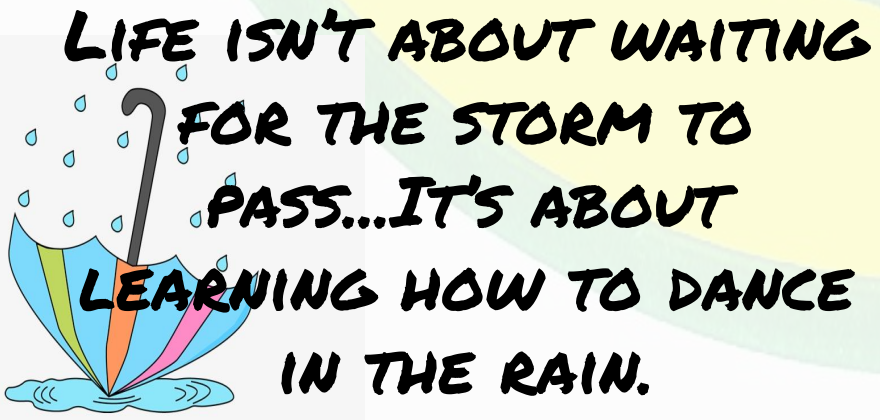
FROM THE DESK OF *Mike Churchill*

Happy Fall, things around us change rapidly just like the weather in Michigan! That said, the end of the 1st marking period is already upon us. October 22nd marks the end of the semester and progress reports are now posted to PowerSchool. Academic progress at this point is of utmost importance moving forward to the 2nd marking period! Please be sure to review their current academic standing to ensure their success moving forward! Additionally, for the students who have exceeded expectations and improved, please be sure to recognize those victories as well!

If you have any questions, please remember we are here to help and would love to talk with you about your students' success here. Emailing your students' teacher is a great way to start the chain of two-way communication, requesting a virtual meeting or in-person meeting is invited as well to immerse yourself in your students' education!



THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

In November, it is our goal to inform students / families on Dual Enrollment (DE) and Early Middle College (EMC), as well as Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.

- DE and EMC open the doors to amazing opportunities to earn college credits while still in high school and even potentially earn an Associate degree from Lake Michigan College. If students pass the college course, there is NO COST to students for the course and required books!

  Please note: the courses are college-level and considered challenging, BUT the rewards are well worth it for high achieving students looking to go to college after high school! Click HERE to learn more about Early Middle College

- Students will also learn more about the many career opportunities that are available through CTE courses, which are offered right here at CHS and throughout Berrien County. Students can receive first-hand training and experience in career fields that are in high demand! Again, these high-quality programs are FREE to students!

Seniors! As you know, college is expensive. What does your family have to do to get access to financial aid? **Fill out the FAFSA form**! Remember, many scholarships require students to complete the FAFSA!

This year we've partnered with Going Merry to offer you their version of the form, known as: "FAFSA Made Easier."

- This FAFSA Made Easier form is completely FREE for you to use.
- This FAFSA Made Easier form replaces the government version. (You do not need to fill it out on the government website, only on Going Merry.)
- Going Merry has strict security protocols, including encryption of all information and safe storage of your personal data. They do **NOT** sell your data to third parties.

To access Going Merry's FAFSA Made Easier:

1. Look up the email sent to seniors from Going Merry.
2. OR…Sign up for Going Merry here (if you don't already have an account).
3. Make sure you list **Coloma High School** as your high school, to get the FAFSA product free.
4. Then go to the FAFSA Made Easier page and begin filling out the form!

Questions? Contact Mr. Shaffer at gshaffer@ccs.coloma.org, or email the Going Merry team of financial aid advisors at financialaid@goingmerry.com.

Has your student received Medicaid for two consecutive years between age 9 and now? They may be eligible for the Michigan Tuition Incentive Program (TIP), which provides significant financial assistance at a variety of institutions. Complete your FAFSA and go to the MiSSG Student Portal to determine your eligibility (https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid).

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William L. Alwood Chapter of NHS Inducts 12 New Members

A very special ceremony was held to formally induct 12 new members to our National Honor Society on October 13th, 2021. In order to be selected, candidates had to be juniors or seniors with at least a 3.7 cumulative GPA. They submitted application materials which were then reviewed by our faculty council before invitations to membership were extended.

The Induction Ceremony was conducted by our current NHS Officers: President Isabella Greenman, Vice President Jake Ickes, Secretary Chris Eastman and Treasurer Ethan Vandermolen. We had a keynote speaker, Mrs. Megan (Berry) Gopp, who is an alumna of the CHS Class of 2008 and currently the founder and creative director of her own advertising agency. She imparted inspiring words to our current and new members.

Following the candlelight ceremony, there was a reception for members and their families. Now our society has grown from 2 dozen to 3 dozen members! We warmly welcome the following scholars into our leadership society: *Camryn Brown, Kyle Burnette, Andy Granados, Hannah Grenon, Abigail Huttenga, Adeline Kimmerly, Brodie McQuillan, Seth McQuillan, Addyson Milnickel, Kayla Pratl, Cameron Schinck, and Preston Scott.*

Written by Mrs. Glisson, NHS Advisor

CTE Business class students put together a Spirit Store booth for Green and Gold day during Homecoming. Mardi Gras beads, Thundersticks, and Pom poms were sold to students. The Spirit store sold out of most of its inventory during the passing time between 1st and second hour. This helped add to the sea green and gold in the stands during the homecoming events.

November 6 - Mr. & Miss Coloma Pageant

November 10 - Late Start, School starts 10AM

November 22 - M2 Progress Report

November 24-26 - Thanksgiving Break

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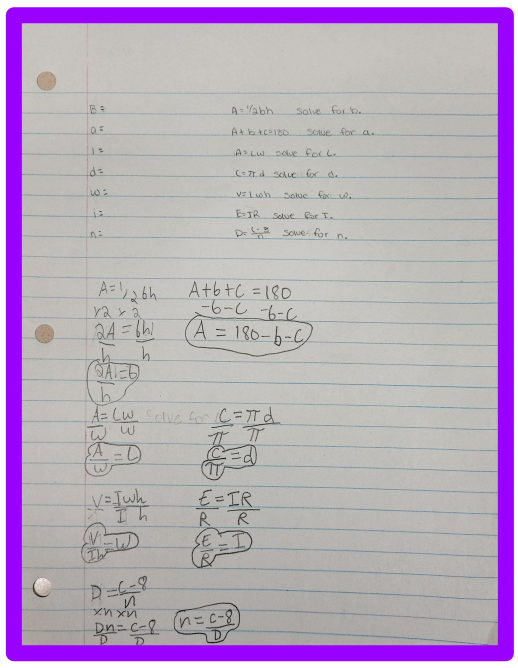
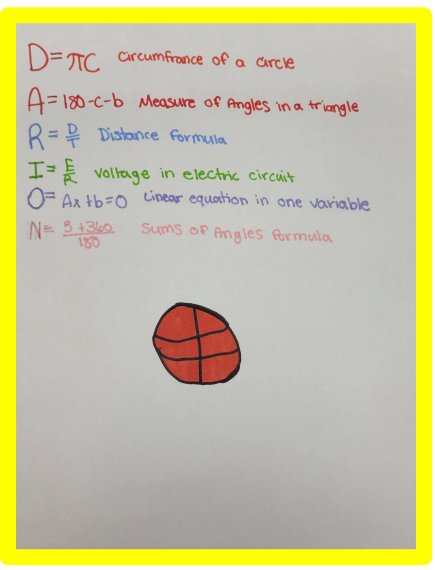
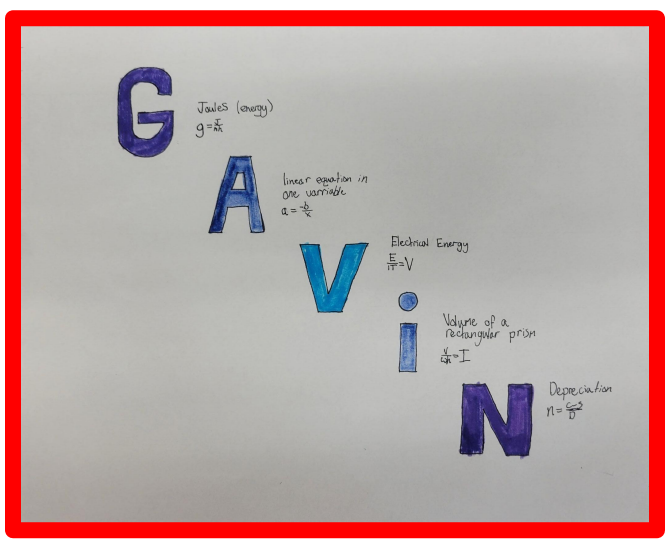
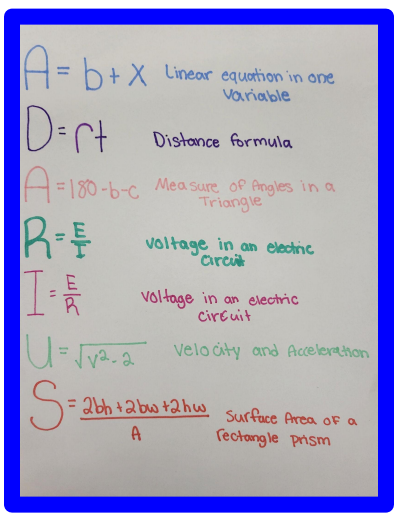
Algebra 1 students begin the year reviewing and solving simple equations. As they master isolating a variable they begin to solve literal equations. Literal equations are equations where the variables represent specific values. Literal equations are commonly called formulas. Literal equations consist primarily of letters. Students in Algebra 1 learned how to rewrite equations so that a different variable stands alone on one side of the equal sign. Students used the following steps to isolate variables in order to spell out their names.

1. **Identify the variable that they needed to isolate.**
2. **Treat all other letters as if they were numbers.**
   a. **You can add, subtract, multiple, and divide by a variable.**
3. **Use the Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division Properties of Equality.**
4. **Isolate the needed variable on one side of the equation.**

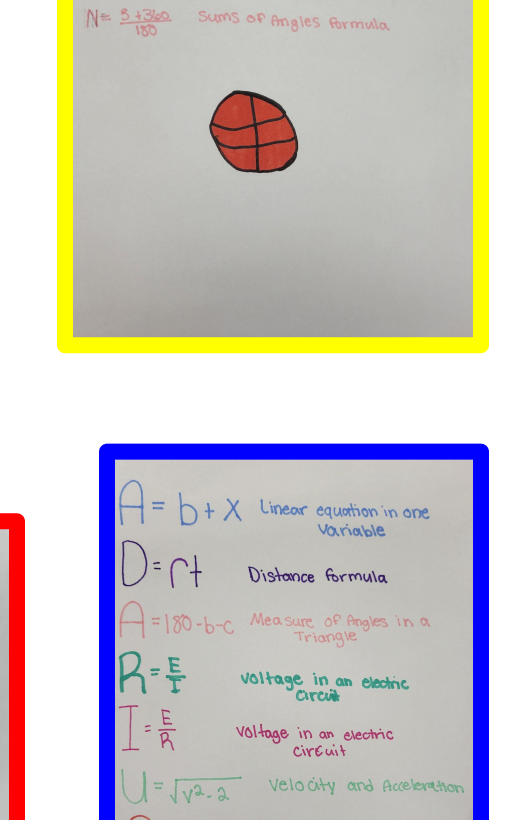


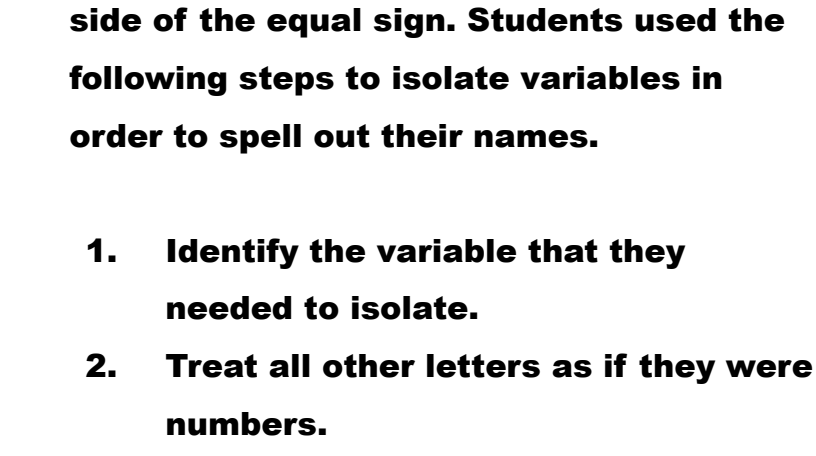






Here are some examples of student projects:





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US HISTORY

In United States History Mr. Cantrell, Mr. Mead and Mr. Roberts have been teaching about the late 1800's. During this time period the U.S. was experiencing rapid industrialization and urbanization. Students have analyzed the causes and effects of these changes by examining primary and secondary sources, political cartoons, and biographical information of influential people from the era. As we move into November the course of study will shift to the Progressive Era and U.S. Imperialism of the early 1900's. World History has been exploring the Middle Ages and the impact of the Black Death on Europe. Mr. Cantrell and Mr. Walsworth will soon be diving into the Renaissance and all the new arts and ideas that had their start there. In Civics Mr. Roberts has been teaching about the founding of the United States focusing on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. This week we are focusing on Article II of the U.S. Constitution that establishes the Executive Branch of the federal government. Students have examined how the Six Basic Principles can be seen in the government created by the Constitution.

9th - Calista Rios
10th - Clara Kimmerly
11th - Jaidyn Johnson
12th - Jake Ickes

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