

Comet Comments

End of the Year Issue –2022

Coloma High School



FROM THE DESK OF *Mike Churchill*

The end of the school year is always an opportunity to celebrate and share the accomplishments of the senior class! The hard work and determination of the senior class paid off with a number of scholarship opportunities, internships, and awards distributed to students of the 2022 Senior Class! Our seniors will now embark on new journeys, reaching destinations that only they can navigate towards... We wish you the best, GO COMETS!

In preparation for the 2022-23 school year, we will continue to have RTI 5 days a week as we do now and we look to shape this opportunity into one that is most beneficial for our students! Additionally, we are going to put our attendance policy back in place as we have had the opportunity to witness that attendance in school regularly absolutely has a positive effect on learning! Additionally, we will be seeking opportunities for our students with Early Middle College, CTE, and Dual Enrollment through Lake Michigan College. Creating and maintaining a focus on what our students need to succeed allows us to embark on post-high school endeavors upon graduation.

I would like to thank the students, parents, and staff for a great school year! It is a privilege to work with all of you, I love my job, school, and community thanks to all of you! This has been a year to remember primarily for the grit most have shown as we leap over hurdles and set new goals for the 22-23 school year! I hope this has been an opportunity for everyone to grow and know, without a doubt you are able to hurdle any obstacle in your way! Have a great summer and we will see you here for the start of the 2022-23 school year on August 29, 2022!

SUMMER SCHOOL

Session 1: June 13 - June 28

M-R 8:30 - 1:30 pm

Session 2: July 5 - July 21

M-R 8:30 - 1:30 pm

(No class July 4th or July 18th)

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY SCHOOL

**STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN
TRANSPORTATION.**



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. Typically, FAFSA will not open until October 1st and you will want to fill it out for the 2023-2024 school year. 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](https:// 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](https:// Commonapp.org)

SAT scores

Seniors may want to obtain their SAT scores. These scores may be obtained by accessing their accounts at: [Collegeboard.org](https:// Collegeboard.org). Official scores will be released after Jun 21, 2022.

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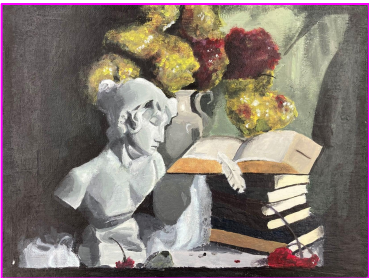


art THE show

Artist: Jodi Dotson
Title: Greek Statuette
Medium: Acrylic Paint on Canvas

My still life, Greek Statuette, was a ninth-grade art assignment for color theory. It was painted with acrylics, all secondary and tertiary colors mixed by hand. I'm honored to get an honorable mention award, and it has made me want to further my artistic skill.

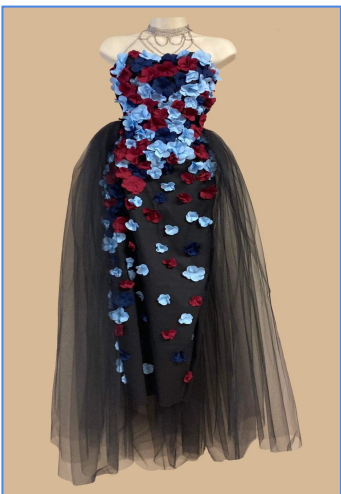
Jodi's story behind her painting is an interesting one. Jodi originally created this painting for an assignment in art class. Students had a choice of what they wanted to paint and Jodi chose a challenging still life. At the end of the assignment, Mrs. Ferguson requested that if students didn't want their painting to please turn in their canvas because they could be reused. Jodi turned in her canvas but instead of painting over it Mrs. Ferguson held on to it. When the show opened for entries, Mrs. Ferguson asked Jodi if she would like to enter. Jodi told Mrs. Ferguson that she did not have anything to enter and that was when Mrs. Ferguson brought out the painting. Not only did Jodi's painting win an honorable mention; the painting was sold.



Artist: Yesenya Perea
Title: Spring Nights Kiss
Medium: Fabric, Tulle, and Thread

Spring's night kiss is a beautiful gown with cute handmade flowers and a black tail. The inspiration for this dress was a romantic spring night just like in the romance movies. This is what I imagined a dress version of that night would look like. When you see this dress it should be able to give you a romantic vibe. Receiving 3rd Place with this dress was like a sign from the universe telling me that What I chose to do with my life was the right thing, to pursue art at University. I also felt really proud of winning this award. It always feels good to be recognized for my art.

Yesenya is planning on attending college for fashion design. She took third place in the High School Media Awards category with her hand made dress.



Artist: Savannah Hamilton
Title: Draco The Great
Medium: Ink and Watercolor on Paper

My assignment during this art project was to choose a method or style of art for my final exam project that I thought best fit me. So, since I was given the option I went with my favorite art style which was ink and watercolors. What inspired me to create a dragon was I've always loved drawing dragons growing up and I stopped for a long time because I got busy with other projects and sports. I realized this was the best possible time to try and create my best dragon yet. Receiving an award on this art project reminded me not to forget about the things I love to do the most. No matter how busy life becomes, I'm proud and happy to make art that others enjoy just as much as I do.

Savannah received third place for her artwork.



Artist: Abigail Huttenga
Title: Once Upon A Friend
Medium: Pencil on Paper

My art piece Once Upon a Friend was inspired by the skin condition vitiligo and one of my friends. I always thought vitiligo was beautiful and I wanted to bring to light how gorgeous the people who have it are, in a unique way. The face in the drawing is a friend that I really look up to, she's a strong brilliant woman that's been in my life through thick and thin. That's why I called the art piece Once Upon A Friend because of the brilliant memories we share. Receiving this award brings me great honor and joy. It also inspires me to create more art in the future and to never stop dreaming.

Abigail won the Anonymous Patron Award.

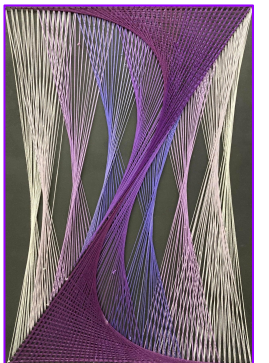
Abbi's award is a unique one as it didn't originally exist in the show. Two ladies came to view the gallery while the exhibit was open to the public. According to the curator they spent a long time looking at her drawing. Eventually the ladies left and then came back to the gallery. They asked the curator if they could sponsor an award.



Artist: Jaidyn Johnson
Title: Lavender Pull
Medium: String, Nails, and Acrylic Paint on Plywood

"I've seen other artwork that involved string art and I Wanted to try it out myself. The design was simple enough for me to do the measurements since it was my first time. I chose the color purple and white because purple represents wisdom and bravery while white represents innocence and purity. The colors also compliment the black background very well. Receiving an award makes me feel more confident about my art skills and makes me realize my true potential as an artist."

Jaidyn won the High School Berrien Resa Community Art Awards which comes with a scholarship to further her art education or use to take an art class.



Artist: Yesenya Perea
Title: Unknown Driven
Medium: Acrylic Paint on Canvas

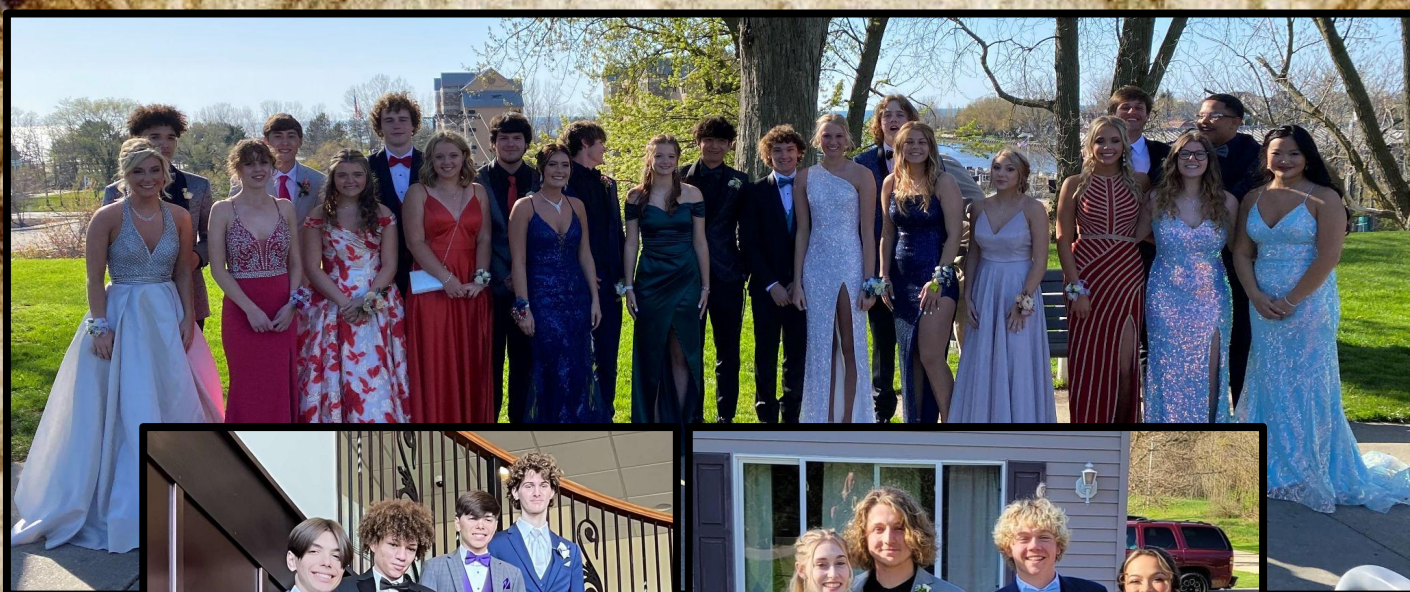
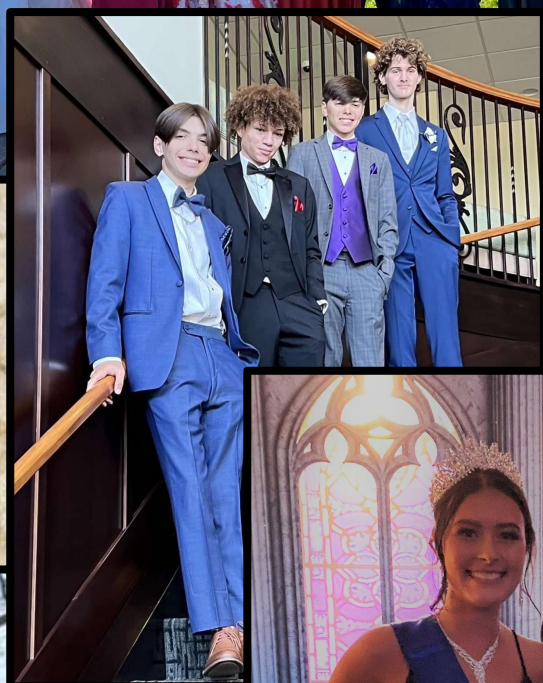
This painting is called Unknown Driven and it is an acrylic painting. This artwork was inspired by the time I didn't know what to do with my life. There was a point in my junior year when I was told to decide what I wanted to do with my life and my future plans. I was mad because I had Just failed a couple of classes, I was happy to start a new journey, I was also kind of sad that this era of my life was ending, and I was surprised that time flew by so fast and that I was about to become a senior. I was feeling so many emotions and I was just thinking about many things, on top of that I wasn't so sure what I wanted to do with my life. I created this because this is what that feeling felt like. Now that I am a senior and going to a University to study art, I still relate to this painting because art doesn't only mean one thing or isn't made for one person. Everybody can have different opinions but I hope that when you saw Unknown Driven you felt like my art could express something you couldn't describe in words. Receiving 3rd place in this artwork made me really proud. It also gave me the motivation to keep going with my art.

Yesenya won third place.



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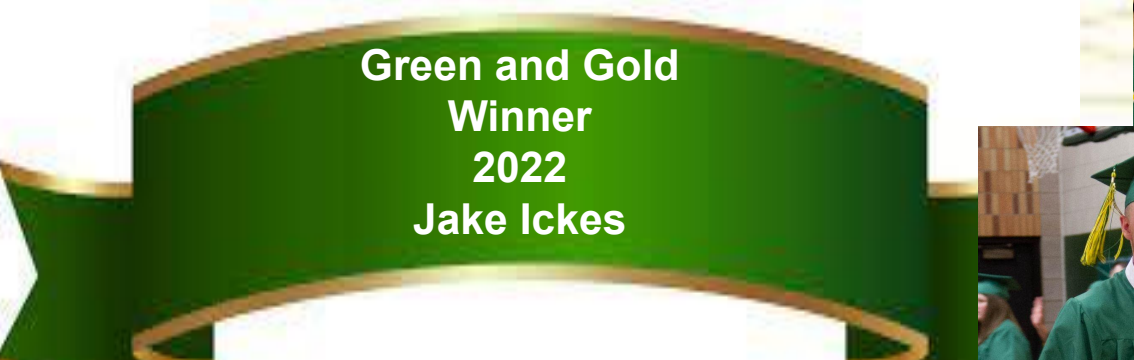
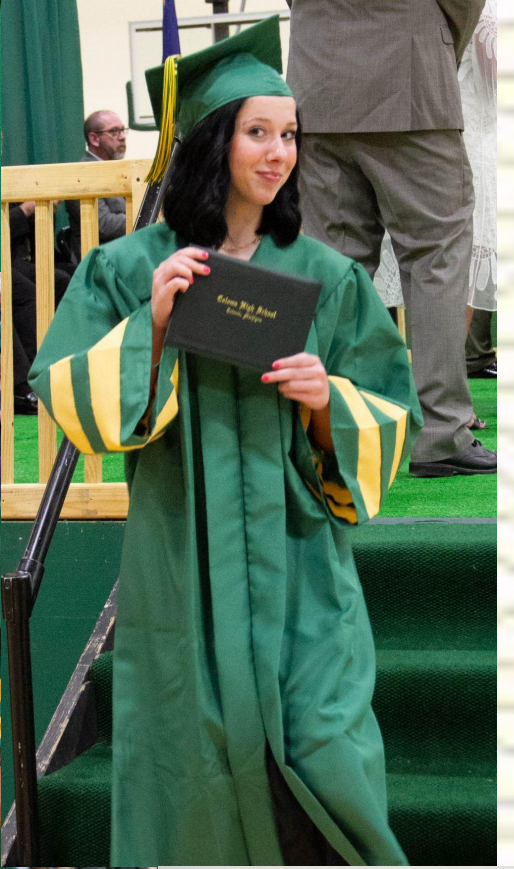
TONIGHT IS A FAIRY TALE



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Congratulations CLASS OF



NOW AND THEN



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CHS SENIOR AWARDS



Back Row (L-R): Riley Davis, Michael Derosa, Christopher Eastman, Lucian Whitaker, Luke Phillips, Cameron Schinck, Ethan Kreitner, Ethan Vandermolen, Layne Whitaker, and Jake Ickes.



Back row (L-R): Jake Ickes, Christopher Eastman, Ethan Vandermolen, Luke Phillips, Ethan Kreitner
Front row (L-R): Cali Grenon, Molly McVay, Grace Kiessling, Ava Genovese, and Isabella Greenman



NEIL PETERS AWARD

Ethan Vandermolen



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**Freshman - Tucker Arend Sophomore - Kourtney Smith
Junior - Emily Abraham**

LAST DAY
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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

SEE YOU ON AUGUST 29, 2022!

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