

Comet Comments

August 2020

Coloma High School



FROM THE
DESK OF
*Mike
Churchill*

Welcome to the 2020-21 School year! I am excited to see many returning upperclassmen this year as well as welcoming the students and parents of the class of 2024! There have been a couple of projects being completed here at the high school over the summer! Recently, the district replaced the West parking lot including new drainage and new lights for the safety of our staff, students, and community! Additionally, a new roof membrane has been installed which has been a blessing to keep our building watertight and looking great!

CHS will continue its endeavor with Professional Learning Communities. Teachers will continue to work collaboratively during delayed start Wednesdays to develop common assessments and discuss data to offer support in the necessary areas. We will continue to support students at all levels of learning; inspiring to achieve and empowering to succeed!

Last, I know and understand this year is going to look and feel much different than years in the past. We have to remember, today is a gift and that is why it is called the “present!” We have cleaning and sanitizing parameters in and out of class. Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout the building and we have procedures in place to maximize cleanliness and minimize contact. Be diligent, intentional, and safe!

Go Comets!

**MAKING ONE
PERSON SMILE CAN
CHANGE THE
WORLD. MAYBE
NOT THE WHOLE
WORLD, BUT
“THEIR” WORLD.**



A parent or legal guardian of a student who has completed grade 9 may request a personal curriculum for the student that modifies certain Michigan Merit Standard requirements. If all of the requirements for a personal curriculum are met, then the board may award a high school diploma to a student who successfully completes his/her personal curriculum even if it does not meet the requirements of the Michigan Merit Standard. If the request for a personal curriculum is made by the student’s parent or legal guardian or, if the student is at least age eighteen (18) or is an emancipated minor, by the student, the school District shall develop a person curriculum for the student. Developing a personal curriculum does not guarantee that it will be approved by the district. The District shall not limit or discourage the number of students with a personal curriculum on any basis other than the best interests of each individual student. Please contact the guidance counselor for more details should you feel this is an option for your child.



August 26th— Virtual Freshman Orientation

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

August 31st— (½ day) SENIOR STUDENTS

Sept 1st - JUNIOR STUDENTS

Sept 2nd - SOPHOMORE STUDENTS

Sept 3rd - FRESHMAN STUDENTS

Sept 4th & 7th--No School

Sept. 16th— Late Start; School starts at 10am

Sept. 30th— Late Start; School starts at 10am



FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

In an effort to train students on new procedures and safety guidelines, and help our staff with the implementation of our Return to School Plan, Coloma Community Schools has decided to move forward with a phase-in approach for our return to face-to-face learning. The phase-in approach will take place the week of Aug. 31 – Sept. 3. Our buildings will only have one grade level present for each day that week – take a look at the chart below to determine which day your child will attend school in-person.

	Aug 31 (½ Day)	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3
Elementary	K	1	2	3
Intermediate	No students	4	5	Remote Day*
Junior High	8	7	6	Remote Day*
High School	12	11	10	9

On days students are not participating in face-to-face learning during the week of Aug. 31 – Sept. 3, there will be no work assigned remotely. Once a student is issued the Chromebook, the only requirement is to log in to their teacher(s) Google Classroom to make contact. This will be used to prepare our students and staff for Remote Learning should our region be placed in Phase 3 at some point this school year.

****DEADLINE FOR CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE IS SEPTEMBER 11TH****

*****Students will receive paperwork to bring home on their designated day of attendance*****

******Backpacks will be allowed for the 2020-21 school year******

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Coloma Community Schools provides information through the web site. It provides a great deal of information including calendars, announcements, teacher web pages, athletic information, fine arts information, and much more. We invite you to take a look at the high school's site at www.ccs.coloma.org/colhs. This newsletter (and future editions) will be posted online. Future information will be provided to parents via e-mail or by going to the web site. Please ensure your email address is current and listed in PowerSchool so we may contact you at your convenience as well as reduce costs by saving paper. During the year, we will also use the PowerSchool email service to send out report cards and progress reports.

STUDENT PARKING

Students who drive to school are required to park in the east lot, have a completed Application to Drive on School Property form (5514F1), and a valid parking permit displayed on the rear view mirror of the vehicle. In addition this year, the number on the parking permit will identify the spot that coincides with the number in the parking lot in which the student is to park. The cost for the permit is \$10 (yearly fee). Students will have the opportunity to register their vehicle after the **first week** of school. Students who fail to register their vehicle run the risk of being towed (at the owner's expense). Students will be called to the office to buy their parking passes during the second week of school. Students will be given 3 warning notices before their vehicle will be towed. We appreciate your compliance as this is one piece to helping us provide a secure environment for your student.

Students arriving late for school must park in the east lot and follow the sidewalk from the parking lot to the main entrance. **The main entrance is the only authorized access point for the high school during school hours.**

SCHOOL HOURS

Students are not permitted inside the school building more than 30 minutes before the start of their first class (7:30 am) without prior approval or supervision of a teacher. Students are not permitted to remain in the school building beyond 30 minutes after the completion of their last class (3:30 pm). The main vestibule area will be the designated waiting area for students waiting for a ride after 3:30 pm. Referral to an administrator for disciplinary action may result if students do not comply with school hour exceptions.

NOTICE OF DISCRIMINATION

Coloma High School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, religion, or race in its education programs and activities required by Title IX. Questions regarding Title IX may be referred to the Title IX/Compliance Officer or the Office of Civil Rights. Our Title IX/Compliance Officers are **Assistant Principal, Fred Paulsen (269-468-2400 - fpaulsen@ccs.coloma.org)** and **Wendy Tremblay (269-468-2405 - wtremblay@ccs.coloma.org)**.



MISSION STATEMENT:

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TARDY POLICY

Parents will no longer be able to excuse students who are tardy to school 1st hour. Special considerations will be given by the principal when there is bad weather. Tardies are tracked by the hour and are as follows; 1st tardy – warning, 2nd tardy – 15 minute teacher detention, 3rd tardy 30 minute detention, 4th tardy – 45 minute detention, 5th tardy – 1 hour detention, 6th tardy – 2 hours of detention, 7th tardy and beyond – assigned unexcused absence for that class. Students are to be in their assigned seat ready to learn when the bell rings to avoid being marked tardy.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Any student in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade may enroll in a post-secondary (dual) enrollment program providing he/she meets the requirements established by law and by the district. Any interested student should contact the guidance counselor to obtain more information.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

~~Attendance is tracked at the high school by semester. Students are allowed to accumulate 8 absences (excused or unexcused) per class before credit is withheld pending time being made up on an hour per hour basis. There are some instances of “exempt” absences which do not count towards the 8 absences such as a stay in the hospital, college visit, or a death in the immediate family. Students will be briefed on the attendance policy on the first day of school. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the full policy located in the student handbook.~~

HOW TO SIGN UP ON POWERSCHOOL

You will need create your PowerSchool account to be able to check your child’s grades and attendance. Go to www.ccs.coloma.org, click on “Parents” and “Resources”. There are Online Grade Book Instructions to help you .

REPORTING YOUR CHILD’S ABSENCE

If your student will be absent from school, we ask that you call the school before 9:00 am to report the absence. The office is staffed beginning at 7:15 am to take your call, but you may call earlier and leave a voicemail. If we don’t hear from you, we must assume you do not know your student is not here, and either something happened to them on the way to school, or they are skipping. We will try to inform you via automated alerts when your student is absent unexcused. For their safety, please keep your phone and email information current so we can reach you. Remember that you can check attendance online any time through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

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STUDENT DRESS CODE

Please refer to the dress code section located in the student handbook which can be found on the high school’s web page. All students will be issued a handbook contained in the student planner. When issued, students will sign a form acknowledging receipt and responsibility for adhering to the rules contained within.

Here are a few of the rules to be aware of before issuing the handbook.

1. Shorts or skirts worn must extend to the mid-thigh in length.
2. No tank tops are allowed as all shirts worn must have sleeves.
3. No hats, beanies, or other headgear may be worn in the building at any time.

Violations of the dress code will be addressed on a case by case basis and will not be tolerated. Questions regarding the dress code may be addressed to Mr. Paulsen.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents who transport their students to school are encouraged to use the west parking lot in order to avoid the student parking lot. The main entrance and circle drive is **“OFF LIMITS”** for student drop off and pick up immediately before or after school and is only to be used to drop off students who are late or pick up students who leave early for appointment. **The circle drive needs to be accessible to emergency vehicles immediately before and after school since the east and west lots are quite busy.**



**SMILE!
PICTURE
DAY IS
OCTOBER
5TH!**



**Mrs.
Megyese**

*You will be Missed! -
Your students will
forever take a part of
you into their futures.*



Welcome - Kaitlin Keck as our new Band Director. Kaitlin is entering her sixth year of teaching and is incredibly excited to be joining the Coloma community and can't wait to get started. She earned her Bachelor's Degrees of Music Education and Flute Performance from Western Michigan University. Along with her passion for band, Kaitlin has a love for sports and soccer. Kaitlin also enjoys running, hiking in northern Michigan, fishing, kayaking, baking, spending time with her family, playing video games, drinking coffee, and watching The Office.



Hello everyone! My name is Ms. Brogdon and I am thrilled to be your new school counselor! For the last three years, I have served as a middle school counselor in Battle Creek, MI. I received my Masters Degree in Counselor Education from the University of Virginia, and my Bachelors Degree in History from the University of Michigan (go blue!). My favorite thing about being a school counselor is helping students develop their identities and determine their own path for success. Outside of school counseling, I am also a yoga teacher, amateur baker, world traveler, and lover of all things outdoors. I cannot wait to get to know each and every one of you this school year!



Mr. Chris Keech

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2020-2021 Calendar

2020-21 HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

August 2020		
W	19	PD Staff
Th	20	PD Staff
M	24	1 st Day – New Teachers
T	25	1 st Day – All Staff
Th	27	2 nd Day – New Teachers
M	31	1 st Day for Students; K – 12 ½ day

September 2020		
F	4	NO SCHOOL
M	7	LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL
W	16	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W	30	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD

October 2020		
W	7	Fall Count Day
W	14	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F	23	End of First Marking Period
W	28	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD

November 2020		
Th	5	K – 5 Students Half Day; 6 – 12 Full Day
F	6	K – 12 Students Half Day
W	11	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W	25	No School
Th	26	No School – Thanksgiving Day
F	27	No School – Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER Conference Times:		
M	2	4 - 5 & 9 - 12 Evening Conferences
W	4	K - 3 & 6 - 8 Evening Conferences
Th	5	K - 5 Afternoon Conf; K - 12 Evening Conf

December 2020		
W	2	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W	16	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
Th	17	K – 12 Half Day; PM Work Day Staff
F	18	K – 12 Half Day; PM Work Day Staff
*End of 2nd Marking Period/End of 1st Semester		

WINTER BREAK – Dec. 21 – Jan. 1

January 2021		
M	4	CLASSES RESUME
W	13	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
M	18	No School – MLK Day
W	27	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD

February 2021		
W	10	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD / Spring Count Day
F	12	No School – MID WINTER BREAK
M	15	No School – MID WINTER BREAK
W	24	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD

March 2021		
W	10	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F	19	End of Third Marking Period (52 days)
W	24	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD

April 2021		
F	2	K – 12 Half Day – Good Friday

SPRING BREAK – April 5 – April 9

CLASSES RESUME		
W	12	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W	21	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD

*Mandated state testing may cause altered schedules in April/May

May 2021		
W	5	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W	19	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F	28	Graduation 7:00 p.m.
M	31	No School – Memorial Day

June 2021		
W	9	K – 12 Half Day; Full Day Staff
Th	10	K - 12 Half Day; Full Day Staff

***LAST DAY of SCHOOL**
*End of 4th Marking Period/2nd Semester

GOLD SCHEDULE

1ST Hour 8:00 - 8:52

2ND Hour 8:57 - 9:54

3rd Hour 9:59 - 10:51

RTI 10:55 - 11:30

A Lunch 11:30 - 12:00

4TH Hour 12:00 - 12:55

4TH Hour 11:35 - 12:00

B Lunch 12:00 - 12:30

4th Hour 12:30 - 1:00

4th hour 11:35 - 12:30

C Lunch 12:30 - 1:00

5TH Hour 1:05 - 1:57

6TH Hour 2:02 - 3:00

2-HOUR DELAY
PLC DAY SCHEDULE

2ND Hour 10:00 - 10:38

1ST Hour 10:43 - 11:21

3RD Hour 11:26 - 12:04

A Lunch 12:04 - 12:34

4TH Hour 12:34 - 1:29

4TH Hour 12:09 - 12:34

B Lunch 12:34 - 1:04

4th hour 1:04 - 1:34

4th hour 12:09 - 1:04

C Lunch 1:04 - 1:34

5TH Hour 1:39 - 2:17

6TH Hour 2:22 - 3:00

½ DAY SCHEDULE

1ST Hour 8:00 – 8:31

2ND Hour 8:36 – 9:13

3RD Hour 9:18 – 9:49

4TH Hour 9:54 – 10:25

5TH Hour 10:30 – 11:01

6TH Hour 11:06 – 11:37

EXAM DAY SCHEDULE

EXAM 1/4 8:00 – 9:07

EXAM 2/5 9:12 – 10:25

EXAM 3/6 10:30 – 11:37



Parents—

Jostens will meet with your Sophomore student on September 14th during RTI to talk about the class rings. For seniors, Jostens will meet before Christmas break for Cap & Gown, etc. Get a head start and order online at:

Jostens.com

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