Comet Comments

October 2020 — Coloma High School

FROM THE DESK OF *Mike Churchill*

Fall is upon us as we can see the leaves changing and temperatures dropping! October 23rd officially marks the end of the 1st marking period for the 2020-21 school year. We will be having parent-teacher conferences on November 2nd and 5th this year from 4-7 each evening. All teachers will be conducting virtual meetings via Google Meet and are working diligently to provide feedback for all students in all academic situations. You may receive a letter stating your students' academic position and not requesting a meeting at this time. Alternatively, you may receive an invite for a meeting with one or more of your students' teachers.

Please be sure to stay up-to-date with your students' potential by using the powerschool app and website to access grades for your student. If you need username and login information, please contact the office and the secretaries will help you!

November is National Scholarship Month! Paying for college might feel overwhelming, but there are many ways to reduce the cost to your family.

1. The first step in securing any kind of financial aid is completing the FAFSA. To complete the FAFSA, go to studentaid.gov and create an account. The earlier you complete the FAFSA, the more financial aid is available.

2. 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.

3. Whether or not students qualify for financial aid, everyone can apply for scholarships. Scholarships fall into three general categories: national/state scholarships, local scholarships, and college/program based scholarships. National/state scholarships are often large prizes with large applicant pools, and can be found through reliable websites such as Fastweb and CollegeBoard. Local scholarships are available to CHS students or Berrien County students only, and applications are available in the school counseling office. School/program based scholarships are listed on college websites and are only available to accepted students who meet certain eligibility requirements. We recommend that students focus on local and college based scholarships. For more information on scholarships and financial aid, please contact our School Counselor, Elyse Brogdon, or College Adviser, Mackenzie Houlehen.

KUDOS TO THE CAFETERIA SQUAD!

THE ONES THAT COULDN'T QUARANTINE -
THE ONES THAT KEPT THE STUDENTS FED THROUGHOUT COVID 19

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

What's Happening

NOVEMBER 2 & 5 - CONFERENCES BY APPT ONLY

NOVEMBER 5 -& 6 - REMOTE LEARNING DAYS

NOVEMBER 11TH - LATE START SCHOOL STARTS AT 10AM

NOVEBMER 18 - PICTURE RETAKES AND M2 PROGRESS REPORTS

NOVEMBER 25, 26, 27 - THANKSGIVING BREAK

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Is the American Empire Falling?

Why do we study history? The generic answer that is repeated in history classes across America is “So we are not destined to repeat it,” or at least the mistakes. At Coloma Community Schools we try to empower our students for success by giving them the skills to understand current events and learn from our past to make educated choices in the present. With a historical perspective, we understand how our actions today shape our future.

In world history we studied the cause of the fall of the Roman Empire as a review from their Junior High Curriculum:

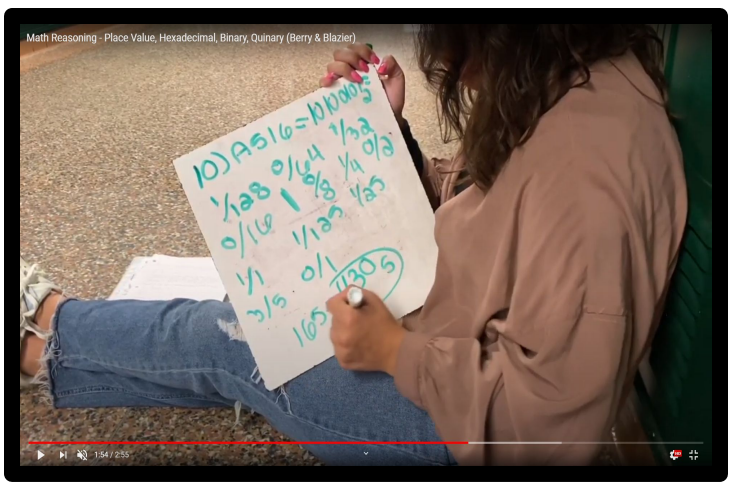
Causes of the Fall of Rome

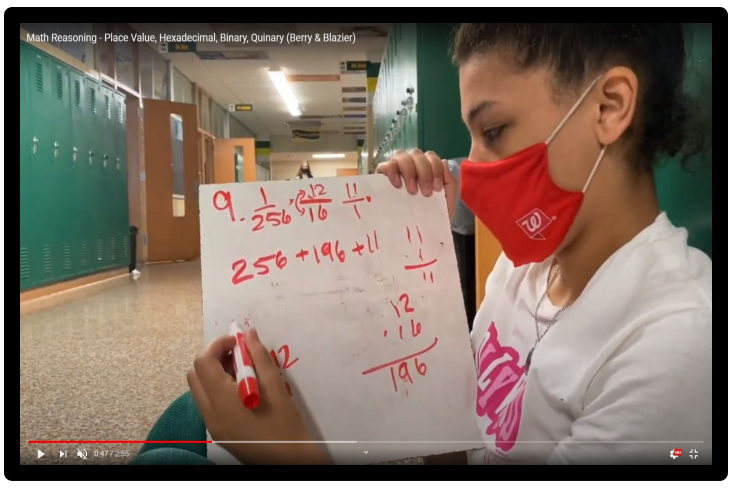
1. **Political Turmoil**- Civil War and political division
2. **Economic Weakness** - Middle class sank into poverty and Government Debt
3. **Social Decay** - Decline in Values of Honesty, Patriotism, Discipline, and Devotion to Duty
4. **Military Attacks** - Use of mercenaries instead of citizen soldiers led to invasions

We then looked for comparisons of our current government to see if our American Empire is falling and what can we do to stop the Fall. Our hope as a history department is to inspire our future generation of Coloma Comets to make a positive change that protects our American Empire. Mr. Mafia also likes a chance to wear his Roman Armor that was made by a former student for one of the infamous History Project Presentations in his class.

Number Systems and Place Value

Seniors in Math Reasoning are learning that numbers are not just necessarily 1 through 10 as they studied binary (base 2), quinary (base 5) and hexadecimal (base 16). Binary and hexadecimal are used heavily in coding. Meanwhile, the currency we use everyday has many elements of quinary with pennies, nickels, quarters, dollar bills and five dollar bills. To conclude their learning many students chose to demonstrate their understanding by putting together instructional videos. You can check out Vivian Berry and Taryn Blazier explaining number systems and place value here: https://youtu.be/7hNOCas8-Bs





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LEARN CPR
Save a Life
PHCA

Professional Health Careers Academy (PHCA) students attend CPR class at Spectrum Health, Lakeland, in St. Joseph on October 20. Students became certified through the American Heart Association in Basic Life Support and CPR.

HOMECOMING
2020

King Mason Lampros
Queen Kiely Moore

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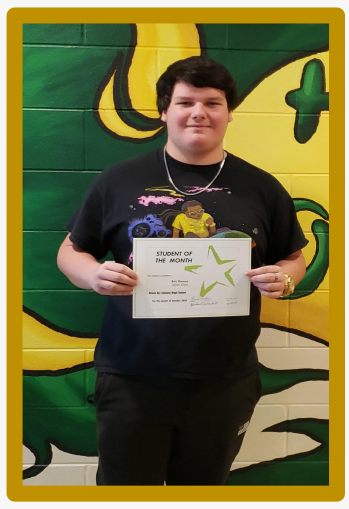
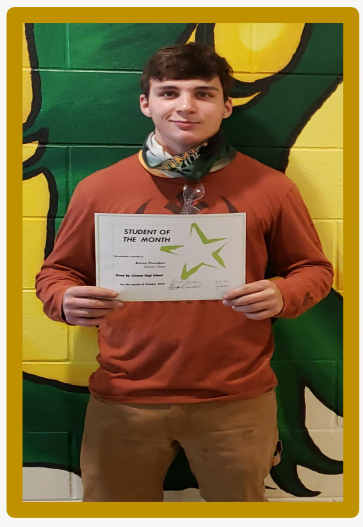
Student of the Month

Freshman
McKinleigh Kramer

Sophomore
Elizabeth Teter



Junior
Eric Gomez



Senior
Aaron Pounders

A Halloween Pumpkin

I am a pumpkin, big and round
Once upon a time I grew in the ground, but
Now I have a mouth, two eyes and a nose
What are they for, do you suppose?

When I have a candle, inside shining bright
I'll be a jack-o-lantern on Halloween Night,
Halloween Night!

Happy Halloween

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