

Comet Comments

August 2019

Coloma High School



FROM THE DESK OF *Mike Churchill*

Welcome to the 2019-20 School year! I am excited to see many returning upperclassmen this year as well as welcoming the students and parents of the class of 2023! There have been a couple projects being completed here at the high school over the summer! Recently, the district added a large number of security cameras in the halls of CHS as well as parking lots and common areas such as the cafeteria. Additionally, we were able to reface all of the lockers! Lockers are being painted inside and out to refurbish them, with this great endeavor comes great responsibility of keeping the lockers clean and free of graffiti!

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 would like to thank students, parents and teachers for all of the hard work that is put in both, inside and outside of school! Although we have students here for 6 class periods a day, it is the collaborative effort and focus to ensure that Coloma students are receiving the very best and well rounded experience possible!



Mentor Students will be available to assist students. On the second day of school, they will be located at various locations around the school wearing bright yellow shirts. These students are here to help students who need assistance.



All High School students are welcome to attend College Night at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center on September 23rd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Meet college representatives from all over the state of Michigan!

Seniors - we will strive to have a plan for after graduation. All seniors, whether you are planning on attending a trade school, junior college or college/university will be helped to have an application for any additional schooling after graduation completed with the help of the guidance office and also a financial aid form completed. This will give them an additional option already completed in case they change their mind.

Transcripts: Seniors in order to have a transcript sent to a college, employer, etc. you must set up an account with Parchment at parchment.com. This is the only way you can have a transcript sent. If you are having any problems setting your account please contact Mr. Houlehan.

What's Happening

August 26th—Freshman Orientation 6:30 pm

Sept. 3rd—First Day of School and Picture Day

Sept. 11th— Late Start; School starts at 10am

Sept. 9th— Josten's Meeting with Sophomores

Sept. 25th— Late Start; School starts at 10am

Sept. 27th - Homecoming!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

On the first day of school (Tuesday September 3, 2019), all high school students will report to the High School Auditorium for a quick information meeting. From there, students will be organized by class and released to follow a four period bell schedule. On the first day, students will receive their schedule, receive a rules/procedures briefing, receive their lockers, sign up for parking passes, and have their school pictures taken. 9 - 12 graders will be issued their Chromebook*. **Option to purchase Insurance for the Chromebook expires when the student receives the Chromebook.**

**Parents of 9 -12 grade students should look for a mailing next week. The mailing will contain a form that will need to be signed and brought back to school on the first day in order for their student to receive his/her Chromebook.*

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 on-line. 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 on the first day of school. Students who fail to register their vehicle run the risk of being towed (at the owner's expense). Students will be given a grace period of one week in which to register their vehicle. Beginning with the second week of school, warning tickets will be given. 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) unless they are involved in an after school activity supervised by a club advisor or being supervised by a teacher. 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).**

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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 9:00am to report the absence. The office is staffed beginning at 7:15am to take your call, but you may call earlier and leave a voice mail. 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.

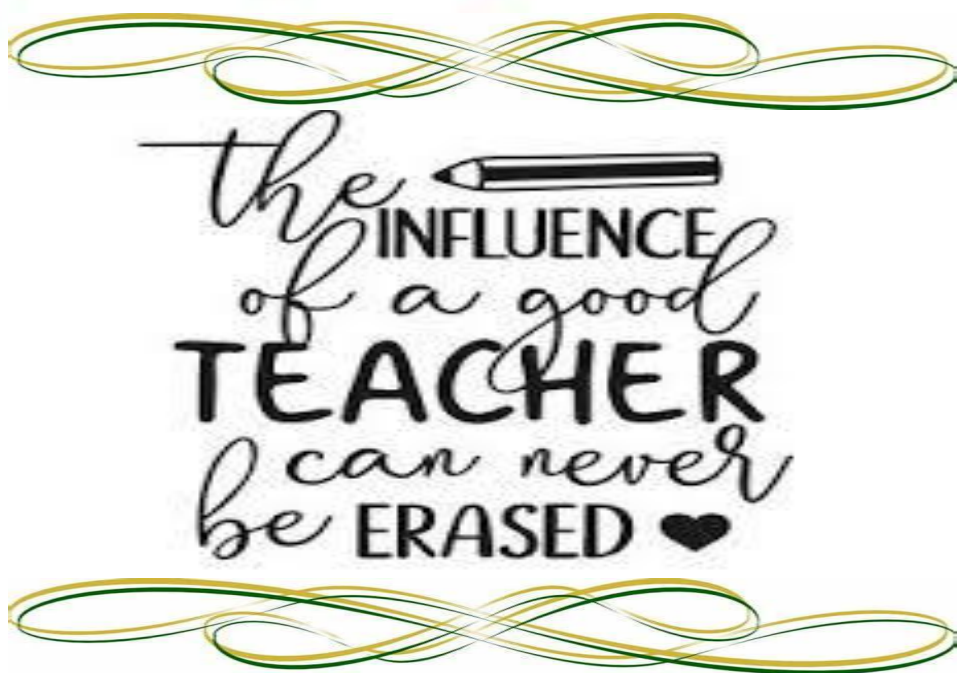
Here are a few of the rules to be aware of before issuing the handbook.

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 back packs are allowed to be carried during the day. Back packs must remain in lockers during school hours.
4. No hats, beanies, or other head gear may be worn in the building at any time.

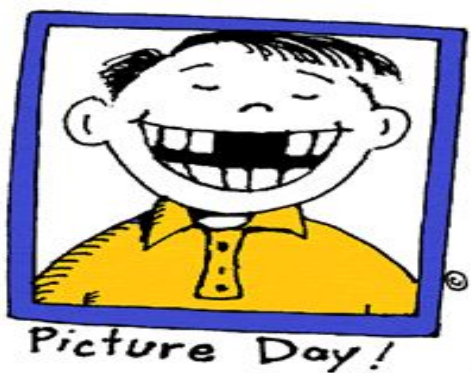
Violations of the dress code will be addressed on a case by case basis and will not be tolerated. Questions regarding the dress code may be addressed to Mr. Paulsen.

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.**



Hey!
WELCOME
We're *very* **GLAD**
you're here!



SMILE IT IS PICTURE DAY!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL –
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
By:
GESKUS PHOTOGRAPHY INC

SOPHOMORE – JUNIORS – SENIORS – YOU SHOULD HAVE
RECEIVED YOUR FLYER FOR PICTURES DAY. EXTRA COPIES WILL BE
IN THE OFFICE. FRESHMAN WILL RECEIVE THEIR FLYERS DURING
FRESHMAN ORIENTATION.

-OR-
WEBSITE TO ORDER PICTURES

<https://geskusphoto.com/?A=4035>



Morgan Hosbein, the senior Drum Major of the Coloma Comet Marching Band, won the award for Camp Excellence at the 2019 Central Michigan University Drum Major Camp. Winning the award based on showing leadership and being an all around great person.

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2019-2020 Calendar

2019-2020 HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

September 2019

M 2	LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL
T 3	1 st Day for Students – K – 12 Half Day; Full Day Staff
W 11	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W 25	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD

October 2019

W 2	Fall Count Day
W 9	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W 23	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD

November 2019

F 1	*End of First Marking Period (44 days)
M 4	K – 12 Students Full Day 4 – 5 & 9 – 12 Evening Conferences
W 6	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD K – 3 & 6 – 8 Evening Conferences
Th 7	K – 5 Students Half Day; 6 – 12 Full Day K – 5 Afternoon Conferences; K – 12 Evening Conf
F 8	No School
W 20	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W 27	K – 12 Half Day; Half Day Staff
Th 28	No School – Thanksgiving Day
F 29	No School – Thanksgiving Break

December 2019

W 11	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F 20	K – 12 Half Day; Half Day Staff HOLIDAY BREAK – Dec. 23 – Jan. 3

January 2020

M 6	CLASSES RESUME
W 15	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
M 20	No School – MLK Day
Th 23	K – 5 Full Day; 6 – 12 Half Day; Full Day Staff
F 24	K – 12 Half Day; Full Day Staff *End of Second Marking Period (46 days) *End of 1 st Semester (90 days)
W 29	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F 31	Decision Day for snow day make up for Feb. 14 th & 17 th

February 2020

W 12	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD / Spring Count Day
F 14	No School – MID WINTER BREAK (possible snow day mkp)
M 17	No School – MID WINTER BREAK (possible snow day mkp)
T 25	K – 5 Evening Conferences
W 26	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD 6 – 8 Evening Conferences
Th 27	K – 5 Evening Conferences

March 2020

W 11	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W 25	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F 27	*End of Third Marking Period (43 days)

April 2020

F 3	K – 12 Half Day; Half Day Staff
M 13	SPRING BREAK – April 6 – April 10
W 22	CLASSES RESUME 2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD

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

May 2020

W 6	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W 20	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
M 25	No School – Memorial Day
F 29	Graduation – 7:00 p.m.

June 2020

T 9	K – 12 Half Day; Full Day Staff
W 10	K - 12 Half Day; Full Day Staff
*Pending any snow day make ups – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
	*End of Fourth Marking
	*End of 2 nd Semester
Th 11	Possible snow day make up
F 12	Possible snow day make up

GOLD SCHEDULE

1 ST Hour	8:00 – 8:54
2 ND Hour	8:59 – 9:55
3rd Hour	10:00 – 10:54
A Lunch	10:54 – 11:24
4 TH Hour	11:29 – 12:23
4 TH Hour	10:59 – 11:53
B Lunch	11:53 – 12:23
RTI	12:27 - 1:02
5 TH Hour	1:07 – 2:01
6 TH Hour	2:06 – 3:00

2-HOUR DELAY
PLC DAY SCHEDULE

2 ND Hour	10:00 – 10:45
1 ST Hour	10:50 – 11:30
3 RD Hour	11:35 – 12:15
A Lunch	12:15 – 12:45
4 TH Hour	12:50 – 1:30
4 TH Hour	12:20 – 1:00
B Lunch	1:00 – 1:30
5 TH Hour	1:35 – 2:15
6 TH Hour	2:20 – 3:00

½ DAY SCHEDULE

1 ST Hour	8:00 – 8:31
2 ND Hour	8:36 – 9:13
3 RD Hour	9:18 – 9:49
4 TH Hour	9:54 – 10:25
5 TH Hour	10:30 – 11:01
6 TH 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 9th 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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