Coloma High School
Newsletter

BACK TO SCHOOL -

Back to School Issue—August 2018

FROM THE DESK OF
DAVID A. EHLERS

I would like to welcome the Class of 2022 and their parents to Coloma High School as well as welcoming back all our returning students and parents!! The summer, while quiet, has been really busy. There is always a lot of behind the scenes work done in the summer to prepare for the return of our students.

The CHS staff will continue to work as a Professional Learning Community. This means the teachers will continue to work collaboratively during our Delayed Start Wednesdays to develop common assessment and discuss data/scores to help identify students for remediation during our Gold Time (RTI Period).

I wanted to assure you that while I now serve the district as superintendent, I will continue to lead Coloma High School until a suitable replacement is found. The high school staff is very strong, committed, and driven to serve the needs of our students and will continue to move forward inspiring to achieve and empowering for success.

Finally, I am excited to tell you that in addition to a free breakfast for all students, Coloma High School will offer a free lunch for all students this year! I am excited to offer this opportunity to our students and would like to thank our food service director for her hard work for making this happen for our students!!!

The staff and I look forward to the 2018-19 school year and working with you and your student in a partnership that results in your student receiving the very best education possible!

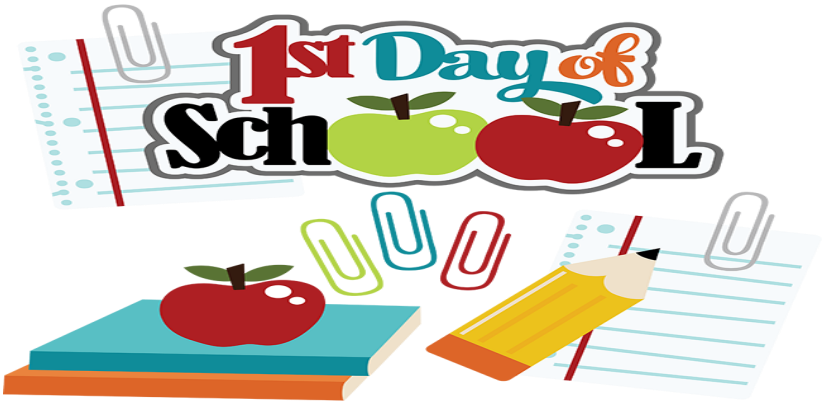
CHS Awarded Bronze Standing on U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools List

Congratulations to the students and staff of Coloma High School for being recognized by U.S. News & World Report for the second year in a row! CHS was again awarded a bronze standing as on their Best High School list. CHS made the magazine's National Rankings as well as the Michigan High School rankings.

The rankings are meant to identify the top performing public high schools in the state and country. The goal of the rankings is to provide an unbiased view of how well public schools serve their students in preparing them to demonstrate proficiency in basic skills and readiness for college work.

U.S. News & World Report uses data from common core, advanced placement, statewide accountability proficiency test results and graduation rates in their calculation for how schools are ranked on the list. Minority and economically disadvantaged students percentages are also factors considered.

GO COMETS!



MISSION STATEMENT:

We will inspire all students to achieve at high levels and empower them for their future success.

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UPCOMING DATES

August 27th—Freshman Orientation 6:30 pm

Sept. 4th—First Day of School and Picture Day

Sept. 12th— Late Start; School starts at 10am

Sept. 13th— Josten's Meeting with Sophomores

Sept. 26th— Late Start; School starts at 10am

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All High School students are welcome to attend College Night at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center on September 24th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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 Mrs. Megyese.

NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

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.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

On the first day of school (Tuesday September 4, 2018), 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.*

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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 window 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) and the permit can be used with multiple vehicles. 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.

2018-19 HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

GREEN DAY SCHEDULE

1st Hour	**8:00 – 9:00**
2nd Hour	**9:05 – 10:10**
3rd Hour	**10:15 – 11:15**
***A* Lunch**	**11:15 – 11:45**
4th Hour	**11:50 – 12:50**
4th Hour	**11:20 – 12:20**
B Lunch	**12:20 – 12:50**
5th Hour	**12:55 – 1:55**
6th Hour	**2:00 – 3:00**

GOLD SCHEDULE

1st Hour	**8:00 – 8:54**
2nd Hour	**8:59 – 9:54**
Comet Time	**9:58– 10:33**
3rd Hour	**10:38 – 11:32**
***A* Lunch**	**11:32 – 12:02**
4th Hour	**12:07 – 1:01**
4th Hour	**11:37 – 12:31**
B Lunch	**12:31 – 1:01**
5th Hour	**1:06 – 2:00**
6th Hour	**2:05 – 3:00**

2-HOUR DELAY
PLC DAY SCHEDULE

2nd Hour	**10:00 – 10:45**
1st Hour	**10:50 – 11:30**
3rd Hour	**11:35 – 12:15**
***A* Lunch**	**12:15 – 12:45**
4th Hour	**12:50 – 1:30**
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B Lunch	**1:00 – 1:30**
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IMPORTANT!
UPDATED TARDY AND ATTENDANCE POLICY

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 – 4 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.

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.

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.

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 .

NEW NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - SANGHA

Powered by Edlio, Sangha will enable you to stay in the know about your child's classroom and the school while on the go. The school and teachers will be adding calendar events and sending newsletters, sign up requests and messages through the Sangha mobile app. You will soon receive an invitation from Sangha (support@sanghapp.com) on behalf of our school. The subject line will read "invite from" and include our school name. Don't miss this email! When you open it on your mobile device, there will be a link to walk you through the steps to download our new Sangha app and create a password. The invitation email will also include instructions.

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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.

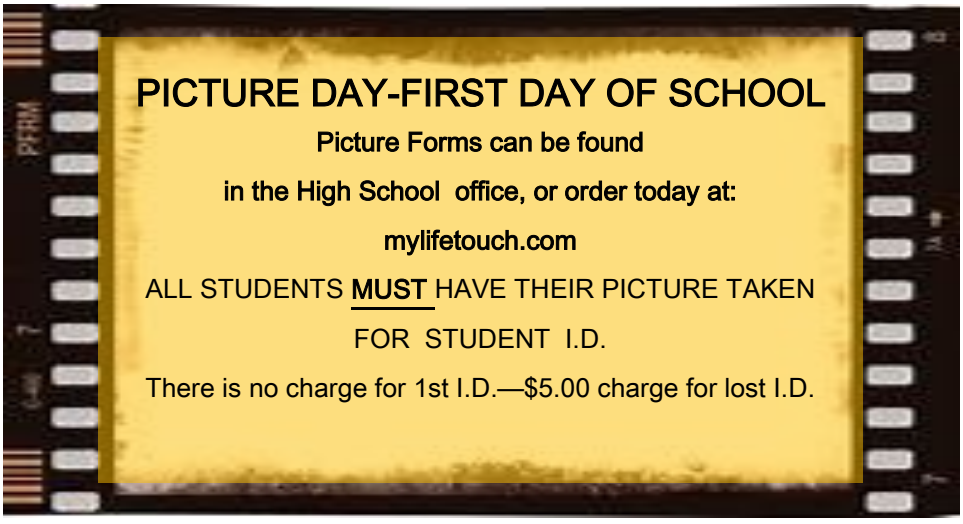
Violations of the dress code will be addressed on a case by case basis and will not be tolerated. Questions regarding the dress code may be addressed to Mr. Paulsen.

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 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.**



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.

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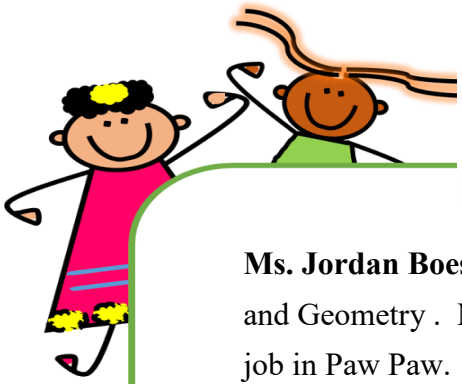
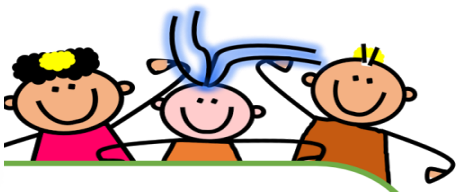
SAT TESTING

This year we will again be administering the SAT and M-STEP to our juniors while sophomores will take the PSAT 10 and the freshman class will take the PSAT8/9. These tests will be administered on April 9th, 10th, and 11th and are **mandatory.** While we believe that the education your child receives at CHS prepares your student for the state testing cycle, you can visit Kahn Academy online and after establishing an account, your student can take a self assessment and Kahn Academy will use the assessment to make a customized program to help your student improve his or her skills that will be assessed on the test. This is particularly important for juniors as the SAT is used for college admissions and scholarships.

PERSONAL CURRICULUM

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 personal 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 you.





Ms. Jordan Boeshart coming from Ohio, will be teaching Algebra and Geometry . Ms. Boeshart is replacing Mrs. Cari Houston who took job in Paw Paw.

Ms. Jennifer Hodges coming from Oregon, will be teaching AP History and US History. Ms. Hodges comes to us with 18 years experience and is replacing Mr. Greg Koziuk who has taken a job in Florida.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

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 coordinator or the Office of Civil Rights. Our Title IX Coordinator is Superintendent of Schools, Dave Ehlers. He can be reached at 468-2424 or dehlers@ccs.coloma.org. His office is located in the Administration Center located at 302West. St. Joseph Street, Coloma, MI 49038.

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Welcome Back to School Year 2018-2019 from the Coloma Food Service

- We are pleased to inform you that ALL students at Coloma Community Schools will be participating in a an option available to schools as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the School Year 2018-2019. The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled at our school are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at NO CHARGE to your household each day of the 2018-2019 school year. We are asking that you fill out and sign the Household Information Survey, which is needed for administrative purposes, not to determine eligibility. This survey allows our school to benefit from various State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At Risk (31a), Title II A, E- Rate, etc. This survey is critical in determining the amount of money the school receives from a variety of supplemental programs. We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible. All information on the survey submitted is confidential. Without your assistance, the school cannot maximize utilization of available State and Federal funds.
- We will be providing breakfast in the classroom again this year for all of Coloma Community Schools. **Every child will receive a free reimbursable breakfast every morning including late start days**. It has been reported benefits of having the breakfast in the classroom are less discipline problems, less visits to the office, more attentiveness and attendance, and generally improved learning environments.
- **We will also be offering after school sack lunches for students that participate in the after school programs that are being offered at the buildings including athletics that have practice after school.**

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Shelley Mazigian, Director of Dining Services at the food service office 269-468-2598 or email smazigian@ccs.coloma.org.

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2017-18 Calendar

AUGUST

M	8/27	1 st Day – New Teachers
T	8/28	2nd Day – New Teachers
W	8/29	Teachers Professional Development Day

SEPTEMBER

M	9/3	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
T	9/4	1st Day for Students – ½ day; Full Day Staff
W	9/12	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day
W	9/26	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day

OCTOBER

W	10/10	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day
W	10/24	2 hr delay- Staff PD Day

NOVEMBER

F	11/2	**End of 1st Marking Period**
T	11/6	K-12 All Day; 4-5 & HS Evening Conferences
W	11/7	K-12 All Day K-3 & 6-8 Evening Conferences
Th	11/8	K-5 1/2 Day; 6-12 All Day K-5 Afternoon Conferences; K-12 Evening Conferences
F	11/9	NO SCHOOL
W	11/14	2 hr delay- Staff PD Day
W	11/21	K-12 1/2 Day; Half Day Staff
Th	11/22	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
F	11/23	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
W	11/28	2 hr delay- Staff PD Day

DECEMBER

W	12/12	2 hr delay- Staff PD Day
F	12/21	K-12 1/2 Day; Half Day Staff **End of Day Winter Break begins**

JANUARY

M	1/7	Classes Resume from Winter Break
W	1/16	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day
M	1/21	No School—MLK Day
Th	1/24	K-5 Full Day; 6-12 1/2 Day; Staff Full Day
F	1/25	K-12 1/2 day: Staff Full Day
W	1/30	2 hr delay—Staff PD Day **End of 2nd Marking Period End of 1st Semester**

FEBRUARY

W	2/13	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day
F	2/15	NO SCHOOL– Mid Winter Break
M	2/18	NO SCHOOL– Mid Winter Break
W	2/27	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day

MARCH

W	3/13	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day
W	3/27	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day
F	3/29	K-12 ½ day; Half Day Staff Spring Break Begins **End of 3rd Marking Period**

APRIL

M	4/8	Classes Resume
W	4/17	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day
F	4/19	K-12 1/2 day—Good Friday

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

MAY

W	5/1	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day
W	5/15	2 hr delay– Staff PD Day
M	5/27	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
F	5/31	Graduation 7pm

JUNE

T	6/11	K-12 Students ½ day; Full Day Staff
W	6/12	K-12 Students ½ day; Full Day Staff **End of 4th Marking Period End of 2nd Semester Last Day of School**

Parents—
Jostens will meet with your Sophomore student on September 13th 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