Comet Comments

Coloma High School Newsletter

Principal, Mr. David A. Ehlers

End of Year

MISSION STATEMENT:
We will inspire all students to achieve at high levels and empower them for their future success.
INSPIRE TO ACHIEVE –EMPOWER FOR SUCCESS

FROM THE DESK OF

DAVID A. EHLERS

The end of the school year always bring about the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of the senior class! This senior class earned many accolades and scholarships through their hard work and dedication! I have no doubt as they venture off to the next chapter of their life that they will continue to make us proud with their accomplishments! To the Class of 2018, I remind you that once a Comet, always a Comet!! #CometPride

Now that school is out, we will begin the process of readying for the 2018-19 school year. While we do not expect too many changes, we will work to improve what we do for our students. In particular, we will be looking to make improvements to our Gold Time (RTI) and how students are assigned for help. In addition, we are looking to add incentives into the high school to reward high school students for things like good grades and attendance.

Thank you to students, parents, and staff for making the 2017-18 school year a success! I hope everyone has a relaxing and safe summer vacation so that they may return on September 4th ready to learn!!

Have a great summer!!

by Mrs. Fran Megyese

SUMMER SCHOOL/CREDIT RECOVERY BEGINS ON JULY 9TH AND RUNS THROUGH AUGUST 10TH. THE MORNING SESSION IS FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. IF ENOUGH STUDENTS SIGH UP AN AFTERNOON SESSION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM NOON – 3:00 P.M. CLASSES RUN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THE COST IS $50.00 PER SESSION. PLEASE REGISTER AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO NOON. AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION YOU WILL BE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE ATTENDANCE AND BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS.

Anatomy Field Trip to Shedd Aquarium

By Mrs. Sara Glisson

Anatomy students had an especially "Good Friday" in April when we took our 2nd biennial field trip to Chicago. For many of the students it was their first time riding in a train, not to mention their first time at Shedd Aquarium. Our exchange student, Tran Uyen from Vietnam was very excited to visit Chicago!

We spent the day admiring many of the animals we dissected over the course of the year. Students were able to view a 4-D movie about sharks, watch an aquatic show in the oceanarium, dine together in the cafeteria (no straws allowed to prevent adding plastics to the environment), and overwhelmingly enjoyed the first day of our spring break together.

Students funded this trip themselves and we relied heavily on our chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. Tavolacci, Mrs. VanderGalien, and Mr. Burgess. Thank you for spending the day with us and transporting the students to and from the train station. Next year, many of these students are enrolling in Advanced Biology and have already expressed interest in another

Robotics Wrap Up

The 2017-2018 high school robotics team, the CW Tech Robotarians, had a season full of excitement and growth.

Last December, for the second year, the CW Tech Robotarians hosted thirty-six junior high teams for an *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) event in the high school/gym/junior high complex. The event drew about a thousand team members and attendees. Very exciting was the fact that, because of the dedication of mentors, Kim Kubatske and Dan Mares, Coloma was able to field two FTC teams. Based on comments from the Coloma team members, they had an amazing time. They are so excited for the upcoming 2018-2019 season, they are already holding practices. The high school team members also offered several sessions of22-minute CPR training during the event with great participation. For the first time, Coloma also had an elementary school *FIRST* Lego League team (FLL), mentored by Melissa Davis. They displayed their robot at the FTC event. The hope is that we will start a *FIRST* Lego League Junior (FLL jr.) team for kindergarten through 3rd grade next year.

In January, the team was invited by Senator John Proos to testify in front of the Michigan Senate Committee on Health Policy in support of SB 411 that would expand early vision test to include vision function disorders like Convergence Insufficiency. These disorders affect at least 10% of the population and have a significant impact on learning success of students.

This year the CW Tech Robotarians competed at three district events. The first event, held at St. Joseph High School, started a bit rough as we corrected some issues with the robot and learned how the game was played. However, we made into the elimination matches and were presented the "Imagery Award" for our game themed-based shirts and drive team uniform. During the team's next two events finished fourth and were the 3rd and 4th alliance captains during the eliminations matches. At both events, the Robotarian's alliances made it all the way to the semi-finals before being defeated. At these two events, the team was also presented with the "Safety Award" for team safety awareness activities, the "Team Spirit Award" for team enthusiasm, and the "Quality Award" for a high quality robot design. In addition, Coloma Junior Jarod Martin was presented with the "*FIRST* Dean's List Award" which is "celebrates outstanding student leaders whose passion for and effectiveness at attaining *FIRST* ideals is exemplary. The team is honored and humbled to have been presented with five awards in one year. There are teams that have not received five awards during their whole existence.

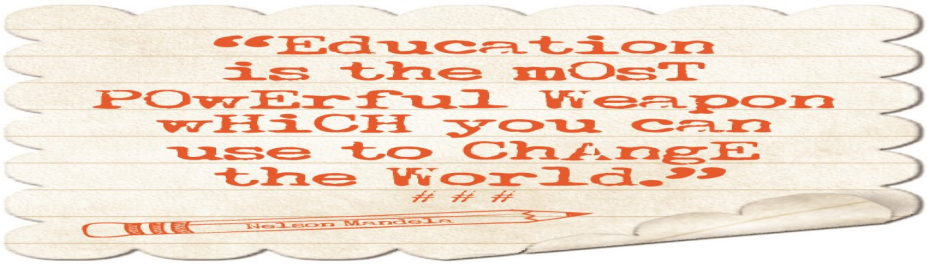
Based on the team's season performance they qualified to compete at the Michigan State Championship at Saginaw Valley State University. The team showed very well. This was especially the case when they became part of a semi-finalist alliance on one of the four championship fields. Our alliance won the semi-finals but were defeated in the Dow Field finals.

Post-season activities have continued with participation in the Makers Fair, and the building of a float (see picture) that was in the Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade and will be in the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival Parade.

It has been an amazing year. Thanks to the graduating seniors for their leadership and the team is looking forward to next year's activities.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 7,000 NEW INSECT SPECIES ARE DISCOVERED EVERY YEAR.
- 9 OUT OF 10 LIGHTNING STRIKE VICTIMS SURVIVE!
- A VIOLIN CONTAINS ABOUT 70 SEPARATE PIECES OF WOOD
- AN AIRPLANE MECHANIC INVENTED SLIKY WHILE HE WAS PLAYING WITH ENGINE PARTS AND REALIZED THE POSSIBLE SECONDARY USE FOR THE SPRINGS.
- Bill GATES DESIGNED A TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM FOR SEATTLE WHEN HE WAS ONLY 15!
- BUTTERMILK DOES NOT COCNTAIN ANY BUTTER
- BY RAISING YOUR LEGS SLOWLY AND LAYING ON YOUR BACK, YOU CAN'T SINK IN QUICKSAND
- C3PO IS THE FIRST CHARACTER TO SPEAK IN STAR WARS
- COCONUTS KILL MORE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD THAN SHARKS DO. APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE ARE KILLED EACH YEAR BY COCONUTS.
- CRAYOLA IS A FRENCH WORD THAT MEANS "OILY CHALK"
- IN TEN MINUTES, A HURRICANE RELEASES MORE ENERGY THAN ALL THE WORLD'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMBINED.
- IN TEN MIUTES, A HURRICAN RELEASES MORE ENERGY THAN ALL THE WORLD'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMBINED!
- IT TAKES ABOUT 63,000 TREES TO MAKE THE NEWSPRINT FOR THE AVERAGE SUNDAY EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES
- JUMBO JETS USE 4,000 GALLONS OF FUEL TO TAKE OFF
- MONTHS THAT BEGIN ON A SUNDAY WILL ALWAYS HAVE A 'FRIDAY THE 13TH'



Class of 2018

2018
GREEN AND GOLD WINNER

MATTHEW DAVIS

CLASS OFFICERS

Left to right: Mallory Spaulding, Gabrielle Ezell, Skylar Crisenbery, and Edwyn Rodriquez

CHS TOP TEN

Left to Right: Matthew Davis, Kayla Yore, Morgan Wagner, Skylar Crisenbery, Sky Hempel, Kelly Walter, Divine Parker, Julia Sternaman, Brianna Wright, and Caleb Dahlke.

Senior Awards Night 2018

Male/Female Athletic Award

Levi Wilkens and Morgan Wagner

Neil Peters Award

Kayla Yore

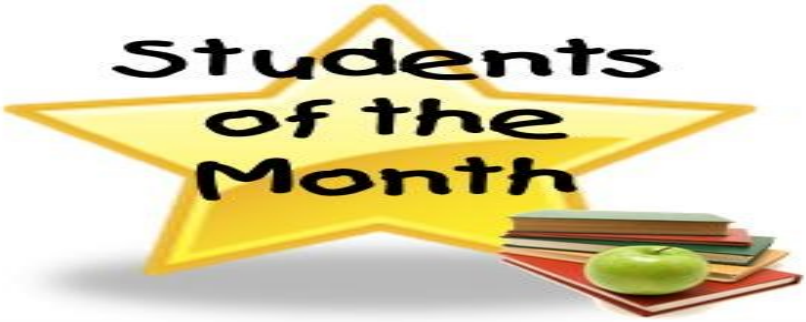
SAC Academic Award

Matthew Davis
Brianna Wright
Caleb Dahlke
Skylar Crisenbery

Not Pictured: Julia Sternaman

Scholarships

Mika Andersen—Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees, Lake Michigan College Career and Technical Education Award
Emily Bolis—Lake Michigan College Winners Circle Scholarship, Michigan Tech University Scholarship of Achievement
Daisy Cerro—Lake Michigan College Career and Technical Education Scholarship
Skylar Crisenbery—Alma College Scholars Summit Award, Alma Heritage Grant, Alma Opportunity Award, Alma College President Scholarship
Spencer Culby—Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Walsworth Corporation Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University Emerald Scholarship
Matthew Davis—Grand Valley State University Award of Excellence, University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship, AEP Educational Award, Adrian College Full Tuition
Caleb Dahlke—Lake Michigan College Presidental, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Shelby Ebrecht -Lake Michigan College Career Technical Education Award
Samantha Fischer—Lake Michigan College Career Technical Education Award
William Fogarty— Lake Michigan College Career Technical Education Award, Maximum Mold LMC Apprenticeship
Sky Hempel—Lake Michigan College CTE Award, Lioness" Adeline McCrery" Memorial Scholarship, Lions John McCrery Memorial Scholarship Michigan Tech University Academic Gift Grant, Michigan Tech University Presidental Distinction Award
Kayla Henderson—Kalamazoo Valley Community College Freshman Scholarship,Albany State University Rams Band Scholarship, University of Toledo Band Scholarship, Wayne State University Academic Scholarship
Grace Hester—Lake Michigan College Career and Technical Education Award, Lake Michigan College Winner's Circle Scholarship
Jaidyn Hutsell—Lake Michigan College Softball Scholarship
Jonah Jones—Lake Michigan College Career and Technical Education Award, Maximum Mold LMC Apprenticeship
Tristan Lewis—Lake Michigan College Winner Circle Scholarship
Brenden Lute—Adrian College Academic Scholarship, Alma College Scholarship
Lauren Morris—Southwestern Michigan College Award of Excellence, Southwestern Michigan College Art Talent Scholarship
Leeza Noles—Southwestern Michigan College Road Runner Scholarship
Derek Plitt—Adrian College Grant, Adrian College Scholarship Day Award, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Adrian College Trustee Scholarship
Mya Potter—Kalamazoo Valley Community College Softball Scholarship, Lioness Brenda Nitz Memorial Scholarship
Julia Sternaman—Michael and Kristen Noack Scholarship
Samantha Schreiber—Northern Michigan University Wildcat Achievement Scholarship, Lake Superior State University Award
Robert Schroeder—Maximum Mold LMC Apprenticeship
Katelyn Slattery—Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Southwestern Michigan College Award of Excellence Scholarship, Ball State University Distinction Scholarship
Jamane Smith, Jr—Muskegon Community College Academic/Wrestling Scholarship
Kacey Snyder—D.J. Brower Memorial Scholarship, Lane Automotive Scholarship
Mallory Spaulding—Lake Michigan College Winner's Circle Scholarship, North Berrien Senior Center Eleanor Kendall Memorial Scholarship, Lakeland Hospital Watervliet Foundation Scholarship, Honor Credit Union Community Commitment Scholarship
Calvin Starnes—Grand Valley State University Baseball Scholarship, Lansing Community College Baseball Scholarship, Saginaw Valley State University Baseball Scholarship, Wabash Valley College Baseball Scholarship, Northwest Florida State Baseball Scholarship
Julia Sternaman—University of Alabama Academic Scholarship, University of Alabama Housing Award, Jon Jollay Memorial Scholarship, University of Michigan Academic Grant, Michael and Kristen Noack Scholarship
Brandon Sutherland—Lake Michigan College Career and Technical Education Award, D.J. Brower Memorial Scholarship, Don Hindmon Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Wagner—Comcast Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Softball Scholarship
Kelly Walter—Lake Superior State University Academic Award, Lake Superior State University Volleyball Scholarship
Levi Wilkens—Frederick Upton Foundation Opportunity Scholarship, Olivet College Shepards Award
Emilea Winans—Lake Michigan College Career and Technical Education Award
Brianna Wright—University of Michigan Hale Scholarship Full Tuition
Kayla Yore—Paul Ravitch Memorial Scholarship, Kalamazoo Valley Community College Volleyball Scholarship, Kalamazoo Valley Community College Softball Scholarship, Kalamazoo Valley Community College Academic Merit Scholarship
Joshua Young—Lake Superior State University Board of Trustees Academic Recognition Scholarship, Manchester University College Grant Jamestown University Track and Cross Country Scholarship, University of Indianapolis Richard G. Lugar Academic Recognition Scholarship



(L to R) Jacob Bryant, Junior; Ethan Price, Sophomore; Tandi Gray, Freshman