

Comet Comments—



Coloma High School Newsletter

Principal, Mr. David A. Ehlers

March 2018

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



by Mrs. Fran Megyese

Dear Parents:

Every year at this time we struggle with seniors getting senioritis when it comes to school. After meeting with several teacher they claim the biggest problem is students are not being responsible for missing assignments, quizzes, tests, and attendance.

I will continue to meet with seniors in jeopardy and maintain contact with you, their parent, by phone and/or correspondence.

If you are having trouble monitoring your students progress on Power School, please call the office, and the secretaries will help you with the process.

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The 3rd marking period is officially in the books! You will receive your student's report card as soon as we return from Spring Break!

As soon as we return from Spring Break, we will be focusing on the state testing cycle. All students 9 -11 have to take some form of test and juniors have to take three different tests. **These tests are mandatory for all our students.**

Please help ensure your student is well rested and shows up ready to test, on time, on the day when she/he is scheduled to test. You should have received a letter/email with your student's testing schedule. We will send out a reminder next week and the night before the testing days. If you have any questions, please call the high school office or email me directly.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful Spring Break!

GO COMETS!!

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more luck I have."

Thomas Jefferson

DATES FOR APRIL

April 9

Return from Spring Break

April 10

Report Cards

April 10, 11, 12—

Mandatory Testing (more information on page 2)

April 14—Port a Pit /Jazz Band /Choir 5-7pm

April 18

Late start—School starts at 10:00 am

April 24

National Honor Society—HS Auditorium @ 6:30 p.m.

April 28

Junior/Senior Prom



MANDATORY SPRING TESTING DATES 2017-18

IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

Please mark your calendar!!

April 10 **NO SCHOOL for 9th and 12th grade**

11th grade SAT Testing
10th grade PSAT Testing

April 11 **Delayed start for 10th and 12th grade**

School starts at Noon
11th grade—ACT Work Keys **
9th grade—PSAT Testing **
**Report to HS cafeteria at 7:45 am—
Must provide own transportation to school.

April 12 **Normal day for 9th, 10th and 12th grade**

School starts at 8:00 am
11th grade—M-STEP (Social Studies/Science)
Chromebooks need to be charged!

**TARDY STUDENTS WILL NOT BE
ADMITTED FOR TESTING
MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME !!**



Academic Challenge Team 2017-2018



This year's Academic Challenge Team was wildly successful as they were undefeated in regular season play. This group of students defeated: Lakeshore, Bridgman (twice), Berrien Springs, River Valley and Michigan Lutheran High School for a 6 - 0 record. This enabled the "Comet Smarties" to complete in the Championship Playoff on March 15, 2018 against the defending champions (St. Joe Bears). The team ended up as finalists for the season, ranking 2nd out a league of 12 teams.

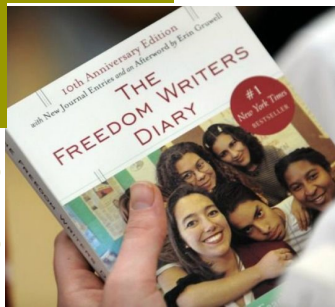
Captains for the team were: Caleb Dahlke and Spencer Culby. The rest of the team included: Matthew Davis, Carson Clark, Brianna Wright, Miranda Wright, Kaylee Dahlke, Alexia Saucedo, Nick Hatton, Samantha Schreiber, Ryley Watson, Brandon Schmidt, Sky Hempel, Anthony Stroud, and Braeden Metz. Academic Challenge is coached by Mr. Sheehan and Mrs. Glisson.



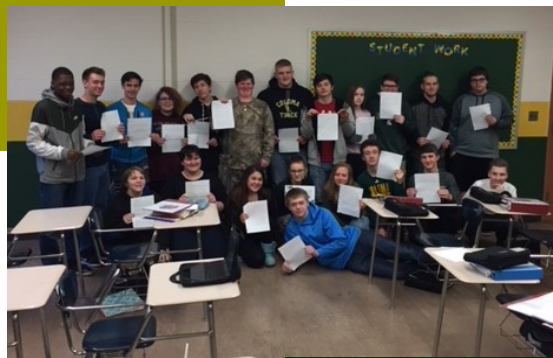
FREEDOM WRITERS

By Jen Ickes

The 10th grade English students spent time this year reading the non-fiction selection titled *The Freedom Writers Diary*. *The Freedom Writers Diary* is a collection of diaries written by students from Wilson High School in Long Beach, California during the 1990's. The students, who were deemed "unteachable" came productive adults their first year English well. The students in room 203 learned lessons from their teacher about how anyone can overcome their difficulties to become a success regardless of their race, religion, gender, or socioeconomic background. The students found that through their writings they could express their feelings, teach each other, and change their world.



Our students in room 101 and room 109 created their own diaries. The students wrote a number of reader response journals, which they later turned into a longer piece of writing. These journals explained how the *Freedom Writers* made them feel, what they learned, or how they connected to the diary entry. At the end of the unit the students became their own "Freedom Writers", telling their own story. The students wrote about an event or person that had changed their life in some way. The students in our classes had the opportunity to express their feelings, teach each other, and change their world.





Larger Than Life

2018 AFTER PROM PARTY PARTICIPATION FORM



Everyone attending the After Prom Party must have a completed participation form!

Date: Saturday, April 28th, 2018 11:30 p.m. – Sunday, April 29th, 2018 5:00 a.m.

Where: Coloma High School Gym

Cost: FREE

Who Can Attend: Any Coloma Junior or Senior and their prom guest (even if you don't attend prom)! No "points" are necessary to attend this event!

What to wear: Please come in casual, comfortable attire and tennis shoes. The restrooms will be available, however, not the locker rooms.

What to do: We will have food (including a pancake breakfast provided by NBFD), a coffee cart, picture booth, inflatables, human bowling, laser tag, temporary tattoo artist and much more!

Any bags, purses or backpacks brought to the Post Prom event will be inspected.

Once a student is checked-in, they will not be allowed to leave the facility until 5:00 a.m.

If a student registers for the Post Prom Party, and is not at the gym by **12:30 AM**, parent/guardian(s) will be notified.

I understand the purpose of the After Prom Event is to provide a safe, alcohol-free, drug-free event for the students of Coloma and their prom guests. I understand that I am liable for my actions at the After Prom Party and accept full responsibility for my behavior. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume any and all risks existing in this activity. My participation is voluntary, and I elect to participate.

I acknowledge that I will not seek to have Coloma Community Schools held liable in the event that any accident, injury, loss of property or any other circumstance or incident occurs during or as a result of my son's/daughter's participation in this event. This release of liability includes accident, injury, loss, or damages to the student, as well as, to other individuals or property which may result from the student's participation in the event. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless Coloma Community Schools, its officials, agents and employees, from any claims arising out of my son's/daughter's participation in the event(s).

Attendee's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Telephone #: _____
(Please Print)

Attendee signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Telephone #: _____
(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

In case of emergency parent/guardian must be reachable the entire night. Please print legibly.

If you are a guest attending prom with a Coloma Junior or Senior, and you are not a Coloma Junior or Senior student, please complete the section below:

Who are you attending Prom with? _____ (print)

What school do you attend? _____ (print)

Parent/Guardian contact information: _____
(print)

A COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM MUST BE TURNED IN BY 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 TO ATTEND THIS AMAZING PARTY.

If you have questions, please contact Heidi Starnes at (269) 861-6449

Sponsored by the Coloma High School Athletic Boosters After Prom Committee



Student Project Heading to MITES



At the beginning of this school year Coloma High School was asked to build a sign that we could send as a gift to MDE. Over the course of the First Semester the project was given to Kacey Snyder 2nd year student in Mr. Luchies welding class. Kacey was told that we had to follow the shape and colors of the sign but that he would have to trouble shoot how we were going to cut, weld, powder coat, and assemble the sign. Due to the fact we had to color the steel after welding but before assembly he had to troubleshoot how we could assemble it as a last process and hide all fasteners. With a little coaching Kacey took off to the races with this project and finished it beautifully. The Project will go to the MITES Regional competition held at Coloma High school May 3-5 to qualify for the state Finals in Lansing the following week.



Lifetouch will be here May 1, 2018 to take the Senior Portraits in a Cap and Gown for the group picture.

****The order forms will be given out during RTI Tuesday, April 17th and available in High School office after spring break.****



CTE Students Learn About Business and Industry at Whirlpool



Eight students from Mr. Mead and Mr. Luchies' CTE classes were able to spend a day at Whirlpool touring their campuses and learning about business and industry. These students were given a tour of three of Whirlpool's campuses, Whirlpool Corporation Riverview Campus, Whirlpool Corporation Benton Harbor Tech Center, and Whirlpool Corporation CxC (Customer Experience Center). While on this visit our hosts from Whirlpool showed off some of the on the job technology and information relating to their positions. Students were able to learn first hand what goes on behind the scenes at these particular sites. They also were given information on what type of education background many of the workers had so they can help select classes for their own career pathway. The hosts touched base on available internships and how CTE classes help them land their careers. It is also worth noting that five different employees came by the tour and let us know that they were Coloma graduates and took CTE classes while they were roaming the halls of CHS.



The Algonquin Chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution was established in 1898 and has been holding its Good Citizens contest since 1934.

**DAR - 'Good Citizen'
Contest Winner
is**

KAYLA YORE



We've had a busy month this past March with our choir students. We had sixty students attend the 80th Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival at WMU, conducted by Dr. Eph Ehly. These students joined over a thousand other choir students from the west side of Michigan to sing in a mass choir. Two of our students, Marshall Arndt and Dalton Jenkins, were accepted to be a part of the SWMVF Honors Choir. It was an exciting day filled with beautiful music.

On March 23rd the band and choir students took a trip to Chicago to see the Broadway smash, *Hamilton*! It was a life changing experience for many of our students.

The next day our Varsity Singers went to their first Gold Company Vocal Jazz Invitational at Western Michigan University with a clinic by New York Voices soprano, Kim Nazarian. The students did a fantastic job performing on microphones for their first time and received many great compliments. The evening ended with performance by Gold Company and special guests, New York Voices.

Please visit us on our choir Facebook page for our events, videos and happenings: www.facebook.com/colomachoirs

On April 14th we are hosting our Jazz Night with Varsity Singers and Jazz Band. The event will include a pulled pork meal and a special guest appearance by the quintet Jazzmin. You may purchase tickets by contacting a choir or band student or contact Mrs. Selvidge and Mrs. Thomas. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, April 9th.



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CONGRATS

STUDENT'S OF
THE MONTH

MARCH



(l-r) Senior, Morgan Wagner: Junior, McKenzie Ecker: Sophomore, Roslyn Emrath: Freshman, Henry Bell

HOPE YOU HAVE A FUN
SPRING BREAK