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Coloma High School Newsletter

Principal, Mr. David Ehlers

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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
MR. DAVID EHLERS

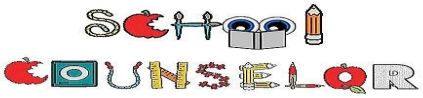
It is hard to believe that the first semester is complete! It seems like such a short time ago that the school year started!

Since the second semester will undoubtedly fly by as rapidly as the first, I have a few reminders. First, please stay on top of absences and the missed work associated with them. If by chance your student ends up exceeding 8 absences and has to make up time, ensure your student makes up all time prior to the last day of school. It is also important to stay on top of your student's grades and communicate with the teacher or teachers when you see a decline in the grade. Finally, after Spring Break we will begin the state testing cycle which includes 9th, 10th, and 11th grade this year. While more information will be sent to you as we get closer to the testing dates, I would ask that you help us by ensuring your student is prepared and present on testing days as we are required to test everyone in grades 9 - 11.

In addition, another opportunity for students to get involved is right around the corner. Spring sports will begin on March 12. Students wishing to participate who have not previously played a sport this year will need to have a physical on file with the Athletic Director prior to participating. Research continually shows that students who are involved in extracurricular not only succeed at higher rates in school but in life after school as well.

Enjoy what is left of winter as spring is just around the corner!

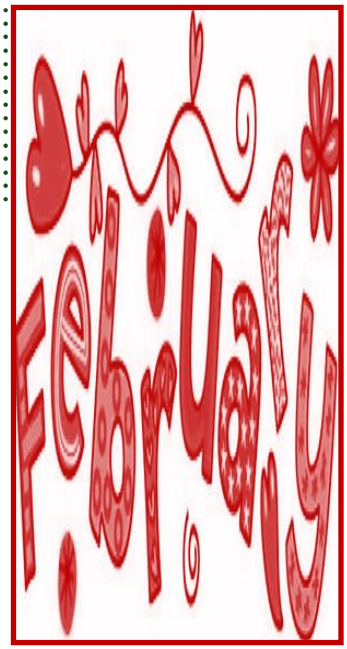
GO COMETS!!!!



by: Mrs. Megyese

Seniors and Parents The CB (College Bulletin) went to seniors the lst week in February with the local scholarship information. At this time I have had only 9 seniors ask for applications. Several of these scholarships are due March 1st through March 16th. You cannot win any money if you do not apply. I have also received 3 additional scholarships for the trades (machine tool, welding, auto and drafting). Two are at a $1,000 each and one is at $500. Please see Mr. Ransom or Mrs. Megyese for any of these applications.

I will be scheduling 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students individually until scheduling is completed sometime in March.



UPCOMING DATES

March 1—Progress Reports

March 6—Freshman Orientation 6:30pm

March 14—Late Start School starts at 10am

March 28—Late Start School starts at 10am

March 30—1/2 day End of 3rd marking period Spring break begins at 11:37 am

REMINDER TO SENIORS:

Pick up applications for local scholarships and return or mail before the deadline date. If interested in giving the "Commencement Address", please see Mrs. Megyese for more information. The commencement address should be about the 2018 graduating class, past, present and future. Deadline: Spring Break.

MANDATORIY SPRING TESTING DATES

Watch for more information to follow !!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

Please mark your calendar
and watch for more information to follow!!

April 10	11th grade SAT Testing—10th grade PSAT Testing No school for 9th and 12th grade
April 11	11th grade — ACT Work keys — 9th grade PSAT Testing Report to HS cafeteria at 7:45 am — School will be delayed start for 10th and 12th grades. More info will come later.
April 12	11th grade M-STEP Social Studies and Science —Normal day for 9th, 10th and 12th grades — School starts at 8 am

This years 6-12 grade physical education classes will compete in a track and field unit to prepare our students for the challenge of the twenty-first century, we must provide them with a well rounded education that emphasizes both academic excellence and physical fitness. We have a unique opportunity and responsibility to help in our children's good fitness habits that will benefit them for a lifetime. Physical Education helps young people realize the important part that physical fitness plays in their mental alertness and overall health and well being.

This years events consist of pull-up, mile run, sit-ups, shuttle run, shot put, high jump, 400 run, 50 yard hash, and 40 hurdles. Each event has a Gold, Silver, and Bronze category with times or distances that a student is aiming to achieve. Overall great effort was put forth and many students got to experience things that they probably never would have tried. With Varsity and Junior High Track set to begin in the next few weeks we hope that some students will continue with track this spring. If your son or daughter are interested they should contact Coach Ickes or Coach Dings in the High School or Coach Churchill in the Junior High.

Math Department *Minute*

Our statistics class, a junior and senior level mathematics course, is currently working on a hypothesis testing project. Students have researched statistical claims that they have found online, in social media, in newspapers and in magazines. They are then performing some advanced analytics to determine the validity of these claims. Many of these claims that students are dissecting have come from political parties and candidates, mainstream media, independent polling companies, and health organizations. This project is giving our students the opportunity to extend their mathematical thought into real-world decision making. Students are definitely discovering that some organizations do use various forms of bias to manipulate data to make it say what they want it to.

COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL
1ST SEMESTER

The **Gold Honor Roll** includes those students who have a 3.5—4.00 or higher and no more than one "C ". An asterisk is used to denote a GPA of 4.00 or higher.

Melanie Alexander, Mika Andersen, Danielle Baldwin, Emily Bolis, Blake Cartwright, Skylar Crisenbery, Caleb Dahlke,Garrett Davis, Matthew Davis, Mackenzie Dietz, Willie Donald, Samantha Fischer, Alexis Griffith, Sky Hempel, Kayla Henderson, Grace Hester,Jaidyn Hutsell, Logan Myers, Leeza Noles, Divine Parker, Jeffrey Phillips, Derek Plitt, Mya Potter, Edwyn Rodriguez, Samantha Schreiber, Katelyn Slattery, Kaylee Snow, Mallory Spaulding, Julia Sternaman, Morgan Wagner, Kelly Walter, Ryley Watson, Levi Wilkens, Emilea Winans, Brianna Wright, Kayla Yore, Joshua Young, Sophia Abbott, Lyndsey Arny, Elissa Austin Rowe, Kylee Bailey, Sean Bambrick Jr, Arieana Braddock, Phoebe Browne, Jacob Bryant, Paige Burgess, Philip Caldwell, Lacey Carpenter, Carson Clark, Hunter Crist, Kenneth Crowder, Kadee Davis, Cassidy Dryer, Mackenzie Ecker, Caleb Ellis, Mckenzie Emrath, Zachary Gatchell, Zachary Goodline, Adiel Granados, Mackenzie Grant, Chloe' Harmon, Nicholas Hatton, Faith Hester, Narelle Hickmon, Conor Hutchins-Linderman, Calvin Hutchinson Jr, Jacob Huttenga, Erik Jarvis, Dalton Jenkins, Matthew Kennedy, Codie Krause, Alyssa Little, Franki Lopez, Jarod Martin, Hannah Mathis, Marika Mauriello, Audrey Meader, Kloie Milnickel, Cameron Neubecker, Tanya Perea, Savannah Perez, Kayla Prisk, Lindsey Robinson, Alexia Saucedo, Brandon Schmidt, Lindsey Schreier, Samantha Scott, Amber Street, Katie Swisher, Tyra Townsend, Steven Trosper, Dylan Whitaker, Nathan Wilder, Emma Young, Alice Askren, Jerry Binder, Michael Case, Vanessa Crisenbery, Nicholas Eastman, Amaria Echols, Kelsey Ellis, Damian Gomez, Morgan Gruss, Morgan Hosbein, Ashley Ikerd, Ian Ishmael, Kristal Jimenez, Megan Koenigshof, Yesenia Lopez ,Erin Morris, Megan Neubecker, Brenna Prescott, Luke Radde, Isaiah Reinhardt, Talea Rose, Marissa Sherburn, Isabelle Stevens, Tyler Streu, Cameron Tuttle, Emma Vandermolen, Emma Watson, Shelby Whitaker, Miranda Wright, Vaneza Alvarez Maltos, Noah Blankenship, Travis Borr, Jonen Bravo, Mia Cole, Kayleen Dahlke, Kiersten Ecker, Kaitlin Foster, Drew Goodline, Damon Howley, Abby Ickes, Kayleigh Jewell, Maurissa Lagrow, Mason Lampros, Ashley Little, James Mathis, Madison Mcquillan, Kiely Moore, Cody Palgen, Marisa Pullins, Shane Sherburn, Robert Sinnett, Kayla Smith, Karon Smith-Mwewe, Abigail Vandermolen, Kayla Walter, Gracie Whitaker

COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL
1ST SEMESTER

The **Green Honor Roll** includes those students who have 3.00--3.49 GPA and no more than one "C".

Daisy Cerro, Shane Champion, Taylor Gillenwater, Kirsten Hardin, Katelyn Johnson, Lauren Morris, Jordan Pierce, Arrol Puma, Calvin Starnes, Brandon Sutherland, Cole Allmon, Matthew Bambrick, Tayte Coleman, Grace Gagliardo, Nayeli Hernandez, Dasha Hogan, Connor Kreitner, Zackary Lake, Jaden Miller, Macayla Rodgers, Paige Shipman, Samantha Stewart, Nicole Swisher, Marcellina Tavolacci, Sincere Taylor, Leann Tomme, Rodrigo Villegas Alvarez, Meris Watson, Willie Young Jr, Santanna Adkins, Cole Alsup, Lillian Arnold, Rachael Arnold, Loghan Baushke, Charles Cullitan, Cole Current, Lillian Dahlquist, Alec Delatorre, Alexa Estrada-Keymoole, Jordan Fischer, Hannah Guntz, Jacob Hammond, Devin Harmon, Megan Holt, Brenden Jacobs, Cole Kirby, Zachary Kiser, Kellsei Long, James Miller, Cameron Needham, Carissa Richmond, Austin Russell, Gavin Steakley, Nathan Strunk, Vincent Tavolacci, Lilly Trapp, Samantha Trousdale, Haley Antio, Henry Bell,Vivian Berry, Ethan Blanchard, Taryn Blazier, Venancio Chavez-Morales, Madison Cole, Ryan Davis, Landyn Fickett, Tandi Gray, Kevin Hearn, Payton Jackson, Nathan Jones, Braeden Metz, Brenna Moore, Noah Mort, John Myatt, Nicklaus Myatt, Mariah Pleyer, Aaron Pounders, Noah Schwanke, Kassidy Simmons, Blane Sutherland, Courtenay Varvel, Isabella West, Megan Wolske

Congratulations to all of our choir students who performed at District Solo and Ensemble Festival and District Choral Festival.

Both Chamber Singers and Serenade received division I ratings at Choral Festival. We three soloists and one quartet perform at HS Solo and Ensemble Festival for their first time! Kaitlin Foster, Alyssa Jones, and Mariah Pleyer received division II and our quartet (Marshall Arndt, Lainey Meader, Isabelle Stevens and Lissie Sypian) also received a division II.

Congrats to all of our students!

Field Trip Into Local History

Mr. Marfia's US History classes are taking a monthly field trip across the road to the North Berrien Historical Museum located by Coloma High School. The class takes a trip during their class period to get a little 20 minute lecture on a historical time period and how the local community was impacted.

The first trip was about the 1920's and events that were happening locally. Along with pictures and articles of clothing, the students are shown local newspaper articles and letters. The second trip was over World War 2 and the POW camps that were right here in Coloma. Students also had the opportunity to look at local artifacts and the list of all the local people that served our country.

Here is a picture of students from Mr. Marfia's 4th hour looking at an uniform from World War 2.

"It is always great to get the kids up and out of their seats to be involved with as many senses as possible when studying history. We are so blessed here in Coloma to have such a great resource. When we were invited, I had to jump at the opportunity and I think the students really have benefited," stated Mr. Marfia.

The Museum has invited students to become interns and participate in their trivia night on February 20. There were some energetic student that have taken them up on the offer and had a chance to show off their historic knowledge. The class will return the beginning of March and explore the Red Scare of Post-World War 2 America in Berrien County.

The director is leading the class in a lecture about propaganda posters that were used in Berrien County.

Varsity Boys Basketball Claim First Conference Championship in 14 years

On Friday, February 16, 2018, Coloma Boys Basketball team made history with a 63-35 victory over Saugatuck to become outright champions of the Lakeshore Division of the Southwest Athletic Conference. The following Tuesday, February 20, 2018, the Comets followed it up with a 65-56 victory over Gobles to claim a perfect record of 12-0 in the division. At one point in the season, Coloma was ranked as high as 7th in the state. It has been a tremendous year for Coloma and as of March 1, they were 17-2. After their final game at home on March 1, 2018, the Comets will begin the MHSAA Tournament in Berrien Springs on Wednesday March 7, at 5:30PM. They will play the winner of Benton Harbor and Niles.

"I have been very proud of how hard and together this team has played this season. They have represented our community well and I am confident they will continue to do so for the rest of the season. What we have accomplished this year is the results of several years of these young men buying into hard work to improve their basketball skills and the understanding that together we can accomplish great things, like being a division champion," said Coach Marfia.

COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL
(l-r) Jajdyn Hutsell, Senior; Kenny Crowder, Junior;
Erin Morris, Sophomore; Adrianna Warren-Cox, Freshman

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

MARCH 20TH AT 6:29 AM

Sure, snow is still not out of the picture, but let's put forth a sunny outlook with some fun facts:

1. The first day of spring is called the vernal equinox. What does that stand for you ask? 'Vernal' is Latin for spring while 'equinox' is Latin for 'equal night'.

2. The idea that the first day of spring is exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness rarely works. There is always a time when it is exact, but experts say it usually occurs before the vernal equinox.

3. If you stand on the equator today, you would see the sun pass directly overhead. It only happens twice a year in spring time and autumn.

4. Can you really stand a raw egg on its end today? Well, yes. But, most experts say if you are patient enough, you can stand an egg on its end any day.

5. The first day of spring in the southern hemisphere is the date of the autumnal equinox in the northern hemisphere, usually in September.

6. The reason there is more daylight during the spring is the earth's axis tilts toward the sun at this time of year.

7. Another reason for more daylight? Daylight Saving Time. The United States begins saving daylight on the second Sunday in March. The practice started in 2005.

8. Benjamin Franklin first proposed Daylight Saving Time in 1784.

9. The first spring flowers are typically daffodils, dandelions, lilies, tulips, iris and lilacs to name a few.

10. Spring fever is not just a saying. Experts say the body's makeup changes due to different diets, hormone production and temperature.