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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



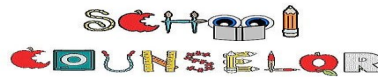
FROM THE DESK OF DAVID A. EHLERS

The first half of the 2017-18 school year is in the books!! The second semester can seem much busier than the first and as such it is easy to lose focus. Please help your student stay focused and on task as we look to finish the school-year strong while preparing for the 2018-19 school-year.

This week, Mrs. Megyese will talk to the returning students about scheduling for next year. The first meeting will be very general so students can start planning. Eventually, she will sit down with each student and discuss scheduling as well as future plans. If you are interested in being more involved in the process, please schedule a time to come in and meet with Mrs. Megyese to discuss your student's class selection for next year.

Winterfest is right around the corner and will be a little different than years past. The Winterfest Dance will be the day before the game due to facility scheduling. That means we will have a building pep assembly on Thursday, Feb 15th where the Winterfest Court will be named. This will allow the winners to participate in the tradition of wearing their crowns and sashes to the dance. The winners will then be present at half-time on February 16th to be recognized.

GO COMETS!



By: Mrs. Megyese

Seniors and parents a new CB College Bulletin will be out the end of January with all the local scholarship information and contacts. Each senior during English 12 will be given a paper copy and parents can also go to the high school web site under counselor corner and find the same College Bulletin. This will be the last major College Bulletin dealing with local scholarships. Reminder to seniors to be sure and watch the deadline dates. It is easy to win a local scholarship if you apply, the competition is very limited, usually 5-15 seniors apply for each scholarship.

Ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students I will be meeting with each class during RTI the first three weeks of February. After orientation I will meet with each student individually in the hall outside a classroom inputting their class choices for the 2018-19 school year.

Mrs. Megyese



UPCOMING DATES

**February 14th—
Late Start and
Count Day!**

**February 16th—
Winterfest**

**February 16th and
19th—No School**

**February 21st—HS Choir
Concert**

**February 22nd—
Pre-Festival Band
Concert**

**February 28th—Late
Start School starts at
10am**

**March 2nd—Progress
Reports**



Tuesdays With Morrie Project: Applying Lessons From a Great Memoir

By Brett Walsworth

Juniors in Mr. VanPeteghem and Mr. Walsworth's junior English classes just finished creating their projects over the best-selling memoir *Tuesdays With Morrie* by author Mitch Albom. The inspirational book tells the true story of the author meeting up with his former sociology professor after many years of estrangement. The professor, Morrie Schwartz, was no average professor, and as Mitch begins visiting him every Tuesday, Morrie discusses a different topic from a list generated by Albom. Each lesson involves one of life's great topics, from love to aging to friendship. As Mitch learns and grows as a person throughout the book, the reader also is given a great deal to ponder, and I feel that nobody should come away from the book unchanged.

As we read the book, students are tasked with writing down quotes from Morrie that appeal to them in some way. By the time we finish the book students should have ten quotes, and they will then explain the lesson that Morrie is teaching as it relates to the quote. Next, students need to find pictures, either online or even from home. I encourage students to personalize the project as much as possible. Next, students will explain why they chose each picture to illustrate the lesson. I encourage students to think figuratively and creatively as they choose their pictures.

Every year I have seen amazing projects that have demonstrated how much students have taken away from this great book. Over the years many students have said that *Tuesdays With Morrie is their favorite book in high school, and the project is a great way to apply its lessons in a very personal way.*



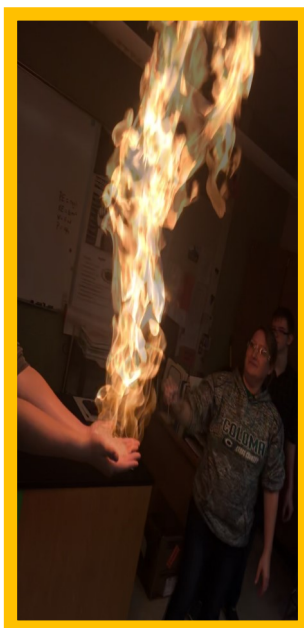
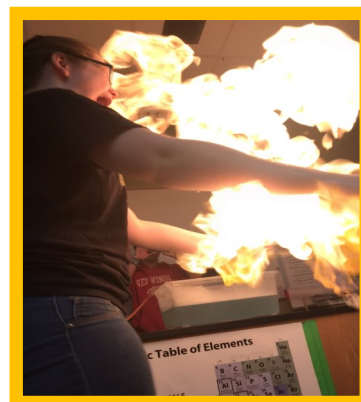
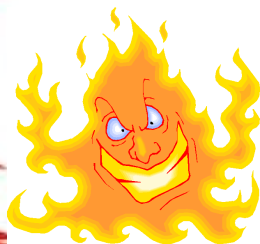


Lighting Our Hands on Fire!

By Mrs. Sonya Vroon

With their hands covered in bubbles containing methane gas (CH_4), I light several student's hands on fire showing an impressive fireball.

Why they don't get burned? Water is a great conductor of heat, and it literally pulls the heat away from your hand for the few seconds that the methane bubbles are on fire. As the flame heats the water on your hands, some of the water at the very surface evaporates, and it's this natural cooling process from the evaporation that keeps your hand from burning.



****Note that this is a dangerous demonstration due to the unpredictable behavior of the resulting ball of fire and should not be attempted except under supervision in a strictly controlled lab environment.****

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!

A spaghetti dinner is being held during the Winterfest basketball games, starting at 6 PM Friday, February 16th in the High School cafeteria. All proceeds will help to defray costs for the 8th grade trip to Mackinac Island in June. We are pre-selling tickets until Feb 5th. Please contact Courtney Churchill or Tonya Kimmerly to purchase tickets. Adult tickets are \$8 and children under 10 eat for \$5.



The Latest News In Art!

Art Club is planned to start this semester, stay tuned to High School announcements for details on when and what time!



Art 1 students, Erin Morris and Laney Bortz, stand proudly in front of their interpretations of elementary students' friendly monster drawings. The girls researched containers, scientific names, and an environment specifically for their creations.



Kayli Simkins, bites in her tasty Bic Mac while Damon Howley samples his pork-chop. These Art 1 students created these yummy morsels out of clay for their Realistic Food Sculpture Project.

Advanced Art student, Logan Myers, sits upon an old wood barrel that he repurposed as a comfy, cool chair for his final exam project. Logan also fashioned a circular cushion seat and wood burned his classic "street-art" features in the wood.





CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Morgan Wagner, Senior: Hannah Mathis, Junior:
Tyler Streu, Sophomore: Abby Ickes, Freshman



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

This spring, Coloma Junior and Senior High School will not hold formal **Parent-Teacher Conferences** on a set night as in years past. All teachers are available to meet if you have specific questions about your students and desire a traditional face-to-face meeting. You may arrange for a meeting by contacting the respective building office. The best way to communicate with your student's teachers is to monitor the gradebook and to communicate any concerns or issues early to the teachers via email.

Senior Pictures due by March 1st!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

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

<u>April 10</u>	11th grade SAT Testing—10th grade PSAT Testing No school for 9th and 12th grade
<u>April 11</u>	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.
<u>April 12</u>	11th grade M-STEP Social Studies and Science —Normal day for 9th, 10th and 12th grades — School starts at 8 am

COUNT DAY

FEBRUARY 14

Reminder:
Wednesday, February
14th is the State of
Michigan's Student
Count Day! Please
make sure you attend
school all day!