

Comet Comments—



Coloma High School Newsletter

Principal, Mr. David A. Ehlers

September 2017

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 PRINCIPAL DAVID A. EHLERS

The first month of school is in the books and gives way to a busy October!

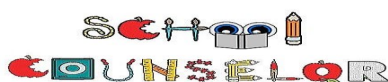
We will email home progress reports on October 6th and this will be the last time. We have a new addition to PowerSchool that allows us to post progress reports and report cards so that parents can log in and see them any-time. Having said this it is important that you can access your student via the parent portal. Please make sure you have updated all your information via SchoolMint. If you have questions, please give the office a call.

This week is Homecoming 2017. We will have a high school pep assembly on Friday followed by a district wide assembly in the gym. The varsity football team will take on Schoolcraft at 7:00 pm and there will be a dance immediately after the game in the Alwood Gym until 11:30 pm. There are many other activities planned this week!

October is college application month in Michigan. Ms. Mena will be working with the senior class this month. She is offering a FAFSA night on October 18th. In addition, she is taking seniors to LMC, WMU, and SMC.

Please stay up on current CHS events by checking our website periodically!

GO COMETS!!



by Mrs. Fran Megyese

PAST TESTING -

JUNIORS CAN TAKE THE PSAT/NMSQT TEST WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11th IN THE HS AUDITORIUM. THE NMSQT PART OF THIS EXAM IS THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST FOR THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. THEY CAN ONLY QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL MERIT BY TAKING THIS EXAM IN THEIR JUNIOR YEAR.

COST: \$20.00

PLACE: COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

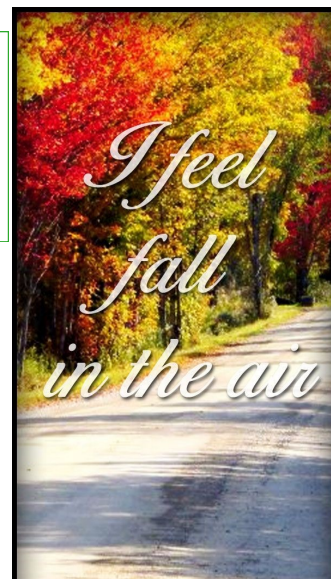
TIME: 8:00A.M. - 11:30 A.M

(Must be in the HS office by 7:50AM**)**

STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP IN THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE BY OCTOBER 6TH.

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

ALL OF THE COLLEGE BULLETINS (C.B.'S) THAT ARE EITHER EMAILED OR GIVEN TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, ARE ALSO PUBLISHED ONLINE AT THE COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL WEB SITE. WE WILL ALSO BE SENDING THEM TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS THROUGH SCHOOL MESSENGER.



UPCOMING DATES

**Oct 4th--
Count Day**

**Oct 5th— Progress
Reports**

Oct 6th— Homecoming

**Oct 11th --Late start,
classes start at 10:00am**

**Oct 25th—Late start,
classes start at 10:00am**

**Oct 30—
Happy Halloween**



FINE ARTS



Comet Marching Band Gears Up for Competition!

This fall our marching show is all about Sun & Sunshine. All of the tunes have the word sun or sunshine in the title. We are adding visuals, tweaking drill moves, and polishing our music for these competitions & performances:

- Oct. 6-Homecoming (combined band night, 7/8th grade band & HS band)
- Oct. 7-Vicksburg (5:45 p.m. performance time-tentative as of 9/26/17)
- Oct. 11-Marching Festival at Paw Paw MS (6 p.m. performance time)
- Oct. 13-Parent's Night (home football game)
- Oct. 14-Lakeshore Invitational (7:15 p.m. performance time)

There are admission fees for these competitions & football games, but we hope our fans will join us & cheer for our band!



Fall Choir Concert and SWMVF Workshop

Mark your calendars! We have our first choral concert for the 2017-2018 school year. The 7th/8th grade choir, Varsity Singers, Chamber Singers, Men's Ensemble and Serenade will perform in the Coloma High School Auditorium on Thursday, October 19th at 7pm. The music will be a collection of folk, contemporary, and classical choral music.

Each year we have the privilege of attending the Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival in Kalamazoo, MI at Western Michigan University. This festival is in it's 80th year and Coloma High School has participated almost every single year with the highest attendance rate for the festival! This is also the longest running mass choral festival in the nation.

In March, the high school choirs will gather with over a thousand other choir students to perform four songs.

This past week we are able to take eight students to the workshop to meet our festival conductor, Dr. Eph Ehly, take notes to the rest of our choir students, and prepare for the Honors Choir auditions.





Exciting Changes In Art!



Some exciting new changes are being painted across this school year's canvas! The art world has a new art teacher taking the reins. Mrs. Ferguson, or Mrs. Fergie as we like to call her, has taken over as the Junior High and High School Art Teacher. Mrs. Ferguson is a first time mom of a 18-month old boy, Cayden, enjoys the outdoors and all its activities, is an avid video gamer, talented artist, and knows nothing about sports! She graduated from Southwestern Michigan College and Western Michigan University. She coached 4-H and equestrians for four years, taking home many championship ribbons. Her past students participated in Scholastic and won silver, gold, and American' Visionary awards. Drop by the art room and say "Hi!" or be sure to take a art class and meet her. She's quirky, weird, and talented. She will challenge you with new projects that change every year.

Art!



Precious Cornelius, 12th Grade, brings Bob Marley back with a hugh bang in this col-laged art work!



Angelina Reyna, 12th Grade, starts her senior year off strong with this repurposed art.



EnglishZone

COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT READING PHILOSOPHY

Reading is a language process which from the earliest stages involves reader interaction with the ideas of the author. Combining personal knowledge of language and the world, the reader uses information from three cueing systems: semantic, syntactic, and graphophonic, to make sense of print. Thus reading goes beyond simple decoding to become a search for patterns in meaning, problem-solving, judgment, evaluation and synthesis. An integrated approach to language programming which provides the reader with extensive oral language and practical experience with the subject area seems the most appropriate vehicle for reading instruction. In this approach reading skills are taught when the need is apparent.

There are, however, certain elements of the reading process which should receive emphasis if students are to become high-progress learners. These elements are not specifically isolated skills but rather are certain reader behaviors which emerge at various stages of development when appropriate learning conditions are provided. Underlying all reading instruction and provision of appropriate learning conditions must be a concern for the affective development of the child. A child's attitude toward reading is of such importance that more often than not it determines his/her scholastic fate. Therefore, the aim of the reading instruction must go beyond the achievement of simple competency, to the development of readers who come to the activity willingly with the feeling that "I can read because I am a reader".

The works selected at Coloma High School represent a broad spectrum of literature. We are committed to reflecting our dedication to racial and gender equity in the works of literature in the classroom. We will do everything that we can do to reflect the values of the community in our choices. We respect the rights of each person to learn in a comfortable environment. If a student finds any book unacceptable, an alternate work will be provided without any negative inference of any kind. We welcome parental involvement in selecting or suggesting suitable books for study.



SCIENCE ROCKS!

Glass Bending in Chemistry

By Brande VanNiel

Laboratory experiments, particular in chemistry, periodically require equipment that is not readily available. The ability to cut, fire polish and bend glass tubing allows an experimenter to design pieces of equipment specific to a particular experiment he or she is conducting. Chemistry students in Ms. Van Niel's classes spent time in class learning the techniques associated with glass bending and then putting those techniques into practice.

To begin the procedure, students put on safety goggles. Using a triangular metal file, they carefully scored a length of 6mm borosilicate glass tubing. They then placed their thumbs on either side of the score mark and pushed out with their thumbs, snapping the tubing in two pieces. If scored properly, the break was clean. The students then started the bunsen burners, adjusting it to get the appropriate flame. Because the ends are extremely sharp after cutting the tubing, students used the flame of the bunsen burner to polish both ends. Once the ends were polished and cooled, students took turns bending their own piece of tubing into a shape of their choosing. They accomplished this by placing the area of the tubing they want to bend over the hottest part of the flame and then using gravity to cause it to bend. The students not only learned a new skill but had a fun time doing it.





COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH !!

Congratulations to:
(l-r) Matthew Davis—Senior, Lindsey Robinson—
Junior, Cole Alsup—
Sophomore, Drew Goodline— Freshman

