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Coloma High School Newsletter

Principal, Mr. David Ehlers

January 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 DAVID A. EHLERS



We have reached the halfway point of the school year! The second semester is always busier than the first as we look to finish the school-year strong while preparing for the 2017-18 school-year.

This week, Mrs. Megyese will talk to the returning students about scheduling for next year. Unlike previous years, students will have to log into the system (instructions will be handed out during meetings) and make their requests independently. Since all students have a Chromebook, this is easy to accomplish and can be done at home as well as when students have free time at school. More information will be provided during class meetings in the next two weeks.

Please encourage your student to reflect on the first semester and to refocus his or her efforts to finish the year strong! There is still a lot to do this year and a lot of material to cover with our students and we do not want to see anyone fall behind so focus is key!

GO COMETS!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By: Mrs. Megyese

Senior Parents: Remember to check on your students TIP status by calling the Dept of Treasury at 1-888-447-2687 and also complete your financial aid form at FAFSA.gov

All "local" scholarships are now available. Seniors received a copy of the new January CB (College Bulletin) in their senior English classes covering all local scholarships. This CB is also posted on the high school web site under Counselor Corner. Be sure to watch the deadline dates.

Underclassmen Scheduling: The online scheduling process will begin the month of February. Your student will attend a class meeting where students will be given a listing of all the courses that are available for them to schedule for their next school year. They will also receive an online grade level instruction sheet walking them through the online scheduling process. A grade level information form dealing with classes, college, financial aid, NCAA and early college information will also be received during this meeting. As a parent you can go to the Coloma High School web-site, click on Counselor Corner and you will see everything your students has been given.

Students have until the end of February to complete their online scheduling for the 2017-18 school year.

UPCOMING DATES

**February 8th—
Late Start and
Count Day!**

**February 17th—
Winterfest**

**February 21st—HS
Band Concert**

**February 22nd—
Late Start**

**February 23rd—HS
Choir Concert**

**March 2nd—Progress
Reports**



World History Survives the Bubonic Plague

by Mr. Paul Marfia

Students in World History took part in a simulation of 14th century Europe during the time of the “Black Death.” Each student was assigned a role of Merchant or Pilgrim. Each desk was a European city and the traveler would roll the dice to see how many nights they would stay in the town. For every night in the town they would pull a bean out of the bag with the town’s name on it. If they pulled out a colored bean, they were infected. Their trip took them around the classroom and usually had 10-15 stops. The longer they stayed in their town the greater their chances of getting sick. Generally, 20-40% would not make it. It was a great way to bring history alive and get the students up and moving around. Many of the students would be nervous when they rolled the dice and become worried when they came to a town that was infected, very similar to the real life experience. Each student then would write a reflective essay about their experience in the form of a post card entry back home.



2017 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Find it on the HS webpage....

Senior Pictures due before

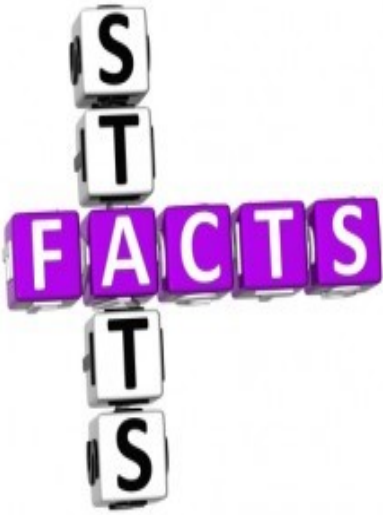
February 14th!





Math Department Minute

by Mr. Joe Stephens



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 companies do use various forms of bias to manipulate data to make it say what they want it to.



Winner!: Jamie Dawson!

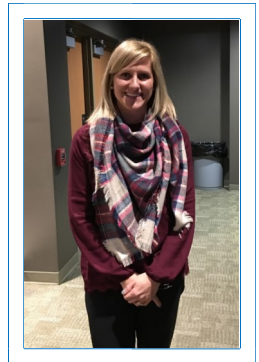
Coloma High School First Annual Chili Cook Off





Northwood University Presentation by Cathy Haley

On December 19th the CTE students were able to see a presentation by Kelly Meerman, who represents Northwood University. Kelly presented a Professional Communication Workshop, which covers resume and cover letter writing, interview question role play, and the all-important thank you note. Geared for upperclassmen, this presentation reinforces the critical thinking, as well as the written and verbal communication skills that you teach in the classroom that are needed for careers in the workplace. Ms. Meerman was informative as well as very entertaining, everyone interacted with her presentation and hopefully learned a great deal.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

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

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| <u>April 11</u> | <u>NO SCHOOL for 12th grade</u>
11th grade SAT Testing — 10th grade PSAT Testing --
9th grade PSAT Testing |
| <u>April 12</u> | 11th grade — ACT Work keys — Report to HS cafeteria
at 7:45 am — Must provide own transportation to school
2 hour late start for 9th, 10th and 12th grades |
| <u>April 13</u> | 11th grade M-STEP Social Studies and Science —Normal
day for 9th, 10th and 12th grades — School starts at 8:00 am |



COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH !!

Congratulations to:
(l-r) Dylan LeClear, Senior: Jamane Smith, Junior:
Kacey Snyder, Sophomore: Tyler Streu, 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.



A *Little Caesars* FUNDRAISER will take place Jan 23, 2017 – Feb 3, 2017 (order forms will come home with students). The proceeds will help fund the AFTER PROM EVENT. Please support this event – it will help provide a fun evening for our students, in a drug-free, alcohol free, safe environment for anyone who attends. The event is FREE for any Junior and Senior - please purchase your *Little Caesars* pizza items and help us make this an event to remember! Money and order forms are due to the High School office by Feb. 3 2017. Orders will be delivered for pick-up on Feb. 14, 2017. Thank you in advance for your support!



Even Princesses weld! Harleigh Unger, who is 2nd runner up for Miss Coloma is a student in Mr. Luchies Welding class.

PUPIL COUNT

DAY

IS FEBRUARY 8

PLEASE MAKE SURE
YOUR CHILD IS IN
ATTENDANCE ALL
DAY ON THAT DAY



Coloma High School After Prom Event 2017

It's that time again! The Coloma After-Prom Party Committee has committed to hosting an After-Prom Party for all of Coloma High School's Junior and Senior students. Our event last year hosted an all-time record of 198 students having fun in a drug-free, alcohol-free, safe environment! Over 75% of the invited students attend, so you can see what a well-attended and important event this is for our students.

Through last year's generous donations we were able to provide a hypnotist show, inflatables, food, movies, specialty coffee cart, photo booth, tennis, swimming, volleyball, hip-hop classes, and many other activities, as well as a terrific prize for each of our Coloma Junior and Senior students, and their guests absolutely FREE. Once again we are asking for community help. For many of our seniors, this will be one of their last opportunities to safely make those wonderful high school memories with their friends before going off to the military, college, or other future endeavors

We are already well into the planning process for this year, consulting with our junior and senior students as well as parents and committee members. The event will be hosted at our local high school and will include a wide variety of activities – something for everyone! We are hoping to provide a “Larger than life” experience for our students this year. The fun, food and memories start Saturday, April 29 at 12:00 midnight and runs through Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 5:00 a.m.

We are asking for the support of businesses and community members to make this event possible. We would gratefully accept cash donations, gift cards and/or volunteer assistance. Please contact Heidi Starnes (ghcstarnes@sbcglobal.net) for further information.