

Comet Comments—



Coloma High School Newsletter

Principal, Mr. David A. Ehlers

October 2016

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 has gone fast and a lot has happened!

We have implemented our Response to Intervention/Enrichment period to assist students in need of assistance and to provide enrichment opportunities for those who want to be challenged. Overall, it has went well early and we hope to see results as grades rise for our students as a result of the extra help from teachers. Our students and staff have done a great job making this an early success through their commitment and follow through!!!

Homecoming 2016 is also in the books and with it many new traditions designed to promote school and community pride. A week filled with dress up days concluded with a class being awarded the new Spirit Cup which is presented to the class that shows the most school spirit and the high school hosting a district wide, K-12 assembly in the high school gym. It was great to see students of all ages dressed in green and gold showing their Comet Pride!!!

As we are almost halfway through our first marking period, we ask that you keep an eye on your student's grades and communicate with his/her teachers if you see any problems or have any questions!

GO COMETS!!!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Mrs. Fran Megyese

PSAT TESTING:

Juniors can take the **PSAT/NMSQT** test Wednesday October 19th 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: \$18.00

PLACE: COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL

DATE: Wednesday, October 19th

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

YOU MUST SIGN UP IN THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE OCTOBER 18TH.

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

All of the College bulletins (C.B.'s) that are given to seniors and Juniors in their RTI/English classes throughout the year, are also published on-line at the Coloma High School website. This year we will also be sending them to your email address through School Messenger.

HS TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS: All seniors should have registered for a "Parchment" account by October 15th. If a senior wants to have their transcript sent to a college, scholarship program, employer, etc. they need to make their request through their Parchment account. By partnering with Parchment we are making it easier for a student to request a transcript 24/7 online from a secure site.



UPCOMING DATES

Oct 5 -
Count Day and
Jostens taking ring
orders during both
lunches.

Oct 12 & 26 -
Late start, classes
start at 10:00am

Oct 27—JH/HS Fall
Choir Concert at 7
pm HS Auditorium

**Oct 30—
Happy Halloween**



MORE ON ATTENDANCE POLICY

from Mr. David Ehlers, Principal

Serious Injury or Long-term Absence Defined

In order for an absence to be considered a “*serious injury or long-term illness*” and be exempt from the eight (8) absences each student is allowed to accumulate during a semester, they would have to miss at least three (3) consecutive days of school and provide a doctor’s note upon their return stipulating that they were to be at home or in a physician’s care for the duration of the injury/illness.

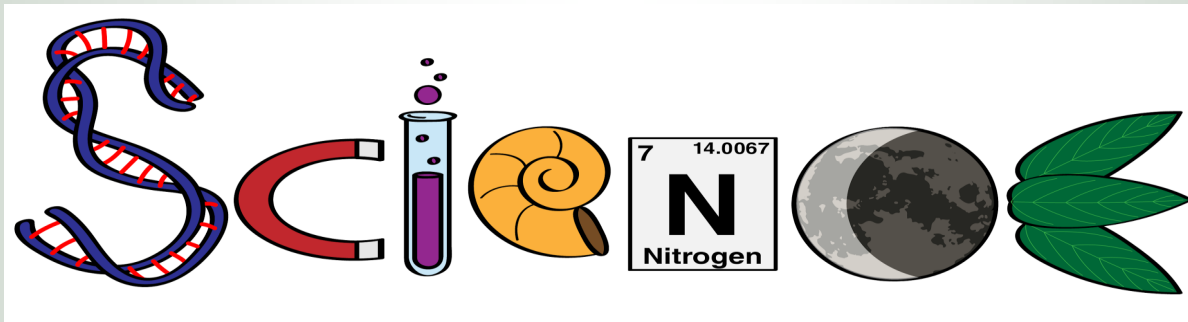
College Visits and Attendance Exemption

Juniors and Seniors are eligible two college visits per year that do not count toward the 8 day absence total (*no more than 2 days of missed school*). College visits must be pre-arranged with the High school office and a verification form must be obtained from the office prior to the college visit to receive the exemption. The student must provide the high school office upon return a copy of the official visit documentation that is provided by the college’s registrar office during the visit.



RETAKE PICTURE DAY
NOVEMBER 2ND

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR PICTURE TAKEN
FOR STUDENT I.D.



What's New in the Science Department?

By Sara Glisson

We're off to an "explosive" start in the Science Department at CHS! Half the freshmen are currently enrolled in **Physical Science**, with Mrs. Vroon, where they are exploring forces and motion. The other half of the Freshmen class is taking **Earth Science**, with Ms. Kimmerly, and right now they are investigating the four systems of the Earth. Sophomores are all blooming in the world of **Biology**, with Mrs. Vroon and myself, where they will soon begin an outdoor ecosystem project to enhance their unit of study in ecology. Our Juniors are captivated by **Chemistry**, with Ms. VanNiel, where they have already bent glass tubing in a lab with Bunsen burners!

This year we are pleased to be offering two science electives: Advanced Biology and Physics. **Physics** makes a return to CHS after several years of not being offered in the classroom (only online). Ms. VanNiel is teaching the Physics course and has many hand-on building projects and practical lab investigations in store for her juniors and seniors. Every other year **Advanced Biology** comes around every other year as an elective, alternating with **Anatomy**, and I have a small but mighty group of juniors and seniors collecting insects and learning about the local flora and fauna of south-west Michigan.

All of us science teachers here at CHS want to congratulate this year's seniors for performing so well on last year's Science M-STEP! The results are in, and our students collectively scored at the state and above county averages for this standardized test and it is truly something to be celebrated! We look forward to continued success as we work this year towards transitioning to the New Generation Science Standards that emphasize a blend of science, technology, engineering and math practices.



VISION STATEMENT

Coloma Community Schools is committed to providing a distinctive, contemporary education within a compassionate, structured environment which draws on our unique heritage. We are determine to cooperate with families to produce independent, responsible, and confident citizens.



COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH !!

(l-r) Grant Kroschel-Senior, Daisy Cerro-Junior, Zack Lake-Sophomore, Vanessa Crisenberry- Freshman



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**COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL
HOMECOMING
2016**



**KING ALLEN YVINSKAS
AND
QUEEN NATHENE WENDZEL**





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