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Coloma High School Newsletter

September 2014

Principal, Mr. David Ehlers

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are dedicated to fostering pride in the school, the community and nourishing a positive self-image for every student. Our belief is that all students can and will learn best when excellence is expected; educational achievement will be obtained only when students are encouraged and challenged to attain this excellence.

VISION:

TOGETHER…..

STRIVING AND WORKING FOR

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

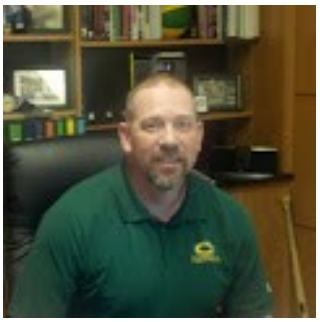
COUNSELOR'S CORNER

PSAT TESTING--Juniors can take the PSAT/ MNSQT Test in October of their junior year. 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: $22.00. Place: Coloma High School. Date: Saturday, October 18. Time: 7:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. YOU MUST SIGN UP IN THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE OCTOBER 15.

SOPHOMORES—You can take this PSAT/ NMSQT Test at the same time as the juniors on Saturday, October 18 for practice. Cost is also $22.00 and you must sign up in the high school office.

REMINDER TO PARENTS--Reminder to parents: All of the College Bulletins (C.B.'S) that are given to seniors and juniors in their English classes throughout the year are also published online at Coloma High School's website. Also listed are free college and private scholarship search sites.

SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS—If you have to pay any type of fee, if they offer a money back guarantee, ask for credit card number, bank account number, social security number or that their scholarship is exclusive…..These are all warning signs of a scam. Please check with me if you have any questions regarding this matter.



FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL, DAVID A. EHLERS

The first month of school is behind us and I think you can see from this newsletter, it has been quite busy in the classrooms of CHS. Since my staff has that covered for you, I would like to turn you attention to the OK2SAY student safety initiative. It is a statewide new anonymous hotline students can use to report potential harm or criminal activities in schools. According to Attorney General Bill Schuette, "OK2SAY will create an early warning system in our schools and communities to stop tragedies before they start." Students can report by calling 8-555-OK2SAY, by texting 652729, by email at ok2say@mi.gov or via the web at www.mi.gov/ok2say.

UPCOMING DATES

October 30——End of 1st marking period

October 31——1/2 day for students

November 4——High school evening conferences 4 -7 p.m.

21st Century Science Labs

by Sara Glisson

Since 1964 the science rooms at Coloma High School remained relatively unchanged. After fifty years of wear and tear, our administration identified this as priority area considering that the fixtures, plumbing, and electrical capabilities were less than optimal for our students. Thanks to the passing of our recent bond initiative, these classrooms were fully renovated this summer from the ceiling tiles to the floor tiles and everything in between! Not only are they equipped with appropriate and safe utilities, the rooms are aesthetically pleasing and offer flexibility with seating and lab work.

Mrs. VanNiel, Mrs. Kimmerly, Mrs. Collins and I invite parents, alumni, and community members to stop in and see for themselves the transformations that have taken place in the science department. It is truly a point of pride for those of us that work and study within the walls of CHS! Our heartfelt thanks go out to the taxpayers of Coloma for funding this renovation and to the district leaders who had the vision and commitment to bring our science labs into the 21st century.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Ms. Kristen Maniscalco

The Advanced Art students at Coloma High School are currently working on entries for the 2nd annual Glad Peach Festival art contest. The Art Department is working closely with Martin Quigley and other Committee members to broaden the connection to our community, which is the aim of the festival and also our school system. One to two designs are chosen to be the "face of the festival." Last year two artworks were chosen. Hannah Eastburn's (2014) design was printed on banners and ribbons, and Allison Woodard's (Junior) drawing was printed on last year's t-shirts. Students are very excited to have the opportunity to link their artwork to something tangible, like this contest. Linking classroom projects to real-world opportunities are important for students. It gives them a peak into the world of design and how to work with clients. We hope that this continues annually and becomes part of the art curriculum at the high school level.

Great Job EMIT Department!

On Sunday, September 28th, the Globe with Eagle statue was officially dedicated to the Veterans of Foreign wars by the City of Coloma. The statue was created by the Engineering, Manufacturing Industrial Technology (EMIT) Department and gifted to the City of Coloma by the EMIT students who created the statue.

Posters, Power points, and Cereal Boxes Oh My!

DON'T FORGET!!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SUNDAY

If you have noticed a buzz of excitement around room 105, it is because it is project time. Coloma's World History and Geography class has just completed Unit 1 and each student has the opportunity to enjoy some in depth research on a topic of their choice that was a part of world history before 500 CE. Some students did an amazing job. The topics ranged from Phoenician Flakes, Roman Life in Britannia, to the spread of Buddhism in Southeast Asia. Each student researched additional facts outside the book, explained why it was historic, and did a comparison to another topic of the time period. They will be on display in Room 105, feel free to stop in and check them out.

CHOIR CONCERT

October 23 7 pm

Grades 6—12

High School Auditorium

COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH !!

Congratulations to: (l-r) Senior—Antonio Tavolacci, Junior—Kaitlyn Moxley, Sophomore—Rayshun White, Freshman—Elisa Sypian

¡SALUDOS DE LA CLASE DE ESPAÑOL!

In Mr. Ford's Spanish 2 and 3 classes, we have gotten off to a fantastic start. Not only are we in the process of reviewing concepts and skills learned last year, but we have also begun a new and more challenging course of action.

First, Spanish 2 will be beginning a new chapter covering foods and restaurant etiquette. We will be sampling new and uncommon foods in class. Have you ever tried tamarind? Additionally, I plan to invite all Spanish 2 students and their families to a Friday night meal at El Rodeo. What a great way to use what they've learned in real life!

Spanish 3 has been working on using much less English in class. As can be expected, things started off slowly, but through effort, repetition, and perseverance, these young adults are showing great progress! As the year continues, these students will learn new and more challenging concepts while reading books like Cartas a Susana, Una Mano en la Arena, and possibly even Don Quixote.

I look forward to teaching these students every day and I'm thankful to spread my love of the Spanish language and culture to your children. It's a great day to be a Comet!

-Sr. Ford