

Comet Comments—



Coloma High School Newsletter

MAY 2015

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.



FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL, DAVID A. EHLERS

This year was a great year for the students and staff of Coloma High School. The highlight of the year has been the integration of the freshman class into the high school culture after years of being housed as part of the junior high. We learned a lot from our freshmen and are already making plans to help transition the next freshman class while making improvements based on what we learned.

As soon as grades are posted, we will begin making contact with those students and parents in need of summer school to get back on track to graduate with their respective class. Seats will be limited and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. If you have questions, please contact the high school office. If your student is in need of summer school, you should receive notice in the mail by June 18th.

Finally, I would like you to know that CHS is losing two outstanding teachers to retirement this year. Mrs. Julia Collins (Science) and Mr. Mark Morris (Social Studies) will end their teacher career after many years of being a Comet! Know that they worked very hard and were committed to the best in education for your student! They will be missed!

Enjoy your summer!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Mrs. Frances Megyese

BEST WISHES AND GOOD LUCK TO
OUR GRADUATING SENIORS !!!

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

To all underclassmen—Registration will begin on June 12th. It is on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$50.00 for a ½ credit. Summer School will be held July 1st-31st, Monday through Friday except for the July 3rd due to the holiday. The morning session is from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and if enough students sign up, an afternoon session will be implemented from noon – 3:00 p.m. Please contact the high school office if you have any questions. High School office summer hours are from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. – noon on Friday all summer except for July 3.

If your student would like to make a schedule change for the 2015-16 school year, make sure this is taken care of before the end of June.

Incoming seniors, try to visit the college or colleges of your choice during the summer. Check with them to make sure you are taking the necessary academic courses during your senior year.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND SEE
YOU IN THE FALL!

—Mrs. Megyese

VISION:

TOGETHER.....

**STRIVING AND
WORKING FOR**

EXCELLENCE IN

EDUCATION



REPORT CARDS

**June 12—
Report cards will be
e-mailed or mailed
to parents**



SCIENCE RULES

by Mrs. Sara Glisson

It's hard to fathom that the 2014-2015 school year is behind us! The science department at CHS underwent dramatic changes this year with the classroom renovations, addition of a new course (Earth Science), and welcoming two new teachers to our staff (Mrs. VanNiel and Mrs. Kimmerly). Along with these changes, there were some definite highlights worth mentioning.

Our junior class students scored collectively higher on their science ACT test than in any other subject, and we eagerly await their MSTEP scores! Four seniors were recognized at the Senior Awards Banquet for high honors in science: Billy Coleman, Chris Trammell, Jason Walter, and Devon Watkins. And finally, this May biology students released 125 hand-raised salmon smolts into the Paw Paw River as part of the Salmon in the Classroom conservation initiative. This event drew television coverage and our students loved seeing themselves on the nightly news!

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs. Collins as she pursues retirement plans this June. For the last seven years, she has taught everything in our department from: human anatomy, zoology, biology, and chemistry. Students will remember her firm grasp of science content, her love of learning, high level of organization, industrious work ethic, and quick wit. We will miss her dearly and wish Mrs. Collins a fun and adventurous "next chapter!"



**ENGLISH ACCOLADES FOR THE
GRADUATES OF 2015**
by Mr. Brett Walsworth



As has been done for many years, Coloma high School honored a large number of deserving seniors at Senior Awards Night last May. I am always amazed at the number and variety of scholarships and other honors received by members of the graduating class, and this year was no exception. I also love to watch a sudden transformation occur before my eyes. A large portion of the students that I have seen wearing jeans and t-shirts and sitting in small school desks every day suddenly are transformed before my eyes, now looking the part of the burgeoning professionals that they are in the process of becoming.

Since I have taught most of the graduating class, I find it especially meaningful to help honor those who have truly excelled in the subject of English. I think that this award denotes not only an academic ability in the subject-area but also displays a dedication to consistent, hard work throughout high school. In order to achieve this award, students were required to carry a minimum “B” average for eight consecutive semesters. With all the transitions between the beginning of freshman year and the final months of senior year, this award has required a high level of commitment to attain. The recipients for the Class of 2015 are as follows: Theresa Anderson, Tony Anglin-Green, Laura Bailey, Jason Clark, Madison Cullitan, Jenna Faultersack, Rayona Hart-Wilson, Caleb Hester, Katrina McNew, Brandon Moore, John Muenger, Brandon Peek, Kaitlin Purcell, Quincy Querfurth, Vaughan Radde, Auston Rushing, Esmeralda Santos, Tyler Sawyer, Brittany Schroeder, Kayla Sink, Clayton Stakley, Payton Terry, Jason Walter, Devon Watkins, Macy Welche, Devin Williams, Jacklyn Zvonar. Congratulations graduates!



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May 14, 2015

Dear Coloma Athletic Parents,

We have been informed by Lakeland Health they will no longer offer mass sport physicals at local schools, offices, or in their walk-in clinics. Therefore, students will be required to obtain an annual wellness exam with their primary care providers.

We, at Coloma Community Schools, encourage you to call your primary care provider to set up an appointment for your child's annual wellness exam. Annual wellness exams are 100% covered by most insurance plans, but parents should double-check to confirm coverage.

For students that do not have a primary care provider, parents may call (269) 463-3600 to schedule an appointment for their child at one of the tri-city medical clinics, or visit www.lakelandhealth.org/physicians to search a complete list of providers. For the convenience of local families, Stagg Medical Center in Hartford offers evening appointments until 6:00pm on Mondays, and Coloma Medical Center has 5:00pm appointments four days a week. Lakeland Health accepts almost all insurances, including Medicaid (with the exception of Molina and Priority Health).

Please have your child stop in the athletic office, high school office, or junior high office to obtain a physical form that must be completed by your doctor in order for your child to try out and/or compete in a sport at Coloma Community Schools for 2015/16 school year.

We are deeply sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we understand that Lakeland Health is simply looking out for the health and safety of our children.

Sincerely,

Wendy Goodline
Coloma High School
Athletic Director



WOLVERINE CONFERENCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD



Congratulations to Ben Olsen and Jacklyn Zvonar! They are this year's winners of the Wolverine Conference Scholar-Athlete Award.

In order to be nominated for this award a student must be a senior enrolled in a Wolverine Conference School, earned two varsity letters (one of which is during his/her senior year), and have at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average. The winners are chosen by the sum score of their GPA and ACT/SAT test results with a maximum of 29 winners in the entire Wolverine Conference. Winning this award is quite an honor!

Ben is the son of Pete and Deb Olsen. Ben's sports during his high school years were track and cross country. Jacklyn is the daughter of Frank and Sue Zvonar. Jacklyn's sports during her high school years were basketball and softball. Both students are National Honor Society members.



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**COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL
MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH !!**

Congratulations to:

**(l-r) Freshman— Kayla Yore, Sophomore— Lucy Schobel,
Junior— Anthony Adkins, Senior— Laura Bailey**



**SENIOR PICTURE OPPORTUNITY
for 2015-16 Seniors!!**

Lifetouch School Portraits will be at Coloma High School on June 18 and 19 to take senior pictures for the Class of 2015-16. The sitting fee is \$20. Call them at (616) 878-7101 or (877) 878-7109 for more information.



*JACKLYN
ZVONAR*

2015 GREEN AND GOLD
WINNER!!



Jacklyn Zvonar is the recipient of the Green and Gold Award. Principal David A. Ehlers made the announcement at the Commencement Exercises Friday evening.

The award was established in 1931 and has become a traditional symbol of outstanding school citizenship, leadership and accomplishment through the entire three years of their high school life. The principal stated that requirements of the award indicate that the student possesses those intangible qualities of personality, which makes them an outstanding school citizen.

Selection of the Green and Gold recipient is made by the high school faculty prior to commencement and is kept secret until graduation afternoon. School people note that those who merit the award are influential in the promotion of high school standards both in scholarship and in extracurricular phases of school life.

Jacklyn is the daughter of Frank and Sue Zvonar. Jacklyn's extra-curricular activities include: basketball, softball, band (drum major), Student Council, National Honor Society, yearbook, dance, Orientation Team, and Comets for a Cause. Jacklyn is also 1st Runner-up to Miss Coloma 2015. Jacklyn plans on attending Ferris State University.

School officials note that choosing of the Green and Gold recipient is a difficult task each year because of the many fine young people who graduate. Its ideals remain in the same for which the award was established many years ago. One hundred and two previous recipients have made numerous fine contributions to their life endeavors, school people note.



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Class of 2015 Top 10



Front row l-r:

Esmeralda Santos
Macy Welche
Jacklyn Zvonar
Melina Wilcox
Kayla Sink

Back row l-r:

Devon Watkins
Jaden Wurn
Jason Walter
Vaughan Radde
Lane Alsup

2015 SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

L-R:

Dominique LeClear, President
Macy Welche, Vice President
Adeline Grootendorst, Secretary
Lane Alsup - Male Rep
Jacklyn Zvonar, Treasurer
Rayona Hart-Wilson, Co-Female Rep
Jenna Faultersack, Co-Female Rep





*Congratulations
Class of 2015 !!!*



**HAVE A
WONDERFUL
SUMMER!**

