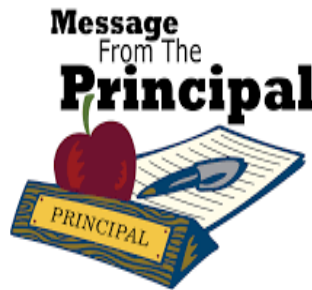


COLOMA COMMENTS

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We now look forward to the few weeks we have left in the 2024-2025 school year. It does not matter if your child is a freshman or a senior, the Spring always leads to wanting to get outside and maybe let a priority or two slide. When a Senior experiences it, we call it "Senioritis". We don't have a fancy name for when a freshman goes through it, but they still have the same symptoms. This is the time that students need to refocus. Their academic and athletic goals are in reach. We are in the last leg of a great school year. We all need to help our students finish. If a student does not complete a course of study to receive credit, we will be contacting parents through letters to make sure that students are able to enroll in summer school classes. There will be a deadline that students will have to enroll by at the end of the school year.

Comet Families,

Congratulations! You and your child have successfully completed the standardized testing season at Coloma High School. We at the high school want to thank you for making sure your child was not only at school but prepared for the three days of testing. This is no one's favorite time of the school year, but one that is necessary. Your child can expect the results from SAT, PSAT, MSTEP, or ACT WorkKeys in six to eight weeks. Freshmen and Sophomores have one more district assessment to complete, the NWEA, on May 6th and 8th. Freshmen and Sophomores will take a reading and math assessment. This will be the third time that freshmen and sophomores will take the NWEA. We will be able to complete each assessment and will be able to chart your child's growth throughout the school year.

I am looking forward to being able to watch our students celebrate their achievements for this school year. Whether it be underclassmen being recognized for their accomplishments by receiving academic letters and certificates from different departments or our Seniors walking across the stage to obtain their diplomas, this time of year is one to be proud and to celebrate your child's performance. Parents, you should also take a bow for your part of the many accomplishments your child has achieved this school year. All of those rides over the years, the late night homework sessions, the snacks, and the hugs have all made contributions to your child's success.

Even though our Seniors graduate on May 23, 2025, this does not symbolize the end of the journey. Our Seniors will continue to need your counsel and support. Graduation is a time for all of us to pause and tell our graduates, "Well done."



When and how do I get my (PSAT 9, PSAT 10, SAT, and/or ACT WorkKeys) scores?

- **PSAT 9; PSAT 10; or SAT** scores will begin to roll out on **May 15th** and can be obtained here: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>
- **ACT WorkKeys** scores will begin to roll out sometime in **August or September** and can be obtained here: <https://my.act.org/account/signin?location=https://my.act.org>

When registering, please use your personal email NOT your school email.

MATH DEPARTMENT

Math Department News: Fun with Probability

by Mr. Brian Klee

Students in Precalculus have had fun collecting data to better understand concepts of permutations, combinations and distributions in finding probabilities. To better understand each concept, students competed in a round robin rock-paper-scissors tournament and a paper basketball shooting competition.



Brooklyn Burge shoots the winning shot in the 6th hour paper basketball shooting competition.



Bristol Stewart's scissors is beaten by Mason Yerington's rock to decide the 3rd hour Rock, Paper, Scissors Championship.



Lylah Hyska's rock wins against Aubrey Stevens' scissors to claim the 6th hour Rock, Paper, Scissors Championship.

The round robin rock-paper-scissors tournaments illustrated the difference between permutations in which order matters and combinations in which order doesn't matter.

An example of a permutation would be listing every person's individual schedule:

Bristol vs Mason	Mason vs Bristol	Lylah vs Aubrey	Aubrey vs Lylah
Bristol vs Lylah	Mason vs Aubrey	Lylah vs Bristol	Aubrey vs Mason
Bristol vs Aubrey	Mason vs Lylah	Lylah vs Mason	Aubrey vs Bristol

Permutations list every possible match-up in every possible order of contestants making it look as if 12 games would be required to play the round robin tournament.

Meanwhile an example of a combination would be listing every round of games:

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Aubrey vs Lylah	Aubrey vs Mason	Aubrey vs Bristol
Bristol vs Mason	Bristol vs Lylah	Lylah vs Mason

Combinations list each match-up only once showing that only 6 games would be required to play the round robin tournament because the order the contestants are listed doesn't actually matter.

Special Education

On April 23, the Special Education Department attended a private training with Berrien RESA. We are thrilled to bring you resources, and stories that celebrate the achievements and progress of our special education community. Our commitment is to foster an inclusive and supportive environment that empowers every student to reach their full potential.

Student Spotlight

Celebrating Success: Linda Lara

Linda, a sophomore at Coloma High has made remarkable strides in her studies this year. Her dedication and hard work earned third place on her mini gallery project at the Roti Roti Student Exhibit show. Linda's positive attitude and creativity inspire her peers and highlight the incredible potential within our diverse student body. Congratulations, Linda!

Resources for Parents and Educators



MRS Student Career Services

..... Two Levels of Support

First Level: Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)	Second Level: Individualized Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
MRS coordinates with students to <i>explore</i> careers by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Offering services to explore employment and training opportunitiesProviding supports to students beginning at age 14 and through graduation	MRS coordinates with students to <i>plan</i> for careers by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Offering services to eligible students on preparing to enter the workforce, exploring career options, and transitioning into employmentProviding supports to students before graduation, anyone enrolled in 18-26 transition programming, or anyone after graduation
What are the Services? <p>Pre-ETS helps students explore career paths after high school through services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Job ExplorationWork ExperiencesTraining & College ExplorationWork-Readiness TrainingSelf-Advocacy Training	What are the Services? <p>May include any of the five pre-ETS, plus additional services as needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supports and services leading to postsecondary, job training or apprenticeshipConnecting with the Michigan Career & Technical InstituteFinding and keeping a job

Students who can be referred:

Students ages 14-26 with IEPs, 504 plans or other medical/mental health documentation can request Pre-ETS or VR services at any time.

Schools and local VR agencies work together to provide services.

Talk to your high school teacher, another school staff member, or reach out to MRS directly using the contact information below.

MRS PROMOTING ABILITIES
Michigan Rehabilitation Services

517-241-5324
LEO-MRS-CustomerAssistance@michigan.gov
www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/mrs/

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

MRS-PUB-365 Rev. 4/24

Closing Thoughts

Thank you for being a part of our thriving community. Together, we are making strides toward a more inclusive and supportive educational environment. Stay tuned for more updates and stories in our next newsletter. If you have any suggestions or topics you'd like us to cover, please feel free to reach out.

CTE

On Feb 27 PHCA and CNA students had the opportunity to talk with Ashley Nichols and Zack Heeringa, medical students from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. After completing medical school, Ashley and Zack will have the title of DO, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. From there they must complete a Residency program, which is 3-7 years depending on the specialty. They both plan on being general surgeons.

CIVICS Department

Tax Season Studies

Economics has been very busy over the past few weeks, learning about taxes, where they go, and how to file them. Each class was given different examples of fictional people who needed to file their taxes. Then, each student filled out a 1040EZ form as if they were filing taxes for each of these fictional characters, eventually moving on to file taxes for celebrities like LeBron James, Leonardo DiCaprio, and others. It was a practical and fun way to teach the students a valuable skill that will hopefully be of great use in the future.



May 7: Delayed Start

May 23: Graduation 6:00 pm

May 26: No School

Kudos On a Job Well Done!



Freshman
Caelyn Cole



Mrs. Van Niel

Sophomore
Chris Gessy-Mead



Junior
Tatum Arend

Senior
Matt Martel



Senior Class

Dates to Remember

May 7: Senior awards night

May 15 and 16: Senior Exams

May 19: All fines and are due and must be paid to walk at graduation ceremony.

May 23: Graduation Ceremony @ 6:00 pm

TOP 10 STUDENTS for the CLASS of 2025



From the Left: Gavin Morlock, Mikenzie Hosbein, Tucker Arend, Kennedy Wheeler, Callen Hickman, Brandy Starling, and Cole Hartman. Not pictured: Fatima Avelino Reza, Eddy Granados, and Silvina Lopez