



Conner Creek Academy East

District Newsletter

March 2018



From the desk of Mr. Meredith, Superintendent

If the old adage that “March comes in like a lion goes out like a lamb” holds true then we should be in for some very nice weather in the near future. This certainly has been one of the coldest winters we have had in a while and the reason I can tell is all of the potholes. With the change in seasons comes new and exciting events at CCAE and MC, so be sure you are checking book bags for notes home or going on our website to see what is happening. At MC we have just finished a very successful boys and girls basketball season as well as wrestling and are now moving into track. Boys basketball will be wrapping up at CCAE pretty soon and track will be starting there as well.

On a very serious subject I need your help. Since the tragic shooting in Florida this past February there has been a lot of discussion on school safety. A couple of weeks ago the mayor of Warren invited all of the schools in the city to a meeting with the police to see how we can better partner with each other. The legislature in Lansing and Washington are both working on various ideas on how to better protect our children while at school. The number one area I need your help in is talking with your children about not making any type of threats, either verbal, written, or on social media. As you have probably heard on the news almost every day some school is having to report a student to the police about this and the police are taking these threats very seriously. Let your children know that if they get frustrated about something that they need to go to an adult and tell them so that the issues can be resolved.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable spring break and Easter. Remember, when we come back from break it will be testing time again as well as the end of year push to finish up all of the curriculum. So in the words of Naveen Jain: “Stay focused on the mission.”



Karen Smith, Assistant Superintendent

This past winter really hit us hard with cold and snow. I am looking forward to spring's arrival. Spring is one of my favorite time of the year and I know it is one the students' look forward to. The weather is warming up and the days are longer. Everyone anticipates getting outdoors.

We have been celebrating March is Reading Month. Each class participated in special reading activities. Reading plays a vital role in your child's educational experience. Please make time to read for 10-15 minutes every day with your child. With the school and family working together we can help promote successful school experiences.

The Spring Assessment window opens up in April. This is the time where we will look at the academic growth your child has made from fall to spring. Be sure your child gets plenty of rest and is ready to put forth their best effort on these assessments. It is also important to encourage your child to stay focused and to make sure they are getting their homework in. We want them to finish the year strong and working to the best of their ability.



Karen I. Kliewer, Dean of Students

Dear Parents of CCAE Elementary:

Cyberbullying is a term we have been hearing a lot lately in the schools and in the news. It is where a young person harasses, threatens, embarrasses, or targets another person by means of technology. When an adult is involved it can have legal consequences which may result in jail time. Often it is then called cyber-harassment or cyber-stalking.

Signs of cyberbullying for parents to look for in their children according to *KidsHealth*, are as follows:

- Changes in behavior, disposition, appetite, or sleep
- Signs of emotional distress during or after using the Internet or cell phone
- Withdrawal from friends and activities
- Avoiding school or group get-togethers
- sliding grades and "acting out" in anger at home
- Being secretive of their digital life

Once you see these signs in your child, consider if these could be because of cyberbullying. You might start with talking to him/her about this form of bullying.

Many young people are hesitant to tell their parents or their teachers due to the social stigma or the fear of cell phone or computer privileges taken away. However, parents need to open up conversation with their child and ask for help when needed. In addition, share with your child your own personal experiences with bullying, making them feel that they are not alone with this problem. Also, let your child know that it is more about the bully and not the victim.

ERIC J. SMITH
MACOMB COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Dear Parents:

Few events hit home for students and families like a school shooting. When students learn of these events on television or on social media, it is natural for them to worry about their own school and their own safety. Unfortunately, some students see these tragedies as an opportunity to gain notoriety and make threats against their schools, teachers, and classmates.

Since the tragedy in Parkland, Florida, my office has received in excess of twenty reports from law enforcement agencies of students using social media to make threats against schools. Many of these threats turned out to be made by students who claim they were just joking or playing a prank. I want to be very clear: **these threats are no joke, and this behavior will not be tolerated.**

Over the past three weeks in Macomb County:

- 17 students have been charged;
- Each defendant has been charged with False Threat of Terrorism or Threat of Terrorism;
- Both of these charges are felonies that carry a sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

While the punishments dictated by the criminal justice system are stern, students may face additional consequences, including:

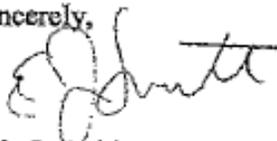
- Loss of scholarships and federal aid;
- Denied college admission;
- Being required to disclose pending cases or criminal convictions on job applications.

I urge you to talk to your children about the appropriate use of social media, and the lasting consequences of making threats against our schools. Please stress that there is nothing humorous about threatening to shoot up a school, and there is no such thing as a joke involving the threat of mass murder.

All threats will continue to be taken seriously and prosecuted to the fullest extent under the law.

By working together, we can provide our children the safe schools they deserve.

Sincerely,



Eric J. Smith
Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney

VISION STATEMENT



1. Students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process and set learning goals.
2. All students in our school need to have an equal opportunity to learn through the incorporation of a variety of learning activities.
3. Teachers, administrators, parents, students, and the community share the responsibility for helping students learn and maintaining mutual respect.
4. Students learn best when our staff maintains high expectations for learning.

MISSION STATEMENT



CONNER CREEK ACADEMY EAST/MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE

- **INSPIRES** STUDENTS TO BECOME LIFELONG LEARNERS IN A CARING, SUPPORTIVE, AND DIVERSE ENVIRONMENT.
- **CREATES** RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS
- **EMPOWERS** STUDENTS TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL

SCHOOL PARENTS/VISITORS



1. All visitors must check in and sign in at the office.
2. All visitors must obtain a visitors' pass.
3. Parents wishing to take students out early must sign them out in the office.
4. All visitors must sign out before leaving.
5. All buildings are ADA approved (handicapped accessible).

District Calendar



March 30-April 8	NO SCHOOL- Spring Break
Tuesday April 10	SAT: 1/2 day for middle/high school (12:45)
Wednesday April 11	Work Keys: 1/2 day for middle/high school (11:45)
Wednesday May 2	Middle/High School Conferences 3:30-7:00
Thursday May 3	Elementary Conferences 3:30-7:00
Monday May 28	NO SCHOOL: MEMORIAL DAY
Thursday- Friday June 14-15	Middle/High School Trimester III Final exams
Friday June 15	Last day of school: 1/2 day



School Lunch Survey – 2018

1. What school do you attend: _____
2. What grade are you in: _____
3. How often do you eat school lunch?
 - a. Never
 - b. 1-2 days
 - c. 3-4 days
 - d. Everyday
4. If you do not eat lunch at school, tell us why (choose all that apply):
 - a. Hot foods are not served hot or cold foods & milk are not served cold
 - b. I have food allergies
 - c. I do not like the food
 - d. I am a vegetarian
 - e. Other (please list): _____

Please rate the following: (1=very good, 2=average, 3=below average, 4=poor)

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| 5. The variety of food offered/menu choices: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 6. The appearance of the food: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 7. The taste of the food: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 8. Quality of service-Cafeteria Staff: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

9. Name one item (not already on the menu) that you would add to the lunch menu:

10. My favorite 3 items (currently on the menu) are:

11. My 3 least favorite items (currently on the menu) are:

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY.
YOUR COMMENTS ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO US AS WE STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE.



Elementary News

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Can you believe the school year is almost over? We are really enjoying our year in kindergarten and have learned so much! We now practice reading over 40 sight words every day. The books we are reading in our reading groups are getting harder and have more words in them. We still practice our letter sounds, but now we have been learning how to blend the sounds together to make words. In math, we are learning about addition now to prepare for first grade!

In science we will begin talking about animals. All of this talk about animals will get the kids excited for our field trip to the zoo May 11th! Permission slips will go home after the break so look for them. We hope every child can have a special guest come with them. Thanks to a wonderful grant the students will be free this year! Even though the school year is coming to an end, please remember to keep working with your child at home. And read together every chance you get!

On the last day of school, we invite parents to come and celebrate with us all the children and their growth! Look for a special invite in June with the details! Have a wonderful and safe rest of the school year!

~Mrs. Kiser and Mrs. Williams

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We are continuing to have a wonderful year in first grade! As always, it is amazing to watch your children grow. This is the time of year when first graders begin to soar in reading! To encourage their growth, please be sure to continue practicing sight words and reading every day for at least twenty minutes.

In February, we enjoyed a lovely trip to the Morley Candy Factory. Your children got to see how the candy is produced, and they even got to enjoy a special treat at the end! It was a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day. Thank you so much to our parent volunteers. We appreciate your time and generosity. Now, we are anxiously awaiting our trip to the farm in the spring!

In science, we learned all about magnets. Through experimenting with magnets on their own, your children were able to discover that opposite poles of a magnet attract one another. The next time you are at CCAE, please stop by our bulletin board and check out our discovery! We will wrap up our science curriculum by learning about the life cycle of various animals as we prepare for our field trip to the farm.

We began our geometry unit in math. Your children are enjoying manipulating shapes and learning about the properties of plane and solid figures. As always, we ask that you please continue to practice basic addition and subtraction facts often at home. Learning those facts, and being able to identify the answer automatically, will help to prepare them for second grade.

Once again, we thank you for all of your support at home. We are looking forward to helping your children reach their true potential and finishing out the year on a good note. Thank you for sharing your first graders with us this year! **~Mrs. Parris & Ms. DeMunnik**

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SPRING INTO ACTION

As Spring arrives, so does testing season. The children will be taking the NWEA Testing in a few months. It tests their academic progress throughout the school year. There are a few testing strategies that you can help at home.

- * Go over their daily work and talk to them about the information they learned
- * Encourage your second grader to read every night
- * Build up their stamina by having them read stories and answer stories
- * Keep morning routines as positive as you can, especially on test days
- * Prepare your child by letting them know you have faith in them
- * Make sure your child gets plenty of rest
- * Go over test taking strategies

R- Read each question carefully and completely

E- Examine each question before you chose one

L- Look for proof in the story or math problem

A- Always check your work

X- X-out answers that you know are wrong

~Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Brunette

Elementary News



THIRD GRADE

Here's a glimpse of what we've been learning: Division has been a piece of cake for those students who have continued practicing their multiplication facts. In writing we're working on persuasive letters to groups of people trying to persuade them to do things that should be helping the environment. Our Journeys curriculum has had some great stories to read, exploring a variety of genres. The history of Michigan has been to learn with organizers and timelines.

Excitement awaits third grade, though! We will be taking a field trip to Michigan DNR Outdoor Adventure Center, where we can explore things that we've learned about in science. Also, we are going to be watching the life cycle of a tadpole!

It's important to practice reading and math skills at home because the NWEA MAP and M-Step tests are just around the corner. It is important for our children to understand that education is a priority.

-Ms. Mareel and Mr. Waugaman

The Fourth Grade is probably one of the best grades to teach. We know what you're thinking: "Of course you'd say that. You teach the Fourth Grade." However, it's true! Over the course of our time together, our classes have worked to form a community. We have witnessed students go out of their way to help classmates with Math. We've witnessed students who cheer for their fellow classmates' accomplishments. We've witnessed compassion when someone's heart is heavy. The Fourth Grade students take ownership of the classroom as they carry out daily classroom jobs. They show effort and an interest in education as they won't accept anything less than their best. By now you might be asking why this particular edition is so sentimental. That is because our second trimester has ended, and before we know it, we'll be saying goodbye to our students for the summer. It is this time of year when we reflect on where each student started at the beginning of the year and where he or she is now. The bonds of the relationships formed by this point would be tough to sever. It's this time of year when we as teachers realize that we won't be together for long, and we cherish each day. Curriculum will always remain a part of school. It is our hope that in addition to academics, each student remembers the life connections that were made along the way.

FOURTH GRADE

-Ms. Supanich and Mrs. Dean

Check out our websites at www.connercreekeast.org and www.michcol.org! We have course descriptions posted under the curriculum section if you are interested in staff expectations for your student.



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In 5th grade we are cruising through the year! We have been enjoying the adventures of Bud in the historical fiction novel, Bud, Not Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis. Many students have increased their reading levels this year, and we're excited to continue preparing them for 6th grade!

In science, we are in the middle of our astronomy unit. We have looked at moon phases, tides, and why we have seasons, not to mention planets and stars. We have been creating posters to display our understanding of these topics...It's great to see the creativity our students have! We are paused this unit so that we could begin preparing for the SCIENCE FAIR! We are so excited to see the projects that the students have been working on and to hear their presentations to the class about all that they have learned!

We are spending time in social studies learning about our 13 original colonies. We have learned about their location as well as the geography that makes them each unique! We will soon begin learning about the events leading up to the American Revolution. Events such as the French and Indian War, Boston Massacre, Intolerable Acts, and many more helped to light a fire in many of the colonists to make them want their independence!

In Writer's Workshop, we finished a unique piece where we were able to state an opinion about the salaries of professional athletes in comparison to teachers' salaries. Our students did a fantastic job giving their opinion and giving evidence to support their statements. It has been great to see our 5th graders grow as writers!

In math we will soon begin working with fractions. By the end of the unit, students will be able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions. It is great to see our students gain confidence as they continue to add tools to their math toolbox!! We'll end the year with a review of all our 5th grade math skills. It's highly encouraged for parents to keep practicing math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) with your children. These skills will help them greatly in the years to come.

-Ms. Cote and Mrs. Sumpter

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Welcome to the last trimester of Elementary School!!!! We are very excited to help facilitate this transition to middle school. With that said, this trimester is the most important trimester of their school career so far. This last third of the year is filled with projects, new experiences and lots of opportunities for students to show what they know on both the spring NWEA and M-step Test.

During the third trimester every sixth grader will have the opportunity to research an influential leader in the field of their choice and make that person come to life. We will spend some time in class working on the project, but most of the preparing will need to be completed at home. This is a fun way to learn about people that have changed life as we know it.

Our math focus has been on solving, writing and graphing equations. We will be finishing the school year with measurement, area, perimeter, volume and surface area.

Upon our return from spring break, students will be completing our final spring NWEA testing cycle and in May the M-Step test. Both of these tests are very important and show each child's gains in reading and math. Several incentives are tied to making personal goals, ask your child to share what they can earn with stellar performances!

-Mrs. Chambers and Ms. Kraatz

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SUCCESS MAKER

Dear Families,

We are so excited to announce that the students are doing wonderful in Success Maker! We have many students who have reached 100 points in Success Maker Reading and Math combined. Students who reach their 250 point goal will be going to the Tigers game on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. Permission slips will be sent home as soon as your child reaches his or her 250 point goal.



Please encourage your child to get on Success Maker at home! This program is individualized to your student. This computer program helps the students to improve their math and reading skills. Please go to the following web address: <http://successmaker.connercreekeast.org>

You CANNOT Google this address. You will not get to the Success Maker website for our school if you try to Google the address. Please **ONLY** type in the address above at the top of your web page in the white bar.

Each student should know his/her log in and password because we use them every day! Each student in 3rd- 6th grade would benefit by working on Reading 20 minutes each day and Math 15 minutes each day.

As always, please monitor your students when they are on the internet.

Making Successful Students,

Mrs. Aleo (aleol@connercreekeast.org)

Mrs. Allen (guinnk@connercreekeast.org)

Mrs. Couwlier (couwliers@connercreekeast.org)

A message from Ms. Tucker, your Box Tops Coordinator: Please help us in continuing to collect Box Top for Education. Each Box Top earns Conner Creek Academy East 10 cents! Over 200 products carry Box Top labels. (For a complete list of items visit www.btfe.com) Ask your family, friends and neighbors to help you collect and save Box Tops.

Please make sure Box Tops are clean cut, and check the expiration date. Place them in a Ziplock bag with your child name, or Family name on the bag.

As always, we appreciate your continued support to make a change and support the teachers at Conner Creek!



ART

Our CCAE students worked very hard on the Doodle 4 Google art contest. We had 30 entries from grades K – 6. The 2018 theme is *What inspires me*. The state winners will be chosen and flown to California to attend a ceremony at the Google head quarters. Each state winner will receive a shirt with their Google on it along with other prizes. The grand prize winner will win a \$30,000 college scholarship, a \$50,000 tech package for your school/non-profit organization, and a behind-the-scenes experience with the Doodle team to transform their Doodle into an interactive experience on Google.com! I want to wish our awesome artists great luck!!



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Our Jump Rope for Heart Week was a success. As a school, Conner Creek Academy East raised more than \$300 to donate to the American Heart Association. The students did an excellent job raising money for kids with heart diseases. I would like to thank all the students that purchased the Jump Rope for Heart Pup key chains. All the proceeds from the key chain sales get donated to the American Heart Association! Way to go CCAE students.

We are entering our last trimester and the students are going to be learning and practicing speed stacking activities, volleying, tennis, and kicking.

I encourage all students and parents to enjoy the upcoming spring weather by going outside and participating in some physical activities. The students have learned what it takes to get a good exercise and how important it is for our bodies. Some ideas of outdoor exercises would be taking a walk, doing yard work, playing basketball, jumping rope, etc.

Get outside and enjoy the spring time.

Keep your eyes open for Field Day information to be sent home in a next month.

-Mrs. Olsen

Conner Creek Academy East presents...

The 6th Grade Spring Collage Concert

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 6:30 pm



Important Information

*The concert starts at 6:30 pm. Students need to arrive at 6:15 pm. At this time they must be sitting with their class waiting for the concert to begin.

*The concert will be held at Cornerstone Church across the street from CCAE. Address: 17017 E Twelve Mile Rd, Roseville, MI 48066

* Students may wear appropriate casual to the performance. No short skirts, shorts, or dresses. No tank tops.

*Food, drinks, balloons, or flowers are not allowed in the church. Also, the church is a peanut free zone.

From the Principal's Desk



MC News

The year is continuing to move quickly at Michigan Collegiate. Students have been working hard and are hoping to see it pay off on these next report cards. Remember, the 3rd trimester is critical to your child's preparation as we begin looking towards the next school year.

MSTEP

This Spring, our students will be taking a state assessment called M-STEP. The M-STEP is an online assessment in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. It will comprehensively assess the students' content knowledge in each subject area as well as their ability to think at a higher level. We look forward to sharing these results with you.

Parent Information

Please keep an eye out for upcoming event dates. We have a few opportunities coming up for you to be more involved in our school and academic program, including an Open House, Title I Program Evaluation Meeting, and Community Project. We hope to see a good turnout at these events as your attendance and participation will show your child that education is a priority in your family.

Third Trimester Dates to Remember

*NJHS and NHS Induction Ceremony – April 12th 5:00

*Title I Program Evaluation Meeting – May 15th 3:15

*HS Honors Night – May 17th – 6:00

*Open House – May 19th – 12:00

* Check out our website at www.michcol.org! We have course descriptions posted under the curriculum section if you are interested in staff expectations of your student.

* Follow us on Facebook @CCAEast

Parent Support and Advice

Q &A -

Q: *I'm worried about **Cyberbullying**. How can I protect my middle school student from this new kind of bullying?*

A: ***Cyberbullying** occurs when someone sends hurtful messages online or by cell phone. It can take many forms, from writing rude comments to spreading rumors in chatrooms or posting embarrassing pictures. Your child can discourage cyberbullying by giving personal information only to friends. If she receives nasty emails or text messages, she should not respond. Explain that replying just gives the person the satisfaction of having upset him or her. A good thing to do is simply log off the computer or turn off the cell phone. Let your child know to tell an adult if he or she experiences this. You can report problems to your Internet provider, school authorities, or even the police.*

-Vergil Smith



Middle School News

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S 7th Grade: We are beginning our Unit on China, studying early dynasties and empires including their cultures, government, religion, and climates. The students can look forward to lots of hands on projects and activities that allow them to demonstrate their knowledge of Chinese History!

T 8th Grade: We are gearing up for MSTEP with a lot of practice and vocabulary review. I am confident that my students are ready and will do their very best on the state test. Finishing up the year, we will be jumping back into the Women’s Rights movement, the Civil War, and Reconstruction.

D -Mrs. Spoerl

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Where has the time gone? Is it really the start of the third trimester already? The 7th graders spent the second trimester learning rates, ratios, proportions and constant of proportionality. They will finish up the school year working on percents, expressions, equations, and inequalities. The 8th graders have been learning the Pythagorean Theorem and have been solving real world problems involving right triangles. The end of the school year will be here before we know it! But before we can think about summer vacation approaching, we need to finish the school year strong by making sure our young scholars do really well on the NWEA MAP / MSTEP test coming up in the spring. The 8th grade MSTEP begins on April 11th. The students have been practicing Claim, Evidence, Reasoning skills and sample performance tasks. There are many incentives for the students to earn, so it is important that they come to school ready to put forth 100% effort! Reminder, tutoring will resume the week of April 16. Mrs. Fifield tutors Mondays, and Mrs. Jeffrey on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

-Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. Fifield

We spent Trimester two in preparation for the M-Step test which is coming up in the spring. Students practiced analyzing informational texts while using textual evidence to make and support claims about the text. They also had practice with numerous M-Step type assignments which gave them practice for the upcoming test.

For Trimester 3 students will learn what crafts authors can use to bring a text “to life.” The students will focus on topics such as parts of plot, and elements of a short story (setting, characters, theme, conflict, point of view, conflict, etc.) and how authors implement literary devices to strengthen their stories. Both 7th and 8th grade classes will focus on applying all the skills and techniques they have learned in the previous two trimesters to their reading of longer and more in depth texts. 7th grade students will be reading Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief and 8th Grade students will be reading the play “The Crucible.” Students will be looking at ways they can apply lessons and themes learned in these fictional texts to their own person lives as well as analyzing them with cross curricular Social Studies assignments and topics. Along with reading these texts (all of which will be done in class) they will have a variety of assignments such as comprehension questions, essays, and some creative projects as well.

I am very excited for what lies ahead in this trimester. As we move forward my expectations of our students will increase and the work load will increase, so I ask for your support as parents. Please continue to check power school and stay on our students to complete homework and remind them of the importance of positive, respectful and mature behavior in and out of the class room. REMEMBER TUTORING IS OFFERED EVERY MONDAY 3:10-4:10. As always if you have any questions feel free to email or call me here at the school.

-Mr. Valentine

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High School Senior News

The busiest time of year is right around the corner. Because of this, here are a few reminders the senior sponsors would like to provide to help you plan:

To receive up-to-date messages about the Class of 2018, please sign up for the senior class remind. Send a text message to : 81010 with the message @mcclasso

All students are required to complete their community service project to participate in the graduation ceremony. If you have questions regarding this please contact Mrs. Fockler-LaBute.

Prom ticket sales will be April 16 through April 20. Tickets will be sold for \$80 for a single ticket or \$150 for a couple. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER APRIL 20th.** All students must turn in a prom contract when purchasing their tickets, as well as a guest pass contract if he/she is bringing a guest. Students will not receive their tickets without contracts. Prom tickets are NOT included in Senior Dues. Please note that administration holds the right to revoke attendance to Prom based on inappropriate behavior and money will not be refunded. Prom is May 31st at San Marino Club in Troy. Check in is between 7:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. with no entry after 8:00 P.M. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE RIDES HOME AT 11:00 P.M.

Senior Honors Night and Senior Pinning is Thursday, May 17th in the Cafeteria at 6:00 P.M. Each student will be receiving three tickets for pinning after spring break. Unfortunately no extra tickets can be given, nor can lost tickets be replaced. Tickets are required to attend the event. Dress: Business/Church Attire

Graduation rehearsal, which is MANDATORY for all seniors participating in the graduation ceremony, is scheduled for Monday, June 4th from 10:00-2:00 P.M. Seniors meet for senior breakfast at 10:00 A.M. at The Gazebo in Warren. Students will have the option to drive or be bused from the breakfast to the church rehearsal. Dress: Business/Church Attire

Graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 P.M., at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville. All graduates must report at 6:15 P.M. Please note there are no tickets required for the event. Also balloons and food are NOT allowed in the church. Graduate Dress: NO denim or tennis shoes allowed. It is suggested that females wear dresses/skirts with maller heel and males wear a shirt and tie.



Counselors' Corner

The Counseling Department is gearing up for the end of tri 2 and is currently working on scheduling students for tri 3. SLS (Students Leading Students) have been working on putting together various fundraisers during the school year and fun activities for all students. Coming up in April we are working on a student basketball game. In addition, SLS is working on throwing a 'wildlin out' show tentatively in April or May (more details to come soon).

On Friday, March 23rd we are taking eligible seniors to a field trip to explore trades at the Detroit EITC. Please check with your 12th grader if they are eligible. Permission slips have been given to those who qualify.

On Tuesday, March 27th and Wednesday, March 28th Michigan Collegiate is hosting a Pretty Girl Campaign. All high school females are welcome to attend the presentation. The presentation will take place from 1:00-3:00pm in the cafeteria. The goal is to promote self esteem and confidence.

The counselors have formed a high school boys counseling group and a girls counseling group (these groups are ran separately). Both groups have begun and are going very well. These groups meet once a week from 8:00-8:30am. If you're interested in learning more about counseling for your child, please contact one of the counselors at 586-777-5792.

Michigan Collegiate is continuing our partnership with St. Johns Open Arms program. This program focuses on providing grief and loss group counseling for students. The group should begin within the next couple of weeks. Packets were given to students – if you believe your student might qualify for this group, please contact Ms. Walter at 586-777-5792 as soon as possible. Once the group begins, it's possible spots will be full.

In May/June, the counseling department will be hosting both Professional Interview Day and College Decision Day. Interview Day is for 11th graders to gain more skills in resume building and how to answer interview questions appropriately. Community professionals volunteer their time to help our students gain more skills in these areas (more details to come when the date is scheduled). College Decision Day is an event for our 12th graders, where they make a decision on their future(s) and sign a certificate. We celebrate their decisions and recognize their accomplishments (a date for this will be announced soon).

The counseling department will be in contact soon if your student is eligible for summer school. Summer school begins June 25 and runs until August 2nd (no class will be held the week of July 4th). Summer school runs Monday – Thursday from 8:00am-12:00pm. Please note Math Boot Camp is scheduled for August 13th until August 17th.

For any concerns/questions with academic, social, career or personal needs for your student please contact one of the counselors at 586-777-5792.

-Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Fockler-LaBute

High School News



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The freshman class has shown tremendous growth during their first two trimesters as high school students at MC. Here is a brief glimpse at what our freshman will focus on as they finish up their freshman year.

English: students will begin the trimester with some preparation for the PSAT on April 10. After which, we will begin two units from our textbook, revolving around the themes of “Doing the Right Thing” and “How do Our Experiences Changes Us?” Lastly, we will tackle several famous short stories before exams in June.

Math: Geometry A students will be learning about angles, length sizes, and the volume and area of objects. In Algebra 1A students will be learning about what functions are, and go farther in detail with linear and exponential functions. In Algebra 1B students will be learning about quadratic equations, and systems of linear functions. Mr. Tisler has tutoring on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mr. Cosnowski has tutoring Mondays and Thursdays.

World History B: This trimester in World History we will focus on the world from the early 1900s until the present. The main focus will revolve around the major world wars that shaped the world during the 1900s and the impact these wars had on societies throughout the world. We will end the trimester discussing global issues that impact the world today and ways we can help make a positive impact on the world. Mr. Duda has tutoring each Wednesday.

Physical Education: As the second trimester comes to a close, our students have completed their second round of fitness tests. We use these tests to measure improvement from the beginning of the trimester in muscular strength, endurance, agility, and flexibility. The majority of the 9th graders have improved on their tests. This shows a great level of dedication and work ethic as we continue to move through the school year. The students will be tested one more time at the end of the school year. With spring approaching and hopefully some warmer weather moving in, we will be having some gym classes outside. Students are expected to come prepared for activity both inside and outside. We will only be outside if the weather permits. Students should bring proper shoes and a sweatshirt and/or sweatpants in the event that it is a bit colder. I am looking forward to some fun activities with our 9th graders as we enter the last trimester of the school year!!!

High School Track

2018 Boys and Girls Track season is upon us! The boys are the Defending Regional Champions and are looking to go back to back for the first time in school history. The Girls finished in 3rd place last season and will be seeking their first Regional title! Both teams are returning multiple athletes from all events and are looking forward to a very successful season. Please come out and support these hard working young men & women as we work toward our goals!

 Cougars		Warren Michigan Collegiate 2018 Outdoor Track & Field Calendar					 Cougars	
Date	Meet Name	Location	Depart	Field	Track	Return		
Wed, Apr 11	Charter School League # 1	Bishop Foley HS, Madison Heights		4:00 PM		9:00 PM		
Wed, Apr 18	Charter School League # 2	Bishop Foley HS, Madison Heights		4:00 PM		9:00 PM		
Sat, Apr 21	Whitmore Lake Invitational	Whitmore Lake HS, Whitmore Lake		9:30 AM	11:00 AM	5:00 PM		
Wed, Apr 25	Charter School League # 3	Bishop Foley HS, Madison Heights, MI		4:00 PM		9:00 PM		
Sat, May 5	CSC Championships	Bishop Foley HS, Madison Heights		9:00 AM		3:00 PM		
Sat, May 12	14TH ANNUAL DAKOTA COUGARS INVITATIONAL	Dakota HS, Macomb		9:00 AM	9:00 AM	6:00 PM		
Fri, May 18	MHSAA LP Region 24-3 @ TBD	TBA		TBA	TBA	TBA		
Thu, May 24	Macomb County Championship	Warren Mott HS, Warren		TBA	TBA	TBA		
Sat, Jun 2	MHSAA LP Finals - Division 3	Comstock Park HS, Comstock Park		9:00AM	9:00AM	TBA		



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US History: As Trimester II comes to a close, the high school sophomores have ended their studies in American History. It has been a good year and the students have learned much about a lot of different moments, both good and bad, in their country's history. It is my sincere hope that the students this year know more about the American West, the Urbanization of America, The Great War of 1917, the 1920s, the Great Depression, World War II, and the Holocaust than they did before they walked into my classroom at the start of the school year. I have tried to do my best to show them that history is important, it matters, and that they matter. Young people are not just students and observers of history...they make history too. Their choices and decisions matter because they are the generation that will help take America into the future. Additionally, I have tried to show them that history is not just a textbook with boring writing in it or just photographs of old men that no longer matter.

As we enter the final trimester of the school year the sophomores focus will change to a new class called Government. We will be studying the basics of government such as its beginnings, the structure of the U.S. government, what each branch does, civil liberties, the election process, and state government. Please be sure that your student is studying and working hard as we head to the finish line. If they do that consistently, then I am sure they will be successful.

In Biology, students learned about the human organs & body systems that allow us to live. We observed these structures in person by dissecting rats, which are structurally similar to humans in many ways. In some rats we observed tapeworms in the small intestines, and lung cancer that metastasized in the liver. To end the trimester, we have been learning about various biomes & ecosystems around our beautiful planet. We have been supplementing the material by watching episodes of Planet Earth 2 (available on Netflix!). To start trimester 3 we will be learning about how humans have impacted ecosystems around the globe. Students will acquire knowledge of how to lessen their carbon footprints, & preserve our planet for future generations.

In 10th grade Geometry we are focusing on applicable applications of Geometry, such as shapes, measurements, volume and perimeter questions, and the relationships between angle. This focus is meant to compliment the focus of Geometry on the newly formatted and common core aligned SAT testing that the current students will see in their junior year. As always, we focus on common core and SAT skills, but this year we are focusing on reasoning skills so the students gain confidence by being able to understand why they approach a problem a certain way. Sophomores that have currently completed the Geometry requirement and are taking their 11th grade math classes, and therefore will find themselves ahead in the 11th grade and able to take more advanced math topics such as Trigonometry and Statistics in their Junior year.

For third Tri, Spanish 1A will take the place of English class in the 10th graders' schedules. Students will be introduced to the Spanish culture and language. In class students will do a variety of activities to help build proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. These activities will range from things such as song, videos segments of native speakers, small talk in class, and written expression. Tutoring will be offered every Tuesday.

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We are starting the trimester by taking the SAT, Work Keys, and M-STEP tests. Many of our students can't wait to get their SAT scores back, so they can apply to college this summer. We would expect the scores to be mailed and emailed to your student by June 1st. If juniors or seniors would like to retake their SAT on a Saturday morning, they should visit sat.org to register. Have your students see a counselor to see if he or she qualifies for a fee-waiver before registration is completed.

When we finish the standardized testing, our juniors will be starting their core classes again for the 3rd trimester. In Online Learning, students should be finishing about 9% of their online class per week to stay on track for third trimester. If they are behind in their progress, then their power school grade will reflect a lower grade than what Odysseyware is showing based on zeros for the missing assignments. Students are encouraged to take notes! They may use these notes on any assignment or assessment and can receive extra credit at the end of the course. If you have any questions about online learning, please feel free to contact Mrs. Difatta @ difattam@michcol.org

In Mrs. Hull's English 11B course, students will be covering American Literature genres: Transcendentalism, Realism, Modern Age and Harlem Renaissance. The students will be reading several short stories and finishing with the novel *The Great Gatsby*. Mrs. Hull will continue using writing trackers with an emphasis on persuasion and narrative writing. Several hands-on projects, inspired by the 1920's era, will help students grasp the themes and tropes of this American classic. Please contact Mrs. Hull @ hullj@michcol.org

Mrs. Van Den Broeke (Mrs. V) will be teaching Algebra 2b the 3rd trimester. Using the Carnegie approach, students will master everything about functions, including how to express, analyze, and graph them. And, students will learn how to transform them into exponential and logarithmic functions, too.. If you need to contact Mrs. V, please do. Her email is vandenbroeker@michcol.org

In Mrs. Cito's Forensic Science class, students will learn the basic principles and techniques of forensics. Students will understand the fundamentals of forensic science and careers associated with this field. Students will develop team building skills, as well as basic science techniques, and will learn the importance science plays in the real-world with solving crimes and investigations. As always, Ms. Cito's class engages students with labs and hands-on activities. You may contact Ms. Cito @ citod@michcol.org

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In English 4B, we will be focusing on our final research essay. We will be reading short stories as well. These short stories will be done in the classroom. We will also finish our grammar binders. This is a trimester designed to help you be better prepared for your collegiate career. If you have any questions, see Mr. Breen breenm@michcol.org

In World History B, the volume of work will remain the same, our time together will be much shorter, therefore, seniors will have homework from time to time in order to accomplish everything we need to and finish the trimester successfully. I will be sending home a syllabus to sign during the first week of class. This syllabus must be returned by March 23rd, it is their first assignment and cannot be made up if they choose not to do it. Also, in 3rd trimester if a student has an A in the class, they are exempt from taking the Final Exam. If you have any questions, see Ms. Welling wellingj@michcol.org

In Online Learning, students should be finishing about 11% of their online class per week to stay on track for third trimester. If they are behind in their progress, then their power school grade will reflect a lower grade than what Odysseyware is showing based on zeros for the missing assignments. Students are encouraged to take notes! They may use these notes on any assignment or assessment and can receive extra credit at the end of the course. Mrs. Difatta has tutoring Monday-Thursday for students who need extra time in the lab. If you have any questions about online learning, please feel free to contact Mrs. Difatta difattam@michcol.org

In College Algebra B, we will be expanding on some of the topics we already learned last semester. The new topics we will cover include: rational expressions, rational equations, exponents, radicals, quadratic equations, quadratic functions, exponential functions, logarithmic functions and if time permits, matrix algebra. The material covered is vital for the future success in college. Each day in class, we will have notes covering the day's material, classwork/homework to be turned in for credit. I have tutoring on Wednesdays, during lunch and any day a student asks (if I am available) except on Fridays. If you have questions or concerns please see Mr. Oppat: oppatt@michcol.org



Congratulations, Class of 2018!



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To provide students at CCAE & Michigan Collegiate Schools with the best possible education while promoting fiscal responsibility to the administration, the staff, & the students.

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- CCAIE will meet or exceed state regulations including AYP.
- CCAIE 11th graders will achieve an average ACT score of 19.
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- CCAIE scores will be greater or equal to the state and/or residing school district for all schools.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
2016-2017**

March 28, 2018

April 25, 2018 (Budget Hearing)

May 23, 2018

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All meetings of the Board of Directors are held in the school building of Michigan Collegiate, located at 31300 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI 48092, beginning at 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise above, or as posted on the front entrance door on the day of the scheduled meeting.

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