

JUNE, 2021

Coleman Schools News

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Jennifer McCormack, Superintendent

This has been a unique year to say the very least! It has taken a great deal of flexibility, perseverance and energy on the part of our Comet students, their families and the staff. Thank you for your support seems such a very small thing to say for all that has happened, but it is sincere. Thank you for constantly being concerned about our students, the community's children, and thank you for your support of our District and team here at Coleman Community Schools. We've learned not only how resilient people can be, but also about the stamina that people have for those things they care deeply about. We've learned many new things along the way that we can use going forward. And while I hope no year is quite like the last one has been in a lot of ways, the appreciation many of us have learned for the important things is one I hope we will hang on to. Onward and upward toward the 2021-2022 school year!

In this issue of Comet News, you will find information that will be helpful to those of you with students in the schools as well as those who have an interest in the school as a new family coming in, community member, grandparent, aunt, uncle or family friend. Please feel free to share this information freely and continue to check out our "ColemanComet" app on your phone or www.colemanschools.net for continually updated information about the District. You can also find "Coleman School District" on Facebook.

Coleman Schools Goes 1:1 with Technology Devices! Sooner than expected, our District has received our shipment of 300 more Chromebooks. With the purchases made this year through supplemental COVID and Title funds (not general funds), we will be at 1:1 status for the entire District

K-12 for the upcoming school year. There are many different ways of supporting 1:1 technology for students depending on grade level and needs. The Curriculum Committee of teachers and administrators have been reviewing how best to support our students in this way and are creating a multi-year plan. Thank you to the Board of Education for your support of this technology for students.

Come in and register any new residents, incoming Kindergarteners, previous home school or School of Choice students for the 2021-2022 school year anytime over the summer at the school office. If it is a day the school office is not open, stop by the Board Office or contact us ahead of time to get paperwork ready for you at kberthume@colemanschools.net or 989.465.6060. Share this information with your friends, family and new neighbors so they can beat the rush. You can also look on the App and website under "Documents/Enrollment" for registration forms.

Open House and the First Day of 2021-2022: Open House will be Wednesday, August 25th and the First Day of School is Monday, August 30th and is a ½ day of school in the morning.

Congratulations to our 2021 Graduating Seniors and their families! We are tremendously proud of each of you and the goals you have set for yourselves and looking forward to hearing from you and how you are doing with families, choice of career, trade, university/college and so much more. We are sending an impressive group of young adults out into the world. They represent all that is great about our District.

Retirement Congratulations! Shout-out to our retirees who have retired at different points in the year or retired and then came back and retired again. We are fortunate to have had such dedicated people to work with and you will be greatly missed. Congratulations to Kathi Kaniszewski (special education supervisor/social worker), Lisa Crawford

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(teacher), Tye Kroll (bus driver), Edwina Novak (former teacher/curriculum & assessment specialist), Brian Cone (counselor) and Kyle Boyce (custodian/bus driver).

Don't forget to VOTE August 3rd, 2021! Coleman Community Schools will have a bond on the election ballot at that time. Two (2) Community Meetings about the Bond will be held on June 30th and July 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Auditorium to share information with the community and provide a tour.

The bond is for renovation of the Jr./Sr. High School, much of which has not been fully updated since it was first built in 1975/76. The bond would allow the District to reconfigure and add classroom space, conference room and storage space, a community auditorium and auxiliary gym, update locker rooms, renovate spaces for additional Career-Technical Education (CTE-formerly trades) facilities, purchase furniture. It would provide a fully functioning elementary kitchen, updates to the bathrooms, gym floor, kitchen and purchase media and cafeteria furniture. More information is included later in the Comet News.

Several items have also been added to our website and App under the District page "Documents/Bond Information" including the Conceptual Design, Estimated Scope/Cost of the Projects, videos, tax calculation and other "Talking Points". You can also sign up for a tour on that page or by contacting the Board Office.

Summer Extended Learning Opportunities- We're excited to be providing programming to those students who have signed up to take advantage of the learning opportunities available this summer for grades K-12. We're working to make these fun and engaging learning experiences for our students.

Check out the rest of the Comet News for how you can do to be a part of and support the Comet Family.

As always, if you have any questions, about these items or others, please do not hesitate to call or email me. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Jennifer McCormack, Superintendent

Summer Meals Program

For anyone ages 18 & under or up to 26 with an IEP, Coleman Community Schools are offering 7 breakfasts and 7 lunches each week during the summer from June 14th-August 2nd. Sign up at the link available or contact Kris Szymanski or Taylor Roberts at kszymanski@colemanschools.net or by phone at 989.442.1997. They can help you or give you the link to sign up.

From the Desk of Jack Young

As we close out the 2020-2021 school year, we recognize that this was a tumultuous and at times unsettling experience for all of us: students & families, faculty, staff & administration alike. During my 24 years in education, I had never before experienced the consistent struggles and frustrations that we all were forced to deal with this year. And yet, through all of those trials and tribulations, we've made it through to the summertime- perhaps the best season in the state of Michigan, with all the water to enjoy in our great state's lakes & rivers. It's time to get out and go; go enjoy your summertime with your family and friends so that we can all arrive at the month of September with a clear head, a fresh sense of purpose, and a warm heart-excited and ready to start another successful school year at Coleman Jr./Sr. High School.

It is with some sadness but also happiness that we bid a fond farewell to Mr. Brian Cone, who has worked for Coleman Community Schools for 30 years, 14 years as a Science & Math teacher and the last 16 years as our high school Guidance Counselor. Brian was always a great support for our students, and working tirelessly to help prepare them for their lives after high school. Mr. Cone will be missed dearly, but we all wish him the best in the future. Thank you Brian Cone!

Lastly, I want to sincerely thank all of our parents, guardians and community members for the continued support we enjoy at the Junior/Senior High School. I certainly hope you enjoy a restful, fun-filled summer with your family and friends, and I look forward to seeing all our students and families again in the fall.

Go Comets,

Jack Young

Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Schools of Choice

Under the Schools of Choice legislation (Section 105 and Section 105(c) of the School Aid Act), kindergarten through twelfth grade students residing within Midland County Education Service Agency (MCESA) and contiguous intermediate school districts, may apply to Coleman Community Schools for enrollment for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year. Application may be made for all grades (K-12) with unlimited openings.

Transportation for these students is the responsibility of the parents or guardians.

Application must be made to the school district no later than the end of the first week of school.

From the Desk of Dave Mammel

Happy Summer!

In a very trying and difficult year, doing our best to manage the Covid protocols and get our students on the courts, mats, fields, courses, tracks and lanes, many outstanding things took place for our Comet athletes this past year.

Wrestling: Junior Jack Wiggins qualified for the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals at 125 lbs. This is a testament to Jack's athletic ability and technical skills as a wrestler. In addition, Cole Aultman, Isaiah Biers and Bryce Middleton qualified for Individual Regionals. 2021 also saw Brooke Falor compete in the Girl's Wrestling State Finals in Hartland.

Girls Basketball: STREAK SNAPPED! The Varsity Girls Basketball Team defeated Sacred Heart Academy for the first time in 24 years! The last victory over SHA was before any of the current crop of players were even born. Maddy Miller and Katelyn Pnacek led the Comets with 15 points apiece in the 36-33 victory.

Cross Country: The Comets had two state qualifiers in 2020. Kaylee Aultman put her name on the record board with a 5th best ever time of 21:44. Noah Haskell's time of 17:27 was good enough for 11th best all time.

Volleyball: Amber Nehrig brought her "A" game with her against Montabella with 39 digs! The Lady Comets also advanced to the District Finals in 2020.

Football: The biggest shining moment back in the fall was just being able to take the field and play a football game. With everything going on around us, being at football felt normal when most everything else did not. As a team, we played a great game against a rival Montabella Mustang team on a brisk Saturday morning in late October. The Comets were victorious by the score of 14-6 behind Connor Schrank's 192 yards of total offense and one touchdown. The biggest individual moment of the season came the next week when Conner rushed 26 times for 330 yards against Valley Lutheran.

Girls Track: Sent three athletes to the State Finals with Jessica VanSickle, Havahna DeJongh and Kaylee Aultman all representing the Blue and White. In the MSAC, the Comets finished a strong third overall; impressive since the number one finisher was the eventual MHSAA Division IV State Champion.

Bowling: 2020-21 was historic for our bowling team as the boys advanced for the first time ever to the State Finals as a team, finishing second overall in their region. Team members participating in the State Meet were Dawson Haller, David Maki, Dylan Crandall, Josh Gross, Nathan Nehrig and Shane Templeman.

Baseball: The 2021 season saw a number of individual milestones occurring on the diamond. On April 22, Dawson Haller earned his first Varsity victory on the mound vs Farwell. Ty Murray followed suit the next day earning his first victory vs Vestaburg. April 30 brought the Comet Nine a well-deserved victory over MSAC rival SHA with a Konner Carbeno walk to earn the Walk Off win.

Boys Track: Coach Hadd reports that 2021 was his best ever as a Varsity Head coach with three boys advancing to the MHSAA State Finals. Those team members were Isaiah Biers in Pole Vault, Bryce Middleton in Discus and AJ Simon in the 110m Hurdles. Bryce finished 7th overall and earn All-State recognition for his efforts. In the MSAC,

the boy's team finished third overall and like the girls side, the number one finisher in the league was the eventual Division IV State Champion.

Boys Basketball: The 2020-21 season saw its share of excitement as well. Playing at Vestaburg with the score going back and forth game all night, Connor Schrank had 18 of our first 20 points and ended the game with 33 points and 15 rebounds. We were up two points with 5 seconds left and Preston Gross hit two big free throws to put us up four and to seal the victory for the Comets.

Softball: In 2021, the biggest shining moment of the season for the Comet Softball Team came on their home field in the District Finals on Saturday June 5th. After splitting a pair of games earlier in the week at Breckenridge and losing out on a share of the MSAC title, the two teams faced off again in the District Final. On a very hot and long day, the Comets and the Huskies battled into the 9th inning tied at three runs apiece. In the top of the 9th inning with two outs and a 1 ball and 2 strike count Freshman Harley Lattimer hit a hard ground ball to the right side of the infield and was safe at first base, her hit drove in Junior Katelyn Pnacek and Freshman Nevaeh Chaffee to give the Comets a 5-3 lead. In the bottom of the 9th Junior Madisyn Croslin trusted her defense and the Huskie's went down 1-2-3 with a ground ball and a pop up to third base to Freshman Makyah Rogers for the first two outs. In fitting fashion, the final out was recorded on a pop up behind home plate that was caught by Pnacek to complete the game and give the Comets their 6th straight District Championship!

Comet Booster Club's 8th Annual Golf Outing: One of the club's two main events (Comet Booster Bonanza being the other) will be held on Saturday August 7th at the PohlCat Golf Course in Mount Pleasant at 9:00 am. Registration and information is available by contacting Matt Brownlee (brownlee624@gmail.com) or Dave Mammel (dmammel@colemanschools.net). Cost is \$260.00 per team of four. Prizes will be awarded for top teams and individual skills. All proceeds will support the purchase of equipment and uniforms for the Coleman Comets sports programs in grades 7-12. Dust off those clubs and come on out and join us!

Homecoming 2021: Will be October 8th vs St. Charles. Game time starts at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

From the Desk of Mrs. Araway

We made it! Thank you to parents, grandparents, and community members for the love and support that you showed school staff throughout this most interesting year. Thank you for your patience with new safety protocols, quarantines, breaks in face-to-face instruction, mask wearing, and many other new/different processes this year. Together we did our best to provide a safe space for students and staff alike to report and do their daily work. Whew! We made it!

Staff and students are now away on summer vacation, resting and relaxing after a year unlike any other. We hope that all return to school in the fall rested, rejuvenated, and ready to return to learning. The 2021-2022 year is set to begin on Monday, August 30, 2021. Watch our website for updates regarding open house, safety protocols, and school events. Enjoy the lazy days of summer!

Agriscience News

Despite the hardships that COVID-19 created, our Agriscience students were able to accomplish all of this during the 2020-2021 school year!

2020-2021 Achievements:

Marshall Plan for Talent Grant Progress
Tractor and Attachments Purchased
Ground Worked and Rocks Picked
Alfalfa Planted
Pollinator Garden Planned and Planted
Outdoor Classroom Designed
Raised Garden Beds Design and Being Built
Trees Planted
Potatoes Planted
Forest Management Plan in Progress
Forestry Equipment Purchased

Student Awards and Certifications

1 -American FFA Degree 4 -Michigan FFA State Degrees
4 -OSHA-10 and Industry Certifications
42 -Tractor Safety Certifications

Barn and Greenhouse

300 Hanging Baskets
80 Porch Pots
54 Flats for Phoenix Community Farms
150 Broiler Chickens
10 Laying Hens
2 Ewe Lambs
2 Heifers to be used for breeding projects
4 Hogs, raised and marketed by students
Hydroponic Vegetable Production

Have you “herd” what you learn when you take an Agriscience Class?

Ag Power, Structure and Technical Systems

Students learn how to operate our tractors and implements and become tractor safety certified. Additionally, students learn about drones, GPS, alternative energies and their applications to our industry through work in the land lab.

Natural Resources Systems

Through time spent at the school forests, students learn about forest and natural resources management, water quality and work with experts in the forestry and natural resources industry.

Food Science and Ag Business Systems

Students track how food gets from the farm gate to the dinner plate and the science behind new

food technologies and the business applications of doing so.

Plant Systems

Applying what is taught in the greenhouse, students plant and care for hundreds of hanging baskets and porch pots. They also grow herbs and vegetables using hydroponics and aquaponics systems.

Animal Systems

Nutrition, anatomy, reproduction, handling and processing are just a few of the topics covered when students raise and market numerous livestock species throughout the year.

Interested in Joining the Fun?

Contact us at mzwemmer@colemanschools.net, efischer@colemanschools.net or your high school counselor.



Graduation 2021

Our 2021 graduation ceremony took place at the Comets football stadium on May 23rd. We recognized our tenacious and persevering seniors this year, alongside our 50-year Coleman graduates from both 1970 and 1971. The weather stayed nice enough (even while blowing the occasional grad cap away) to host the event outdoors, meaning that we got to enjoy the newly lifted mask restrictions for outdoor events. We are so grateful to have been able to celebrate our grads in-person this year!

Community Market

Coleman Community Market is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The market is designed to increase availability, accessibility and affordability of healthy foods in Coleman and surrounding areas. The market is available to all residents of Coleman and surrounding areas.

The market offers a selection of fresh foods including meat, dairy and fresh produce along with everyday staples. Our selection of items will evolve with the needs and demands of our patrons.

We purchase goods at wholesale cost and mark them up by a single dime. We hope our model will help community members stretch their dollar further resulting in increased food security for families and individuals.

Our team appreciates the support of our community and welcomes your feedback as we develop this project to fit the needs of those we serve!

Also! If you are interested in volunteering at the market please contact MMarsh@greatermidland.org



Elementary Service

As part of Leader In Me, Ms. Moore's kindergarten class did a service project. They synergized to come up with an idea and a plan to host a coin drive to raise money for food and toiletries for the local pantry. They ended up raising \$103.25 of their \$100 goal and were able to buy and then donate groceries to the emergency pantry at Greater Midland Family Center - Coleman. What a win-win! The students felt so proud as they delivered the goods they were able to provide for those in need.

Frankenplant

The Agriscience program took on a unique project this year! They decided to learn how to grow a French Fry plant--a tomato plant grafted onto potato roots. AJ Simon, a junior in the Ag program, was happy to share the details on how they accomplished this "mad scientist" experiment that Mr. Fischer refers to as a "Frankenplant." The students simply created a "wound" in both plants by slicing into them, and then taped the wounded parts together to allow the plants to fuse. AJ confirmed that this project will likely return in the future as they continue learning to master the grafting process. Hopefully next year they will start growing cheeseburger plants!

Community Clothing Store

Coleman Community Clothing Center- open Tuesdays & Thursdays 12 p.m.- 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We appreciate your donations and look forward to connecting them to families and individuals who can put them to good use.

As we are often blessed with an abundance of donations, there will be times we have to halt acceptance of items simply due to storage capacity. You can always call us to inquire about making a donation at 989.465.2079 or email MMarsh@greatermidland.org

We accept the following:

- Gently used men's, women's and children's clothing items (any undergarments must be in unopened original packaging).
- Small household items such as books, decor, kitchen supplies, children's toys etc.

We do NOT accept:

- Electronics.
- Toy weapons/Real weapons.
- Clothes/jerseys/work shirts with company names or names of individuals.
- Clothing items with adult language, violent or sexually aggressive words or images.



Drama Club

The Drama Club's first performance in several years was a huge success! Directed by Mrs. Shumaker, "Drop Dead Juliet" was packed with jokes, colorful costumes, and swordfighting, making for a fun experience from beginning to end. Pictured are Shane Templeman as Romeo, Sophia Evans as Friar Lawrence, Dylan Crandall as Shakespeare, Coleman alum Austin Lumbert as Mercutio, Marlon Garcia as Tybalt, and Brooke Falor as Lady Montague. Not pictured: Maggie VanSickle as Juliet, Bianca Haley as the Nurse, Emerald Carman as Lady Capulet, and stage manager/former student teacher/Jr./Sr. High Interventionist, Jesse Kalitta as Lord Capulet.

America & Me Essay Winners Announced



Pictured left to right, Adam Clarke, Nora Brownlee, Athena Brown

Three students from Coleman Junior-Senior High were named local winners in the 52nd annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The three eighth grade students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school, are Athena Brown, Adam Clarke, and Nora Brownlee, respectively. All three students received an award certificate for their achievement. Several thousand eighth grade students from over 200 Michigan schools participated in the 2020-2021 America & Me Essay Contest. The topic of the contest was “My Personal Michigan Hero.” Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youth to explore the greatness of America and its people. As the sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned eleven national awards. Congratulations to these students for their excellence in writing!

CES Registration

Coleman Elementary School is seeking kindergarten students! We're currently enrolling all children who will be five years old (before December 1, 2021) for Young Fives and/or Traditional Kindergarten. Registering early means that kindergarten teachers can be prepared for each of our newest Comets when school begins in the fall.

Don't delay, call or stop by the school office today. Mrs. Linda Lovejoy is standing by, waiting to assist you with the registration process. Bring your child's birth certificate, two proofs of residency (utility bill, driver's license, etc.), immunization records, and hearing/vision screening to Coleman Elementary School at 1010 Washington St. in Coleman. We can't wait to meet our newest Comets!

Patriot Pen Winners



*Pictured left to right, Jaydia Altenburg, Lilian Rice
Not pictured: Ashlynn Rice*

In October, students wrote essays as part of an essay contest sponsored by the VFW. The topic was “What Makes America Great.” The winners from the Coleman Post #1071 were announced.

Winning first place was 7th grader Lilian Rice, and second place was awarded to Jaydia Altenburg, 7th grader. 7th grader Ashlynn Rice earned third place. Each winner was awarded a cash prize, courtesy of VFW Post #1071. Congratulations to our essay winners, and a special thank you to VFW Post #1071 for their generous prize donations!

PTO News

by Interim Teacher representative Missy Lynch

Along with everything else this year, the Coleman Elementary PTO has had its challenges on how to enrich our students' education and support our teachers and staff while not being able to be physically present within the school building.

For March is Reading month PTO provided a S'mores snack to go along with the school's Camping theme.

PTO was able to offer Virtual Trips to all classroom teachers along with an end of the year classroom activity box. The Activity Boxes contained several games and a special treat for each student. We were also able to make a popcorn snack for all students and staff.

For Teacher Appreciation Week in May the PTO was able to provide muffins for the entire staff from The Old Brick Bakery, a luncheon from Leah's Korner Kafe, and a Lemony gift.

We ended the year big by providing ice cream cones for the entire school from Scoops.

None of this could have been possible without the support of all the parents and community through their generous contributions to our fundraising and volunteering efforts. If you are interested in helping with the Coleman Elementary PTO please contact our President, Nicole Burd at nburd121418@outlook.com.

2021 Board Scholars

This year we celebrated our **38th** year honoring Board Scholars! This year's Board Scholar Award Night began at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 25, 2021 in the Jr./Sr. High Gym. There were **67** students (7-12 grade) who qualified to receive monetary gifts and awards totaling **\$7400**, generously donated from local businesses and private donors.

The Coleman Board of Education would like to again thank all those who gave donations, honoring students who have excelled in their academic achievements. We look forward to acknowledging those students who strive for excellence again next year.

Class of 2021

Grace Araway (4)
Lexi Aultman (6)
Alayna Houghten (4)

Kenzie McCoy (5)
Nathan Nehrig (6)
Haley Nichols (5)

Alexis Smith (3)
Samantha Smith (3)

Class of 2022

Konner Carbeno (4)
Havahna DeJongh (3)
Etta Haggart (5)
Bianca Haley (4)
Ty Klopff (5)

Alexandria Kroll (5)
David Maki (5)
Bailey McCoy (4)
Katelyn Pnacek (5)
Conner Schrank (4)

Alexander Simon (5)
Shane Templeman (5)
Margaret VanSickle (5)
Leah Wheaton (5)

Class of 2023

Kaylee Aultman (4)
Amelia Campbell (1)
Savanah Doke (4)
Hunter Harsh (4)
Emma Haskell (2)

Ian Johnson (4)
Brooklyn Lattimer (1)
Paige Lynch (4)
Bergen Mowry (4)
Ty Murray (4)

Amber Nehrig (4)
Jade Rinas (4)
Trenton Risdon (2)
Brayden Servis (4)

Class of 2024

Kierra Allen (3)
Nevaeh Chaffee (3)
Madeline Dolan (3)
Alexis Germain (3)
Ava Gross (2)

Autumn Hess (3)
Mia Hilty (1)
Gabrielle Kroll (3)
Maggie Marovich (3)

Madison Miller (3)
Vance Sysak (3)
Isabella Toth (2)
Mason Tucker (3)

Class of 2025

Alivia Brooks (2)
Jared DeVrieze (2)
Kapre Lynch (2)

Zachary MacPhee (2)
Autumn Sapp (2)
Emily VanSickle (2)

Alexis Wright (2)
Logan Dudley (1)
Shawn Ruelle (1)

Class of 2026

Jaydia Altenburg (1)
Aden Aultman (1)
Maggie Clarke (1)

Killian D'Artagnan (1)
Eliza Lewis (1)
Lilian Rice (1)

Brayden Schrank (1)
Katelin Wilson (1)
Emma Ranck (1)



Board of Education

Date	Place	Time
6/21/2021	Virtual/Jr./Sr High Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
7/19/2021	Board of Education Office	6:30 p.m.
8/16/2021	Jr./Sr High Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
9/20/2021	Jr./Sr High Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
10/18/2021	Jr./Sr High Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
11/15/2021	Jr./Sr High Auditorium	5:30 p.m.
12/20/2021	Jr./Sr High Auditorium	6:30 p.m.

All Board Meetings are accessible to the public, with the June meeting still being accessible by zoom. To access the June meeting virtually please send an email at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting to kberthume@colemanschools.net to request a link, or by calling 989.465.6060. Updates to the meetings will be posted on the website under "Explore/Board of Education/Required Postings".

COLEMAN BOARD MEMBERS:

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Hours of Operation

Coleman Elementary Grades K-6

Student Hours: Full Day: 8:15 am- 3:00 pm
 AM Half Day: 8:15 am- 11:30 am (Sack lunch available at 11:00)

Early Release Days

Every Wednesday that is not a half day: Release at 2:00 pm

Coleman Jr./ Sr. High School Grades 7-12

Student Hours: Full Day: 8:05 am- 2:50 pm
 AM Half Day: 8:05 am- 11:20 am (Sack lunch available at 11:00)

Early Release Days

Every Wednesday that is not a half day: Release at 1:50 pm

TBD	7th Grade Orientation
Aug. 23rd	Professional Learning for Staff 8-3:30 p.m.
Aug. 24th	Professional Learning for Staff 8-3:30 p.m.
Aug. 25th	Work Day for staff; Open House for Students/ Families- Elementary 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Jr./Sr. High 6-7:00 p.m. Further details to come
Aug. 30th	First day for students/ Beg. Marking Period; HALF DAY A.M. Elem. Release 11:30; Jr./Sr. High 11:20; Staff Professional Learning in p.m.
Sept. 1st	Early Release Days begin every Wednesday
Sept. 3rd - 6th	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 8th	Homecoming vs. St. Charles
Oct. 19th	School in the a.m. ONLY for students; Parent/ Teacher Conferences afternoon/evening
Nov. 15th	No School- Deer Day
Nov. 24th	Half Day in the a.m. for students and staff-
Nov. 25th- 26th	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22nd	Half day for students and staff in the a.m. ONLY- Holiday Break begins
Dec. 23rd	Holiday Break- Students/ Staff return on Jan. 3rd
Jan. 3rd	Classes Resume
Jan. 20th	End of 2nd Marking Period/ 1st Semester
Jan. 21st	No School for students; Work Day for teachers
Feb. 23rd	Half day in a.m. for students; teachers Professional Learning in p.m.
Mar. 28th- April 1st	No School- Spring Break
April 4th	Classes Resume
April 15th	No School- Good Friday
May 22nd	Graduation for Class of 2022 Seniors 2:00 p.m.
May 25th	Half day in the a.m. for students; teachers Professional Learning in the p.m.
May 30th	No School- Memorial Day
June 7th	Last Day for students- Full Day; End 4th Marking Period/ 2nd Semester
June 8th	Work Day for staff; No Students

Important Numbers

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

4823 N. Coleman Schools Drive
 Superintendent: Jennifer McCormack 2104
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 Secretary: Kerry Berthume 2108
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 Natalie Rogers 2109
 Business Manager: Sara Hegel 2102

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 Michael Cowell 2502

989/465-6811

989/465-6859 FAX

Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor

Mike Huss 2500

AGRISCIENCE BLDG

4858 N. Coleman Schools Drive
 Marie Zwemmer/Eric Fisher

989/465-1891 ext 2700

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1010 E. Washington Street

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Head Secretary: Linda Lovejoy 2200

989/465-6179

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989/465-9861

Special Education Dir. Jeff Goodwin 2254

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HIGH SCHOOL

4951 N. Lewis Road

Principal: Jack Young 2451

Head Secretary Jr./Sr. High: Nancy Sian 2400

Athletics Secretary: Laurie Bell 2300

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989/465-9850 Athletic Department

COLMAN FAMILY CENTER

4839 N Coleman Schools Drive

Andrea Secrease, Executive Director 2650

989/465-2079 Main Line & Pre-Primary

VOTE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

BOND PROPOSAL FACTS

Market Value	Taxable Value	Cost/Year	Cost/Month	Cost/Week	Cost/Student
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$193	\$16.08	\$3.71	\$0.29
\$120,000	\$60,000	\$231	\$19.25	\$4.44	\$0.35
\$160,000	\$80,000	\$308	\$25.67	\$5.92	\$0.47

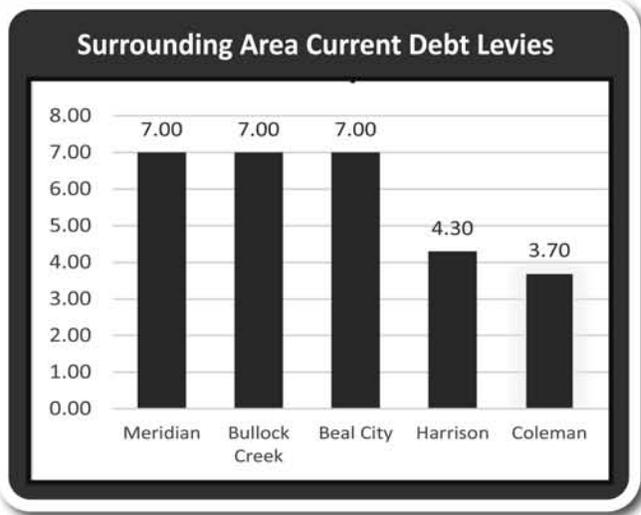
KEY FINANCIAL POINTS

If approved by voters, it is projected that the debt tax rate would increase by 3.85 mills over the 2020 debt levy. This equals approximately an additional \$3.71 per week for a home with a taxable value of \$50,000, which equates to spending \$0.29 (twenty-nine cents) for each student in the District per year.

Our current debt levy is lower than surrounding area districts (per graph below).

WHY NOW?

- Proposed 3.85 mill increase, with 0.35 mill falling off this year (bringing total debt to 7.2 mills, if approved) will address major projects and renovation needs at each of the buildings, including updating a ~45 year old building and furnishings.
- New wind turbines and a substation installed in the district currently have a high taxable value which would be subject to the proposed debt levy. This value is expected to be reduced significantly in coming years, which would lower revenue available to pay the debt. Earlier levy of the debt millage maximizes the taxable revenue from these properties.
- The bonds are expected to be qualified for participation in the State School Bond Loan Fund (SBLF) Program allowing the district to borrow with an enhanced credit rating, lowering the cost of borrowing. The program requires the district to be levying at least 7 mills.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED BOND



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EFFICIENCIES



BUILDING/SITE IMPROVEMENTS

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH REMODEL & ADDITION:

- Renovate and update all classrooms
- Update classroom and media center furniture
- New, more spacious auditorium
- Addition of facilities to support Career-Technical Education (CTE) programs, accessible to Coleman and surrounding county students through renovation of existing auditorium/band space

- Addition for band and choral rooms
- Renovate gym and locker rooms
- New auxiliary gym and weight room
- Site improvements

ELEMENTARY:

- Renovate to create fully functioning kitchen, update cafeteria and bathroom areas and new gym floor
- Update cafeteria, media center, and teacher station furniture



VOTING INFORMATION

Vote Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Absentee Voting: Absentee Ballots are available June 19 at your local Township Clerk's Office.



WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For an overview of the bond proposal, please visit the district website at www.colemanschools.net/o/coleman-cs/page/bond-information-11, or scan the QR code above for a link to sign-up for a tour, get your questions answered, or provide input.

If you do not have online access, contact Natalie Rogers at (989) 465-6060 x2109 to take down your information. For other questions, contact Jen McCormack, Superintendent of Coleman Community Schools, by phone (989) 465-1891 or email jmccormack@colemanschools.net.

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