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# Coleman Schools News

## From the Desk of the Superintendent

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Welcome back to those who have been with us and a special welcome to any new residents or School of Choice families joining us this year! Thank you for being a part of the Coleman Schools' Family and helping your child to be motivated and ready for the new school year. Staff and administrators alike have been part of professional learning this summer, taking the time to refine programs and support for your child(ren), building on our preferred district, and we're proud to be able to share a bit of what you can expect. The information included will contain everything you need to know about the coming school year.

**Enrollment:** Enrollment information can be found at the school offices or our website homepage [www.colemanschools.net](http://www.colemanschools.net) or "ColemanComet" app "Enrollment" button. If you know of friends, family or neighbors who are considering Coleman Schools as a new move in, School of Choice or as a Homeschool student wishing to join some of our programs, we'd be happy to give them a personal tour or answer any questions.

**Transportation:** If your child requires bus transportation, is within the routing area and did not receive transportation last year or your address has changed, you may contact Mr. Cowell at 989.465.6811 or [mcowell@auxilioservices.com](mailto:mcowell@auxilioservices.com).

**7th Grade Orientation:** Orientation at the Jr. High will be held for all 7th graders and their families on Monday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

**Open House:** Open House for all students and families K-12 will take place on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the elementary and 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the jr./sr. high school. This is the opportunity for your child to see their friends, meet teachers and receive their schedules and locker combinations. Immunizations and vaccinations are available in the jr./

sr. high auditorium by contacting Shelley at the Midland County Health Department at 989.832.6662 ahead of August 24th. There will also be many local service organizations attending.

**First Day of School and Starting Time:** The first day of school this year is Monday, August 29th and this will be a full day for all students. In addition, school will start this year at **8:00 a.m. for K-12** with the end time on full days at 2:50 p.m. for jr./sr. high and 3:00 p.m. for elementary students. All Wednesdays are still Early Release or Half days and information can be found on the calendars included here and on our website.

**Information Access:** Other information can be found by e-mailing staff, setting up appointments, calling or stopping by the school offices along with the access below:

- Watch NBC25/ FOX66/CW46/posting on website or listen for a call notifying you of school delays and closings
- See a secretary to sign up for Skyward access your child's grades and progress reports

We are fortunate to be a District rich in tradition, excellence in education and a love of our kids. This is an outstanding, close knit community; exactly the reason I continue to choose Coleman every year. Please feel comfortable sharing your ideas or thoughts and contact me anytime either in the Board Office, 989.465.6060 or at [jmccormack@colemanschools.net](mailto:jmccormack@colemanschools.net). Should you have an interest in being on the District Improvement/Strategic Planning Committee, our Endowment Committee, attending our Facilities Input Sessions or part of any other work please reach out to see what is available.

We look forward to helping your child find his/her niche in school, learn about things of interest to him/her and help them learn to use their skills to achieve his/her own vision of success. Thank you for emphasizing on time, all-day attendance and a strong, persistent work ethic so our students can become leaders within their community and beyond. Here's to a great first week! I'm incredibly excited for the year.

#Coleman #Education #PreferredSchool #Academics #Arts #Athletics #Agriculture #GoComets #CometPride

## From the Desk of Mrs. Araway

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Coleman Elementary School where you can prepare to be a leader...for the rest of your life! We at CES are excitedly preparing (Be Proactive) for the return of our leaders - students, staff, and families. We can't wait to see you and to hear all about your time away from school!

We hope that your family has been able to take some time over the summer months to relax, recharge, and rejuvenate (Sharpen the Saw) in preparation for all of the learning and fun that will occur over the months of the upcoming school year. As we begin again, it seems that our community, nation and world continue to bump up against questions about how best to keep everyone safe, happy and healthy while living life to the fullest extent (Put First Things First). Throughout all of this our district is working to make good decisions that ensure a safe, informed and organized start to the upcoming year (Think Win-Win).

As a school community we pause to extend hearty Comet Congratulations to our recent retirees, Mrs. Donna Dole and Mrs. Kelly Huss . Mrs. Huss retired in December, 2021, and Mrs. Dole retired in June, 2022. Together Mrs. Huss and Mrs. Dole had more than 50 years of service to Coleman Community Schools. We are grateful for their many years of dedicated service, and we wish them well in retirement!

We hope that you will join us for our annual open house Wednesday, August 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please plan to pick up your family Parent/Student Handbook at the front of the elementary school on your way to visit classrooms, meet teachers, eat a light meal, and visit with providers who have information and prizes to share. Student class placements will be found on the front of each family's handbook, and class lists will be posted outside of each classroom. We hope that you will join us!

School officially begins Monday, August 29 at 8:00 a.m. Returning families: Please note the official change to the school start time. Our CES school day is now 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served on the first day of school, and again this year, breakfast and lunch are FREE to all Coleman Elementary students throughout the entire school year.

If you know of a child who lives in the Coleman school district and will be five years old before September 1, 2022, but who is not yet registered at Coleman Elementary, please encourage that child's adult to stop by the office to enroll right away (Put First Things First). The school office is open and staff is ready to serve you! Please call us at 989.465.6179 with questions.

Enjoy the final days of summer vacation (Sharpen the Saw)! We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

## From the Desk of Jennifer Hess

Summer school was a great success! 21 high school students attended and earned back a total of 21 credits. The students also built a gaga ball pit for our students to use during their lunch break this school year. In addition, 6 middle school students successfully completed intervention in math, ELA, and leadership skill building.

We are gearing up for the 2022-2023 school year!! As we do this, below are some important dates for you to put on your calendar:

- August 8th: Fall sports practice officially start
- August 17th: Blood Drive
- August 22nd - 26th: Band Camp
- August 22nd, 7:00 pm: 7th Grade Orientation
- August 24th, 6:00-7:00: Open House
- August 29th: First Day of School - Full Day

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new staff members:

- Karly Larsen: K-12 Dean of Students
- Monique Reuter: Part-Time Social Worker
- Christian Maloney: Athletic Director, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
- Megan Lagalo: K-12 Social Emotional Support Coach
- Brad Clark: Interventionist
- Kirsten Torreano: Teacher

If your student will be driving to school this year, please have him/her stop by the office and purchase a \$5.00 parking pass and register any vehicle he/she will be driving to school this year. All students driving will be required to have a pass.

We look forward to working with you as students, parents, and community members to have another successful school year. Your support and partnerships will help us continue to create tomorrow's leaders through academics, arts, athletics, and agriculture.

Jennifer Hess, Principal

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## From the Dean's Desk

Hello Coleman families! My name is Karly Larsen and I have been hired as the new K-12 Dean of Students for Coleman Community Schools. I am so excited to get started and meet the families and community. First, a little about me, I grew up in St.Charles and currently live in Bay City with my husband. Previously, I have been a Preschool and Physical Education Teacher for 8 years and most recently have worked at Saginaw Valley State University teaching and supervising in the Teacher Education Program. I completed my Master's in School Administration at SVSU as well.

My hope for this position this year is that I will be involved with students helping to create a culture where students feel celebrated and supported. I believe that students deserve to learn in a place where they feel safe, supported, and seen! I will be working hand and hand with both building principals Mrs. Araway and Mrs. Hess to create and implement behavioral support for our students. I look forward to meeting our students in the coming weeks and cannot wait to make a positive impact on our school district.

Karly Larsen

# School Supplies

Many parents would like to know what supplies are required for each grade level. While there are no required supplies or donations, we always appreciate what you are able to do for your child or the classroom/school. Each school is fortunate to be able to purchase most supplies necessary for success in the classroom either automatically or when requested by teachers. From time to time teachers find that they have specific requests that fall outside of the normal materials or that are more frequently used. Please note that most supplies requested will be used to support all students in the class. Following is a list of additional supplies that teachers have suggested you might send with your child if you wish.

**Both Buildings/All Classrooms:** Box of tissues/Kleenex, Cleaning wipes (like Lysol or Clorox), Hand soap or sanitizer.

**Jr./ Sr. High School Suggested School Supply List:** Writing utensil, including multiple pencils. Boxes of pencils.

Spiral notebooks and folders for organization for each class.

Coleman Elementary Suggested School Supply Lists

**All classes request:** composition notebooks, black dry erase markers (thin), tennis shoes for gym, notebooks (wide ruled), glue sticks (size 0.77 Oz.)

**Kindergarten:** spiral notebooks (2), index cards, crayons box of 24, colored pencils, colored markers, black dry-erase markers(skinny), pencil sharpener, pocket folders(s), water bottle with cap/lid, glue sticks (4), highlighter, kids scissors, personal size hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Kleenex, lunch box and gym shoes.

**1st grade:** crayons box of 24, colored pencils, pencil box, black dry-erase marker(skinny), spiral notebook(green), folder(green), spiral notebook{red}, folder(red), white 1"-3 ring binder, earbuds. items need for classroom: Kleenex, Clorox wipes, napkins, spoons, gym shoes

**2nd grade:** backpack, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, glue sticks (2), gym shoes

**3rd grade:** spiral notebooks (4), composition notebook(!), folders (4), glue sticks, crayons box of 16+, sticky notes, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, headphones, gym shoes

**4th grade:** gym shoes

**5th grade:** crayola crayons box of 24, crayola colored pencils box of 12, colored markers, scissors, pencil box, elmer's school glue sticks, pens-red, blue, and black, sticky notes(3x3), sharpie highlighters (assorted colors), Kleenex, Clorox wipes, paper towels, water bottles with cap/lid, earbuds, composition notebooks (4), folders with pockets-3 prong (2), gym shoes

**6th grade:** colored pencils, colored markers, scissors, pencil case, Kleenex, water bottles with cap/lid, earbuds, composition notebooks (4), folders with pockets 3-prong (2), gym shoes

**Art class:** black markers & sharpies

# From the Athletic Directors' Desk

Hello Comet Nation!

It is my pleasure and honor to join the Comet family and the Coleman community as the new Athletic Director of Coleman Jr./Sr. High School. First, I would like to thank Dave Mammel for his many years of service to this community as a teacher, an athletic director, as a coach, and a leader. What Dave has built here in Coleman is nothing short of astonishing, and I hope to continue his success. I was absolutely blown away by the kindness and help I received upon my introduction. Throughout the interview process and over the course of my first week I have been astonished at the enthusiasm, passion, pride, and spirit there is for the community and for Coleman athletics. I could not be prouder to serve this community and strive to continue the success of the athletic program. Coleman has a rich tradition of athletics, and I look forward to working with our student athletes, coaches, administrators, fans, supporters, and community members to build on the success of Comet athletics. With the help of the administration and athletic staff I aim to make this transition as smooth as possible.

I received my Bachelor of Science with a major in Sports Management from Central Michigan University in 2021. Over the course of the last 5 years, I have coached football and basketball. I continuously worked my way up moving from a 7th Grade Boys Basketball to an Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Alma College.

I believe that athletics play a significant role in the lives of all our students. It provides lessons beyond the classroom that can help develop all of them into the future leaders they will become. Together we will teach our student athletes the values of leadership, integrity, sportsmanship, collaboration, discipline, and teamwork. These values and the mission of Coleman Community Schools, "Creating the leaders of tomorrow through Academics, Arts, Athletics and Agriculture," will remain a constant in the development of our student athletes. I also want all students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community members to know that my number one priority is the health and safety of our student athletes.

I would like to thank Superintendent Jennifer McCormack, Jr/Sr High School Principal Jennifer Hess, Athletic Secretary Laurie Bell, Former Athletic Director Dave Mammel, the Board of Education, the Coleman Jr/Sr High School staff, and all those who provided me this opportunity to lead this astounding athletic department.

I look forward to meeting those who have had a hand in making this such an incredible school and district. I am always happy to talk to anyone about the athletic programs at Coleman Jr./Sr. High School and to answer any questions you may have.

Go Comets!

Sincerely,  
Christian Maloney

## CES Top Ten List

10. Start talking to your child now about school. Be happy and positive when you talk about school. Start telling your child NOW how he/she will get to school and get home from school. Talk to your child about making friends, learning new skills, and having fun. This is your child's time to shine!
9. What can you do right now to help your child be ready for kindergarten? Start your child's school sleep schedule as soon as possible. Experts agree that five year olds need at least 10 hours of sleep each night. What time will your child need to wake up to be ready for school? Start the early wake up and early to bed routine now so your child has time to adjust before school begins.
8. End of the day pick up for kindergarten students is at 2:55 p.m. – before older students in the school. Teachers walk Kindergarten students to meet their families at 2:55 p.m. (Except on Wednesdays when school releases at 2:00 p.m., so kindergarten pick up is at 1:55 p.m.).
7. School releases at 3:00 p.m.. Kindergarten bus riders are escorted to busses at the back of the building at 2:55 p.m..
6. Students may eat hot lunch or bring a packed lunch from home each school day. Students can buy milk at lunch time to go with their packed lunch. ALL Coleman Schools students receive FREE breakfast and lunch each school day – no money required!
5. Bring a backpack and a smile on the first day of school. No other supplies are required on the first day. Breakfast is served (FREE!) every school day
4. (unless there is a weather delay). Drop off for kindergarten is at the front of the elementary school under the blue awning at 7:55 a.m. The lane closest to the curb is for drop off only. If you are walking your student to the line, please park in one of the marked spaces in the front parking lot and escort your child through the parking lot. School busses drop off at the rear of the elementary building. For safety's sake, no vehicular traffic is allowed at the rear of the building at the beginning nor the end of the school day. School starts Monday, August 29 at 8:00 a.m.
2. Students may be dropped off at the front of the building at 7:55 a.m. The first day of school is a full day for students. CES Open House is Wednesday, August 24, 2024
1. from 5:30-6:30 p.m. You're invited, and we hope you will attend! Families will have the option of a light meal, the opportunity to meet their child's teachers, chances to win prizes, and time to socialize with others at CES. We can't wait to see you!

## Agriscience News

Will you be in 10th, 11th or 12th grade this school year? Do you enjoy lessons that are hands-on? Would you like to earn some of your math or science credits while learning about more than 250 potential careers?

Check out the Coleman Regional Agriscience Career-Technical Education (CTE) program. This program is available to ALL Midland County Students (Bullock Creek, Coleman, Meridian, Midland High and Midland Dow) through a County Consortium and transportation is provided. Clare and Gladwin County students are also welcome.

The Agriscience Program offers outstanding teachers and a hands-on environment with a fully-functioning barn and greenhouse, 7.16-acre outdoor land lab, an 80-acre forest lab and STEM classrooms, all designed by students. Career connections include plant and animal systems; power structural & technical systems; engineering, manufacturing, GIS/GPS, drone training, natural resources; food products and processing systems; environmental service systems and agribusiness. Check out the actual career potential. Thousands of these positions go unfilled every year right here in Michigan. The Agriscience Program is a fun way to learn in high school and gets you ready to move on to a career or college directly after graduation (you can even earn free college credits BEFORE you graduate!) Call or e-mail today:

\*Your school counselor

\*Coleman Schools' Counselor, 989.465.6171

\*Mrs. Zwemmer, Agriscience Teacher, 989.465.6171 or [mzwemmer@colemanschools.net](mailto:mzwemmer@colemanschools.net)

\*Mr. Fischer, Agriscience Teacher, 989.465.6171 [efischer@colemanschools.net](mailto:efischer@colemanschools.net) or at the high school

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## Registration

If you are new to our area, or are currently home schooling and are interested in some of our programs our secretaries and principals are happy to help get your child enrolled or answer any questions.

You can start by looking on our website at [www.colemanschools.net](http://www.colemanschools.net), our "ColemanComet" app on your phone and the link on the Homepage "Enrollment" button for videos, registration forms and an Inquiry Form where we will respond to your questions or set up a tour for you. Or simply stop by and register your child.

Please bring the following with your registration paperwork:

- Child's birth certificate
- Immunization records
- 2 proofs of residency with your correct name and address
- Hearing/ Vision screening (Kindergarten only).



Coleman Agriscience Summer Farm to Table camp a success!



Mr. Burkhart and the High School Band perform in the Memorial Day Parade



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**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION REPORT – LETTER TO HOUSEHOLDS**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Coleman Community Schools will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2022-2023.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled at BOTH the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day.

In place of the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application we still need your household to **fill out and sign the Household Information Report**. This report is *critical* in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

**We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible, even if you believe you will not qualify or will not use the services, to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students and doesn't decrease. All information on the report submitted is confidential.** Without your assistance in completing and returning the attached report, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds. **This is a great way for you to support your District without any cost and very little time expended.**

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us Scott Baase, Food Service Director at either school office or at [sbaase@colemanschools.net](mailto:sbaase@colemanschools.net).

Sincerely,

Jennifer McCormack, Supt.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION REPORT**

This report is used to determine eligibility for state benefits for which your child(ren)'s school may qualify. Please complete, sign, and return this form to your child's school.

If any member of your household receives benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

**Part A: Student Information** – For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

**Part B: Benefits Received** – If any household member, including adults, receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or (FDPIR), provide the name and case number. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

**Part C: Household Size** - Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

**Part D: Annual Household Income** – Skip this part

**Part E: Certification** - Sign the form. Print your name and date.

If your household does not receive benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

**Part A: Student Information** - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

**Part B: Benefits Received** – Skip this part

**Part C: Household Size** – Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

**Part D: Annual Household Income** – Moving across the same row as the household size check box, check the box that shows the range of annual income for all people in your household. Make sure to include all of the following income sources: work, welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits, child income and/or all other income. The amount should be before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc.

**Part E: Certification** - Sign the form. Print your name, date, and contact information.

# HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION REPORT SY 2022 - 2023

District: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part A: Student Information - Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade**

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Grade Level	School	Identify H if Homeless M if Migrant R if Runaway F if Foster

**Part B: Benefits Received (if applicable)**

If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Part C: Household Size	Part D: Annual Household Income - Select the appropriate range of combined annual income for all people in the household (Include all income before taxes)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$17,667	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$17,668 and \$25,142	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$25,143
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$23,803	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$23,804 and \$33,874	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$33,875
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$29,939	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$29,940 and \$42,606	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$42,607
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$36,075	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$36,076 and \$51,338	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$51,339
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$42,211	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$42,212 and \$60,070	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$60,071
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$48,347	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$48,348 and \$68,802	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$68,803
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$54,483	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$54,484 and \$77,534	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$77,535
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$60,619	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$60,620 and \$86,266	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$86,267

**\* Special Instructions for households with more than 8 people: DO NOT check the boxes above. Instead, fill in items below:**  
 Household size (# people): \_\_\_\_\_ Total annual income: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part E: Certification - The head of household or adult designee who completed this form must complete this certification section**

I certify (promise) that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this form may impact the amount of State or Federal funding allocated to my local school district. I understand that the information I have provided may be verified.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature) (Printed Name) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address) (City) (Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Email Address) (Home Phone) (Work Phone)

**Do NOT fill out this section. This is for school use only.**  
 Status: F \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ Determining Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Family Center Programs

### FLAG FOOTBALL

Ages 3-5 & 6-9

September 15th – October 20th

\$40 per player

Registration ENDS on September 5th!

FREE T-Shirt for every player!

### 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Games will be on Saturdays

at the Coleman Family Center

September 24th – October 29th

\$300 per team includes T-shirt for up to 8 players

Registration ends Thursday September 15th

Any surrounding teams are welcome

### BABY BALLET AGES 3-6

November 1st-December 6th

Tuesdays

\$40 per Ballerina

**To register call 465-2079**

### VISIT THE COMMUNITY MARKET

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12-5PM!

### FREE 3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL

*for qualifying families.*

Provided by Head Start

Half Day program includes breakfast and lunch.

Located at the Coleman Family Center.

### FREE 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL

*for qualifying families.*

Provided by the Great Start Readiness Program

Full day program including breakfast, lunch and snack. Located at the Coleman Family Center.

Fill out an application form at:

MichiganPreschool.org, Preschoolpartnership.org

Or call 844-492-7707

## Parking Lot Route and Safety

We need your help! Following these procedures in the elementary parking lot and loop is one MAJOR step toward keeping everyone safe. Thank you in advance for your cooperation:

1. For morning drop off and end of the day pick up (between 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 pm. daily) there is a one-way parking loop at the front of the elementary school:

- The ONLY entrance to the parking lot is from Washington Street (nearest intersection Washington/Barbour).
- Cars enter off of Washington Street, park in a spot or drop off at the curb, then continue around the loop and turn onto the service drive that leads to Shaffer Road.
- The driveway off Shaffer Road is for exiting only (between 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 pm. daily). Please form two lanes – a right turn and a left turn lane – onto Shaffer Rd. as you exit the lot.
- Vehicles are not allowed to enter off of Shaffer Road at drop off/pick up time.
- Vehicles may not exit onto Washington Street at drop off/pick up time.

2. The lane closest to the curb is for pick up and drop off only, much like you see at the airport. At no time should an empty car be left in this curbside lane. If you plan to get out of your car for any reason, please park in a marked parking spot and walk up to the school.

3. Do not make a double lane along the curb. This is very dangerous for children, may cause an accident, and will block the flow of traffic. Please pull as far forward as possible before students exit your vehicle.

4. Students entering the parking lot and crossing in front of the traffic lane must be accompanied by an adult at both drop off and pick up time. Parents/siblings who park in a marked parking space must exit their vehicle, meet the elementary child, and then accompany the student safely to the sidewalk or to the vehicle.

Thank you in advance to all family and community members for following these directions! With your care and co-operation we can keep students safe as they arrive for or leave from their day of learning. If you have questions or concerns about details relating to the parking loop, please see Mrs. Araway in the elementary office.

## 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 first semester of the 2022-2023 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.



High School Volleyball open gym brings a large group of athletes.

# Important Updates, Continued Improvement And Points Of Pride.

**Health:** Mrs. Weber, our School Nurse and Mrs. Clements, our Health Resource Advocate, will return this year to assist families and staff with all things health related, in conjunction with the Midland County Health Department. They provide support and training for health and wellness-related issues, monitor Health Care Plans and will provide information to students, parents and staff alike.

All protocols established for COVID positive cases will be reviewed or updated with the Health Department throughout the year and monitored daily by our Health Staff and District Administration. Positive cases will be reported through a letter or e-mail to parents in the particular classroom. Those who are positive will need to stay home for five (5) days and mask for ten (10) days. Those who are close contacts within the home will be required to mask for ten (10) days and encouraged to test if symptoms develop.

**Safety:** Thanks to our community, the Midland County School Resource Office Millage Renewal passed, continuing our partnership with the Midland County Sheriff's Department and Deputy Hodges. The Sheriff's Department, along with Chief Ward, Chief Cozat and the Coleman Police and Fire Department provide strong safety protocols, training, networking and support.

**Community Partnerships:** Thank you to the Comet community for passing the Operating Millage Renewal during the August 2022 elections, which supports daily operations of the district such as teacher and support staff salaries, curriculum materials, additional supports and utilities among other things. This millage renewal does not impact taxes for a person's principal residence and does not increase taxes for non-homestead properties above what is currently paid with taxes.

- **Facilities Input Meetings:** will be held at the Jr./Sr. High at 6:30 p.m. on October 6th, November 29th and January 18th for all interested in joining us. More dates will be scheduled later in the year. Please mark your calendars to learn where we have come from, where we are currently and give input to future planning for all district facilities including capital improvements of buildings, arts, athletics, Career-Technical Education (CTE), vehicles and district grounds.

- **Coleman Community Schools' Endowment Fund:** is looking for committee members to develop a process and review proposals to be funded. If you are interested in being considered for the committee, whether community or staff member, please contact Kerry Berthume at [kberthume@colemanschools.net](mailto:kberthume@colemanschools.net) or 989.465.6060. If you would like to donate, go to [www.midlandfoundation.org](http://www.midlandfoundation.org) and search Coleman Schools Endowment Fund. Your donation goes directly to support the students and programs of Coleman Schools in perpetuity.

- **Comet Chats:** a chance for community members to ask questions, share positives, ideas and concerns with the Superintendent are scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th at 12:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., Monday, October 17th at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please contact Kerry Berthume, 989.465.6060, [kberthume@colemanschools.net](mailto:kberthume@colemanschools.net) for locations in the schools or community.

**Staffing:** There is great pride in the Comet Team, the work family whose key focus is on the achievement, safety

and success of your child(ren). Our seasoned staff along with the additional positions we have added or hired serve to show what dedicated professionals Coleman brings to the table. A staff directory is included on our website. Please welcome our new members to the Coleman family!

Part of the team includes two additional student interventionists in the district, further support time for students with Cognitive Impairments, additional English Language Learner (ELL) staffing, a K-12 Dean of students, a Social Emotional Learning Support/Coach part-time and an additional part-time School Social Worker.

## **Aligned Curriculum:**

**6th Grade Band:** The sixth grade band students will take lunch count and attendance in the elementary, and then will get back on the bus to the jr./sr. high. They will not go to the Family Center for class. This will provide them with greater opportunities to work with those who have been in band before, use of all instruments and the jr./sr. high space and increase safety by eliminating students walking through the parking lots. Those 6th grade band students arriving after 8:20 a.m. will check in at the jr./sr. high front office before going to class; they will return to the elementary at 9:20 a.m. More information will come to students from Mr. Burkhart.

**New Courses at the Jr./Sr. High:** The District remains dedicated to high level instruction and a variety of options for our students. Were excited to offer new courses this fall. All of 7th grade, a class at a key transition year, will participate in three electives versus two in tri-semester, with the third being Social Emotional Learning. Computer courses will move toward more Coding experience. In high school we have added Strength Training and Psychology/Sociology, provided more definition to our Art 2 and Spanish 2 courses and combined Multi-Media/Social Media Marketing.

**Continuing Courses and Supports:** In addition to core subjects and the multitude of college level and at-risk supports already in place, our elementary and high school students will continue having access to both Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL), Level 1 and 2. All 9th grade students will be in Physical Science, ensuring they will be ready for future State required science instruction after freshman year.

**Curriculum Upgrades:** Classrooms continue to receive updates in materials through Title and General Funds. The K-12 Social Studies curriculum, both hard copies and technology-based, approved by the District Curriculum Committee (DCC) and Board will be arriving any day now, aligned with the recently updated State Standards. These materials in addition to new materials over the past four years in English (Reading & Writing), Math, Science, Music, Art and Physical Education rounded out our first full rotation of curriculum proposals. Financial Literacy, Foreign Languages and Agriscience have each also had updates. The DCC will next review and update the previous Math and Music Proposal for items not purchased in the first round.

**1:1 Technology:** Coleman Schools provides 1:1 technology for students in our classrooms with up-to-date AV carts, SmartBoards and Chromebooks. Upgrades have been made to our conference rooms to better support parent and virtual meetings, to our auditorium and elementary cafeteria for concerts and other events and our gyms to increase activities our students can participate in.

**Employment:** Interested in becoming a part of our team? Employment opportunities for dedicated people with a consistent focus on students' best interests can be

## Bus Routes

The Transportation Department Director is Michael Cowell. Michael can be contacted at 989.465.6811 or [mcowell@auxilioservices.com](mailto:mcowell@auxilioservices.com).

Students who did not ride regularly last year or who are newly enrolled should contact Transportation to ensure they are routed. Bus assignments and times will be sent out by text and/or e-mail using the districts routing software EZ Routing by August 25th, provided the student rode regularly last year or their information has been received by the department by August 19th. Others will be routed within 48 hours of receipt of information. Drivers will contact families with kindergarteners and new students prior to the start of school with pick-up, drop off times, and boarding procedures. Students will have assigned seating. When possible, loading of the bus will occur back to front, and offloading of the bus front to back to maximize student safety. Students will have hand sanitizer available when boarding the bus if they wish to use it.

Bus riders will not be allowed to ride to unassigned stops (e.g. birthday parties, sleep overs, study groups, etc.). Changes in a student's schedule from one assigned stop to another will occur in accordance with the student handbook.

Masking on the bus will follow district and CDC guidelines. As of the writing of this newsletter, masking is not required.



Brantley Lattimer wins Grand Champion Market Steer.



Student Youth Group spruces things up for the big reveal to for the high school staff lounge.



Dalton Rinehart visits is FFA soybean plot for the Association Crops Management Contest

# Board of Education

Date	Place	Time
8/15/2022	Board Office	6:30 p.m.
9/19/2022	Jr./Sr. High Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
10/17/2022	Jr./Sr. High Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
11/21/2022	Jr./Sr. High Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
12/19/2022	Jr./Sr. High Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
1/16/2023 (tentative)	Jr./Sr. High Auditorium	6:00 p.m.

All Board Meetings are accessible to the public and available under "Explore/Administration/Required Postings".

## COLEMAN BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Lorie Fox	Trustee: Jennifer Murray
VP: Travis Aultman	Trustee: Jackie Germain
Secretary: Angela Brooks	Trustee: Nathan Clarke
Treasurer: Chris Blake	

## 2022-2023 Calendar

School begins at 8:00 a.m. for the Elementary & Jr./Sr. High. Half days are a.m. Elementary released at 11:30 a.m. & Jr./ Sr. High released at 11:20 Lunch will be served prior to dismissal. Early Release is every Wednesday there is not already a ½ day- Jr./Sr. High at 1:50 p.m.; Elementary at 2:00 p.m.

<b>Aug. 22</b>	7th Grade Orientation 7:00 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High
<b>Aug. 22</b>	Professional learning for staff 8-3:30 p.m.
<b>Aug. 23</b>	Professional learning for staff 8-3:30 p.m.
<b>Aug. 24</b>	Work day for staff; Open House for students/families- Elementary 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Jr./Sr. High 6-7:00 p.m.
<b>Aug. 29</b>	First day for students/ Full Day; School begins at 8:00 a.m.; Begin marking period
<b>Aug. 31</b>	Early release days begin every Wednesday (see top of calendar)
<b>Sept. 2-5</b>	Labor Day Holiday
<b>Oct. 7</b>	Homecoming vs. Webberville (tentative)
<b>Oct. 18</b>	No School; Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00-8:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 28</b>	End of 1st Marking Period
<b>Nov. 15</b>	No School- Deer Day
<b>Nov. 23</b>	Half Day in the a.m. for students and staff
<b>Nov. 24-25</b>	Thanksgiving Break
<b>Dec. 22</b>	Holiday Break begins
<b>Jan. 3</b>	Classes Resume
<b>Jan. 19</b>	End of 2nd marking period/ 1st semester
<b>Jan. 20</b>	No school for students; Work Day for teachers
<b>Feb. 22</b>	Half day in a.m. for students. Teachers professional learning in p.m.
<b>Mar. 24</b>	End of 3rd marking period
<b>Mar. 27-31</b>	No School- Spring Break
<b>Apr. 3</b>	Classes Resume
<b>Apr. 7</b>	No School- Good Friday
<b>May 17</b>	Half day in the a.m. for students. Teachers professional learning in the p.m.
<b>May 21</b>	Graduation for Class of 2023 Seniors 2:00 p.m.
<b>May 29</b>	No School- Memorial Day
<b>June 6</b>	Half Day a.m. students; p.m. Work Day for teachers
<b>June 7</b>	Half Day a.m. students and staff; Last day for students; End 4th marking period/ 2nd semester

# Important Numbers

## ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

4823 N. Coleman Schools Drive  
Superintendent/Special Education Supervisor:  
Jennifer McCormack 2104  
Board/Superintendent Administrative Assistant:  
Kerry Berthume 2108  
Payroll/H.R.: Christine Johnson 2101  
A/P Community Relations Specialist:  
Natalie Rogers 2109  
Business Manager: Sara Hegel 2102  
Athletic Director: Christian Maloney  
K-12 Dean of Students: Karly Larsen  
989/465-6060  
989/465-1891  
989/465-9853 FAX

## BUS GARAGE

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Transportation Supervisor: Michael Cowell 2502  
989/465-6811  
989/465-6859 FAX  
Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor: Mike Huss 2500

## AGRISCIENCE BLDG

4858 N. Coleman Schools Drive  
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Principal: Cindy Araway 2252  
Head Secretary: Linda Lovejoy 2200  
989/465-6179  
989/465-9854 FAX  
989/465-9861  
Special Education Secretary: Breanna Bressette 2256  
989/465-9852 Special Education FAX

## HIGH SCHOOL

4951 N. Lewis Road  
Principal: Jennifer Hess 2451  
Head Secretary Jr./Sr. High: Nancy Sian 2400  
Athletics Secretary: Laurie Bell 2300  
989/465-6171 (Sr. High)  
989/465-6177 (Jr. High)  
989/465-9222 FAX  
989/465-9850 Athletic Department

## COLEMAN FAMILY CENTER

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