

Cologne Academy Director's News

Calendar Dates

- December 8 at 8:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
- December 9 End of Trimester
- December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- December 16 Cookie Dough Pickup
- December 20 at 5:30 p.m. Facilities Task Force Meeting
- December 21 at 2:50 OSA (Outstanding Student Assembly)
- December 22- January 2 Winter Break!!!



LOOK WHAT'S COMING!

1st Student Council Initiative

CA is Going GREEN



Cologne Academy is excited to announce our newest initiative! With the assistance of CA parent Shelley Fahey (mother of kindergartener Kallyn Fahey) of [Organics Disposal](#) and the leadership of our Student Council representatives we will be going Green!

The Green initiative begins in our lunchroom. Any organic waste-anything that comes from plants or animals- is biodegradable. In our lunchroom, we will be able to send the following waste items to be composted:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, poultry, and seafood
- Eggshells, rice, beans, cheese
- Bones (yes, bones)
- Waxed cardboard products (ex. Chinese take-out boxes)
- Frozen/refrigerated food boxes (ex. frozen pizza, frozen dinners)
- Napkins, paper towels, paper plates
- Milk cartons, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters
- Parchment and waxed papers
- Even the Pizza Boxes and juice boxes!

Student will have to sort their trash as they are dismissed from lunch by placing all non-compostable items (plastic utensils, plastics, juice box straws, lunch trays) in the regular trash and all compostable items in the Organic Disposal bins.

To further our "greenness," next year we will be have even less trash as we will be doing our own dishes in the dishwasher which will come in our new lunchroom space.

Students will also be recycling items in the class-

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room and paper towels from hand washing in the bathrooms.

Our new program will start in the coming weeks. Please talk with your children about the benefits of keeping trash from the landfills.

Organic Disposal Fundraiser

Think about going Green at home too! For each new customer, CA's student council will receive \$10. Check out their [website](#) or call 952 443-2336 to get started!



Food Drive

Because we haven't yet met our goal, we have extended the food drive for one more week. Please continue to send in food items through December 9th.

Let's reach our goal!!!

Thank you!

Parking

Parents: When you visit the school, please feel free to park in the first row on the west side of the lot (but not in the coned area). The staff purposely leaves the first row of parking open for our visitors, parents, and volunteers.

Student Spotlight

The following students were awarded certificates at the November Outstanding Student Assembly:

Art/Music: Alexis Lundstrom
Phy Ed: Kaylin Rosenlund
5th Grade: Seija Kingston
6th Grade: Attrea Ferro Schug
7th Grade: Nicole Larsen
8th Grade: Sarah Schelitzche

The following students were "caught" and given a Fish Award:

Michael Wagner	Finn Braun
Courtney Cebulla	Dylan Cooksley
Kalyn Mapstone	Adam Wagner
Victoria Mitchell	Joe Frahm
Claire Kerber	Aiden Jensen
Noah Vossen	Jocelyn Heinrichs
Charlie Hanson	Kallyn Fahey
Julie Mielke	

Now through February 17 is our open enrollment period at Cologne Academy. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled at CA but would like to be, please turn in an application prior to February 17. Help spread the word to your family and friends, too! Enrolling for 2012-13 school year K-8.

Yearbook Pre-orders

We are taking orders for the 2011/2012 CA Yearbook. Cost is \$18 per book. Orders are due by January 11.

For order form, [click here](#).

Cold weather is here!!!!
Please make sure your children have warm coats, hats, and mittens for recess.
(Label all clothing!)



The all school panoramic photo is displayed at the school. Laminated photos are available for \$16.

Make checks payable to Lifetouch.

We still need help serving lunch on Mondays. Also anyone willing to be an on call sub please notify [Jami Reinitz](#).

College T-shirt Days:

December 12
December 21
January 27
February 13
February 24
March 5
March 30
April 16
April 27
May 25

Uniform pants/skirts required.



Check out student art work on Ms. Blotz's portal [Click Here](#)



PAVE Reminders

Cookie Dough Fundraiser a Huge Success!!

PAVE would like to thank all those who participated in the Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough fundraiser. This was a huge success, with a profit of \$5,800!! This will allow the school to purchase a portion of the C.O.W. (cart on wheels) and a few laptops.

Winners of the Gift Cards are:

First Place Winner of \$25 for selling 32 units—TYLER SPRIK (kindergarten)

Second Place Winner of \$15 for selling 29 units—MADELAINÉ SCHWANKE (grade 1)

Third Place Winner of \$10 for selling 28 units—ISAAC GUZMAN (grade 4)

Congratulations and thank you all for supporting your school!!

Scrapbooking Event

The Scrappy Campers of Cologne Academy will hold their next event on January 27th & 28th. For more information or registration, please contact tammyschelitzche@embarqmail.com. We always look forward to seeing some new faces!!

January Family Fun Night

The next Family Fun Night will have an outdoor/winter theme. The Third Grade classes will be sponsoring this fun event. Mark your calendars for this fun night on January 13th. More info to follow.

Spaghetti Dinner Changes

The planning committee for the former spaghetti dinner has decided to change things up a bit. There will now be a Chicken Dinner, with musical entertainment and a silent auction. The date is January 20. Look for a flyer with more info/details to follow.

The Cologne, Hamburg, and NYA Fire Departments
are sponsoring a

TOY DRIVE

through December 12. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the Cologne Academy office. Toys will be given to the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf.



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK!

Friday, December 9th

Cologne Lions Park

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:15 p.m. Santa and his Reindeer from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Candy Cane Hunt at 7:00 p.m.

Come see us light up the park! Join us for some Holiday Spirit! Caroling, Hot Chocolate, Santa and More!

Bring a sled for the sledding hill and your camera! Lets get the season started!

We will also be collecting for Toys For Tots!

The Cologne Lions will be selling Hotdogs, Chili, Hot Chocolate and Coffee!

Parent's Commitment to Cologne Academy

By: CA Parent

“Raising children is a noble calling.” We have our children in our sole care for about 40,000 hours before they go off to school. What keeps me so committed to Cologne Academy is I feel I have a partnership with the school. Not only do I have high expectations of my children’s character but so does the school. CA is teaching core virtue curriculum to our children in every way and every day. Sometimes it is a subtle way. Here are a few experiences I have had:

One of my children was walking down the hall in tears with her teacher. My son’s teacher recognized her as my son’s sibling and asked him to go down to the office to see if he could comfort her. I was so impressed by the compassion and the intimacy of our school to provide time for my children’s special relationship of brother and sister.

My daughter was having difficulty with a topic like measurement in 4th grade math. She, along with 4-5 other students, was pulled out of class with another teacher to help them master the skill. I am so impressed by the diligence and perseverance of the school staff to recognize and address these children’s needs. It allows for mastery of the basics and enjoyment, instead of frustration, in their journey of lifelong learning.

Recently, my husband and I witnessed one of our children acting out of character. We talked about it a few times and wondered what to do. During conferences we brought the scenario up to the teacher. She laughed and reassured us that our child never acts like that around her. She then explained in detail how he does act. She asked that next time we had a concern to come to her that day, instead of worrying for a week. I am so impressed with the generosity of her time and her willingness to share many positive experiences with us.

One of my children has a very humorous teacher. He teaches math. He is honest with the students that it wasn’t his favorite subject in school when he was their age. Yet he is on his toes to keep the class’s attention. I have noticed that all his students are unique and special to him. He makes mathematics fun. How amazing to find a math teacher that truly inspires and motivates them.

A couple of my children’s teachers headed up an after school class on Stewardship. They sent packages overseas to our soldiers and made May baskets for the elderly and have coordinated “Feed My Hungry Children”. I am grateful that our children are learning compassion, mercy and how good it feels to volunteer.

I have chosen a few examples of life skills being taught at our school. Daily examples reinforce just how unique our school is. Of course, I love the academic rigor but I know that academic success is not the only key to success in life. I like to think of our children as “human becomings” not human beings. Integrating the core virtues; exceptional inter-personal skills, integrity, ambition, compassion and volunteerism with academics will forge leaders and good stewards, capable of improving our families, communities, workplaces, and this big and complex world. I believe our small school is poised to make a huge impact on our future. As a parent, I try to teach these principles. I am so grateful to have this wonderful school behind me. Thank You!

Greetings!

With enthusiastic feedback and gratitude, we would like to continue honoring teachers and students on a successful school semester on Teacher & Student Appreciation Day by offering a FREE* ticket opportunity.

The Vikings will provide a **FREE*** ticket for the following game:

Minnesota Vikings vs. New Orleans Saints, Sunday, December 18th @ Noon

To participate, [click here](#). Return the completed flyer via mail or fax, (612) 333-0458.

If you have any questions concerning Teacher & Student Appreciation Day, please contact Laura Culbertson at (952) 918-8443 or email culbertsonl@vikings.nfl.net. Thank you for your support and we hope you find **Teacher & Student Appreciation Day** a valuable reward and great fun for all.

Regards,
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Did you know?

Students who regularly engage in physical activity tend to have:

- Improved memory and concentration;
- Improved classroom behavior;
- Improved test scores;
- Decreased stress and anxiety;
- Improved self-esteem.

Are youth getting adequate nutrition? Do your children eat breakfast each morning at home? Is the breakfast high in protein, such as eggs, milk (cow, soy or almond), nuts, meat or complex carbohydrates? High protein, low sugar breakfast can help jump-start the brain for a day of learning. Does the family eat one or two meals together a week, with cell phone off, and the TV off or turned down to minimize distraction? Is water or milk the main drink for children and youth, as opposed to pop (diet or sugar), Gatorade, and other commercial drinks?

If your family has concerns about adequate access to food, consider a confidential conversation with the school nurse to identify resources to help you and your child.

Even moderate under-nutrition can have lasting effects and compromise cognitive development and school performance.

Students with the lowest protein in their diet had the lowest achievement scores.

Students with iron deficiency had shortened attention span, irritability, fatigue and difficulty concentrating.

Students who miss breakfast tend to have poor attention.