

Upcoming Events:

January 7 Concert, Grades 3 & 4 7:00 p.m. Cologne Academy Gym!
January 11 College T-shirt Day
January 12 PAVE Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 14 Concert, Grades 5-8 7:00 p.m. Cologne Academy Gym!
January 15 Early Release 1:00 p.m.
January 19 Knowledge Bowl Meet, Edina
January 19 High School Transition Meeting 6:30 p.m. at CA
January 21 Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m.
January 21 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 22 Family Fun Night 6:00 p.m.
January 25 Informational Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 28 Extraordinary Expo

New Youth Enrichment Classes Offered

Grandmasters of Chess - classes begin January 22

Lego X: Hammers and Ballerinas - classes begin January 27

Please see [attached](#)

Grade 3 and 4 Winter Concert

Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Our concert will be held in our brand new gymnasium. It will be the first performance ever done on our new stage! Students are asked to be in their homerooms by 6:30 p.m. Parents, please enter the gym through door #14 which is on the east side of the gym.

The 3rd and 4th grade concert is titled *The American Dream: a Musical Celebration of America's Early Heritage*. Because the theme of the concert involves the early days of America's foundation and settlement, we are giving students the option to dress the part. Students can wear:

- Time period-appropriate costumes, including settlers, Native Americans, colonialists, explorers, pioneers, etc.
- Jeans with flannel shirts, boots

Middle School Band and Choir Concert

Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Middle school choir students should report to their homerooms by 6:40 pm. Middle school band students should report to the band room to start assembling their instruments.

Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 18

Cologne Academy is planning its first MLK Day student assembly and service project. The theme of the assembly is "A Day On, Not a Day Off." During the assembly students will be introduced to Martin Luther King and his legacy. In honor of his memory and famous "what are you doing for others" our students will also be assembling hygiene packages for area homeless shelters.

We are asking each grade level for the following hygiene items:

Kindergarten: Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

1st Grade: Deodorant

2nd Grade: Travel Size Shampoos

3rd Grade: New Socks - Adult Size

4th Grade: Chapstick/Lip Balm

5th Grade: Brushes/Combs

6th Grade: Bars of Soap

7th & 8th Grades: Wet Wipes-small enough containers to fit in gallon size zip lock bags

We will be collecting items through Wednesday, January 13.

High School Transition Meeting
Tuesday, January 19 6:30 p.m.
at Cologne Academy

Parents of 8th graders are encouraged to attend this important meeting regarding your child's upcoming high school experience. The meeting is open to any parent seeking information on high school choice.

Representatives from nine area schools will be present to give a brief presentation and speak with you individually.

NJHS Global Service Project

NJHS will be collecting coins again this year the week of January 18-22 for our global service project. We are in need of last year's Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough buckets, as pictured below, to help us with our collection. If you have any to spare it would be greatly appreciated. We need both the cover and the container. Please drop off in the office attn: Jenna McInnis

Did you know?

There is a group of dedicated 7th/8th grade Spanish students going on a service trip to Costa Rica in June! They will be working in a small community in the cloud forest with organic agriculture initiatives and projects at the local school.

Want to help?

You can help donate money toward their trip by having dinner at Chipotle in Chanhassen on Saturday, January 23rd from 5-8 pm. Remember to say you're there to support the Spanish students from Cologne Academy!

Informational Meeting

Monday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

This is a meeting for potential new families to learn more about the educational program at Cologne Academy. Please tell your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to attend. We appreciate your referrals!

Extraordinary Expo

Cologne Academy will hold a special event on Thursday, January 28 at 5:30 PM to celebrate National School Choice Week. This event will feature an Art Show, Science Fair, and Spanish performances. Student art work will be displayed throughout the school. Grades 5 and 7 will have science fair projects on display. Students in Grades 6 and 8 will display history projects. All students will either participate in a Spanish performance or have a Spanish project on display.

Book Exchange

NJHS would also like to remind you that our annual book exchange will be coming up the week of February 1. Start digging through those shelves for gently used books leveled for K-8th that your child no longer wants. (Please no books for pre-k or books that are in bad shape.) NJHS members will start collecting books on February 1st and the exchange will happen on the 5th. If your child brings in 3 books they will be able to pick out 3 books, etc. Again, please make sure you're sending in age appropriate, gently used books to exchange for another gently used book.

Basketball:

Upcoming games:

4th Grade Girls play at home (CA Gym) on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 12:00 pm
5th Grade Girls play at home (CA Gym) on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 9:00 & 11:00 am
5th Grade Boys play at home (CA Gym) on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 9:00 & 11:00 am
6th Grade Boys play at home (CA Gym) on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 1:00 & 3:00 pm
7/8th Girls play at home (CA Gym) on Monday, Jan. 11, 4:10 pm
7/8th Girls play at home (CA Gym) on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 3:45 pm
7/8th Boys play at home (CA Gym) on Monday, Jan. 11, 5:10 pm
7/8th Boys play at home (CA Gym) on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 4:45 pm

Theatre Club - Save the Dates!

Put on a happy face! Cologne Academy's Theatre Club will be presenting their 2016 musical *Bye Bye Birdie* Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27. Performances will be at 7:00 p.m. This classic show has great music, spirited dancing, and a wonderful story that is great for families.

Hope to see you there!

Lunch Servers Needed

We are in need of lunch servers on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:45-12:50. If you are able to help please contact Jami Reinitz at jreinitz@cologneacademy.org

We received a check for \$852.20 from Box Tops for Education!! Thank you to Susie C. and her team for coordinating this project. Let the office know if you'd like to help in the future and keep collecting those Box Tops!

