

Cologne Academy

Your Future Starts Here

November 2016

Cologne Academy Families-

Recently we completed our first round of interim testing and the students provided the teachers some great feedback/data on what they know. On our recent early release day, all math and literacy teachers met in grade level teams to discuss their class results and then completed a six-week action plan based on the data alongside their instructional leads. Our interim assessments are created with the following researched-based, best-practices in education:

- Road map for instruction
- Improvements in teaching
- Targeted Focus
- Accountability
- Visibility
- Check for understanding without teacher support
- Practice stamina and endurance for higher stake tests

When schools say they are data driven, it means that schools focus on one simple question: *are our students learning?* Many schools stop with the question: *what did the teacher teach?* As school leader, I can look at lesson plans, and watch educators deliver lessons, but the true testament of teaching answers the question: *what did the students learn?* This is the beginning point.

So, interim week is a week that **home** and **school** should approach with **enthusiasm**. The students are able to show school and home what they know. It is the immediate feedback that makes each learner smarter and each teacher more effective. Interim week is exciting! We intentionally wear our college t-shirts because we are all college and career bound and students need to know why they go to school and learn.

Way to go P.R.I.D.E. Stars (we are Prepared and Respectful; show Integrity, Determination, and Excellence in all that we do).

Upcoming Events:

November 14-18
NJHS Food Drive

November 17
Give to the Max Day

November 22
College T-shirt Day
End of First Trimester
Grandparent's Day
OSA 1:15 pm
Book Fair

November 23-25
No School

November 28
Finance Meeting
6:45 pm
Board Meeting
7:00 pm

December Music Concerts

December 1
Kindergarten Concert
7:00 pm

December 6
Grades 1 & 2 Concert
7:00 pm

December 8
Grades 3 & 4 Concert
7:00 pm

December 13
Grades 5-8
Band/Choir Concert
7:00 pm

Sincerely,
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Give to the Max Day



NOV. 17, 2016

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 in just one day and you can help us reach it!

Give to the Max Day is a day each November when Minnesotans are urged to give to organizations, like Cologne Academy, who are working to make MN a better place. Starting on November 1st, every gift made on GiveMN.org will be entered into hourly drawings for \$1,000 Golden Tickets awarded to a MN nonprofit or school on November 17th.

To schedule a donation or for more information about Give to the Max click [here](#)

There will be school incentives awarded at \$10,000, \$15,000, and \$20,000.

Food Drive This Week

Cologne Academy National Junior Honor Society students have set a goal of collecting 625 non-perishable food items this week (November 14-18) to donate to local shelters. NJHS would like to encourage every student to bring in at least one item so that can each our goal of helping out our local community!

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day is Tuesday, November 22.

We encourage all students to invite grandparents to visit Cologne Academy on Grandparent's Day. They are welcome to join us for the OSA at 1:15 pm and then to visit the classroom(s) of their grandchild(ren) between 2:00 and 3:00 following the OSA for refreshments. The Bookfair will also be open for students to visit with their grandparents.

Winter Break

Dec 22 - Jan 2
No School

Next PAVE Meeting

December 13
6:30 pm

Upcoming Knowledge Bowl Meets

November 15
Lake Harriet Upper School
Minneapolis
4:00 pm

December 15
Skyview Middle School
Oakdale
4:00 pm

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2016/2017 Calendar

Available on the CA website.
Click [HERE](#)

Please let your child's teacher know by November 21 if your child will be going home with their grandparent. We respectfully request that grandparents depart at 3:00 to make way for our buses and carline.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right to our school. It offers a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Shop at School November 18th-22nd

Nov 18th and 21st the Book Fair will be open before and after school and during lunches.

Nov 22nd the Book Fair will be open before school, during lunches, and during Grandparent's Day festivities.

Shop On-line November 13th-26th

If you are unable to attend the Book Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair [here](#).

Volunteers are needed to staff the Book Fair

Click [here](#) to volunteer.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

CA Sweatshirts Available to Order

CA sweatshirts, hoodies, and polos are available to purchase **ON-LINE ONLY** until November 30th. Items ordered will be delivered prior to the winter break. You will have the option of paying for shipping and having your order delivered to your home or having it delivered free of charge to school.

www.signatureconcepts.com/CASweatshirtorder

If you experience issues ordering or have any questions please contact Michael Handel at atmhandel@signatureconcepts.com

Lunch Ordering

December Lunch ordering will be open
November 15th - 21st

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Grading Closed

The grade view in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal will be closed from November 15-22 for teachers to enter trimester one grades. Trimester one grades will be available for viewing through the Parent Portal on November 22 at 4:00 pm when the grading view opens again. For questions about the Parent Portal, you may contact the office. For questions regarding your child's grade, please contact the teacher issuing the grade.

PAVE

Volunteers Needed

Scholastic Book Fair, Nov. 18-22

Please click [here](#) to sign up for a time that works with your schedule

Grandparent's Day, Nov 22

PAVE is looking for a few volunteers that can help with the pickup and distribution of cookies to the classrooms. Please click [here](#) to sign up and help out.

Cookie dough/fall fundraiser

A fundraising packet should have already come home with your child. Additional packets or forms may be picked up in the office or requested to be sent home with your child. **Each child may earn a non-uniform day if they sell 5 items** (January date TBD). If you do not wish to sell items, you can always make a donation to CA. Orders will be delivered prior to the winter break. Please contact PAVE with questions.

Due date for orders is Monday, November 28th.

Next PAVE Meeting

Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 in the cafeteria. You are a member of PAVE! Please come and share your ideas so we can make this year another great year for everyone!

PAVE is seeking a secretary to record meeting minutes. Email PAVE if you are interested.

Contact PAVE at PAVE@cologneacademy.org.

Clubhouse

In need of childcare for your student on Wednesday, November 23? (no school). Clubhouse will be open from 6:30 am - 6:00 pm. Students must be pre-registered to attend. Please email Cathy Kerber at ckerber@cologneacademy.org with questions or to sign up for Clubhouse during school breaks.

Clubhouse will also be open* on select non-school days throughout Winter Break..

Thursday, December 22

Tuesday, December 27-Thursday, December 29

*Registration closes December 12

Clubhouse will remain at school each day and the fee is \$25 per day. Payments must be made in advance for non-school days. We cannot guarantee space after the registration deadline. All students must bring a bag lunch.

*We reserve the right to cancel Clubhouse for a specific day(s) if enrollment does not reach 10 students. You will be notified the day after registration deadline if Clubhouse will not be open.

From the School Counselors

CA Friendship Bench We are proud new owners of a Friendship Bench. This concept has been showing up at schools all over the nation. It was thought up by a group of students in Germany who wanted new kids (and their peers) to feel welcome and included at recess. They built and assembled a bench and told the students to sit on the bench if they needed a friend, someone to talk to, or just wanted to feel included. The students would watch the bench at recess and seek out kids who were utilizing it and help in any way that they could. Students are building community, problem solving skills, and friendships by using the bench.

A special thanks to Maria Hajek, Hudson Gorrie, and Zach Miller! These students painted and dedicated their time to this initiative.

Villages & Diversified Learning (Grades 6-8)

MS teachers and staff are always aiming to build community and an inclusive environment for all students. Last year, we implemented "Villages." This concept is basic, but adds a lot of dimension and depth to student engagement and peer relationships. The cornerstone of a Village is to bring people of different ages together to help and be as one. Here at CA we have mixed up 6-8 grade students for one period of their day called Diversified Learning.

During Diversified Learning, students discuss important life topics led by their teacher, a counselor, or even their peers. This time helps us think beyond ourselves and asks us to connect. We connect to solve problems, have fun, and brainstorm how to make the world a better place.

One big event the students did that displayed leadership and growth was to recently elect leaders of their Village as Student Council representatives. All six Villages gathered and heard each other

Speak their visions for the student body. Candidates were elected from each Village to serve their Village, and add to the larger community as well.

Congratulations Elected Student Council Members

Benny, Angelina, Madi S., Ansley, Jada, Hudson, Josh R., Betsy, Makayla, Kate M., Isy, Krislyn, Breanna H., and Nadia.

We are pleased and excited to see what difference these students will make in our school community. Stay tuned for more MS events and activities!

Your school counselors,
Nicole Pierce, npierce@cologneacademy.org
Anji Johnson, ajohnson@cologneacademy.org

SchoolWay App

Is School Closed today? Is it College T-shirt Day?

Sign up for the free SchoolWay (Apple or Android) to get notifications/reminders sent directly to your phone. It is the quickest way to get school notifications and reminders.

No smart phone? SchoolWay's Web App allows you to stay up to date even without a smart phone.

<https://webapp.myschoolway.com/cologne>

During Josten's Back to School Sweepstakes, if you are a new subscriber and sign up before November 18th you will be automatically entered to win a Starbucks gift card and CA will be automatically entered to win a \$500 grant if we have 30 new subscribers.

Informational Meetings

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year (you do not need to apply if you are already enrolled for 2016-2017). Please tell your friends and family how much you love CA and encourage them to come to an upcoming informational meeting or to call and schedule a tour today.

Upcoming Informational Meetings:
Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm
Monday, February 13 at 6:30 pm

November Core Virtue: **Generosity**

Please use FRONTDESK@cologneacademy.org
to report absences, tardies, early pick-ups, and current school day changes to end of day
transportation for your child(ren).

Please include student's full name, grade, and details of the information being emailed.