

Cologne Academy

Your Future Starts Here

December 2016

Cologne Academy Families-

Tis the season of weather related school closings.

We all know that it is that time of the year in Minnesota when parents and staff must be prepared for the possibility of delayed start, early release, or school closing due to weather.

In the event of questionable weather be sure to pay attention for a SchoolWay notification (this is the quickest way for you to know), an email from Main Office, or watch for 'Cologne Academy' on the WCCO or KARE11 weather related announcements.

Important Unexpected Early Release Information

It is extremely important that you are aware of the plan **you** put in place for your child(ren) at the start of the school year, bus or carline (Clubhouse will NOT be available), should we need to send students home early.

If you need to confirm or change your plan on record please contact the office today. Thank you!

We respectfully request that you use the communications methods listed for information and announcements regarding weather related school closings and avoid phoning the school office during inclement weather or announced early releases unless it is absolutely necessary.

Hope to see you at the winter concerts!

Sincerely,

Lynn G. Peterson, Ed. S.

Executive Director

lgluck@cologneacademy.org

SchoolWay App

Upcoming Events:

December 1

Kindergarten Concert
7:00 pm

December 2

All School Non-uniform Day

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

December 19

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

December 21

College T-shirt Day
Spelling Bee
OSA
2:45 pm

Winter Break

Dec 22 - Jan 2
No School

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>

Give to the Max Day



NOV. 17, 2016

In the spirit of November's Core Virtue of Generosity, we would like to extend a note of gratitude to our families for their continued, ongoing support and especially for the generous Give to the Max financial support!

Our Cologne Academy family, friends, and community supporters helped us raise \$17,185 in one day!

Cologne Academy will use these funds to directly enhance our students' learning experience.

All School Non-uniform Day

All students have been awarded a non-uniform/jeans day*
Friday, December 2
to celebrate reaching our \$10,000 non-uniform fundraising goal on Give to the Max Day!

*school appropriate clothing including socks required

Food Drive

NJHS would like to thank all Cologne Academy students and staff for their contributions to this year's Generosity Food Drive. We donated 690 items to the Waconia and NYA Food Shelves just in time for Thanksgiving, beating our goal of 625 items.

Next PAVE Meeting

January 10
6:30 pm

Upcoming Knowledge Bowl Meet

December 15
Skyview Middle School
Oakdale
4:00 pm

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2016/2017 Calendar

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

Clubhouse During Winter Break

Clubhouse will be open* on select non-school days during 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.

Please email Cathy Kerber with questions or to sign up for Clubhouse during school breaks. ckerber@cologneacademy.org

*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.

PAVE

Thank you to all of the families who sold items during our Fall Fundraiser. We did very well and we couldn't do it without ALL of your support. We appreciate all of your efforts. Stay tuned for an update on delivery date and total amount earned.

A special thank you to all of the volunteers that helped verify Fall Fundraiser orders on Monday, November 28th. It makes the duty light when there are so many helping hands. I appreciate your time and effort - I am very "Thankful" for all of you!

Ann Sobiech - Fundraiser Chair

Local Fire Departments & Lions Club Toy Drive

Cologne, Hamburg, Norwood Young America Fire Departments & NYA West Carver Lions are hosting a Toy Drive until December 13th. We have a drop box in the main entrance at Cologne Academy if you would like to donate. Click [here](#) for more information.

Health Office

Please let the health office know when your child receives any immunizations during the school year so we can keep your child's immunization record current. You can either send a copy of your

child's updated immunization record to school or ask their doctor's office to fax it to school. School fax number is 952.466.4030.

The Health Office is currently in need of Dixie cups.

Thank you!
Nurse Mary
nurse@cologneacademy.org

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

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.

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

Support Cologne Academy

PAVE has two new ways to help fundraise for Cologne Academy.

1) We are now recycling inkjet and laser toner cartridges into cash for CA PAVE. Cartridges for Kids will accept used inkjet and laser toner cartridges, cell phones, laptops, and other small electronics. Donation bin is located near the main office and PAVE will mail out once we've collected enough items for free shipping. You can check out their current pricelist and program [here](#).

2) If your family enjoys going out for Sunday Brunch, Oak Ridge Hotel & Conference Center in Chaska is offering to reward CA PAVE with gift certificates to use for fundraising or thank you gifts. Through the end of May for each paid adult brunch, PAVE earns credits towards free certificates. Just let your server know that you are dining in support of Cologne Academy.

Fundraising Updates

Current Program Totals for 2016

Box Tops - \$1,549.00

Milk Moola - \$117.80

Coborns - \$50.00

Loaves for Learning - no rewards redeemed for 2016

Coke Rewards - no rewards redeemed for 2016

Campbell's Labels for Education - program is winding down and will end in 2017

Target's Take Charge of Education has ended but we earned \$5,816.61 in 2016

Please continue to send your Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, Milk Moola caps, etc. to school any time with your child. We have a collection point outside the cafeteria or drop them off in the office or with a teacher.

Bring your aluminum cans for recycling! We have a collection trailer in the Northeast corner of the school parking lot.

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know - same products, same prices, same service. Order from AmazonSmile and designate Cologne Academy as your charitable organization.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Cologne Academy whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. Click [here](#) to log in through our unique CA link.

From the Art Department

The Art Department of Cologne Academy would like to announce an exciting opportunity for all students and their families at CA. Students will be given the opportunity to order unique items from Square 1 Art that will have their very own personalized artwork

on them! We will be starting some projects soon and finish all artwork by March. Students will receive an order catalog in March, but if you want to look ahead check out www.square1art.com to start thinking about what you might like to order. Orders will be shipped at the end of April 2017 in time for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Every item purchased will help raise money for the Art Department. Have fun scanning the website!

December Core Virtue: **Gratitude**

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.