

Dear CA Families,

For those families with students in 3rd grade and above, April brings MCA testing season. Please be sure to watch for your grade level testing days and help your student be as confident and prepared as they can be. I have had some recent conversations with parents, teachers, and students about test anxiety- what it is, why we get it, and how do we cope when it strikes. I think it is always best to call it what it is and process the feelings through conversations. Research has shown that asking students to engage in interventions, such as writing about past successes before taking a test, improves such performance. Priming students with positive interventions that draw on their strengths can not only lessen anxiety related to test-taking, but can also contribute to a more positive, optimistic mindset, and increased self-efficacy. We are prepared, and we are confident. Starting your day and ending your day with positive affirmations can go a long way to achieving a growth mindset in all that we do each day.

Volunteer and Teacher Appreciation Weeks are quickly approaching. On behalf of the School Board and all the staff and students at Cologne Academy, we cannot thank you <Volunteers> enough for your contributions. Everyone plays a vital role in your child's success. Great schools do not exist without great families. Thank you to PAVE, classroom parents, lunchroom helpers, chaperones, office helpers, etc. You are appreciated!

CA's teaching and support staff are amazing and plentiful. Ask your child how many adults travel about the classrooms each day. We have 100 staff members and over half are licensed educators! Get ready to show your appreciation in May.

Looking forward to our Spring Concert series in May. See you soon.

Lynn Peterson, Ed. S.  
Executive Director

## School Board Election

We did not have more interested candidates than there are seats to be elected for 2018, therefore in accordance with policy, we will waive the voting/ballot process for 2018. All candidates will be automatically elected. See the CA website for the Board Election policy details.

## 2018/2019 Calendar (UPDATE)

Click [HERE](#) for the 2018/2019 school calendar. Please note, there have been a few changes from what was previously distributed. Conference dates have changed, no school November 9 and March 29, October 17 and January 2 are school days, the last day of school is May 30, 2019.

## Upcoming Events

**April 13**

Middle School Dance  
(Grades 6-8)  
7:00-9:00pm

**April 16-20**

Volunteer Appreciation  
Week

**April 17**

MCA Testing Begins

**April 27**

College T-shirt Day  
OSA 2:40

**April 27**

5th Grade Heart of Dance  
Performance 1:00 PM

**April 30-May 4**

Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 11**

Middle School Bash  
(Grades 5-8)  
3:30-5:30 pm

**May 14**

College T-shirt Day

**May 21-25**

Spirit Week

**May 25**

Early Release 1:00 pm

**May 28**

Memorial Day - No School

**May 29**

Field Day  
8th Grade Graduation 7:00

**May 30**  
All School Field Trips

**May 31**  
Last Day of School

### Upcoming Concerts:

May 8 Kindergarten 7:00PM  
May 10 Grade 1 6:00 PM  
May 10 Grade 2 7:00 PM  
May 15 Grade 3 6:00 PM  
May 15 Grade 4 7:00 PM  
May 17 Gr. 5-8 Choir 7:00 PM  
May 22 Gr. 5-8 Band 7:00 PM

### Middle School Events

April 13th Gr. 6-8th MS dance 7:00-9:00 in cafeteria.

May 11th Gr. 5-8th bash 3:30-5:30pm.  
Games, food, and fun outside on the turf!  
Please notify homeroom teacher by May 10th if your child is staying after school.

### Lunch Orders for May

Lunch ordering for May will be open April 16-23.

### Registration Open for Summer Clubhouse

Registration is now open for CologneAcademy's summer Clubhouse program. Registration deadline is May 1st but registration may close sooner if we reach capacity. Registrations received after the deadline will be added to our wait list and families will be contacted should room become available.

This summer we will enjoy 1-2 field trips per week, lots of outside time, arts, crafts, games and fun!

To complete registration we need a registration form, permission slip & registration fee. Forms can be found on the [CA website](#). Payments can be made either by cash, check, or through Boonli.

### Can Trailer

**Big shout out to Mike Smoak!**  
**Thank you for building CA's awesome new can trailer.**

Note: Please do NOT put bags in the can trailer, it makes it harder to unload.

### Upcoming Spring Concerts

**May 8**  
Kindergarten Concert  
7:00 pm

**May 10**  
1st Grade Concert  
6:00 pm  
2nd Grade Concert  
7:00 pm

**May 15**  
3rd Grade Concert  
6:00 pm  
4th Grade Concert  
7:00 pm

**May 17**  
Middle School Choir  
Concert  
7:00 pm

**May 22**  
Middle School Band  
Concert  
7:00 pm

### PAVE Meeting

Next Meeting  
April 24  
6:30 pm  
Join us!

### School Board & Finance Meeting

Next Meeting

## Art Department News

It is the last week to order Square1Art Keepsakes.  
Orders are due Friday, April 13th.

You can order online ([click here](#)), send in paper order forms with your student, or call Square1Art to place your order. Make sure you check with your family if they would like to order a keepsake of your child's artwork too! All orders help raise money for new and exciting art supplies for our art department and if we get 50% of the school to participate we get an extra bonus (last year we had 47%, so close!). Thanks for supporting us!

## 2017/2018 Yearbook

Order your 2017-2018 Cologne Academy yearbooks online at [www.TreeRing.com](http://www.TreeRing.com) - passcode: 1013230390864254

If you have questions or would like to submit yearbook photos, please contact Deb Ries at [dries@cologneacademy.org](mailto:dries@cologneacademy.org)

## Elementary Literacy Tutors for 2018-19 School Year

Great news!

Cologne Academy will have Elementary Literacy Tutors next year, who will work with kids who need a boost to catch up to grade level in reading. Additionally, we will have Math Enrichment Tutor next year, who will work with students who need more support to catch up to grade level in math. Every year, these programs see real growth in its students. Here's what you should know:

- We are recruiting now!
- All tutoring positions begin in August and tutors will serve for 11 months.
- Elementary Literacy Tutors will provide research-based interventions to Kindergarten - 3rd grade students one-on-one, who are just below proficiency in reading (Tier II children). They tutor each student daily for 20 minutes to build phonics, phonemic awareness, and fluency skills.
- Math Enrichment Tutors implement a research-based curriculum to pairs of 4th - 8th graders who are just below proficiency in math (Tier II children). They tutor students 90 minute per week to grow their skills towards becoming algebra-ready by eighth grade.
- Reading Corps and Math Corps provides our school with the expertise of an outside literacy or math consultant (Master Coach) who provides support and oversight by visiting the school regularly.

Please help spread the word about these open positions If you know someone who might be interested-a graduating college student, a friend in career transition, a grandparent or stay-at-home parent-please direct them to [www.readingandmath.net](http://www.readingandmath.net) to learn more and apply.

## Cystic Fibrosis Walk May 5 at Lake Calhoun

Aubree Kay Lemke, 1st grader at Cologne Academy, was diagnosed in early November 2010 with Cystic Fibrosis. She is doing great with all the research and studies that take place every day. Money raised is going to the CF Foundation to find a cure for Aubree and so many others! Every penny counts as the CF Foundation is not funded by the government.

Click [here](#) to donate or find information on the Walk on May 5.

April 24  
Finance Meeting 7:15 pm  
Board Meeting 7:30 pm

## Scheduled Early Release

Friday, May 25, 2018

## Follow Us

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## SchoolWay App

Don't forget to sign up for Schoolway notifications. This free app (Apple or Android) will send reminders directly to your phone.

SchoolWay's Web App allows you to stay up to date even without a smart phone.  
Click [here](#).

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## Students Arriving Late or Leaving Early

For our students' safety, ALL students must be signed in and/or out in the office by their parent/guardian if they arrive late or leave early ([office staff will call for your child/ren when you arrive](#)) or are picked up from the office at the end of the day.

## The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria presents "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe." Set in the land of Narnia, this production faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten Narnia. Join us for a 7 p.m. show on Friday, April 13, or Saturday, April 14, or our Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. on April 15. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door or online (<http://www.hfchs.org/events/lion-witch-wardrobe/>) for will-call pickup beginning one hour before showtime. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance.

## Summer Tutoring

Are you looking for a summer tutor for your child? My name is Lisa Klehr and I am a Licensed K-6 Elementary Education and a Special Education K-12 Teacher. I currently teach 5th grade at CA. Email me at [lklehr@cologneacademy.org](mailto:lklehr@cologneacademy.org) or call at 612-240-3208, if you are interested in one on one academic tutoring.

## April Core Virtue: Forgiveness

Please use [FRONTDESK@cologneacademy.org](mailto: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.