

September 2015



Cologne Academy

Your Future Starts Here

Dear CA Families,

I hope all scholars are feeling accomplished and adjusted after this first week back to school. For the first weeks of school, it is true that we spend a lot of time teaching routines, expectations, and behavior. Setting the tone and positive vibe of the school year

right from the start helps sustain the academic learning culture and promotes a healthy environment for the entire school community of learners.

During this back to school time, educators are busy collecting data on their students so that we can share with you next month each child's SLP (Student Learning Plan). The heart of CA is that each individual child makes one year's academic growth per year- minimum. We monitor students' progress, which is also a reflection of our teaching, to ensure we are communicating and actively involving home in your child's education.

The more active and present involvement/interest you have in your child's learning, the more vested the child becomes in achieving goals that are established between home/school/student. In the next few weeks we will be goal setting with your children; be sure to ask them what their goals are.

Lynn G. Peterson
Executive Director

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Visit the Teacher Portals on CA website for specific classroom information.

Coming Up...

September 1 Early Release 1:00 p.m.
September 7 No School
September 15 PAVE Meeting 6:30 p.m.
September 21-25 Spirit Week (more info to come)
September 22 Parent Night 6:30 p.m.
September 24 Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m.
September 24 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
September 30-Oct 2 5th Grade at Camp Voyager
September 30 Lifetouch Photo Day (non-uniform day)

Activities:

Youth Enrichment Classes begin soon! Options include Flag Football, Junior Soccer, Chess, and Legos. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Running Club (for students in Grades 4-8) Click [HERE](#) for details.

Volleyball

Forty Lady P.R.I.D.E. Star Volleyball players grades 5-8 have been practicing since August 17th. These athletes have demonstrated a commitment to the P.R.I.D.E. Star way as they prepare for purposeful practices, competition, and life lessons. Respect for everything and everyone is evident within the volleyball culture. The 7th and 8th grade teams opened their season on Thursday at Trinity Lutheran School in Waconia. Both levels demonstrated great effort in this first match in their determination to succeed. Next week's competition includes the 7th & 8th grade teams competing on Thursday (9/10) at St. Joe's in Waconia (4:00 & 4:45 game times), 6th grade on Saturday (9/12)

at

Howard Lake Waverly (9-11am), and 5th grade on Saturday (9/12) at Orono Middle School (9-Noon). Go Lady P.R.I.D.E. Stars!

Miscellaneous:

- We are in need of lunch servers. If you are able to help, please contact jreinitz@cologneacademy.org
- If you have not paid your Back to School fees (tshirt, technology, bus, etc.) please stop in the office.
- If your child is riding the bus home with a friend, you must call CTS at 952-873-6123 in addition to notifying the classroom teacher or office.
- We are looking for someone handy in woodworking/cabinetry for a small office job. Call the school office if you can help.
- Remember to save your Box Tops, Milk Moola, Campbell's Labels for Education, Coke Rewards, Coborn's Labels for Learning, and Country Village Hearth Loaves for Learning. Also, if you have a Target Red Card, remember to select Cologne Academy for the Take Charge of Education program.
- Don't forget to call the school office by 9:00 a.m. if your child is absent or tardy. 952-466-2276

Health Office Notes:

Updated immunizations were due on the first day of school for 7th graders and all new families. Please see the Cologne Academy website under the tab Support Services/Health Services for State required immunizations or call the School Nurse at 952-466-4002 with any questions.

Also if your child has any health conditions that the Health Office should be aware of and you have not yet contacted us, please do so ASAP. We want all children to be safe here at school and we can't help if we don't know.

Cologne Transportation Services, LLC

Much gratitude and appreciation for our wonderful new partners in transportation, CTS. Each bus is traveling at least 30 miles to and from CA each day. Considering the number of stops, road construction, and traffic in general on the roads, it is quite impressive that over 500 students arrive within a ten minute window each morning.

NEWS FROM CTS SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

CTS is asking that families who miss the bus drive their child to school. Please do NOT chase the bus to the next stop as this becomes a safety issue. If you miss the bus please drive your child to school.

Child safety is top priority. Please speak with your students about appropriate behavior. If something comes up, please bring it to our attention by emailing

jmcinnis@cologneacademy.org

CHANGE IN PROCEDURE- Like boarding a plane, the airlines need accurate count of all passengers; the same protocol exists for buses. CTS is discouraging students from riding the bus home with their friends. If there are birthday parties or times when a child needs to go home with another student, they ask that students go to carline. Students will not be able to ride home on another bus unless it is communicated to CTS at 952-873-

6123 and communicated to the homeroom teacher and main office.

Closing the Achievement GAP for ALL

Breaking news from the Minnesota Department of Education yesterday morning. Multiple Measure Results (MMR) were released and Cologne Academy was in the top 15% of schools statewide to receive this award.

The schools on this list are Minnesota's highest performing Title I schools. These schools have demonstrated exceptional student outcomes and success in closing achievement gaps. Reward schools are recognized annually. The past several years Cologne Academy has been a Celebration school being recognized by being in the top 25% of schools statewide.

PBIS Corner

This year, we are introducing a new way to motivate students. When staff catch students following the P.R.I.D.E. Way expectations, we will give away "P.R.I.D.E. Star tickets." Students will then place tickets in their classroom buckets. Elementary and Middle school buckets will be collected at the end of the week and a drawing will be held. Students' names who are drawn will have the opportunity to pick a preferred choice time (i.e. game time with a friend) as a reward for showing the "P.R.I.D.E Way." In addition, at every OSA (outstanding student assembly), twenty tickets will be drawn and those students will also receive choice time. To encourage and motivate ALL students and to maximize student recognition, fish and pillar awards will no longer be offered.

Ask your student what the P.R.I.D.E. Star Way is?

Ask your child how full their bucket is and what filled their bucket today?

Ask your child if they filled any buckets today? How and why do we do this?

What's a ticket?

Prepared. Respect. Integrity. Determination. Excellence.

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The P.R.I.D.E. Star Way

Thanks to Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative's Operation Round Up, CologneAcademy received a check for \$785.

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