

# Cologne Academy

Your Future Starts Here

September 2016

## Cologne Academy Families-

Next Tuesday evening September 27 @ 6:30, please join the Cologne Academy staff, Cologne Academy families, and guests for an engaging presentation on Mindset.

*Do you have a fixed or growth mindset?*  
Mindset matters more than we think. How can we adults help foster a growth mindset around learning, friendships, and hobbies with our children? Find out what message you are communicating to your child when you comment on tasks that challenge you. Learning is hard work; lifting bricks is hard work, too. There is one great way to get stronger at lifting bricks- and that is by lifting bricks! What was hard, will become easier. Same with learning. We don't start math coursework in calculus, nor do we present novels to emerging readers.

We stumble first, succeed next.  
Failure is good- if you use it as an opportunity to learn and grow.

Chances are, if you ask your student about mindset, the brain, perseverance, grit, or determination, it is very likely your student can tell you something.

Come and be informed! Supporting school and home in the same growth mindset language can have many rewards beyond those imagined.

Please open the flyer [here](#). Child care available.

## Upcoming Events:

### September 23

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

### September 26 Finance

Meeting 6:00  
Board Meeting 6:30

### September 27

Eagle Bluff Meeting  
(Grade 8)  
6:00

Parent's Night w/ Mrs  
Peterson- Mindset Matters!  
6:30

### September 28

Lifetouch Photos

### September 29

Voyageur Camp Meeting  
(Grade 5)  
6:00

### September 30

College T-shirt Day  
OSA at 2:45

### October 7

Fall Theater Presentation  
7:00

## Upcoming Volleyball Games:

## 2016 Rewards School- Cologne Academy!

Local news coverage tends to stray from reporting good news about Cologne Academy because that may bring (negative) attention about student performance in other districts as compared to Cologne Academy. While my focus has been and will continue to be on individual student growth-taking a high-stakes test is a reality for many of our college-bound students. Under the premise of practice makes better, students are given assessments to show us what they know. Some students do well by state standards while others may struggle. However, our focus on each student's progress, whether they meet/exceed expectations or partially meet/do not meet expectations, will show growth year after year. This is testament of learning.

It is with great pleasure I announce that CA has once again preformed in the top 15% of schools in the state for their student growth, proficiency, and achievement gap reduction. CA's educators are the best, our students are our treasures, and we value our partnership with our families.

Congratulations to CA and Welcome Back to ALL!

Lynn G. Peterson, Ed. S.  
Executive Director  
[lgluck@cologneacademy.org](mailto:lgluck@cologneacademy.org)

### Parent's Night

#### Mindset Matters!

What is your Growth-Mindset?

Research shows that students' beliefs about intelligence can have a big impact on their motivation. Let's learn together how to praise precisely and help foster a mindset in all children that permits learning challenges, builds perseverance, and increases determination.

**September 27**  
5th Grade Navy  
Home vs. Zion  
3:45

**September 27**  
8th Grade  
Home vs. Zion 4:45

**September 28**  
6th Grade  
Away vs. St. James  
Howard Lake  
4:30

**September 28**  
7th Grade  
Away vs. St. James  
Howard Lake  
5:30

**September 29**  
7th Grade  
Home

vs. Lester Prairie  
4:00

**September 29**  
8th Grade

Home  
vs. Lester Prairie 5:00

**October 1**  
8th Grade  
St. Joe's Tournament  
Waconia  
First Match 8:45 am

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**2016/2017 Calendar**

Come join us to learn more!  
Tuesday, September 27  
CA Gym  
6:30 pm

Free childcare (3 yrs+) will be provided by NJHS.

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

### Student Photos

Lifetouch will be here on Wednesday, September 28, to take student photos. Students are allowed to be out of uniform for the day but must wear school appropriate attire. All students **must** wear socks.

Click [here](#) to order online.  
Picture Day ID: MI296049Y0

### Relay for Life Fundraiser

NJHS is hosting a Jean Day fundraiser to raise money for Waconia Relay for Life. Students that wish to participate should purchase a footprint next Monday - Thursday for \$2. Students that participate will be able to show their support in finding a cure for cancer by wearing school appropriate jeans on Friday with their college shirt or uniform shirt.

### Clubhouse Open During Fall Break

Clubhouse will be open\* during Fall Break October 19-21

Wednesday, October 19  
Field Trip to Peters Pumpkins & Carmen's Corn in Shakopee, cost i

s  
\$40 (includes daily rate of \$25 plus field trip).

Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21  
Clubhouse will remain at school, cost is \$25 per day.

Registration closes October 10 and payments must be made in advance. We cannot guarantee space after the registration deadline.

Please email Cathy Kerber  
[atckerber@cologneacademy.org](mailto:atckerber@cologneacademy.org) with questions or to sign up for Clubhouse during fall break.

\*We reserve the right to cancel Clubhouse for a specific day(s) if enrollment does not reach 10 students. You will be notified by October 11 if Clubhouse will not be open.

## Fall Theater Presentation

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**It is a murder mystery with lots of comedy and mayhem!**

October 7  
7:00 pm  
CA Gym  
Adults: \$5.00  
Students/Seniors: \$3.00

## From the Art Department

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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](http://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!

### **CA Art Club (Grades 6-8)**

Do you love art? Join the CA Art Club.  
Click [here](#) for more information.

## Battle of the Books (Grades 3-5)

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Starts Monday! Click [here](#) for permission slip.

## From the School Counselors

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If you are interested in having your child be a part of the Family Change/Divorce Support Group or finding out more information, please email Nicole Pierce.  
[npierce@cologneacademy.org](mailto:npierce@cologneacademy.org)

## **Basketball (Grades 4-8)**

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Click [here](#) for more information

## **Running Club**

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Grades 4-8

Click [here](#) for flyer.

## **Youth Enrichment**

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Fall offerings include Flag Football, Junior Soccer, Chess, and Lego's. See flyer [here](#) for class details.

## **From the Health Office**

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All **medication** sent to school for students must be in the original labeled container along with a completed and signed medication request form from the parent and their physician.

All **Action Plans** for asthma, allergies, and seizures must be updated every year at the beginning of the school year.

Thank you,  
Nurse Mary  
[nurse@cologneacademy.org](mailto:nurse@cologneacademy.org)

## **Morning Arrival Reminders**

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School begins promptly at 8:30. Students should be in their first classroom of the day and ready to learn by 8:30. Students can be dropped off as early as 8:15, students arriving earlier than 8:15 should wait with their parents in their car or be signed into Clubhouse through Door #14 (Main Gym Entrance).

We encourage all parents to drop their children off curbside in the morning, staff will be outside to assist from 8:15-8:30 each morning. If you need to come into the

school ALL parents/visitors need to enter through the main office regardless of the reason for their visit. Please sign-in at the office and obtain a visitor badge if you will be walking to the classroom.

## End of the Day Reminders

Please remember to use the carline procedures we have in place. When everyone follows the procedure, carline only takes a few minutes after the buses depart. When cars pull out in front of other cars, it messes up the order of students and delays the process. For safety, we request that you do not get out of your car while in carline. If you or your child need extra time to secure their seatbelt, please pull into a parking spot.

### Procedure:

If you are one of the first vehicles to arrive, carline starts waiting along the curb in CA's parking lot next to the recycling trailer. If you notice a black Mazda 3 or red truck pull in behind the buses, they were the winners of the "Front of Carline" pass for the year at Sips and Dips - they are not cutting the line.

We cannot idle on School Street (in front of community center) or South Village Market (the roadway that borders the community center on the east and south) and of course we can never block the roundabouts.

We are asking all cars to enter the property via County Road 53 and turn onto School Street. If we form 2 lines on School Street we can accommodate close to 30 cars.

[Click here for map](#)

After all the buses are dismissed, the vehicles in the CA lot will move forward, then the cars on School Street will enter the CA lot. We will dismiss the north line first (right lane) and then the south lane (left side).

If you choose to idle on the roads that border the community center, you will be asked to move. For fastest pickup, it is best to arrive for carline at 3:40, entering on School Street via 53.

We hope this arrangement will allow access to the community center, allow buses better access out of this congested area, and also allow for the safe passage of emergency vehicles should a need arise.

Please pass this info on to friends or relatives that may be providing afternoon transportation for your child/ren.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

### **Schoolway App**

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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.

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

### **PAVE**

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#### Next Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 11 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!

#### Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during pre-conferences with either bringing a food item, working the teacher meal, or giving their time at the PAVE table. We greatly appreciate everyone's assistance.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

There are quite a few volunteer opportunities available for the school year. Email [pave@cologneacademy.org](mailto:pave@cologneacademy.org) if you would like to find out more.

#### Family Fun Night (FFN)

Our first FFN will be in October. The theme again this year will be "Trunk or Treat". Please look for further communication at the beginning of October.

#### Fundraising

Please save your Box Tops, Milk Moola, Coke Rewards, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Coborn's Labels for Learning! You can send these to school any time with your child. Monies collected go directly to the school for programming.

We also collect aluminum cans for the 5th grade annual

trip to Voyageur Environmental Camp and the 8th grade annual trip to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center. Cans can be deposited any time in the can trailer in the NW corner of the school parking lot.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### **PE Shoes**

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Please note that PE classes will be going outside often for class when weather permits. **Students need to wear outdoor tennis shoes when class is held outside.** The shoes designated for indoor use should NOT be used for outdoors so as to preserve the new gym floor. Any older athletic shoes or every day tennis shoes that students wear to school are perfect! (Students cannot wear fashion boots, Mary Jane's, sandals, slips-ons, etc. for PE class).

### **CafePress**

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Check out Cologne Academy apparel and accessories available for parents.

<http://www.cafepress.com/cologneacademy>

\*Apparel items sold on cafepress website are not approved for uniform wear by students.

### **Lunch Servers**

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Interested in serving lunch, but can't commit to a weekly schedule? Sign up to be a substitute lunch server. Contact Cathy Kerber at [ckerber@cologneacademy.org](mailto:ckerber@cologneacademy.org) if you are interested in becoming a lunch sub or would like more information.

### **Emails from Main Office**

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Seeing duplicate emails from the Main Office email? We have too many email addresses to send out all school emails to one distribution list so we have created two distribution lists, one for families with students in grades K-2, and the other for families with students in grades 3-8, this causes duplicate emails for those families that have students in both groups. We apologize for this inconvenience.

## September Core Virtues: Respect & Responsibility

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.

[www.cologneacademy.org](http://www.cologneacademy.org)