

Cologne Academy

Your Future Starts Here

December 2017

Dear Cologne Academy Families-

I would like to thank the Cologne Academy community of learners for a wonderful November filled with Generosity. From Give to the Max Day to stocking the local food shelves, Cologne Academy practiced generosity in many ways and on many levels.

One of the most treasured events in a school administrator's school life is when former students come back to campus to show their appreciation for the efforts, belief, support, and nurturing the school has had on them. Those who attended our OSA in November, were able to witness a humble and heart warming display of generosity.

In 2010, Brayan's family had moved to our community after leaving their homeland, Mexico and enrolled at Cologne Academy. Soon the annual 5th grade fall Voyageur (3 day/2 night) Camp was ready to depart. Brayan was unable to make payment. However, CA believes that every student should have this camp experience and CA gathered donations and sent him to camp.

Seven years later, Brayan walks back into Cologne Academy and humbly pays it forward. Brayan's selfless gift afforded two students the opportunity to attend camp this fall 2017.

His story supports the passion and heart of our CA school community- both in character and in the individualized support and instruction for all learners.

To honor CA's flagship in character development and in support of all our neighbors, I invite you to give back to our Legacy Scholarship to afford all learners a camp experience with their peers.

Looking forward to all the excitement and anticipation that comes with December. Please be sure to keep informed as there are plenty of activities in the month ahead.

Together we can make a difference. #lovelearning

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Upcoming Events

December 22

College T-shirt Day
Spelling Bee
OSA 2:40 pm

December 25-January 2
No School

Save the Date:

January 19 High School
Transition Meeting
6:30 pm (gym)

January 11 and January 23
Informational
Meetings/Tours 6:30 pm
(Spread the word!)

January 25
Extraordinary Expo!
(details to follow)

Upcoming Concerts

December 7

Kindergarten Concert
7:00 pm

December 12

Grade 3 Concert
6:00 pm
Grade 4 Concert
7:00 pm

Give to the Max Day

**Thank you for helping us meet our goal of raising \$20,000!
We actually raised over \$30,000**

All students will receive an 'out of uniform' day this spring (date TBD).

All students will receive an additional day off from school on Monday, April 2, 2018!

These fundraising efforts are used to support our academic rigor and achievement endeavors. Cologne Academy thanks you for your support!

Toy Drive

The Cologne, Hamburg, NYA Fire Departments along with the NYA West Carver Lions have placed a toy collection box in CologneAcademy's main foyer. Toys can be dropped off through December 12.

Thank you for donating!

2018/2019 Enrollment

Open enrollment for next school year ends February 16. If you will have a kindergarten student next year (or new student in grade 1-8), be sure to turn in an enrollment form prior to February 16.

Forms received after that date will be subject to the lottery. **(Currently enrolled students need not re-apply.)**

Please direct questions to the main office.

Survey - Grades K-4

K-4 Parents and Guardians-

We want to know what YOU think about our school. We have the great opportunity to participate in a study that helps us collect and understand your opinion of the climate of our school.

This study will seek to establish the usefulness of the My Child's Classroom Inventory-Short Form, a 25-item user-friendly survey designed to assess parents'/guardians' perceptions of their child's classroom environment.

As you know, we are a PBIS school and our desire is to continue to grow a positive and sustainable classroom environment. Your input is very valuable!

December 14
Grades 5-8 Choir Concert
7:00 pm

PAVE Meeting

Next Meeting
December 18
6:30 pm
Join us!

School Board & Finance Meeting

Next Meeting
December 18
Finance Meeting 7:15 pm
Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Upcoming Knowledge Bowl Meets

December 7
Pioneer Ridge Middle School
Chaska
4:00 pm

January 11
South View Middle School
Edina
4:00 pm

Scheduled Early Releases:

Friday, January 19, 2018
Friday, March 23, 2018
Friday, May 25, 2018

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Non-identifying data gathered from the survey will be stored in a secure online environment. Information will be kept confidential and secure and only the people working with the study will have access to the data unless required by law.

This survey will only take 10-15minutes. We greatly appreciate you taking your time to do this!

Please click on the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CologneAcademy_parents

Nicole Pierce-Risvold, MS-LSC
School Counselor

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 or are picked up from the office at the end of the day.

Per CA Family Handbook--
Students who arrive tardy must be brought to the Main Office by a parent/guardian. After 8:30 a.m., children must check in at the office before going to class.

Dismissal by parent-early
All day attendance is important for every student, every day. If your child must leave school early, we ask that you inform the school office. Parents/guardians must check out students at the front office and the administrative assistant will notify the student's teacher for dismissal.

Report Cards

First trimester report cards are now available via Infinite Campus.

Snow Days

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](#).

2017/2018 Calendar

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

Wanted: Lunch Servers

Please contact ckerber@cologneacademy.org if you can help. Thank you!

Wanted: Help with recycling trailer

Please contact jnordick@cologneacademy.org if you can help. Thank you!

Holy Family HS Scholarship Opportunity

Please click [HERE](#) for more information regarding Holy Family High School's scholarship information.

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, the following are ways to stay informed:

- SchoolWay notification (this is the quickest way for you to know what is happening - the app is free!)
- Email from Main Office
- Watch for 'Cologne Academy' on WCCO, KSTP or KARE11 for weather related announcements.
- We will also post on the CA website and CA Parent Facebook page

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.

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.

Clubhouse

Clubhouse will be open from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm the following days during Winter Break:

Wednesday, December 27
Thursday, December 28
Friday, December 29
Tuesday, January 2

Clubhouse will remain at Cologne Academy where there will be crafts, games, gym time, and other activities. All students should come dressed appropriately for the weather as time will be spent outdoors. Please send snack/s and a home lunch.

To register, please log into your Boonli account, choose the Clubhouse menu and select the day(s) you need for your child/ren. Registration closes at the end of the school day on Thursday, December 21. Cost is \$25 per day for each child who pre-registers by pre-paying in Boonli; \$30 if you do not pre-register by the deadline. Contact Cathy with any questions at ckerber@cologneacademy.org.

Food Drive Results

Cologne Academy students and their families donated over 3,050 items during the NJHS Food Drive. The staff at the

Mackenthun's Stuff-A-Truck said that it was by far the biggest food drive they've seen!

Thank you for your generosity!

Box Tops

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education. We recently received a check for \$520.10! A special thank you to Susie Cebulla and her faithful helpers for their time prepping all the Box Tops for submission.

Art Department News

Students are getting ready to create Square 1 Art Masterpieces in art class. Square 1 Art is our art department's fundraiser where you are able to purchase a variety of fun items with your child's unique artwork displayed on them.

Items will arrive just before Mother's day, and a couple months before Father's day! You can also save items for the Holidays, because they make great gifts for family.

Check out the Square 1 Art website [here](#) to see the wonderful keepsakes available to you!

From the Health Office

Per policy, if your child has a temperature over 100 degrees, vomits, or has diarrhea, you will be called to pick him/her up.

They will need to remain home until they are fever-free without medication and/or have not experienced vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.

Brrr!!!

Please make sure students are coming to school appropriately dressed for the weather outside. K-5 students should come to school every day with coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens - recess is outside unless the windchill temperature reaches 0 degrees.

Please label all clothing and personal belongings including lunch bags, water bottles, backpacks, calculators, band instruments, etc.