

Cologne Academy

Your Future Starts Here

December 2017

Dear Cologne Academy Families-

I am filled with appreciation and gratitude for your continued vision, inspiration, support and encouragement of our Cologne Academy community of learners as we close 2017 and, with your partnership, I look forward to continued gains and success of all our students in 2018 and beyond.

Educating children should be one of our top priorities as a country and as a community. We are very proud of the educational outcomes achieved by our learners and the professionalism and continued perseverance and commitment the staff and school board has to our community.

We have many goals and priorities for 2018. First and foremost, our goals are aligned with student needs. I am looking forward to 2018 and all the excitement and learning that will occur.

Happy holidays to you and your family from all of us at Cologne Academy!

Together we can make a difference. #lovelearning

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High School Transition Night

Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm (gym)

Parents of 8th graders are encouraged to attend this important meeting regarding your child's upcoming high school experience. The meeting is open to any parent seeking information on high school choice.

Representatives from Waconia, Eastern Carver County, NYA Central, Holy Family Catholic, Southwest Christian, Belle Plaine, Mayer Lutheran, and Eagle Ridge Academy have been invited to give a brief presentation about their high school educational opportunity and will be available to speak with you individually after the presentations.

MLK Day Service Project

Upcoming Events

January 3

School resumes

January 9

High School Transition
Meeting
6:30 pm (gym)

January 11

College T-shirt Day

January 15

MLK Day
"A Day On, Not a Day Off"
Service Project

January 19

Early Release 1:00

January 11 & January

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

January 22 - 26

School Choice Week

January 25

Extraordinary Expo!
(details to follow)

PAVE Meeting

Next Meeting
January 29
6:30 pm
Join us!

In honor of MLK Day, Cologne Academy will have 'A Day On, Not a Day Off' on Monday, January 15. Students will be completing a service project assembling hygiene kits - see flyer [here](#) for details.

2017/2018 Yearbook

Our 2017-2018 Cologne Academy yearbooks can be purchased for only \$18.49! Place your order online at www.TreeRing.com and use passcode: 1013230390864254 or search for Cologne Academy to order.

Each yearbook includes two free pages that can be customized by you to add a personalized memory of the year. These pages will only be printed in your yearbook. Deadline for the customized pages is April 10. Start designing today!

We are also looking for parents who are interested in helping take photos throughout the year in the classroom, at sporting events, and other school functions.

If you have questions or would like to submit yearbook photos, please contact Deb Ries at dries@cologneacademy.org

2018/2019 Enrollment for Current Families

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.

Informational Meetings for New Families

Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 pm

We are hosting two informational meetings in January. Please tell your friends and family how much you love CA and encourage them to come to an upcoming meeting or to call and schedule a tour today. Open enrollment for 2018/2019 ends on February 16.

School Board & Finance Meeting

Next Meeting
January 29
Finance Meeting 7:15 pm
Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Upcoming Knowledge Bowl Meets

January 11
South View Middle School
Edina
4:00 pm

January 27
St. Francis Middle School
St. Francis

February 13
Northdale Middle School
Coon Rapids
4:00 pm

Scheduled Early Releases:

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

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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](#).

Stellina Choir (Grades K-4)

Cologne Academy is excited to announce a new opportunity for students in grades K - 4 that will begin in the weeks following winter break.

Click [HERE](#) for more information or email Mrs. Isles at misles@cologneacademy.org

Health Office News

Click [HERE](#) to read Nurse Mary's letter with reminders for the new year about the health and wellness of our students.

National School Choice Week

**Thank you for making
Cologne Academy
your school choice!**

We hope you will join us as CA participates in National School Choice Week 2018 by hosting our special event, the Extraordinary Expo on Thursday, January 25 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

National School Choice Week is a non-partisan, non-political effort that raises awareness about the importance of effective education options for students. Nearly 20,000 events are being planned across the country to celebrate National School Choice Week.

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.

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.

2017/2018 Calendar

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

Wanted: Lunch Servers & Lunch Subs

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

Holy Family HS Scholarship Opportunity

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!

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

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Snow Days

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.

Athletic Department News

Cologne Academy's 9 teams of basketball totaling 77 players are all experiencing much success this year.

The 8th grade boys' team brought home the Consolation trophy from the St. Johns' NYA Tournament and in the last week, the 4th-6th grade teams combined for 10 of 12 game wins. Go P.R.I.D.E.!

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 in plenty of time for 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!

Youth Enrichment League

Click [here](#) for flyer with winter class offerings.

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.