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Coleman Schools COMET NEWS

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BUILDING for the FUTURE!

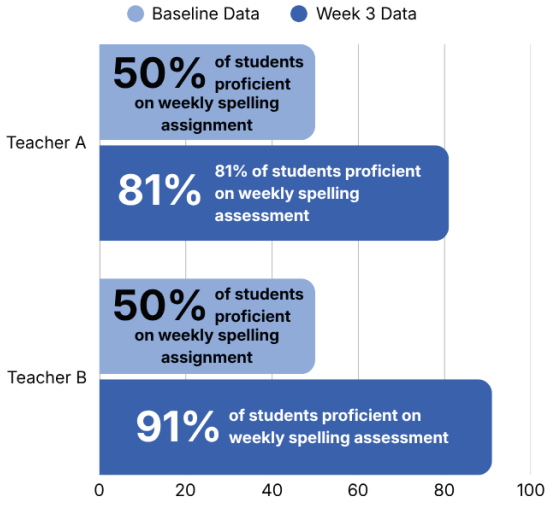




LEADING LIKE COMETS - GROWING FOR THE FUTURE!

Dear Coleman Parents/Guardians, Students, and Community Members,

I am so proud of our 2026 Graduates, our 1976 50-year Graduates, and our 6th graders as they move on to the Jr/Sr High School. Our teachers help foster this continuous student success by consistently reviewing student data and needs, adjusting lessons, and re-teaching or accelerating their instruction. In one example, our 4th grade team identified a gap in spelling skills. By utilizing our Elementary Literacy Coach and collecting data, the team created a research-based framework to redesign their instruction, resulting in just one example of amazing achievement in the chart below!



In addition, construction at the Jr/Sr High School building is already in full swing and we can't wait to bring you back in the District for the Open Houses this September so you can all see it!

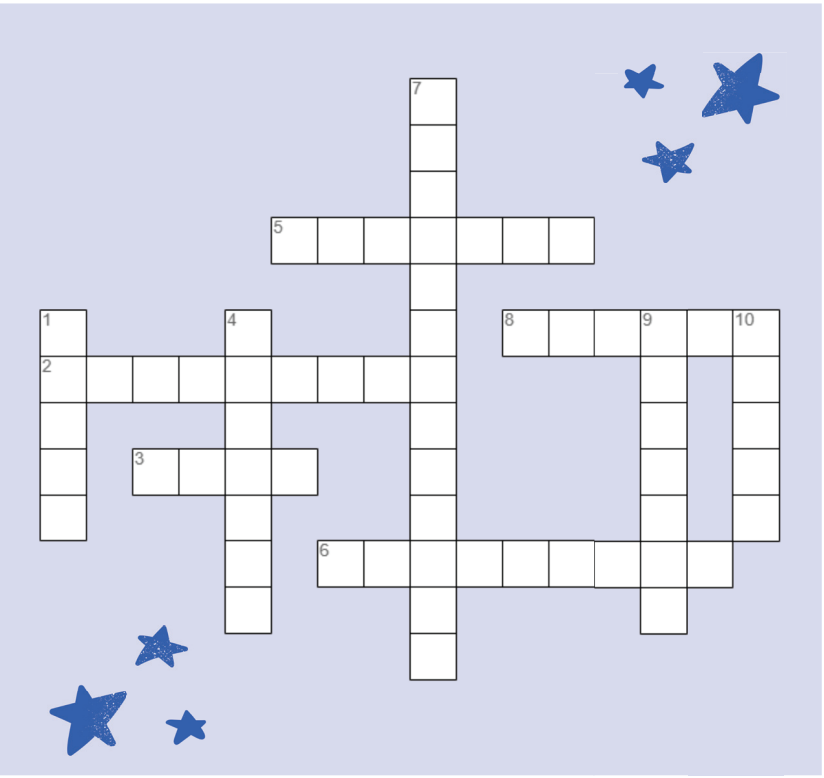
Thank you for taking the time to look through our Comet News to learn even more about the progress our students have made this year and what we have to look forward to this fall. We continue every day to Grow for the Future and LEAD (Learn, Engage, Assist, Dialogue) Like a Comet!



Jennifer McCormack

Superintendent / Special Education Supervisor

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THE COMET CROSSWORD

Read through the newsletter to find the answers!

(Solution on page 11)

ACROSS

2. Every family should fill out and turn in the _____ Benefits form to help support district state and federal funding
3. The cost of a sports physical at the on-campus School-Based Health Clinic within the Elementary School
5. The first name of the Class of 2026 valedictorian
6. Sam D'Artagnan went to States this year for this sport
8. The species hatched from eggs and released into Bluff Creek by 8th grade Agriscience students this year

DOWN

1. The new Culinary program, _____ on the Move
4. A color you should wear to fall sporting events to help us win $1 Million
7. Our Instagram & X username
9. All _____ County high school students are eligible to enroll in CTE classes at Coleman Schools
10. Two of our retirees this year share this first name

ON THE COVER:

Highlights from the Jr/Sr High School Bond Construction!

- **A picture of some of the new walls in the Jr/Sr High school**
- **Wolgast creating the temporary road for construction access to the building**
- **Teachers & staff beginning the demolition process in Mr. Francis's classroom**
- **Students & alumni taking part in the groundbreaking ceremony during the Community Walk-thru event**



HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR SPRING CONCERT



3RD GRADE VISITS THE STATE CAPITOL



DRAMA CLUB'S PIRATES OF PENZANCE



BAND AND CHOIR VISIT CHICAGO



6TH GRADE GRADUATION



5TH GRADE AT BAVARIAN BLAST

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 25th - 7th Grade Orientation
6:30 - 7:30 pm @ Coleman Jr/Sr High

September 8th - Elementary Open House
5:30 - 6:30 PM @ Coleman Elementary School

September 8th - Jr/Sr High Open House
6 PM - 7 PM @ Jr/Sr High

September 9th - First Day of School (Early Release)
Elementary: 8 AM - 2 PM; Jr/Sr High 8 AM - 1:50 PM
Normal release: ES @ 3 PM; Jr/Sr High @ 2:50 PM

September 25th - Homecoming Parade
5:30 PM through the streets of Coleman

September 25th - Powderpuff Football Game
7:00 PM @ Coleman Jr/Sr High Football Field

September 26th - Homecoming Football Game
12:00 PM @ Coleman Jr/Sr High Football Field

September 26th - Homecoming Dance
7:00 PM @ Coleman Jr/Sr High School

October 22nd - Parent/Teacher Conferences
12 -4 pm & 4:30 - 7:30 PM @ Both Buildings

Hey!

We've updated our social media handles, make sure you're following all of our current accounts below!

@ColemanCommunitySchools

@ColemanComets

@ColemanComets

Looking for local events and opportunities for your kids?

CHECK OUT THE COMMUNITY HUB PAGE!

colemanschools.net/community-hub

Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL!

FIRST DAY

September 9th

Early release day
Elementary: 8 am - 2 pm
Jr/Sr High: 8 am - 1:50 pm

Coleman Community Schools

OPEN HOUSE!

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 — FREE MEAL!

Coleman Comets

ELEMENTARY 5:30 - 6:30 PM
JR/SR HIGH 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Games & Prizes!



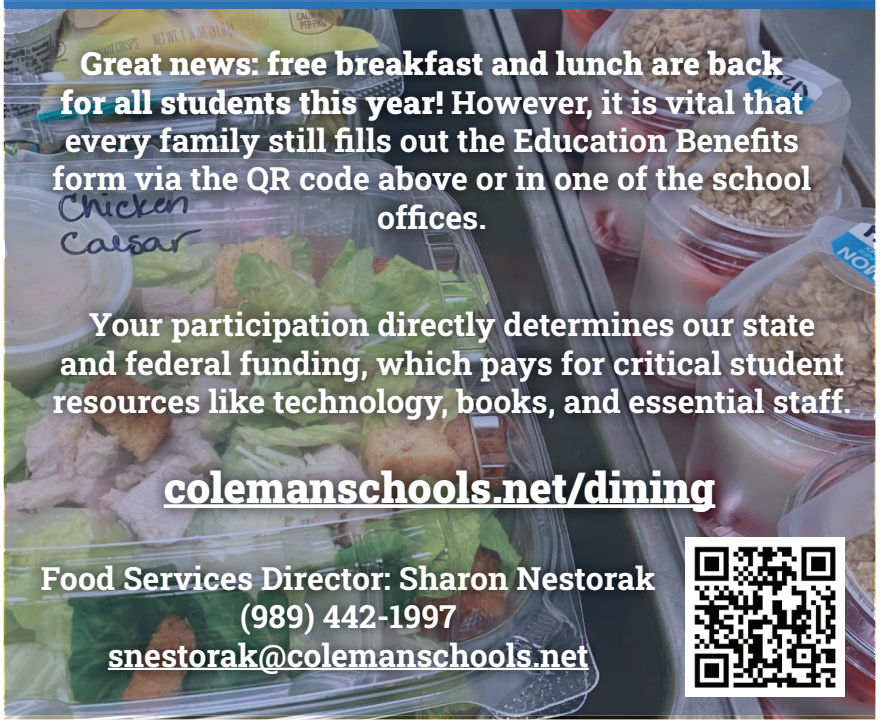
Open to the Community!

PREPARE • ENROLL • INQUIRE • HAVE FUN!

Your Back-to-School Hub!

Visit our **Back-to-School webpage** at colemanschools.net/b2s for classroom supply lists, handbooks, calendars, and more!

Food Services



Great news: free breakfast and lunch are back for all students this year! However, it is vital that every family still fills out the Education Benefits form via the QR code above or in one of the school offices.

Your participation directly determines our state and federal funding, which pays for critical student resources like technology, books, and essential staff.

colemanschools.net/dining

Food Services Director: Sharon Nestorak
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Transportation



Information on bus routes for this school year can be found at the link or by reaching out to the Transportation Department.

colemanschools.net/transportation

Transportation Director: Michael Cowell
(989) 465-6811
mcowell@auxilioservices.com

Let's Go Blue! . . . and Magenta!?



#FN5GL #Entry @TMobile @ColemanComets

We're entering the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights competition! We've already won $5K and are in the running for $20K - and maybe even the grand prize of $1 million.

This competition fully relies on social media and the power of community. We can't win without you! Keep posting and sharing #FN5GL posts from now through mid-November to give us the biggest chance to win!

For more info, visit
t-mobile.com/brand/friday-night-5g-lights



HOW TO HELP

Share our #FN5GL posts on Instagram and X

Share your Coleman Friday Night Lights stories here: colemanschools.net/forms/FN5GL

Wear magenta to fall athletic and band events



Download our custom profile pictures from the Athletics page

Create your own school spirit posts on Instagram and X and tag: #FN5GL #Entry @ColemanComets @TMobile

MY PERSONAL MICHIGAN HERO ESSAY WINNERS!



Three of our 8th graders were named local winners in the 57th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance!

The topic of the contest was "My Personal Michigan Hero," encouraging Michigan youth to explore the greatness of America and its people. Kara's 1st place essay advanced to the state level of competition.

Congrats to all three students for their excellence in writing!

The CTE Corner

THE "DIRT" ON Agriscience

12
Ag Credentials
Animal Science • Vet Med
Conservation • Floral Design

12
OSHA-10 Certifications
Students completed workplace safety training

Thanks to a Corteva grant, we've acquired **new tools and equipment** that boost our hands-on instruction, creating opportunities for more complex and high-quality work.

Curt Holsinger of Timber! Tree Care and a few agriscience alumni taught students the basics of **arboriculture,** even getting the chance to experience tree-climbing firsthand!

Meanwhile, 8th-grade Ag STEM students released 83 **salmon smolts** into Bluff Creek after raising them from DNR eggs since November.

Finally, we celebrated our seniors' last day with our annual **Tractor Day** parade and elementary ag activities. Thanks to Midland County Farm Bureau for sponsoring our shirts!








THE "DISH" ON Culinary

Culinary kicked off a new program this spring — **'Meals on the Move!'** A new online store allows community members to order affordable takeout meals with generous portions every week. They're now closed for the summer, but we'll keep you posted when they open back up!



Culinary students have gained lots of **catering experience** this year, catering the Drama Club's dinner theatre, the police department's DARE spaghetti dinner, events for the Coleman Lions Club, and lots more. We can't wait to see what Culinary has in store next year!

Ready, Set, Register!

IS YOUR CHILD REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN?

ENROLL NOW TO JOIN THE COMET FAMILY!

WE OFFER:

- Free daily breakfast and lunch for all K-12 students
- Before and after-school programs
- Strong leadership focus based in Leader in Me/7 Habits
- Modern technology: touchscreen AV carts, 1:1 Chromebooks for student use, and classroom sound fields
- Up-to-date materials and best-practice K-12 core curriculum



PROGRAMS:

Hands-on Agriscience/STEM curriculum - Art - Music Appreciation - Band - Choir
Physical Education - Foreign Language - National Elementary Honor Society
Student Council - Student Leadership Team - SPARKS Before/Afterschool Program



Excited to be a Comet?

colemanschools.net/enrollment

Enroll now!

Schools of Choice

Don't live in Coleman? No problem!

Any K-12th grader may apply to CCS under the Schools of Choice laws of Michigan. Application must be made to the school district no later than the end of the first week of each semester or else a release from their resident district is required in order to be considered.

Are you a Homeschooler?

There's options for you, too!

Contact us to find out how you can enroll your homeschooled student in one or more of our classes or unique programs for just a few hours a day!



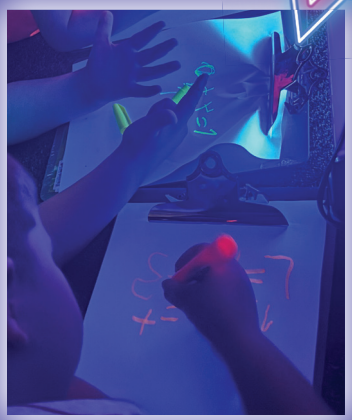
Find information, fill out paperwork, request a tour, or ask a question on our inquiry form at: colemanschools.net/enrollment

We can't wait to meet you!

Kindergarten GLOW Day



Kindergarteners practiced addition and subtraction using highlighters and a black light!



CONGRATU



Nancy Robison

Jr/Sr High Math Teacher

Advisor of Student Council, NHS, Quiz Bowl, Model UN

Mrs. "Rob", known for her "dad" jokes and for her leadership of several groups and activities, is officially retiring! **"Seeing a student's face light up when they finally "get it" is the most special feeling. I'll miss the school dances and the noise quite a bit. I hope students remember all the fun we had together!"** She's looking forward to traveling to Italy to visit her son soon - and doing a "whole lot of nothing." We'll miss you, Mrs. Rob!

34 yrs

FUN FACT: Mrs. Rob loves coloring! A good retirement gift idea, perhaps?



Nancy Sian

Jr/Sr High Head Secretary

After 33 years, Mrs. Sian is retiring from a role she absolutely loved. Known for her positive attitude, calling both staff AND students "rascals", and for being the glue holding the office together, Mrs. Sian treasured building relationships most of all. **"Being around the kids makes me feel young! I love to watch them grow."** In her next chapter, she's looking forward to turning off her alarm clock, playing BINGO, and spending more time with family. Best of luck to you!

33 yrs

FUN FACT: Mrs. Sian has a cute little dog named Bandit!



Jennifer Tallman

K-12 Music Teacher

Choir Director and Drama Club Co-Advisor

After 27 total years in music education, Mrs. Tallman is retiring to focus on her passions. Over the years, she loved watching hesitant students transform into confident performers on stage. **"I hope students remember that they can do anything if they put the work in, try hard enough, and love what they're doing."** Mrs. Tallman's retirement plans include spending time with family, teaching dance, and expanding her homemade tea blend business. Congrats!

12 yrs

FUN FACT: Mrs. Tallman can teach you Scottish dance, tap dance, and ballet!



Linda Stachowiak

Elementary Literacy Coach

Retiring from Clare-Gladwin RESD

After supporting Coleman for 12 years - first as a countywide literacy coach and then only at Coleman for the past 5 - Mrs. Stachowiak is retiring! She is incredibly proud of helping Coleman adopt a new reading curriculum, which has skyrocketed student growth. **"I'll deeply miss getting to watch the magic happen each day in our classrooms!"** She's excited to enjoy less stress, more family time, and making more time for Pilates. Thanks for everything!

12 yrs

FUN FACT: There's a good chance you'll spot Mrs. Stachowiak at Club Pilates in Midland!

Read the full interviews on the school website!

Retirees!

ULATIONS!



Katelin Wilson



Eliza Lewis



KIWANIS HONOREES



Eliza Lewis Maggie Clarke

Not Pictured: Katelin Wilson

TURNAROUND AWARD

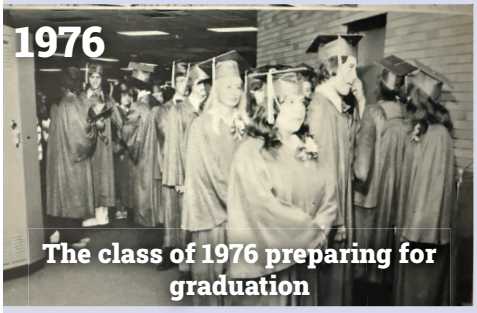


KayAnn McBride Kylea Gray

Top 10 Students (BY GPA)

1. Katelin Wilson
2. Eliza Lewis
3. Maggie Clarke
4. Killian D'Artagnan
5. Gwyneth Nolasco
6. Emma Ranck
7. Miles Kirklin
8. Donatello Husted
9. Aden Aultman
10. Brayden Schrank

THEN & NOW



The class of 1976 preparing for graduation



Receiving their honorary 50-year graduate diplomas

Did You Know?

50 years ago, the current Jr/Sr High School was built! The class of 1976 was the first class to graduate out of the new building.

50 years later, the class of 2026 is the last class to graduate from the current building before the major renovations coming up this fall!

Graduates!

Read the News on colemanschools.net for more graduation details!

Athletics Recap

Hey Athletes!

Did you know that you can get your sports physical done for FREE at the School-Based Health Clinic, right on campus?

Call the clinic at (989) 229-0822 to schedule your physical today!



The clinic is located within the Elementary School and serves all K-12 students.











BASEBALL

- Baseball surpassed their win total from last year.
- **Zayne Lytle** earned All-District honors.
- Senior **Brayden Schrank** earned Honorable Mention All-Conference honors.
- **Asher Hess** earned All-Conference 2nd team honors.
- Senior **Aden Aultman** earned 2nd Team All-Conference honors.

SOFTBALL

- Softball came in 2nd in the Comet Classic.
- **Klaira Sysak** earned 1st team All-Conference.
- **Kendall Allen** and **Isabelle Lewis** earned 2nd Team All-Conference.

TRACK & FIELD

- **Alex Lyon** qualified for States again and tied for 7th with a jump of 12'0".
- **Sophie Ellison** broke the 2017 JH school record in the 400m with a time of 1:05:37, qualifying her for the Megastars competition.

BASKETBALL

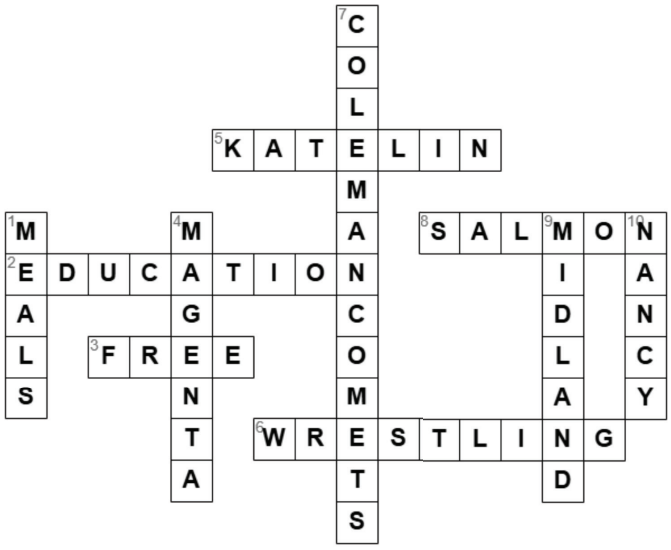
- All-Conference: **Aden Aultman, Brennan & Logan Glazier.**
- The boys' team made it to the district semi-finals.
- **Logan Glazier** was the Morning Sun player of the year and earned an All-State honorable mention.
- **Logan Glazier** surpassed 1000 total career points scored.
- Sophomore **Kendall Allen** and **Klaira Sysak** earned Honorable Mentions in the MSAC-East All-Conference.
- **Kendall Allen** was named to the Morning Sun All-Conference 2nd Team overall and 2nd Team defense.

WRESTLING

- Wrestling won the team district in February!
- **Konar Curtis** pinned a wrestler in about 4 seconds and made the state record in his weight class.
- **Sam D'Artagnan** won the district and wrestled at States.

Visit colemanschools.net/athletics for access to schedules, team social media accounts, and more!

COMET CROSSWORD SOLUTION



Head Start

The NEMCSA Head Start program is now enrolling 3-year-olds into our Free Head Start classroom which is located within the Greater Midland Coleman Family Center.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently seeking to fill several coaching and activity advisor roles. Check out our Employment page and consider joining the Comet Family!

colemanschools.net/employment

Hello from the CES PTO! We are thrilled to have been able to help fund six big field trips this school year, as well as host our regular events like the Christmas Shoppe, Apple Pie & Pizza Kit fundraisers, Carnival, Movie Nights, and Popcorn Days.

There is still time to get involved for anyone who might be interested! Meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month. All are welcome, no commitment necessary! Reach out to us at colemanelementarypto@gmail.com or find us on Facebook @colemanPTO for more information. We look forward to a great year!

Thank You, Donors!

This year we celebrated our 43rd year honoring Board Scholars! There were 56 students (7th-12th grade) who qualified to receive monetary gifts totaling $8,375, generously donated from local businesses and private donors. The Coleman Board of Education would like to again thank all those who gave donations, honoring students who have excelled in their academic achievements. We look forward to acknowledging those students who strive for excellence again next year.

To view student Board Scholar list, photos, and donor names, please visit colemanschools.net/board-scholars

A FEW WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT COLEMAN SCHOOLS!



Contribute to one of our two Endowment Funds!

The CCS Endowment Fund supports projects and programs related to Coleman students. **The CCS CTE Programs Endowment Fund** supports the operations of the Agriscience and Culinary Arts CTE programs at Coleman Community Schools.



Share your feedback on district strategy!

We're updating our Strategic Plan, which includes Instruction, Facilities, Communications, and Technology. Take the survey to help us set goals and guide our plan for the next 5-10 years!



Support facilities upgrades with Cultivating Comets!

We're undertaking a multiphase initiative that includes essential updates to the Jr/Sr High Auditorium, the Elementary School Playground, and supports for Arts and Athletics. Check out our webpage to donate, view the progress, and help us spread the word!

Board & Staff Contact Information

Board Members

President: Lorie Fox
Vice President: Travis Aultman
Treasurer: Miles Cameron
Secretary: Angela Brooks
Trustee: Jennifer Murray
Trustee: Nathan Clarke
Trustee: Sean Long



Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

Board Meetings are accessible to the public. Agendas and minutes can be accessed at colemanschools.net/board. **Meetings are held in the Jr/Sr High Auditorium at 6:30 PM.**

August 17th*
September 21st
October 19th
November 16th
December 21st (5:30 pm)

* Held at the Board of Education Office

Contact the Board directly anytime by emailing boardofeducation@colemanschools.net

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MTSS Coordinator: Amy Klopf . . . . . **(989) 465-1891 x2254**

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL — 4951 N. Lewis Rd.

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