



COLOMA

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Coloma Intermediate! I am so excited to start the school year. This is my second year as a school administrator at Coloma and my 16th year in education. I am committed to maintaining high expectations for staff, students, and parents as I work to ensure that **all** of our students achieve to their potential.

Throughout the school year you will receive periodic newsletters from your student's teacher, and a CIS News Blog twice a month so that you may stay informed about what's happening at school. Make sure that we have an active email address so that we can stay in touch! When parents and educators regularly communicate, students greatly benefit from a strong home-school relationship.

I have several items of interest to help us get off to a great start:

- **PowerSchool** is a district wide online portal that allows parents and/or guardians access to their child/children's academic progress, assignments, grades, report cards, attendance, and teacher communications. PowerSchool will allow parents of multiple children to combine accounts and gives the option for a parent to allow a grandparent, guardian, divorced parent, or other designee access to a child's grades. The person just needs to have the original Access ID and Access Password to create an account for the child. For more information on how to sign up for PowerSchool, please contact our building secretary.
- It is our goal to communicate with you as frequently as we can with regards to your child. Coloma Community Schools will be using the same notification system as last year called **SchoolMessenger**. SchoolMessenger will enable you to stay up-to-date about your child's classroom and the school. For more information on how to sign up for SchoolMessenger, please contact our building secretary.
- Be sure to talk about your expectations for your child as a student. Help support them by talking about why school is important and that it's a place for learning, hard work, and fun.
- Establish routines like appropriate bedtimes, getting enough sleep, and homework time from the first day and moving forward. A consistent schedule is so important to a child's development.



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- School begins at 8:10 with dismissal at 3:12. Chronic tardiness and early dismissals interfere with a student's ability to learn. Our goal is to increase the amount of instructional time our students receive. Please help support us by making sure students arrive for school on time and dismiss at the scheduled time.
- **All** students, regardless of income, may receive free breakfast and lunch due to a Federal grant. We're excited to offer this to our families.
- Safety continues to be our highest priority. During school hours the main entrance will be locked and all visitors will need to be "buzzed in" by office staff. Visitors may be asked to show a driver's license as proof of identity.
- I welcome the opportunity to talk with you! Please let the building secretary know that you would like to make an appointment, and she will get it on the calendar!

I have three important goals for this school year:

1. Increase student reading performance at all grade levels.
2. Higher engagement with our families through consistent communication.
3. Improving our systems of academic and behavioral support for all students.

Please let us know how we can best support you in providing the best educational experience for Coloma students. I welcome your feedback and thank you for your support!

Respectfully,

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