

Columbia School District



Back to School from Superintendent,
Dr. Pamela Campbell

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow is the Columbia School District Vision! Our mission is to provide your child with an academic learning environment where their dreams will be nurtured, they will be empowered to create a better world, and grow into leaders in our community!

As a school family, we are proud to be a part of the Columbia community. Our excellent teachers and staff members strive for excellence as we diligently work with your student to increase his or her educational abilities.

Our points of pride include strong academics which have produced high test scores, an award winning band program, high school pre-engineering courses which use project based learning to enhance each student's skills, Advanced Placement courses that challenge our students and provide an occasion for them to earn college credit, participation in the Jackson County Early College giving students an opportunity to earn college credit, free GSRP preschool for four year olds that provides a firm and enjoyable educational base for our youngest learners, child care and tuition preschool for three and four year olds, and our excellent athletic programs which give our student athletes an opportunity to succeed. Columbia Central High School was awarded the Silver and Bronze Medallion by U.S. News & World Reports, was chosen as a Reward School by the Michigan Department of Education and was honored as top school in Jackson County by Bridge Magazine.

We hope you will find time to visit our schools as you participate in your children's activities. You may sign up for on our weekly E-Letter update by entering your email address into PowerSchool. If I may assist you in any way, please feel free to call me at the Administration Office at 517-592-6641 or email me at Pamela.Campbell@myeagles.org.



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Columbia Central High School



Mrs. Christi O'Neil, Principal

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! On behalf of the entire staff at Columbia Central, we look forward to reconnecting with our students and families as we begin school!

Columbia Central Jr./Sr. High School offers our students the opportunity to grow academically while pursuing their goals and interests. Students gain experiences and the skills necessary to be prepared for their future. We are happy to offer the following unique courses and activities for our student body:

- Advanced Placement courses
- Award winning band and choir programs
- Theatre programs
- Professional student organizations such as Business Professionals of America and the National Honor Society
- Student clubs including Plank, Most Teen's Don't, Student Senate and more
- First Robotics program for junior high and high school
- Community service opportunities including our high school Leadership course and the Kiwanis Key Club

We look forward to many exciting events in the Fall for our students and community. Homecoming, Student Leadership Forum and our district wide Veteran's Day assembly are all activities we are proud of at Columbia Central.

Back to School Orientation dates for our students will offer an opportunity to obtain class schedules, books and locker assignments for the 2018-2019 school year. Additionally, there will be information available for Seniors regarding graduation essentials from Josten's. The dates and times for orientation are listed below:

August 13: 12-3 PM, Juniors and Seniors

August 14: 3-6 PM, Freshman and Sophomores

August 15: 3-6 PM, Junior High (7th and 8th grade)

We will also host a Back to School Open House on Monday, August 20 from 6-7:30 PM.



Columbia Central High School Fall athletics begin the week of August 6. All 7-12 students interested in participating in any Fall sport must have a physical dated April 15, 2018 or after.

We would like to thank our Columbia families for their continued support and dedication. Together, we all help to encourage our students to grow and succeed. As a proud graduate of the Columbia School District, I feel so fortunate to be a part of its future. Thank you for all that you do for Columbia Central!

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Mr. Josh Kubiak, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director

I am excited to welcome you to Columbia Central Junior High School and to the beginning of an amazing school year! Our caring staff is eager to provide students with numerous learning opportunities that allow our students to become successful both inside and outside of the classroom. We offer advanced courses in math and foreign language, as well as technology. Our technology is state of the art with Chromebooks in every classroom for students. Additionally, we offer many outstanding extracurricular activities for students.

Our Junior High Orientation is Wednesday, August 15th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Students have an opportunity to pick up their class schedules, books, and receive their locker assignments. We will also have an Open House, Monday August 20th, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Students can meet their teachers and pick up their class schedule and locker assignment if they were unable to make it to orientation.

There are many great things happening here at Columbia Central Junior High School. The first day of school is a half day on Wednesday August 22nd. Our half day schedule is from 7:45 am to 10:57 am. IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A GOLDEN EAGLE!

PHOTOGRAPH / VIDEOTAPE DENIAL

Please sign and date this form if you **do not want** your child's image and/or school-work products to be photographed or videotaped as part of an educational program used by the district or used in publications by your school building. This includes publishing their name on the Honor Roll or in local newspapers. After completing this form, return it to your child's school office.

Student's Name, Grade and School Building

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

ATHLETIC TICKET PRICE

All Tickets (including students)—\$5.00



Family Pass - \$150 all events

Senior Citizens age 65 or older are free

(Family/Individual) are on sale in the High School Office

Phone: 592-6634

Medical Policy

Public Act 51 of 2002 specifies the administration of medications in schools. The Columbia School District Board Policy Review Committee has evaluated our current policy and find it to match with the policy and guidelines suggested by the Michigan Department of Education.

This policy as well as all of the district's policies are available through the administration office and also linked to our district's website at:

www.myeagles.org

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Columbia Upper Elementary School



Mrs. Jennifer VanWagnen, Principal

Welcome Back! I hope you have had plenty of time to play outside, read a good book and spend time laughing with family and friends. Welcome new staff members to our CUES family: Mrs. Cindy Caryl, Ms. Holly Schmidt and Ms. Amy Teller. I am excited for all of you to meet these wonderful additions to our staff! I have been a proud member of the Columbia family for the past 14 years and with each passing year, I feel more blessed to be a part of such a strong community with its commitment to academic excellence, its supportive community spirit and its love for blue and gold. Everyday is a great day to be a Golden Eagle!

Throughout the summer months, students in the area enjoyed a variety of CUES activities including Art Club, Book Club, a flourishing Garden Club, Leadership, Robotics and an energizing Science Camp. Our sports teams supported our youth in developing athletic skills by offering camps for students in grades kindergarten through eighth. Enrichment programs continue throughout the school year allowing CUES students the opportunity to take part in activities that include:

- Academic Games
- Competitive Robotics Team
- Band and Choir for Both 5th and 6th Grade Students
- Physical Education, Art, Music, and Technology
- Student Credit Union
- Columbia K-Kids Club and Student Council
- Youth Sports Programs



The academic success of every child is a priority for the CUES staff. We will continue to teach and celebrate our motto: "Work Hard & Be Kind" and strive to build positive relationships with our families to support our students. We plan to communicate utilizing our weekly newsletter, PowerSchool updates, Parent-Teacher Conferences and on our CUES Facebook Page. Additionally, we provide a school counseling program that helps with the overall development of our students. We have an extremely devoted Parent Teacher Organization that supports the academic and social development of our students. Parent involvement is instrumental to the success of our children. Please consider assisting the PTO by volunteering for one of their projects this school year. We love the opportunity to invite parents into our school to help with classroom or other school events.

We are so grateful for the Columbia community who provide encouragement and support to all of our students. We value a nurturing school environment, and we also lead the way in providing both STEAM and Project Based learning opportunities to our students. The Columbia School District continues to strive for excellence. I value my relationships with our students, parents and community. Please feel free to contact me anytime. You may reach me by email at Jennifer.VanWagnen@myeagles.org or by calling our school office. I look forward to another positive year with our Columbia Upper Elementary School family.

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Mrs. Trudy Wright, Principal

Dear CES Families,

I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer! I am very grateful to be taking on the role of CES Principal for the 2018-2019 school year. I am so proud of all that CES has accomplished and look forward with excitement to an awesome year! A few things that may be helpful for you to know as we begin the 2018-2019 school year:

STAFF CHANGES

We welcome the following staff members who are experienced professionals taking on new positions: Mrs. Elliott in Young 5's, Mrs. Lape in Second Grade, Mrs. Coughlin in Reading Recovery, Mrs. Howland in Kindergarten and Mrs. Douglas in the library!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

CES & CUES will be offering free breakfast for every student this year! Students at CES can enjoy free breakfast anytime from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. Students will also have the option to take a grab-and-go breakfast as a snack if they have already eaten breakfast at home. A special thank you to our Food Service Director, Lindsay Beaulieu, for applying for the grant that allows us to have this helpful program.

COLUMBIA CONNECTION - We look forward to connecting with you!

CES School Office 517-592-6632 CES Website: myeagles.org/BES/index.htm

Preschool & Childcare 517-592-9753 CES Facebook: facebook.com/ColumbiaCentralElementary/

BROOKLYN BUDDIES

If you would like to mentor a student in first or second grade, we would love to have you be part of our Brooklyn Buddies program. Available session times are Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at 8:45, 9:20 or 10:00 a.m. You would be partnered with a child who would benefit from your support in reading and playing math games.

CHILDCARE & PRESCHOOL - Please visit our PreSchool & Childcare at our Open House! The Open House will be held August 20h from 5:30-7:00 pm.

If you are interested in childcare and preschool, please call 517-592-9753 for more information. We also offer childcare beginning at 6:30 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m.

Our school has set several academic goals this year in math, reading and science. Students will be learning about healthy eating and how to grow socially and emotionally. We will also be focusing on our school motto to "**Work Hard & Be Kind!**" We are so grateful for the partnership we have with you to work toward these goals. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

Looking forward to a **wonderful** year,
Trudy Wright, Principal



Zonar Z Pass

Columbia Elementary K-6 students will benefit from a new bus system to track their route during the 2018-19 school year. Each child will wear a swipe card on their backpack, which will register when and where they get on and off the bus.

Parents will receive an email with a link to a website that allows them to access their students account to view where their child is at any time during the route.





Columbia Options High School

Ms. Lisa Klink, Principal

Dear Columbia School District Families,

Welcome to the opening of what promises to be another exciting school year at the Columbia Community Education (CCE) building! Open to residents from all local communities who may need a fresh start or an educational change, CCE houses several programs, including:

Columbia Options High School (COHS)

Celebrating its 32nd year of operation, COHS is an alternative school open to students aged 14-19 who could benefit from a non-traditional educational setting. Our highly qualified teaching staff offers a wide variety of options and flexible schedules to meet the needs of each student. We pride ourselves on providing a family-like setting in a safe environment. At COHS, we emphasize individualized instruction, small class sizes, and personal involvement with each student. The staff strives to help students become emotionally, academically and socially competent people who are resourceful and responsible members of society.

Columbia Virtual Academy

We understand that today's students learn best in different ways, which is why we created the Columbia Virtual Academy (CVA) for students in grades 7-12. Entering into its 9th year of existence, Columbia's Virtual Academy is the largest and most successful program of its kind in Jackson County. CVA students have the flexibility to learn at any time and at any place while taking 100% of their courses online. Daily one-on-one tutoring at CCE is available for students needing assistance. CVA is ideal for home schoolers or any student opting for a Michigan Merit Core education in a non-traditional learning environment.

Adult Education

The Columbia Adult Education program is the ONLY high school completion program for adults over 20 years of age offered in Jackson County. Course schedules are flexible and while instruction is provided online, one-on-one tutoring is available on a daily basis and 3 evenings each week at the CCE building. Upon successful completion of the program, students earn their high school diploma.

We will be having the Columbia Options High School parent/student orientation and open house on August 21, 2018 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of our returning students and welcoming our new learners on August 22, 2018 which will be a half day for students. Should you have questions about any of our programs, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at lisa.klink@myeagles.org or at (517) 529-9400.

Educationally yours,
Lisa Klink



Learning Today, Leaving Tomorrow!

Schools of Choice

This is notice to the general public that Columbia School District accepts applications under Section 105 and/or 105c Schools of Choice regarding enrollment of nonresident students.

What is Schools of Choice?

Schools of Choice is an opportunity for out-of-district students to attend Columbia School District

When is the best time to apply for Schools of Choice?

The best time to apply for Schools of Choice is before the start of the new school year. Parents have applied for Schools of Choice as early as April before the start of the next school year. Columbia School District is always open for Schools of Choice and will accept applications anytime.

Do I need permission from my home district to apply for School of Choice?

Schools of Choice applications that are completed and turned in before the first Friday of the first week of school will not need the resident district's permission. Applications made after the first Friday of the first week of school will need a release from their home district. Columbia School District will complete the resident district release form and apply to your home district on your behalf.

Columbia Schools Child Care

Located at Columbia Elementary School

320 School Street

Monday through Friday

6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. year round

Ages 3 years old through 5th grade

(517) 592-9753



PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Numbers: Daytime _____ Evening: _____

Please Circle One or Both:

I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside of the building.

I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment on the outside grounds of the school (daycare center).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Name, Grade and School Building

Columbia Community Fitness Center Membership Information

CC Fitness Center Equipment:

Cardio: 6 Elliptical Trainers, 6 Treadmills, 4 Bikes

Weights: 3 Collegiate Power Racks, 16 Universal Machines, over 6,000 lbs. of Free Weights (5-100 lbs)

CC Fitness Center Classes:

Strength Training ~ Spinning ~ Body Fit ~ Yoga ~ Step ~ Zumba ~ Pilates ~ Butts & Guts ~ Cardio ~ Cardio Drumming and a Silver Sneakers Program

CC Amenities: TV's ~ Showers ~ Lockers ~ Certified Trainers ~

FREE Indoor Walking Track ~ Full size gymnasium



Give us a try...what do you have to lose?

Visit us ONLINE:

www.CCFitnessCenter.org

Or call us at 517-592-3393



FREE!! One Week Guest Pass to Fitness Room AND 2 FREE Exercise Classes (coupon required)

Name: _____

Start Date: _____ Exp. Date: _____

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Mission: Nurture Dreams, Empower All, Create a Better World.

College for All: Beginning Fall of 2018!

The Jackson County Early College program is designed to help students find their way into post-secondary education working towards a certification, credential, skill set, or Associates degree, with intentional partnerships to guarantee transferability of credits to four year universities. This program will be available to Columbia Central High School students or Options High School students, including the Class of 2018, if they choose to opt in for a 13th year beginning in the fall of 2018.

Our program is designed as a Universal Entry/ Universal Exit model whereby students may begin their college education as early as their freshman year and continue through their 13th year to a maximum of 60 credits. Universal Entry means that students entering the program will begin working towards a specific goal as early as their freshman year under the guidance of counselors and our Program Director. Many classes will be at the campus of Jackson College. The concept of Universal Exit allows students the flexibility to leave the program at any time up to or before the end of their 13th year. The Universal Entry/ Universal Exit model will allow Columbia to meet the needs of our students.

Students may take just a few courses or continue taking college classes through the end of their 12th or 13th year, and may earn an associates degree. We truly believe that we are building something special that will transform education in Jackson County. For more information contact the high school office at 592-6634 or online at <https://www.jcisd.org/Page/1967>