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### **Cole County R-1 Schools**

# Newsletter

**Developing Tomorrow's Community by Expecting Excellence Today** 

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#### **Superintendent's Letter**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we find ourselves in the midst of the school year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication and hard work of our entire school community. Despite the inclement weather, the support and enthusiasm we have received from all of you continues to be a driving force behind the success and growth we have witnessed so far. However, I hope to not see a snow plow truck driving any roads in the immediate future. Looking ahead, I am excited for the opportunities the future holds for us. The following is an update on how we have been doing and upcoming events:

Russellville

#### Priority Area #1 (Teaching/Learning)

Our teachers spent time the last two weeks working on unwrapping each power standard. As a reminder, unwrapping standards consists of examples of rigor, common assessments being used, guidance on pacing, and examples of enrichment activities. We would like to give a huge shout out to Sean Lovelace for creating a document for teachers to use as a resource as they unwrap each standard. As a District, we are in a very good place with this task and are working toward bridging the gap between our new teachers and veteran teachers. Danielle Greubel and Cathy Trigg created a Google shared drive to house all completed power standard information so future new teachers to the district will have a curriculum resource available when they begin teaching.

## Priority Area #2 (Collaborative Culture/Staffing)

#### **Patron District Communication Reminder:**

We want to remind you that we are here for you and value the importance of communication and teamwork! Cole R-I families are encouraged to call or email our staff any time to discuss any concerns or issues. Like many of your workplaces, school days are busy, with tight schedules and a lot of variables. Therefore, scheduling an in-person meeting or phone call in advance is often the best way to ensure our staff can devote the time and attention needed to address your question(s). When you need to reach out, the following are the different ways to communicate with a staff member in our district:

- Email the staff member your question and/or ask to set up a meeting. Each staff
  member's email address is located on our District Website under Staff Directory or
  linked here: https://coler1indians.socs.net/vnews/display.v/StaffDirectory.
- Call the staff member to see if they are available or to set up a future meeting. The
  phone number for each building is located on our District Website under Contact
  Us or linked here: <a href="https://coler1indians.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ContactUs">https://coler1indians.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ContactUs</a>.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences. The dates and times for parent/teacher conferences are located on our District Website under Calendar or linked here: <a href="https://coler1indians.socs.net/vcalendar/">https://coler1indians.socs.net/vcalendar/</a>.

#### **December Exhibiting Excellence Award Winners:**

- Ginger Grellner is always willing to help out no matter what it is.
- Devona Maharas is always there for everyone. She always makes time to help figure out things with the new system. She is the go-to person!!!
- Lori Clark cares so much for our kiddos and always tries to get them what they need. She is always there when you need her. (Continued)

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 Dan Sherwood goes above and beyond to make sure students have the best academic experience they can everyday!

#### **Upcoming Surveys**

As part of our new MSIP 6 and CSIP standards, we must administer a student and parent survey. The parent survey was sent out via email on January 22nd and we plan to use the feedback in our future CSIP meeting. The survey for grades 3 through 5 will be sent out in February, and the survey for grades 6-12 will be sent out in March.

#### **District Social Media Promotion for December:**

We had 36 district Facebook posts for the month of December.

#### **Priority Area #3 (Funding/Facilities)**

Our District was awarded \$20,000 from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the upcoming energy audit.

- Our District was awarded \$15,000 for a post-secondary advising grant for our participation in RootED.
- Our District was awarded a <u>Feminine Hygiene Grant</u> for \$500.00. Christie Murphy and Kaylyn Henson are currently working on purchasing allowable supplies for the grant.
- We had our phone system kickoff meeting on December 11th and we anticipate our new phones being installed by the end of February.
- We anticipate our intercom at the Elementary being fully installed on March 21st.
- We anticipate Beishir to install the access control at the High School by the end of January.

#### **Potential District Grant Writing Team:**

Susie Epperson, founder of Grants 4 Schools Network, has agreed to do a 6-hour workshop for our district. I attended her Grants 4 Schools Conference a few months ago. It was very informative on ways to secure funding for schools. We will have applied for over 1 million dollars of additional grant funding by the end of this school year. I believe we can increase this amount for next year and feel there is a need for additional resources for our staff and students. This service would cost the district \$2,250. This workshop would be available for anyone who is interested in helping our district secure additional funding. If you are interested, please submit your name and contact information on the Google form attachment located here: Grant Writing Professional Development Sign up form.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Jennewein

#### **Board Minutes**

Board meeting minutes are posted to the district's website at coler1indians.socs.net under the Board of Education tab. Agendas and meeting minutes for previous school years may be found under Archived Agendas in the Board of Education tab.

# Parent/Teacher Conferences

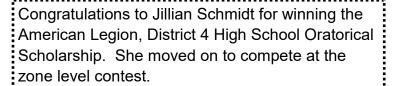
Thursday, February 8, 2024

1:00-4:00pm and 4:30-7:00pm

Parents/Guardians of junior high and high school students, you may reserve meeting times by visiting <a href="https://form.jotform.com/233617902546156">https://form.jotform.com/233617902546156</a> and completing the form. Instructions are listed on the Jotform.

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Congratulations to Jillian Schmidt for earning second place at the American Legion Zone 1 High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest for her speech "The Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy"!



"Being drug and alcohol free is very important to me for several reasons. First of all, while the temptation of my peers may be challenging at times, I choose to remain drug and alcohol free because I am a student athlete. Being drug free allows me to safely and fairly participate in my sports. Teamwork is necessary in any sport or club and I will not let down my teammates by making these life-threatening decisions. Furthermore, I also opt for sobriety in order to prepare myself for the future. I know I will have challenges and temptations all throughout my life, and learning to avoid these detrimental situations now will benefit me in the long run. Lastly, I am drug and alcohol free so that I can be a role model for others. Setting this example could prevent others from addictions or even encourage them to stop. Ultimately, I not only make this decision for myself and my own health, but also because of the effects it has on everyone around me."

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The 2023-2024 winter athletic enhancement attendance steak dinner is in the books! We had so much fun with these dedicated off-season lifters, eating, playing chess, guitar, keyboard, watching football, etc.

—Coach Rulo







Winter Athletic Enhancement is back for phase 2, working with a lot of speed, stretching, and strength! The staff and students are excited to be back for all of the hard work, welcoming over 40 off-season athletes to the weight room.

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## **FFA Events**

Thursday, February 15—FFA Blood Drive —1:00-5:30PM—High School Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 20—FFA Community Breakfast—6:00-8:00am—High School Ag building

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# Courtwarming 2024

Friday, February 16, 2024

JV vs. Eldon Mustangs at 5:30pm; Varsity vs Chamois Pirates at approximately 7:15pm

Coronation will take place between games.

## **Choose to Include**

March 6, 2024 Shirts \$7.00 each Money and Orders Due By February 12, 2024

Teachers Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_Students Name:



Youth Small	Youth Medium	Youth Large

# Shirt is Light Blue Make Checks Payable to Cole R-1 School

Adult Small	Adult Medium	Adult Large	Adult XL	Adult XXL	Adult 3XL	Adult 4XL	Adult 5XL

If you have any questions, please contact Tara Turpin at tturpin@coler1indians.org.

#### IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INCOMING 8TH GRADERS OF 2024-2025

The Nurse's office would like to inform parents/guardians of  $\underline{\text{TW O}}$  vaccine requirements for the 2024-2025 school year. Before your student can start  $8^{\text{th}}$  grade, he/she will need to have the following additional immunizations:

- 1. A 'Tdap' vaccine (a tetanus booster with pertussis) is required for students enrolled in grade 8.
- 2. Students entering the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to receive the Meningococcal (MCV) vaccine.

  NOTE: For Grade 8, one dose of MCV is required. Dose must be given after 10 years of age. By the time they enter 12<sup>th</sup> grade, a second dose will also be required.

These immunizations can be administered by your child's healthcare provider or pharmacy. Also, the Cole County Health Department accepts most private insurances and administers vaccines. The Cole Co. Health Dept. is located at 3400 W Truman Blvd, Jefferson City, MO—phone # is 573-636-2181 for more information on their hours. An immunization record is necessary in order to receive vaccines.

Once he/she receives the Tdap and MCV, please forward a copy of the official record from your health care provider to Kaylyn Henson, LPN.

Completion of this requirement early rather than later will reduce congestion of clinics normally occurring during the summer rush. An updated copy of your child's immunization record, including the current 'Tdap' and 'MCV', must be submitted to the nurse's office no later than the lst day of school in August.

Missouri Immunization Law states "All students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year for each immunization before they can attend school."
(www.health.mo.gov)

Again: All students entering 8th grade are required to receive a 'Tdap' **and** 'MCV' before school starts in August 2024. If you would like clarification of your child's current record, please call the Jr.Sr. High nurse, Kaylyn Henson 573-782-3313.

#### IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR INCOMING 12TH GRADERS OF 2024-2025

The Nurse's office would like to inform parents/guardians of a vaccine requirement for the 2024-2025 school year affecting all incoming SENIORS. Before your student can start 12th grade, he/she will need to have the following immunizations:

\*\* Two doses of the Meningococcal (MCV) vaccine are required unless the first dose was administered to a student who was 16 years of age or older, in which case only one dose is required. At least one dose must be given after 16 years of age.

These immunizations can be administered by your child's healthcare provider or pharmacy. Also, the Cole County Health Department accepts most private insurances and administers vaccines. The Cole Co. Health Dept. is located at 3400 W Truman Blvd, Jefferson City, MO—phone # is 573-636-2181 for more information on their hours. An immunization record is necessary in order to receive vaccines.

Once he/she receives the MCV, please forward a copy of the official record from your health care provider to Kaylyn Henson, LPN.

Completion of this requirement early rather than later will reduce congestion of clinics normally occurring during the summer rush. An updated copy of your child's immunization record, including the current 'MCV', must be submitted to the nurse's office no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school in August.

Missouri Immunization Law states "All students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year for each immunization before they can attend school."

(www.health.mo.gov)

Again: All students entering 12th grade are required to receive **two** doses of 'MCV' before school starts in August 2024. If you would like clarification of your child's current record, please call the Jr.Sr. High nurse, Kaylyn Henson 573-782-3313.

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# Attention parents of current 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders!!

In-School vaccination opportunity: HAPPENING this Spring!

On April 30, 2024, the Cole County Health Dept. will be coming to the Jr./Sr. High School building to administer the required Tdap and MCV vaccines to 7<sup>th</sup> graders who still need them AND the second dose of MCV vaccine to 11<sup>th</sup> graders who still need it. There will not be a charge. We encourage you to take advantage of this service so your child can be up-to-date on the VACCINE requirements to start 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Consent forms to sign up will be mailed to 7<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grade households whose current immunization record at school indicates needing the shots. The deadline to get signed up for the vaccine clinic is April 1, 2024.

Direct any questions to Kaylyn Henson, LPN, Jr/Sr High School Nurse at 573-782-3313 khenson@coler1indians.org

## **Important Dates**

February 8—Parent/Teacher Conferences—Dismiss at 12:30pm

February 9 — NO SCHOOL

February 19—Presidents' Day—NO SCHOOL

March 1—Carnival

March 4—Teachers' Workday—NO SCHOOL

# SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

**Sub bus drivers needed**—Please contact Tina Weber at 573-690-3256.

Substitute Teachers—The Cole County R-1 School District is in need of Substitute Teachers. Must have Substitute Certification from DESE. The pay is \$100 per day. The Cole County R-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Download and print the Classified application from our website (coler1indians.socs.net), or you may pick up an applica-

tion at the Superintendent's office. Any questions, please contact Rachel Brizendine at 573-782-3534.