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BACK TO SCHOOL FROM
SUPERINTENDENT, DR. PAMELA CAMPBELL

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

First day of school is Wednesday, August 23, 2017, half day.

Columbia Elementary and Columbia Upper Elementary Schools' - **Back to School Bash**, Monday August 21 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Columbia Central High School Registration

- 11th and 12th grades on August 14th from 12 pm – 3 pm
- 9th and 10th grades on August 15th from 3 pm- 6 pm
- Incoming 7th & 8th grade students registration August 16th from 3 pm-6 pm

Columbia Central Jr.—Sr. High School Open House August 22nd, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Columbia Options High School Parent Meeting August 22nd, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Columbia School District School Closing Hotline: 517-592-7985



Welcome to the Columbia School District! As a school family, we are proud to be a part of

this community. Our exceptional teachers and staff members strive for excellence as we diligently work with your student to increase his or her educational abilities.

The Columbia School District, in partnership with the community, provides a safe and positive learning environment, which prepares all students to contribute and compete in a global society.

Our points of pride include strong academics which have produced high test scores, K-12 STEM focus, an award winning



band program, jr. and sr. high school pre-engineering courses that use project based learning to enhance each student's skills. The Columbia School District offers exemplary athletic programs focused on sportsmanship, teamwork, and a healthy competitive spirit.

Advanced Placement courses challenge our students and provide an opportunity to earn college credit at Columbia Central High School.

Columbia School District preschool provides an enjoyable learning environment for three and four year olds. Our GSRP preschool provides free all day programming for four-year-olds who qualify. We hope you will find time to visit our schools



as you participate in your children's activities. We offer extended day opportunities and summer enhancement programs, including elementary robotics, summer art camp, middle school leadership, advanced math, and Academic Games! 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.

We're expecting an outstanding 2017-18! Stay connected by Facebook, Twitter, the MyEagles.org website and sign up for our weekly E-Letter by email.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTINUES TO MOVE

The bond construction and updates are continuing to move forward with the theme of safe, warm, dry and Smart with exciting innovations bringing technology into the classrooms. Over the summer additional Chromebooks and Carts have been purchased with bond funds to extend the integration of technology in Columbia. The carts each hold 35 Chromebooks, charge the devices simultaneously and fit into any classroom space. The test ready Chromebooks empower teachers and students to work simultaneously or individually. Chromebooks will work great for teachers and students for many years. Columbia School District is proud to be a part of the global shift in educational technology.





**COLUMBIA CENTRAL JUNIOR SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL, DANIEL HYLIARD**



Welcome back! We are excited for another fantastic year at Columbia Central Jr/Sr High School. Our focus remains on providing excellent academic and leadership opportunities for your student at Columbia Central Jr/Sr High School. Our highly qualified and caring team of educators leads the way in preparing your student to thrive in the arts, academics, and athletics. As a team of educators, we are committed to the success of our students through academic rigor in the classroom and building genuine professional relationships. We believe this combination of high expectations in academics and positive caring relationships leads to the tradition of academic excellence that is Columbia Central Jr/Sr High School.

This year we will again be offering early student registration on August 14th, August 15th and August 16th at Columbia Central Jr/Sr High School. At registration students will be able to receive class schedules, locker assignments, check out textbooks, update and/or complete forms including demographics, student-parking passes, and lunch forms. You will also have the opportunity to purchase home athletic passes (\$150 Year-long family passes, \$50 Year-long student passes) and/or student-parking permits (\$10). Registration opportunities for incoming 11th and 12th grade students will be on August 14th from 12 pm – 3 pm. Incoming 9th and 10th grade students will have the opportunity to register on August 15th from 3 pm – 6 pm. Incoming 7th and 8th grade students will register on August 16th from 3 pm – 6 pm. If you are a family with multiple students in numerous grades, please register as a family on the day that is most convenient for your family. Any student unable to attend early registration will be able to get materials on the 1st day of school: August 23rd.

Columbia Central Jr/Sr High School will have an Open House August 22, 2017, from 6pm-7pm for all 7th and 8th-grade students and from 7 pm-8 pm for all 9-12th grade students. During the open house you and/or your students can briefly meet with your teachers and discuss the upcoming school year. At the Open House on August 22nd, we welcome all incoming 7th grade students and new 8th grade students with parents/guardians for a parent/student meeting from 5:30 pm-6 pm in the auditorium. In this meeting, we will discuss opportunities at Columbia Central Junior High School. We also welcome all incoming 9th grade and new Columbia Central High School students accompanied with parents/guardians to meet in the auditorium from 6:30 pm-7 pm on August 22nd. In this meeting, we will discuss expectations and opportunities for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your commitment to Columbia Central Jr/Sr High School. We look forward to working and learning with you this school year!



Important Dates for Seniors

- Homecoming** — October 6, 2017
- Homecoming Dance** - Saturday, October 7, 2017
- December 22**—Half Day of school 11:00 dismissal, end of 2nd marking period and 1st semester
- Christmas Break**—December 25th thru January 5th
- Spring Break**—March 30th thru April 6th
- Prom**—May 5th (11th & 12th grade)
- Senior Exams** - May 17 & May 18
- Senior Last Day** - May 18, 2018 - Senior Send Off 4th hour; 5th hour Senior Cookout; 6th hour senior activities; 7th hour Senior Tradition
- Senior Awards Night** - May 29, 2018 - 7pm - CCHS Auditorium - All Seniors are requested to attend



COLUMBIA CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



COLUMBIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 7-12/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, KERRI JENT

I am excited to be a part of the Columbia School District Team! The staff here at the Junior High School and I welcome you to the beginning of another promising year! It is my goal to continue to compete at high levels athletically and combine this with the amazing academic foundations that our wonderful staff and school provide for our students! This will be a winning combination to give everyone a well-rounded experience with opportunities to soar as an Eagle here at Columbia!

Our Junior High School Open House will be August 22nd from 6:00 pm—7:00 pm. Junior High School students will meet their teachers, receive their class schedule and locker assignments at this time.

Columbia Junior high offers a variety of opportunities to get involved, we encourage you all to try something new this year!

The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 23rd, this will be a half day, with a dismissal time of 11:00 am. I look forward to meeting everyone soon! Go Eagles!



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 Youth Sports Leagues

Soccer (Pre-K – 8th grade)

Saturday mornings – 6 weeks – Games start September 9 and run thru October 14. Deadline for registration is August 30, 2017.

Flag Football (K-3rd grade)

Saturday afternoons – 6 weeks – Games start September 9 and run thru October 14. Deadline for registration is August 30, 2017.

PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Numbers:
Daytime _____ Evening: _____

Please Check 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: _____

Contact number for verification _____

Student's Name, Grade and School Building



S—Science
T—Technology
E—Engineering
M—Math



Welcome back students, staff and families! I am proud of the academic excellence Columbia Upper Elementary School staff and students constantly strive for and am confident the 2017-2018 school year will be our strongest yet. Additionally, the supportive community spirit helps to serve as a foundation for continued achievement. As a proud graduate of the Columbia School District, I feel so fortunate to share in leading our students to a successful future and to be a part of the Columbia family.

Throughout the summer months, students in the area enjoyed a variety of CUES activities including Art, Leadership, Robotics and Book Club. 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
- Physical Education, Art, Music and Technology
- Student Credit Union
- Builders Club and Student Council
- Youth Sports Programs



The academic success of every child is a priority for the CUES staff. We strive to build positive relationships with our families to support our students. We plan to communicate utilizing our weekly newsletter, Power-School 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 a 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.

Thanks to the MIS Cares grant in 2016-2017, we were able to pursue our goal of creating a garden. Upon returning to school, students are sure to be excited with the development of our first CUES Community Garden. They will enjoy the hands-on learning opportunities through all aspects of caring for and nurturing the crops. We will also incorporate a school wide composting project to further their educational experience. We are so grateful for the Columbia community who provide encouragement and support to all of our students. We value a nurturing school environment, we also lead the way in providing both STEM and Project Based learning opportunities to our students. 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 Christi.ONeil@myeagles.org or by calling our school office. I look forward to another positive year with our Columbia Upper Elementary School family.

Find CUES on Facebook:
[fb.me/CUESGOEAGLES](https://www.facebook.com/CUESGOEAGLES)



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.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Date

Student's Name, Grade and School Building



COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, DEBRA POWELL



Educational partnerships make a positive difference. The Columbia Elementary staff are looking forward to partnering with our parents and families this school year. The teachers and staff at Columbia Elementary are 100% committed to your child's educational success. It is our mission to support every child whatever way possible. Columbia Elementary is fortunate to have an excellent staff and resources to support students and their families. Remember, "Working together makes a difference in the lives of our students". We know you share this huge investment in your child's education, so please make it a priority to communicate with your child's teachers. Be sure to ask what is being taught and how you can best support the learning at home. Columbia Elementary is a pre-school through second grade building which allows us to focus on early literacy and provide the differentiation and interventions to ensure every student is on-level at the beginning of third grade. To support this concept, we have two Reading Recovery teachers and last year with support from a literacy grant, we added support in kindergarten. I am proud to announce, beginning this Fall, we are adding an interventionist at the second-grade level. What great support for our kindergarten, first and second graders!

To further support our students, CES was awarded the Integrating Health into School Improvement Planning (IHSIP) Grant. This will allow us to support our students social, emotional and nutritional health by focusing on these areas through the school improvement process. Furthermore, the goal of the project is to create a cadre of demonstration schools prepared to showcase their success in promoting the health of children at education and school health conferences and trainings throughout the state. So, be on the lookout for some great lessons and programs we will be offering not only to our students but families too.

The 2017-2018 school year will include many opportunities for parents to volunteer their time and skills. I encourage you to take advantage of this unique time to share in your child's life and become active at Columbia Elementary. Research indicates that parent involvement is the key to student success. Why not join the CES PTO, become an adult mentor in Brooklyn Buddies or volunteer in your child's classroom? I welcome every parent to become involved and make a difference at CES! Thanks to those of you who committed time to CES this past year, I look forward to working with you again! If we have yet to meet, please be sure to stop by CES and attend our Back to School Bash/Open House scheduled for August 21st, as I'm looking forward to meeting you and connecting with all our families. This will allow me to better serve all the students and teachers at Columbia Elementary.

Welcome to Columbia Elementary and to a great school year!

Deb Powell, CES Principal



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

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





Dear Columbia School District Families,

Welcome to 2017-18 school year! Columbia Community Education (CCE) offers a variety of flexible educational programs for students in 7th grade through adult education. We encourage student decision-making, critical thinking, understanding of and appreciation for individual and cultural differences. If you know someone who may need a fresh start or an educational change, please consider enrolling at Columbia Community Education. The following CCE programs are open to residents from all local communities:

Columbia Options High School (COHS)

Celebrating its 31st year of operation, COHS is an alternative school open to students in grades 9-12 who could benefit from a non-traditional educational setting. Our highly qualified teaching staff offers a wide variety of options 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 8th 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. 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.

Columbia Step Up (NEW!!)

New for the 2017-18 school year is the "Columbia Step-Up" program. This innovative **year-round** online program allows students to enroll any time and work throughout the summer without interruptions. Each student is assigned an advocate to select classes and determine best methods for high school completion. Columbia Step Up enrolls students refused by other schools because of deficient credits or past behavior.

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 at the CCE building. Upon successful completion of the program, students earn their high school diploma.

Important Dates:

- August 16 – New student registration for all CCE programs, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- August 17 – New student registration for all CCE programs, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- August 22 – Parent meeting for all Columbia Option students, 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
- August 23 – First day of school for COHS, 8:00 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.
- August 23 – Columbia Virtual Academy Orientation, 12:30 p.m.
- August 29 – Adult Education Orientation, 6:00 p.m.

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. Have a great remainder to your summer!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION & COLUMBIA COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTER



Bus Routes posted by 8/18/17 on Columbia School District's website at <http://myeagles.org> and copies may be picked up in any school office.



Columbia School District Serves Breakfast !

Columbia School District serves breakfast everyday in all school buildings. Breakfast service begins at 7:30 a.m.

Prices for breakfast are: Pre-Kindergarten - 12th Grades \$1.50.

Do you Qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meals?

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Please visit http://myeagles.org/District/Misc_pdfs/FreeandReducedForm.pdf to obtain the Application for Free and Reduced School Meals. The forms and frequently asked questions about free and reduced price school meals can be picked up in any school office. You may request the form to be mailed or sent home.

Tired of looking for lunch money?

You can deposit funds into a breakfast and lunch account online. www.SendMoneytoSchool.com
PreK—2nd Grades: Lunch full price \$2.55
3rd—12th Grade: Lunch full price \$2.85



ATHLETIC TICKET PRICE

All Tickets (including students)—\$5.00

Family Pass - \$150 all events

Senior Citizens age 65 or older are free

Columbia Central Athletic Passes (Family/Individual) are on sale in the High School Office
Phone: 592-6634



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)



Showers and Lockers are available!

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?



Beginner? Rehab? Senior? Big, small or new to fitness, we're here to help! 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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Brooklyn, MI 49230

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Columbia School District Board of Education

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We thank our School Board for their dedicated service to the Columbia School District students, parents, staff and community.



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In Columbia*



NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia School District that no person shall, on the bases of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment. Any questions concerning the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, should be directed to: **Dr. Pamela Campbell - Superintendent, Columbia School District, 11775 Hewitt Road - Brooklyn, MI 49230, (517) 592-6641.** Inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to Dr. Campbell Section 504 Coordinator.