

April 12, 2018

Apr 12 .. MSTEP testing starts (7th-10th grade)

Apr 13 .. \$20 deposit due for sophomore class trip

Seniors, someone wants to give you \$200! Who? S.T.A.R.S., that's who! If you are college-bound senior who would like some help with expenses, stop by the table outside the office and pick up the blue S.T.A.R.S. Service Scholarship packet. You must have a 2.5 or higher GPA and your application must include a one-page essay on how community service has impacted your life and the life of others. The deadline to submit the application and supporting documents is **April 30**.

Senior photos and signatures needed! if you would like your senior photo published in the *Pioneer's* graduation edition, please see Mrs. Smaltz as soon as possible. You need to approve the photo and sign the release for publication. See Mrs. Smaltz no later than April 19 to get this taken care of or your photo will not be published.

Spring spirit week: April 16-20. Dress-up days are as follows: Monday, College Day; Tuesday, Comfy Day; Wednesday, Decades Day; Thursday, Dress to Impress, Friday, CCA Spirit Day

Leadership opportunity for student-athletes. The Michigan High School Athletic Association is seeking student-athletes to become members of its Student Advisory Council beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

Four boys and four girls from the Class of 2020 will be selected to two-year terms and will meet on matters related to maintaining and promoting a proper perspective and sensible scope for high school sports in Michigan.

Information about the council can be found online at <http://www.mhsaa.com/Schools/Students/StudentAdvisoryCouncil.aspx> or stop in and see Mr. Sankey.

Looking ahead to 2018-19. Any current 7th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade students who did not get a course selection sheet from Mrs. Schonert can stop by her office and pick one up. **Reminder:** These need to have a parent/guardian signature and be turned back into Mrs. Schonert as soon as possible. Current 8th grade students will receive their selection sheets at the [HS orientation](#) on April 19.

Lunch study groups: Tuesday, Science; Wednesday, Math/Specials; Thursday, English; Friday, Social Studies.

MS/HS Student Announcements

Spring parent-teacher conferences. We are nearly halfway through the second semester—a good time for you and your parents to make sure you are finishing the year strong. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, April 17 and 19 from 4-7pm. Progress reports will be printed and ready for pick up from the office when parents come in to meet with teachers. No appointments are necessary.

High school orientation. Eighth grade students and their parents are invited to attend a special [HS orientation](#) on Thursday, April 19 starting at 6pm. Learn about dual enrollment, scheduling, athletics, and other useful information to help get you ready for high school next year. You will meet in the gym and then go into classrooms after the parent-teacher conferences wrap up at 7pm.

Need community service hours? There is an elementary volleyball tournament on Saturday, April 28. We need a few students to flip score and help ref. If you're interested, see Mrs. Yates as soon as possible.

Blood drive April 24. The National Honor Society is sponsoring one last blood drive before the end of the year, and it's coming up on Tuesday, April 24. If you are 16 years old or older you can help save lives by donating blood. Please see Trinity Murray if you want to give. All 16-year-old donors must fill out the green donation form and return it to Mrs. Alber ASAP. Pick up a form from Mrs. Alber if you don't already have one.

Football sign-ups. Current 8th-11th grade students interested in playing football next year, please sign up on the sheet posted on the office table.

Class trips deposits due April 13. Sophomores, you need \$20 by Friday, April 13 to sign up for the Treetop Adventure Park trip. An additional \$10 will be due on Tuesday, May 1. See Mr. Yurick with any questions.

Order your CCA spirit gear! So, the spring sports season may have been a little slow getting off the ground due to the weather, but we want you to be comfortable while supporting our Cougar athletes, no matter how warm or cold it is outside! We're taking another round of orders for the navy blue short- and long-sleeve performance blend shirts and the wicking fleece hooded sweatshirts (\$15/\$18/\$45). Orders can be placed in the office now through April 27; payment must accompany the order.

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

For every second your eyes aren't on the road, you miss a lot you need to see. Keep your eyes and mind on the road. Don't drive distracted.

*"One Text or Call
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8th graders: If you have leadership potential and want to make a difference in your community you should consider serving on the Mecosta County Youth Advisory Council (MCYAC). Not sure what MCYAC is all about? Ask one of the current members or just pick up an application packet from the table outside the office. It provides lots of information—and reasons!—why you should consider being a part of this group. Applications are due to Mrs. Schonert by April 27.

MCYAC is collecting items for Our Brothers Keeper Shelter now through May 7. Suggested donations include toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine products, towels, socks, pillow cases, etc. Donations can be placed in the box outside the office.



**Prom: April 28, 8-11pm, Masquerade Ball
Tullymore Clubhouse, Canadian Lakes**

Juniors, and seniors, get your tickets for Prom! The price is \$25 if purchased by Friday, April 20 and goes up to \$30 if purchased April 23-27. No tickets will be sold at the door. Your ticket includes snacks and a mask for the masquerade ball.

Guest forms are on the table in the office hallway. Each CCA junior and senior may have one guest. The guest may be a sophomore from CCA. Guests from other schools must be in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. Guests who have graduated must be 20 years old or younger. A guest form that is returned/approved on time is required for ALL guests.

Summer job opportunity. The Huron-Manistee National Forest needs to fill two Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) positions at the Baldwin Ranger Station in Baldwin. The work period is June 10-August 4, and the rate of pay is \$9.25/hour. Application packets are on the table in the office hallway. Paperwork is due to the ranger station by **April 16, 2018.**

Spring Segment I Driver's Ed classes will begin April 30 and go through May 17 4-6pm Mondays-Thursdays. The Segment II class will be held from 6-8pm on May 15-17. Pick up information in the office, call 231.796.0864, or visit www.wcmde.com. **NOTE:** *You need to register with the company ahead of time.*

Earn community service hours! Christian Life Ministries has a store for people in need in Big Rapids and are always looking for volunteer help to run the store. If you are interested, pick up one of the orange slips from the table in the office hallway.

Hunter Safety Classes. The Mecosta County Rod and Gun Club is offering [classes](#) for students (suggested for 11 years old and up) who are interested in obtaining a hunter safety certificate. Students must attend all three sessions of whichever class they register for. Since July classes tend to fill up sooner, you should consider signing up for the May class.

Visit www.mecostacountyrodandgunclub.org for more information about the club.

- **May 15** (Registration at 5pm; class 5:30-9pm)
May 17 (5:30-9pm) / **May 19** (8am-2pm)
- **July 17** (Registration at 5pm; class 5:30-9pm)
July 19 (5:30-9pm) / **July 21** (8am-2pm)

Free oral cancer screenings will be available to the public on from 5-8pm on Thursday, April 26 at the Ferris State dental clinic (200 Ferris Drive, Big Rapids). Adults 18+ are invited to go have a cancer screening done, stop by the information table, pick up a goodie bag and possibly win one of the raffle prizes being given away! No appointment is needed.

Order your 2017-18 yearbook! The price is \$35 (or \$38 if you want to include a current events insert). Order forms are on the hallway table OR you can now order online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with the ID code 13387218. Payment must be made when orders are placed; checks should be made out to Crossroads Charter Academy.

Keep an eye on current scholarships on the [Student Services Coordinator's page](#)! See who has money and wants to help pay for your college education!!

- **Ferris Next Scholarship** - FSU dual enrolled students may be eligible for a \$1000 "Ferris Next" scholarship if you earn at least 3 college credits with a 'C' or higher.
- **National Wild Turkey Federation scholarship.** Deadline: **April 20.** If you are a senior with a current hunting license, a current NWTF membership, are a leader, involved in school activities, and graduating with a 3.0 GPA or higher, you are eligible to apply for scholarships ranging from \$250 at the local level up to \$10,000 at the national level. Packets are on the office table.
- **Cera Reynolds Scholarship - \$500.** Information is on the table outside the office (yellow packet). Deadline: **April 27.**
- **Faculty Scholarship.** Application packets (green) are on the table in the office hallway. Deadline: **April 27.**



CCA MS/HS ATHLETICS



Athletic schedules and other information can be found online at [CCA's athletic page](#)

For questions regarding athletics, please contact Mr. Kevin Sankey at 231.796.9041 x262 or sankeyk@ccabr.org.

SPORT	DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	H/A	CONTEST TIME	LEAVE TIME	SITE/NOTES
V-BB	4/12/2018	TH	Pine River (DH)	H	4:00 PM		Cancelled
V-SB	4/12/2018	TH	Pine River (DH)	H	4:00 PM		Cancelled
V SB	4/12/2017	TH	Marion (DH)	A	4:00PM	2:30PM	Art Van Sports Complex
V SOC	4/12/2018	TH	Mason County Eastern	H	5:00 PM		
V-BB	4/13/2018	F	Traverse City Christian (DH)	A	4:15 PM	1:15 PM	Cancelled
V-SB	4/13/2018	F	Grand Traverse Academy (DH)	A	4:15 PM	1:15 PM	Cancelled
V SOC	4/13/2018	F	Clare	H	5:00 PM		
V-TRK	4/14/2018	S	Cougar Invite	H	11:00 AM		make up May 5th

Football conditioning with Coach Wheeler will be held in the weight room from 3:15-4:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

LOCATION OF FIELDS--Win Kellum/BB: 500 River St. Vogel/SB: 400 S. Bronson Ave. Industrial: corner of Baldwin St. and Milton Ave.

ADMISSION TO CCA HOME GAMES

(excluding districts regionals)

MS, JV and V games

- \$5 – adults (CCA staff, free)
- \$3 – Students
- **Free**
Pre-schoolers, military, ages 65+

PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE FEES

Pay-to-participate fees

Middle school: \$25/season, \$65 max/year
 High school: \$45/season, \$100 max/year
 Family maximum: \$200/year

Athletic passes (order forms in office)

Family Pass - \$150
 Adult - \$70
 Student - \$30