



Torch Bearer

2016/2017 School Calendar

Michigan public schools must go to a state-mandated 180 days of instruction for the 2016-2017 school year. Jackson County school districts applied to the Michigan Department of Education for a pre-Labor Day start date waiver, which is needed to put the proposed sample calendar into effect.

The common calendar allows the first semester to end at Christmas break and increases efficiencies with center based programs, such as the Jackson Area Career Center and special education programs used by all county districts. The proposed calendar also preserves 10 weeks of summer vacation. It is important to keep parents and community informed of the possible calendar change and the time to allow discussion. At this point in time no specific calendar has been adopted. Please [click here](#) to see the mock-up calendar. Please email, Superintendent, [Dr. Pamela Campbell](#), if you have any input, questions or concerns.



Principal, Debra Powell enjoying her time with students.

January 22, 2016

Columbia Elementary School—Grades PK-2nd

Now that winter time is here, please send **your child to school with a coat, snow pants, hat, gloves and boots**. We want them to stay warm on the playground. If your **child will be absent**, please call the Columbia Elementary School **Attendance Hotline at 592-7552**. This number is for CES students.

Family Bingo Night is scheduled for Friday, **January 29th**, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the cafeteria. Please join us on this fun night to play bingo and win cool books.

Columbia Upper Elementary School –Grades 3-6

Parent/School Connection Night is set for Thursday, **January 28th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Please join us for an evening of breakout sessions to assist you and your child with academic preparedness. This is a night full of resources and information to assist with academic needs at home using technology. **Sessions include Google Apps, PowerSchool and i-Ready at home, math technology, cyber safety and much more.** Registration forms are available in the school office.

Columbia Central Junior High School-Grades 7 & 8

If your **child is sick please call** Columbia Central Jr. High School at **769-8652 to report an absence**.

Please save the date for the **Winter Formal Dance**, which is scheduled for **January 29, 2016, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Tickets will be sold during lunch for \$10. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Chaperones are needed. Please call the office 769-8652 if you can help.

Columbia Central High School-Grades 9-12

First semester finals will take place January 26—29, 2016. **Second semester starts** on Monday, February 1, 2016.

Senior photographs are due by **February 1st**. See Miss Katon ASAP if you need more information.

If you are interested in purchasing a **2015-16 yearbook**, please follow the link below to order online. The cost is \$55 until March 1st. Order now before our prices increase! <https://yearbookforever.com/#>

Columbia Options High School & Adult Education

Columbia Options High School **offers a unique alternative educational setting** for students who have been unsuccessful in the traditional high school setting. It is a place for students to grow and reach their full-potential in a non-threatening, positive environment. Please call CCE at 529-9400, or click [here](#) for info.

We have provided many activities over the years. If you have a **special interest or hobby** and would like to share it with others, please call COHS at 529-9400.

Columbia School District will be participating in a Chili Cook-Off—Sponsored by our local radio station K105.3. Many businesses participate in this fun event. This year a new school category has been created. Columbia will be competing with Northwest and Western Schools for the number one school slot.

Please come to the Chili Cook-off and **vote for Columbia School District's Screaming Eagle Chili**. The event is being held **this Sunday, January 24th, at the American 1 Center** located on Jackson County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and chili tasting starts at 1:00 p.m.; the event lasts until the chili runs out. **Please come and vote and have some great chili to warm your bones!** Hope to see you there.

[Click here](#) to view **Columbia Central Jr.-Sr. High School Golden Eagle Updates**.

Check out the **Eagle's Beak Columbia Elementary School Grades Pre K-2nd Newsletter**

View **Columbia Upper Elementary School- Grades 3-6th Newsletter** by [clicking here!](#)

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