

CATCHING UP WITH THE COMETS

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LET'S GET
INTO IT...

GOODBYE, CLASS OF 2023

On May 26, the seniors officially graduated. Throughout the 13 years of school together, this class of 56 students has grown personally, socially, athletically, and academically. As they leave behind Cameron High School, the seniors want to send out a few thank yous. To all the teachers, principals, and school staff, thank you for always being there for us. To our families, thank you for pushing us to do our best. To our coaches, thanks for showing us teamwork. To the club advisers, thank you for showing us hard work and leadership. And to fellow classmates, thanks for making our days a little more enjoyable.

Many seniors have reflected on their time at our school. Ella Randal exclaims, “Even though I’m not necessarily friends with everyone here, I’m still going to miss seeing all of the faces that I grew up with for 13 years.” Another senior, Ethan Gifford, offers advice to underclassmen, “Work hard in school and sports. Get off the cell phones!” Maycee Hegedahl comments, “Don’t take it for granted. In the blink of an eye you’ll be in my



Picture courtesy of Joseph Leschisin

Ready for the future. *The graduating class tossed their caps after an emotional, heartfelt, and exciting graduation ceremony.*

spot.” I encourage everyone to take what they say to heart. After experiencing many new situations throughout high school, the seniors are sad to say goodbye, but they are excited for the future.

From meeting each other in kindergarten to planning get-togethers in our future, we have been through a lot as a class. State testing, the coronavirus, car crashes, school dances, break ups,

first jobs, and college acceptances. Next year our class is headed in many different directions. Some are going right into the workforce. A few are headed to the military. Others are taking a year off to have fun and save money. A couple are preparing for college sports. And the majority of graduates are packing for their respective universities. Don’t be afraid to chase your dreams.

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LEARNING BIOLOGY WITH MS. ABBATACOLA

CHS's biology classroom has a new look highlighted by a new teacher. Ms. Madeline Abbatacola started this year as our biology teacher. Ms. Abbatacola is from the Chicago area and went to college at UW-Stevens Point for biology. She graduated last year from UW-Madison and did her student teaching in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. This trimester, she is teaching all of the freshmen and one section of Advanced

Biology. Students are learning about being real scientists—posing questions and finding solutions.

Ms. Abbatacola said, "So far, I have really enjoyed teaching at Cameron. I really like the low numbers of students because it allows me to get to know every one of my students. My previous school had 1,800 students and I often felt disconnected from the school."

Ms. Abbatacola is married

to Brendan and has a dog named Hank. She is also pregnant and looking forward to having a child. So far, they are enjoying their "up north" living.

Welcome, Ms. Abbatacola!



National Honor Society

ATTENTION NEWLY INDUCTED MEMBERS...

Now is the time to start discussing your community service projects. If you have ideas, run it by Mrs. Kuffel and get started right away. It's best to get your project done as soon as possible!



Benefits of NHS

- Resume Builder
- Helping the Community
- Spending Time with Friends
- Gaining Leadership Skills

**CROSS COUNTRY MEMBERS:
COMMUNITY PRACTICE EACH THURSDAY AT 10**

SPRING SPORTS WRAPPING UP

Track and field, baseball, softball, and golf had exciting seasons. With each team competing in play-offs, we had some amazing turnouts.

Track and field had ten events qualify from Regionals to Sectionals which sets a new record! Preceding that, our girls' 4x200, Lexi Kuffel in the 400, and Lauren Pearson in long and high jump competed at state. The 4x200--Maddie Severt, Kuffel, Pearson, and Jami Folz--placed fourth. Congrats ladies. Kuffel, Jordyn Lundequam, Sydney Leschisin, and Pearson made the Wisconsin Division three Week two State Honor Roll.

Baseball just finished their season as well. The boys played twelve games and came away with seven wins. There was a lot of improvement throughout the season. The team enjoyed playing in tournaments, including one in Mauston where they got to visit Wisconsin Dells. Baseball ended the year in the second playoff game against Grantsburg.

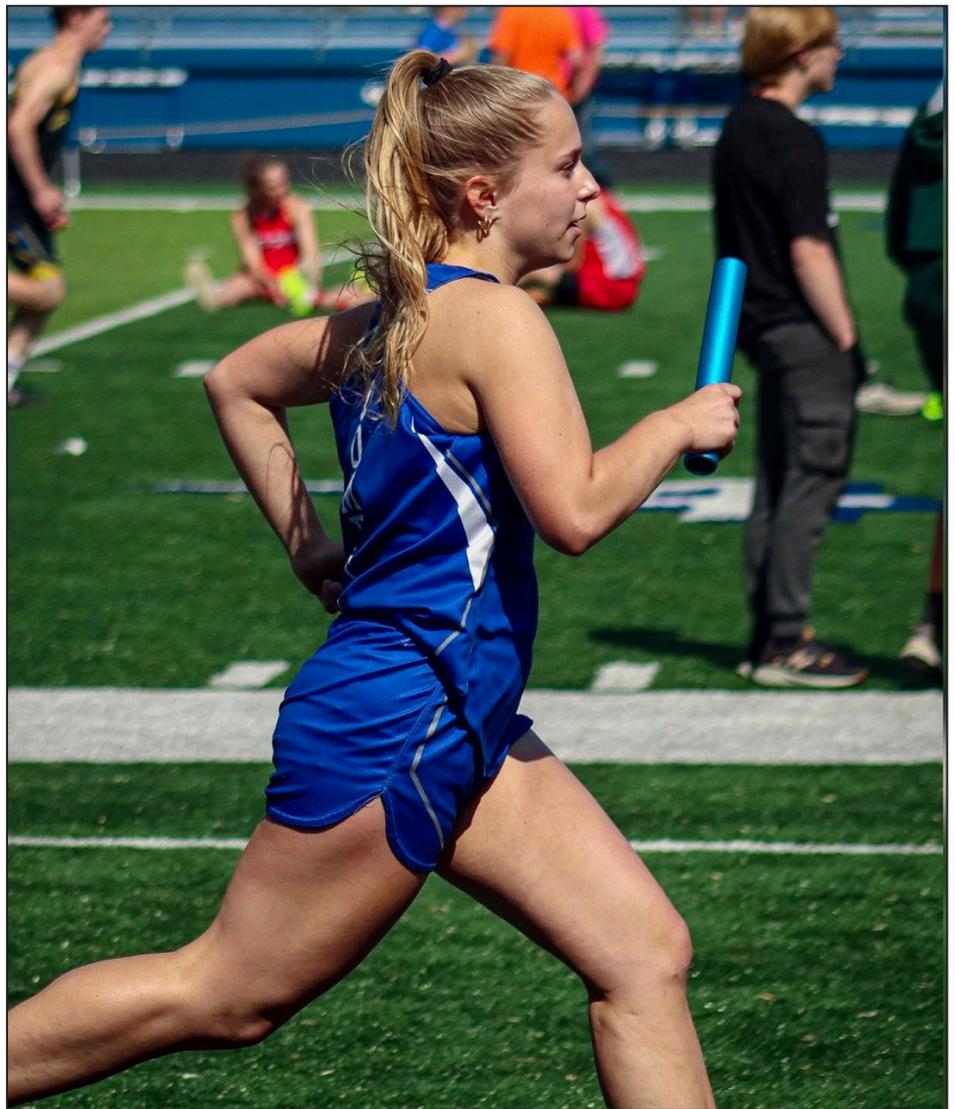
Softball is another one of Cameron's spring sports. They have played in multiple tournaments, and

earned some wins as the temperatures rose. The final game was at home against Unity and the team put up a tough fight. The final score was 7-8.

Golf had four meets and had a really fun season. If you are interested in joining the golf team, email Mr. Sauve or Mr. Roherty. They

would love to have you.

Comet athletics are doing great, and we can't wait to see how next year turns out. If you or someone you know is interested in any sports, talk to the athletic director, Mr. Gerber. Finally, remember to keep training this summer!



Picture courtesy of Carli Lynch

Eye on the prize. *Chloe Wall focuses on the finish line as she anchors the girls 4x800 team at Sectionals.*

**MUSIC PROGRAM SUMMER TRIP TO THE
ORPHEUM ON AUGUST 12**

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Picture courtesy of Olivia Leschisin

Young Ambassadors. Students who are a part of the Rice Lake Chamber helped at a parade. If you want to join, contact Bert Richard.

As we are officially done with the school year, take some time to support your community. It's important that we show Cameron that we care for them. After all, the people in our community come to games, tournaments, matches, meets, and concerts.

As a recurring event, Rudy's Pantry is the third Saturday of every month. Plan to be at Living Water Church at 7:00 a.m. It is an outdoor event where

volunteers fill vehicles with canned goods. If you want more information, talk to Ms. Pacholke.

Another monthly event is packing Comet Care Packs. Typically, this takes place the first Wednesday of every month. See Mrs. Sanborn for further details.

Stay tuned to the Comet social media pages to find out about more community activities. Remember, volunteer work helps your neighbor!

CLUB UPDATES

CHS students are not only busy with work and athletics; they are also busy with their clubs. In the past few months, the school clubs have been very active.

FCCLA went shopping for their adopted family. They were given a short description about the family they adopted including how many kids and what they needed and what their interests were.

FBLA volunteered for the Memorial Day clean up at the Pioneer Museum. Additionally, every month they show gratitude to different heroes, this month it was teachers and substitutes.



Ready to work. Student Council will once again be helping at the Memorial Center on community service day. Talk to Mrs. Sanborn to sign up.

FBLA members made a card and packaged treats to show their appreciation for them. Lastly for FBLA, some students are going to Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia at the end of this month. Wish them luck if you get the chance!

The **Spanish club** went

to the elementary school during summer school. They went to talk to the fourth graders about international holidays. They presented about Spain, Belgium, Sweden, and Israel.

FFA is getting ready to go to a rodeo at the end of July.

**INTERESTED IN TAKING THE ACT?
TALK TO SALLY AND GET SIGNED UP**

WHAT'S ALL THE TALK ABOUT A REFERENDUM

From our school Administrator, Mr. Joseph Leschisin:

Early in 2022, the Cameron School District began to review its long-term facilities plan, its building configurations, and its educational program goals. Following a comprehensive facilities study, the District identified improvement measures over the next decade that would extend the useful life of the school district's buildings and advance how we educate our children. The study assessed and recommended addressing aging infrastructure, outdated learning environments, safety & security.

A Facility Task Force was assembled to research and discuss the improvement measures. They were charged with providing community input to the Cameron School Board on the following items:

1. The District's capital needs
2. The District's overall operating budget

3. Possible/potential referendum

On January 23, 2023, the Board of Education approved a resolution to pursue a bond for \$6,100,000 on April 4, 2023 following the recommendation from the Task Force.

What is included in the facility improvement plan?

The facility improvement plan is a comprehensive list of building and ground improvements needed over the next ten years to not only increase the life of the high school and middle school buildings, but also to address some issues within the District related to educational and student support services. The list of measures below explains the significant projects included in the referendum question, but does not identify all of the needs reported in the comprehensive facility plan.

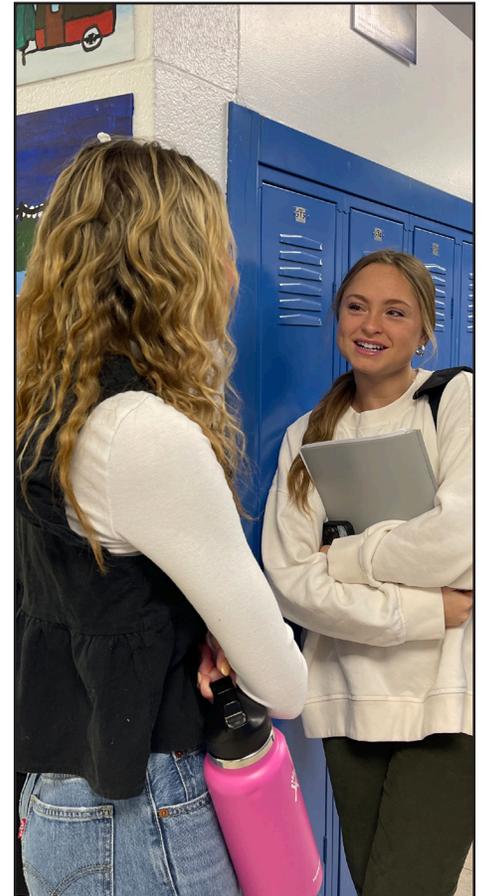
- Safety: Safe and secure entry, and office improvements for student services
- Building & Site Repairs: Replace building indoor air

quality and environmental controls to improve performance while lowering utility expense.

- District-Wide Capital Purchase:

District transportation vehicles (replacement buses, outdated school vans)

The referendum was recently approved. Get excited for the improvements!



Socializing seniors. Carli Wilson and Jordyn Allen chat in the hallway inbetween classes.

**SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER
SEE MRS. PACHOLKE TO HELP AT RUBY'S PANTRY**



THANK YOU FOR...



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NEXT EDITION COMING IN AUGUST

CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY EXCITING EVENTS

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