

# The Unit #1 Quarterly

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**Dear Unit #1 Parents  
and friends,**

District #1 is very pleased to be offering another year of "The Unit #1 Quarterly." This 'news- letter has proven to be a valuable and popular communication tool with the wider community we serve. Many thanks go out to Mr. Mitch Hamann and his Coaler Creations class for developing such a fine publication.

There are many exciting and innovative opportunities being offered to our students in District #1, and this 'newsletter showcases many of them. We are very proud to have a 'completely student driven publication to share with the communities we serve. The "Quarterly" is an extremely valuable communication tool, but it also provides "real life" experiences for our students. Our students not only write and edit the articles, but are also involved in every aspect of publication, public relations and distribution. We hope you enjoy.

Educationally yours,  
Dr. Kent A. Bugg  
Superintendent

**Upcoming Events**

**October**

- 15- End of 1st Quarter
- 21- Early Dismissal- P/T Conferences
- 22- No School- P/T Conferences

**November**

- 3- Early Dismissal
- 11- Veteran's Day- No School
- 24- Holiday Dismissal (Times TBA)
- 25-27- **Thanksgiving Break**

**December**

- 1- Early Dismissal
- 20-22- HS Semester Exams
- 22- End of Quarter 2

It is the mission of the Coal City Community Unit School District #1 ...to prepare a community of learners to reach their maximum potential when Encountering life's Experiences.

**District Website**

The Unit #1 District Website contains teacher pages, sports, alumni, and more. To visit the website go to: [www.coalcity.k12.il.us](http://www.coalcity.k12.il.us)

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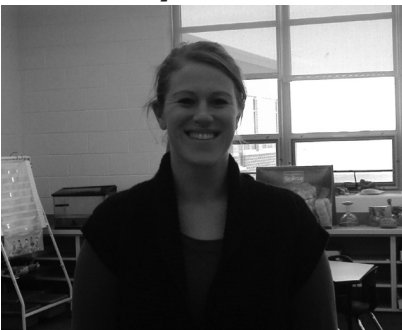
## New faces to District #1

**Celeste Lashmett**



Celeste Lashmett is a new counselor at the high school. This is her first year in the Coal City School District, but she previously worked at Edison Elementary School in Macomb, IL. Her hobbies are running, cooking (she is a vegetarian), and watching reality t.v. Her hometown is Plano, Il, and she attended WIU and NIU to earn her degrees.

**Amy Durkee**



Amy Durkee is in her first year of teaching science and social studies students at the ECC. Her hometown is Morris, and she has attended ISU and St. Francis University. She coaches the "C" team for sixth grade softball, and she enjoys traveling, being active, and spending time with her family.

**Katharine Coughlin**



Katharine Coughlin is the new social worker at the Intermediate School. She attended the University of Montana, Loyola University-Chicago, and Aurora University. She has ten years of experience: one at Lincoln Way North High School, and the rest within the Coal City District. Her hobbies include canoeing, hiking, reading, and traveling.

**Casandra Spicer**



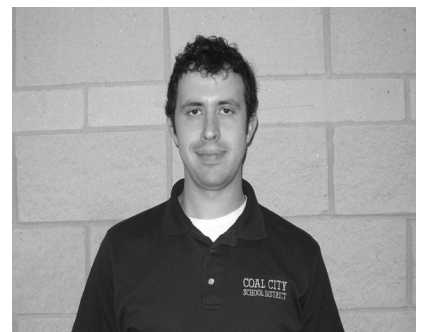
Casandra Spicer is a new speech-language pathologist for the ECC. She is in her 6th year of teaching, her previous at Kendall County Special Ed Co-op in Yorkville. She attended the U of I at Champaign, and her hometown is Seneca. Casandra has traveled to 9 different countries.

**Hayley Stout**



Hayley Stout is in her third year teaching, and she is new this year to the Early Childhood Center. She has previously taught at Grundy County Special Ed Co-op at White Oak in Morris. Hayley attended Elmhurst College, and her hometown is Utica, Illinois. In her spare time she loves to collect purses, shop, read, and ski.

**Bryan Chesi**



Bryan Chesi is the band director for fifth through eighth graders. This will be his third year teaching, and he will also be sponsoring MS Marching band, color guard, and jazz band. His previous two years were at Bellwood School District #88. His hometown is Lombard, IL.

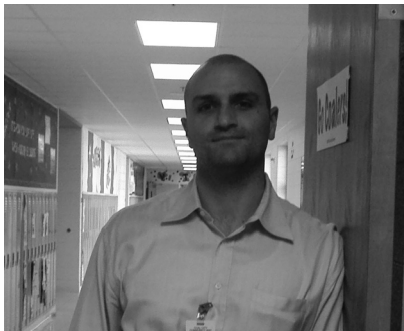
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**Lauren Hermes**



Lauren Hermes is a new Special Education teacher at the high school, for the English program. This is her first year teaching, having just graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign. She is currently coaching the freshman volleyball team, and her hometown is Wilmington. Lauren enjoys reading, snow skiing, and watching the Cubs.

**Jason Fisher**



Jason Fisher is a new freshman and sophomore English teacher at the high school. He attended Millikin University and National Louis University. His previous two years of teaching were at an Alternative school in Addison, and Elgin High School. His hometown is Lombard, and he will be coaching JV boys basketball this winter.

**Brooke Thomas**



Brooke Thomas is a new Special Ed teacher at the Intermediate School for fourth grade self-contained classes. Brooke attended the University of Iowa, and her hometown is Spring Valley, IL. This is her first year teaching and she is the cheerleading sponsor for the basketball season. She enjoys reading, baking, and sports...especially basketball.

**Abby Dimitrijevic**



Abby Dimitrijevic is a School Psychologist at the ECC. She is in her 5th year of work, her previous at Joliet Public School District 86. She attended UIC and Loyola. Her hometown is Coal City and she is a former "On Broadway Dancer." She loves to read and cook, and would eventually love to coach and sponsor cheerleading.

**Amanda Patten**



Amanda Patten is a speech therapist for 2nd-8th graders. She is in her ninth year of teaching, her previous at Grundy County Special Ed co-op. She attended University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and running. Her hometown is Dwight, and she has 2 daughters.

**Vicky Gustafson**



Vicky Gustafson is a sixth and seventh grade language arts / reading teacher at CCMS. Her previous year of teaching was at Wilmington Middle School, and her hometown is Wilmington. She attended Illinois State University, and in her spare time she enjoys running, traveling, and spending time with her friends.



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**Molly Highbaugh**



Molly Highbaugh is new to the Coal City School District as a Psychologist. This is her first year on the job, but she has spent two years on an internship at multiple schools. Her hometown is Plainfield and she has attended Michigan State University and Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She enjoys reading, running, reality t.v., and shopping.

**Brittany Casagrande**



Brittany Casagrande is a new Special Education teacher for second and third graders at the Elementary School. Her previous year teaching was at West Liberty Elementary School in Iowa. Her hometown is Braidwood, and she attended Illinois State University. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and working out.

## **Food, Song, and Laughter!**

The CCHS Madrigal Troupe is busy preparing for their 12th annual Royal Feast, which will take place on Saturday, December 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 12 at 3 p.m. at the ECC.

In addition to singing challenging "a capella" music from the 14th and 15th centuries, this year's Madrigals will be performing a comedy play entitled "A Christmas Fruitcake and Other Weighty Matters." A delicious meal will be catered by Lestina's of Braidwood. Tickets for this highly entertaining event will be on sale from November 1 until December 1, and can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Sherfy Browning at 634-2361, or Mr. James Dooley at 634-2396 ext. 1942.

This year's Madrigal cast includes King Cody Chandler and Queen Angela Sheppard; Prince Alex Giordano and Princess Kelsey Devine. The Royal Ladies are: Belinda Green, Sarah Horn, Nicole Michalowski, Katelyn Harrington, Haley Collins, Leanna Bell, Jessie Shoemaker, Casey Zelko, Kristian Kilbride, and Jackie McCullough. The Royal Lords are: Jake Thomas, Enzo Dreher, Jay Burt, Charles Frese, and Carlos Shoemaker.

## **2010 Yearbook Camp Results**

This past summer, four students from the Coaler Yearbook staff attended the 2010 Jostens Yearbook Camp at Lincoln College. The students spent the three days learning about theme development, layout design, photography, ladder development, and book promotion. The camp also required the students to complete assignments in which the students at the camp competed against one another. The students that participated were Sam Sanders, Britt Crawford, Autumn Lilek, and Ashlynn Zickefoose.

The categories that they placed in were as follows:  
 Beginning Design- Britt Crawford received 2nd place.  
 Beginning InDesign- Autumn Lilek received 1st place.  
 Advanced Design- Sam Sanders received 1st place.  
 Theme Packet- The team of Sam Sanders, Britt Crawford, Autumn Lilek, and Ashlynn Zickefoose received 3rd place for their design.

All of the students worked very hard in all of the categories, but they worked especially hard in the competitive field of theme packet. Congratulations, girls, on all of your hard work!

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## CCHS Fall Play: "A Schooling in Love"

"A Schooling in Love" is a non-musical play which will premier at Coal City High School's new auditorium on November 12, 13 and 14, 2010. Directed by Mr. Ben Baer, it was adapted from the beloved Mozart/DaPonte Opera, "Cosi fan Tutte" by playwright, and Coal City High School alum, Matt Boresi.

The plot of the play surrounds around Freddy and Billy, two high school seniors, head over heels for their girlfriends, Dori and Lilly. When a romantically disillusioned gym coach and a proud, but dejected music teacher, bet the boys their girlfriends won't stay faithful in a game of false identities and tested fidelities ensue that turn DaPonte Community High School upside down!

Coal City High School's Cast includes:

Billy- Alex Giordano

Freddy- Josh Rodgers

Coach Al- Enzo Dreher

Dean Giovanni- Cody Chandler

Senora Elvira- Megan Vranich

Zoe- Jackie McCollough

Matt- Charles Frese

Poms- Maddie Decker & Jessi Shoemaker

Dudes- Jay Burt & Tony Borgetti

Lilly- Cassidy Johnson

Dori- Belinda Green

Miss Thorne- Kelsey Devine

Leo- Jake Thomas

Nurse Messmer- Sarah Horn

Babs- Ashley Kane

Ben- Carlos Shoemaker

Cheerleaders- Sarah Madia & Kiersten Allen

Tech Crew includes: Quentin Ronsick, William Campbell, Andrew Elledge, Emily Royer, Billy Fatigante, Ryan Myers, Abigail Cash, Jenna Vescovi, Megan Zelinko, Ray Keigher, Casey Zelko, Sarah Aydelott, and Hannah Zickefoose.

### 2010-2011 Footnotes

Footnotes members for the 2010-2011 school year include:

Nicole Cardwell, Louie Grove, Jamie Miller, Jack Dillon, Kierstin Allen, Taylor Key, Josh Furlong, Haley Collins, Austin Grimes, Abigail Goslowski, Ryland Tondini, Jessica Shoemaker, Leland Curl, Gabbie Bastin, Tyler

Newcomb, Magaly Torres, Jay Burt, Briana Brovont, Tanner Harmon, Kaitlyn Jacob, Keegan Anderson, Shelby St. Cin, Billy McMillan,

Ashley Sisk, Robert Shoemaker, Brooke Berger, Tim Bradley, Brittany Halliday,



Katelyn Harrington, Tony Francisco, and Kailee Martin.

The group's upcoming performances are:  
November 20..."Jazz and

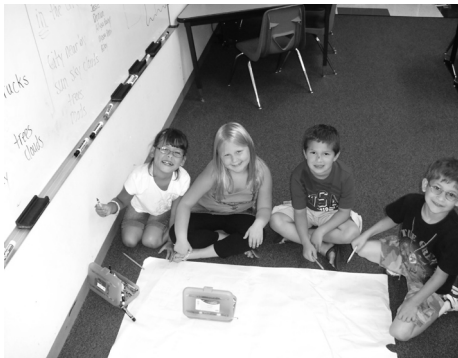
Java" at Cinder Ridge golf course from 7-9 p.m.  
December 3...Shriner's Hospital (10 a.m.), The Museum of Science and Industry (12 p.m.), and The John G. Shedd aquarium (2:30 p.m.).

December 5...Morris Hospital Pediatrics department at 2 p.m.

December 11..."Holiday Magic" at Brookfield Zoo at 7 p.m.

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## Mrs. Hausman's 2nd Grade Class



Second graders in Mrs. Hausman's class have been working in cooperative groups for a portion of the first quarter. They made murals and other activities to show urban places, rural places, and suburbs.

### Scientific Inquiry Experiments

Mrs. Cowherd's class had a great time learning about scientific inquiry. As we were learning about the steps, we had to practice them. We chose to do it by observing the diet coke and mentos experiment on Youtube. This caused us to have many questions. Some of them were, "I wonder if the same reaction would happen with different types of pop?" "I wonder if the type of mentos would make a different reaction?" After narrowing our questions down to these two, we made our hypotheses. Then we set up our experiments and discussed what a "control" is in an experiment. Next was the fun part...performing the experiments. Finally, we drew

## CCHS Art Club at Octoberfest

Tiffany Rowell and Hayley Holmes were two of the many Coal City High School art club students that painted faces at the annual Coal City Octoberfest on Saturday, October 2nd. Art Club members also helped young children in painting pumpkins that were donated by Riverside Medical Center West. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to buy "Toys for the Needy" in Coal City.



*Above, two CCHS Art Club members paint a child's face at the Octoberfest that took place on October 2nd.*

### CCMS News

One of the goals at Coal City Middle School this year is to implement a Positive Behavior System (PBS), and build upon what is already in place. In the past, students on the honor roll or with perfect attendance have been rewarded. With this PBS, the school is also starting a "Caught Being Good" program, along with monthly incentives. Some incentives include iPod days, open gym days, spirit days, and assemblies. Most of these activities will be held on early dismissal days. Coal City Middle School would also like to congratulate the "A" softball team on their trip to the state tournament. Although they were defeated in their first game, they are to be congratulated on a terrific season.





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## CCIS Musical

The CCIS Student Council is sponsoring the musical "The Little Mermaid." The musical will be performed at CCIS in mid-November. The cast includes:

Jesse McCants- Neptune #1	Taylor McKay- Seal	Aubrey Ehrman- Aruba #2
Nick Berta- Neptune #2	Savannah McGee- Octo	Darlyn Best- Aruba #3
Cassidy Flatness- Marlin #1	Madison Lander- Odessa #1	Caitlyn Painter- Finny #1
Lauren Phillips- Marlin #2	Alyssa LaReach- Odessa #2	Crystal Minsky- Finny #2
Emma Oslakovik- Gill	Jeremy Krizmanic- Cecil	Sydney carlos- Finny #3
Anna Bach- Mack	Michael Gifford- Snicker	Alyssa Sanders- Annabelle #1-2
Lani Stapka- Pearl	Andrew Mellen- Sneak	Hanna Best- Annabelle #3
Maggie McCollough- Flow	Brenna Kelly- Aruba #1	Destiny Barrus- Annabelle #4-6
Mickey McDowell- Calico Jack	Xander Smith- Captain Slappy	Courtney Allen- Chef
Garrett Auriene- Billy Bones	McKenna Crater- Scurvey Dog	Ana Pullara- Miss Callaloo
Lilly Isham- Ginger	Blaire Harseim- Duke	Jared Wren- Prince #1
Morgan Larson- Nutmeg	Jacob Borchelt- Rev. Gumbo	
Shawn McGuirk- Prince #2		

Other Performers are:

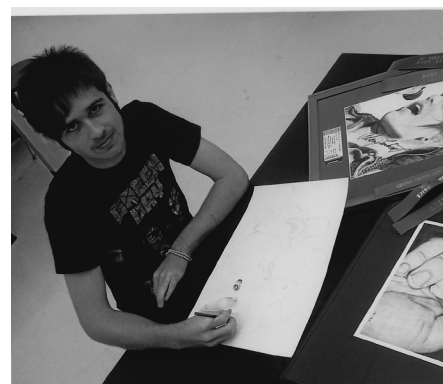
Savanah Anderson	Sonya Kapusnick
Natalie Marchese	Kelly Mum
Devon Lee	Bridget Dudley
Allie Hunter	Emily Root
Jessica Murphy	Kiera Abbott

Natalie Bajt  
Taylor Monbrum  
Savanna Newland  
Abby Pelnarsh

## Grundy County Cornfest Art Show

Coal City High School art students recently entered their creative works in the Grundy County Cornfest Art Show. John McLuckie is pictured with a few of his winning entries. He received a "Best of Show 2-D" and a first place ribbon for his colored pencil rendition of "Silent Hill." The Adam Lambert colored pencil portrait was chosen as the "People's Choice" award because it received the most votes by viewers. He also earned a 3rd place ribbon for the "Pikachu" toy pencil drawing and a 4th place for a colored pencil "Lady Gaga" portrait.

Another ribbon winner from Coal City was Cassidy Johnson, who received a 4th place ribbon for her cubism style color shaded still life. Other students that entered their creative art works were: Kristin Harris, Hannah Hall, Megan Zelinko, Amy Popovich, Gianna Costenaro, Anne Zastrow, Louie Grove, Jill Youngquist, Ryan Moschetti, Jake Watson, and Shondale Castille-Washington. Congratulations and keep up your creative endeavors.



*John McLuckie is pictured with some of his award winning art work. John received "Best of Show 2-D," a first place ribbon, a "People's Choice" award, a third place ribbon, and a fourth place ribbon. Congratulations, John McLuckie!*

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## CCHS Auto Students

### "Keep It Clean"

Over the past few weeks, Mr. Oldham's small engines and auto classes have been working on automotive systems and detailing. Part of the curriculum for auto is for students to complete practical examinations on washing, waxing, and interior cleaning of automobiles. In order to practice the new task and learn their new skills, they had to clean several of the cars here at the high school. Initially, volunteers were selected and several staff members graciously offered their cars to the classes for practice.

Once the students displayed adequate knowledge and skills, classes began to wash cars for both a grade and a small fee (to be paid by the owner of the vehicle).

During this process, Mr. Oldham and Mrs. Anderson felt that we could also be raising some money for the freshman class fund. Teachers and other staff members lined up outside the auto shop doors for a wash, wax, and interior cleaning for a donation of \$5 to \$10.

Overall, the students did a great job and we were able to raise around \$150.00 for the freshman class fund. Thanks to all who participated! If you missed out, look for another chance in the spring!

### Healthier Kids, Brighter Futures

In the past four decades, obesity rates in the United States have soared among all age groups. This rise in obesity rates has affected our youth in alarming fashion. Childhood obesity has increased more than fourfold among those ages 6 to 11. Over 23 million children and teenagers in the United States ages 2 to 19 are obese or overweight, a statistic that health and medical experts consider an epidemic. On March 26, 2010, a resolution was unanimously passed in the Senate to designate September 2010 as a "National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month," bringing national attention to a growing epidemic among youth in the United States. Here are Coal City Unit District #1, the Physical Education and Health Departments are doing

their part too. Throughout the year, the students get assessed on their body fat percentage as well as their fitness level in five categories according to the National Presidential Fitness Program: cardiovascular endurance, agility, flexibility, upper body strength, and abdominal strength. Each student then receives a report informing them of their overall health strengths and weaknesses. It provides them with information of how to improve in each area, and the areas of potential future health diseases if they are at risk.

The five categories are then assessed daily in the Physical Education department in some form of fitness. Physical fitness activities include: yoga, pilates, step aerobics, dance, circuits, interval

training, strength training, kickboxing, daily core routines, races, and many other fun activities. The upcoming month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Throughout the last week of October, students will be encouraged to support Breast Cancer Awareness by wearing pink to their Physical Education and Fit for Life classes each day. During classes, important statistics and preventative measures will also be discussed.





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## Fitness Stars!

The Physical Education Department is finishing up their 1st round of fitness testing at the high school. Throughout the year the students get assessed on their body fat percentage as well as their fitness level in 5 categories according to the National Presidential Fitness Program. The first test was the mile, to measure cardiovascular endurance; the second was the shuttle run, to measure agility; the third was the sit and reach, to measure flexibility; the fourth was push-ups, to measure upper body strength; and the last test was sit-ups, to measure abdominal strength. In order to receive the Presidential award students had to be tested in the top 85th percentile of teenagers in the nation in all 5 areas. This is the highest award given. To receive the National award students had to finish in the top 50th percentile in all 5 areas among high school teenagers. Students from Mrs. Kasprak, Mrs. Trotter, and Mr. Schmitt's classes were:

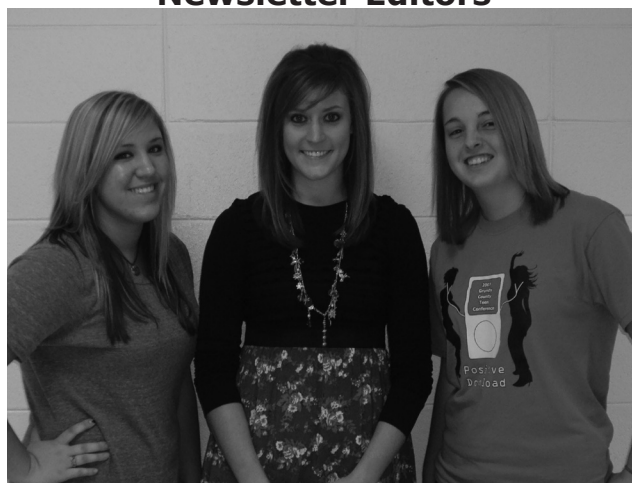
### Presidential Award Winners:

Jacy Shank, Nico Cyrkiel, Brooklyn Geers, Emmi Krause, Margaux Rosendale, and Shelby St. Cin.

### National Award Winners:

Jake Chambers, Rachel Burroughs, Josh Furlong, Shay Eggemeyer, Meg Marlin, Kailee Martin, Emma Norris, Darien Rath, Kristen Seaward, Courtney Hill, Michelle Partak, Tyler Shank, Chelsie Jenke, Alyss Lilek, Payton Robson, Magaly Torres, Jordan Bolker, Carson Collins, Seth Cambers, Megan Jessen, Nick Parks, Brandi Pieard, Krista Triem, Casey Brown, Lane Cowherd, Kasey Kaiser, Bethany Aeschliman, Gabbie Bastin, Erika Johnson, Kayla Zelko, Tanner Harmon, Uxmar Torres, Natalie Norris, Alyssa Erickson, Dani Kuchar, Jordyn Peterman, Michaela Phillips, Stacey Herrera, Cody Meiferdt, and Emily Halliday.

## Unit #1 Quarterly Newsletter Editors



Amanda Salazar is in her second year as an editor of the newsletter. She's a senior and involved in Math Team, Varsity Soccer, Yearbook, and Varsity Club. She is planning on attending a 4 year college and majoring in Business or Computer Science.

Kaitlyn Jacob is a senior and two year member of the newsletter staff. She is involved in volleyball, student council, Footnotes, yearbook, Varsity Club, SADD/TATU, and NHS. She plans on attending a 4 year college to become a pediatric nurse.

Rachel Halloran is in her second year as a member of the newsletter staff. She is involved in basketball, softball, NHS, Link Leaders, and Varsity Club. She plans on attending Eastern Illinois University to pursue a career in physical therapy.

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## CCHS Construction Update

Coal City High School was able to begin the 2010-2011 school year with a new edition to the school. Along with the new hallway, gym, and auditorium at CCHS, we also have a Coaler Creations Store. The store is located just past the cafeteria and concession stand when entering through the events entry doors. In previous years, Coaler Creations has sold their items from a mobile cart. Having this store allows us to sell a lot of different items that we didn't have room for in the past. Some new items we are selling this year are pullovers, sweatshirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and baseball t-shirts. Other clothing items include sweatpants, Coal City t-shirts, and a variety of t-shirts that our class makes. We also have school supplies such as pencils, pens, highlighters, notebooks, folders and goggles for science classes. In addition to what we already sell, we accept customized orders. We have a Facebook page that consists of pictures and prices of all of our merchandise. If you have a Facebook and have been, or are currently, in Coaler Creations, become a member of our Alumni Page. Also, we have our own webpage where you can view price lists, take a survey, contact us, or use our online order form to place an order.

For the non-Facebook users, check out our store and order online at:

<http://mhamann.weebly.com/coaler-creations.html>



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