

Alma Mater

Alma Mater, Alma Mater
Heed our parting song.
Honor, truth and joy attend thee,
We have loved thee long.
Alma Mater, Alma Mater
Ever wise and true.
Once again with grateful voices,
We our vows renew.

Class Colors: Orange and Black

Class Flower: White Carnation

**Class Song: "Good Old Days"
by Macklemore**

**Class Motto: "4 years we'll
never forget, even if we did
some things we regret"**

**Program cover designed by
Marina Muhlenkamp**

Class Of 2024

Coldwater High School



118th Commencement Ceremony



May 26th, 2024

1:30pm

Palace

Coldwater High School Class of 2024

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| Andrew Ronald Jones | Ellie Renae Schneider |
| Landyn Michael Jurosic | Rachel Michaela Schroyer* |
| Olivia Leigh Jutte | Abigail Renee Schwieterman* |
| Leah Marie Kaiser | Elise Ann Schwieterman |
| Nani Kenibar | Luke Otto Schwieterman*+ |
| Alex Thomas Knapke^ | Peyton Daniel Seitz+^ |
| Anthony Charles Koch^ | Julia Caroline Sieftring*+ |
| Riley Elizabeth Kremer*+ | Haley Renee Smith |
| Audrey Mae Lefeld*+ | Claire Isabella Steinke |
| Mason Michael Link | Audrey Ann Stoltz |
| Carter John May*+ | Israel Ray Sutherin |
| Emma Sue May*+^ | Ethan Harold Thomas |
| Trinity Dell Marie McCain | Olivia Kate Tobe |
| Megan Lynn McNeil | Edward Lee Tobin |
| Kayla Ashlyn Medaugh | Gena Eve Vagedes*^ |
| Troy Joseph Milligan | Mya Elizabeth Wehrkamp*+ |
| Marina Lee Muhlenkamp | Nicholas Joseph Wehrman*+ |
| Karley Johanna Nearon | Troy Brian Weigel |
| Brandon Ryan Penno^ | Madison Marie Wendel*+ |
| Melissa Janet Perez | Rebecca Rose Wenning* |
| Brayden Joshua Quinn^ | Ariel Marie Wilson |
| Jack Randolph Riethman | Jenna Rae Wollet |
| Heidi Louise Romer | Gavin Isaac Zibrida |
| Kahlan Taylor Rose | |
| Cali Marie Saunders | |
| Josephine Rose Schmidt | |
| Luke David Schmitmeyer^ | |

*National Honor Society
+Honors Diploma
^State FFA Degree

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| Katelyn Michelle Abels | Garrett Christopher Fiely*^ |
| Kenzie Marie Adams^ | Derick James Findley*^ |
| Riley Charles Archer | Lindsey Mae Finke*+^ |
| Grace Elizabeth Backs*+ | Seth Michael Finke |
| Kenneth Robert Bailey | Abbigail Lynn Fortkamp |
| Keira Amelia Ballard | Nevaeh Floriane Fridley |
| Jacob Ryan Barnett | Elijah Robert Gels |
| Tabitha Louise Berkenstock | Brooke Elizabeth Gerlach*+ |
| Carter Jesse Bertke* | Benjamin Jacob Giere |
| John Douglas Bertke | Kayden Frederick Giere |
| Brayden Michael Bonifas | Libby Renee Gilmore |
| Lydia Marie Borger*^ | Cadance Lee Goforth |
| Garrett Andrew Bruns^ | Julia Kathryn Greber |
| Emily Sophia Brunswick | Justin Matthew Gruss* |
| Hailey Lynn Burrows | Kodie Leigh Hagaman |
| Kate Margaret Buschur | Austin Matthew Hamilton |
| Isabel Mae Byer*+ | Isaac Henry Hannewald*+ |
| Andrea Elizabeth Cervantes | Aiden Joseph Harlamert |
| Eduardo Ivan Cervantes | Braylen Matthew Harlamert |
| Alexander James Cowan+ | Ethan Matthew Heitkamp |
| Carson Lane Dellinger | Benjamin Joseph Hemmelgarn |
| Zachary Christopher Diller | Hope Lue Hemmelgarn+ |
| Carson Thomas Doenges | Carter Joseph Hicks |
| Ethan Paul Ebbing | Brendon Allen Hileman |
| Jack Gregory Ebbing | Sarah Elizabeth Homan |
| Cole Matthew Etzler+ | Braxton Thomas Howell*+ |
| Andrew Michael Eyink*+ | Abigail Eileen Imwalle |

PROGRAM

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| Processional: Pomp and Circumstance High School Band arr: Bullock/Elgar | Mr. Dan Ruckman, Director |
| Senior Introductions | Seniors of the Class of 2024 |
| **Pledge of Allegiance | Emma May, Class President |
| **National Anthem | High School Band |
| Welcome | Mr. Jason Hemmelgarn, Principal |
| Opening Remarks | Kate Buschur, Class Treasurer |
| Salutatory Message | Emma May |
| Music: "Home" arr.: Gilpin | Ms. Cynthia Wendel, Choral Director |
| Senior Choir Members: Derick Findley, Elijah Gels, Julia Greber, Audrey Lefeld, Megan McNeil, Mya Wehrkamp Assisted by: Rudi Gross | |
| Valedictory Message | Justin Gruss |
| Music: "Viva La Vida" arr.: Tom Wallace | Mr. Dan Ruckman, Director |
| Senior Band Members: Grace Backs, Tabitha Berkenstock, Brayden Bonifas, Emily Brunswick, Hailey Burrows, Carson Doenges, Elijah Gels, Libby Gilmore, Julia Greber, Justin Gruss, Isaac Hannewald, Sarah Homan, Audrey Lefeld, Marina Muhlenkamp, Rachel Schroyer, Peyton Seitz, Mya Wehrkamp, Ariel Wilson | |
| Commencement Remarks | Mr. Doug Mader, Superintendent |
| Presentation of Diplomas and the Class of 2024 | Mr. Eric Goodwin, Asst. Principal |
| Tassel and Special Ceremony | Riley Kremer, Class Vice President |
| Closing Remarks | Carter May, Class Secretary |
| **"Alma Mater" | High School Band |
| **Recessional: Pomp and Circumstance | High School Band |

**Audience please stand

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| Dr. Jason Horstman, Ed.D. | Mrs. Deanna Wenning, M.Ed. |
| Mr. William Hoskins, M.A.A. | Mr. Randy Wright, M.S. |

Valedictorian

Justin Gruss

Justin is the son of Mike and Kathy Gruss. He attained a 12.0 GPA and was a member of National Honor Society, FTC Robotics, and the Cross Country and Track Teams. Within the community he was involved in the Columbian Squires, Holy Trinity Youth Group, taught CCD and was a Mass Server. Justin also attended the Tri Star Career Compact in the REC Tech program. Justin plans to attend the Pontifical College Josephinum and major in Philosophy. With this he will be studying for the Catholic priesthood.



Salutatorian

Emma May



Emma is the daughter of Brian and Connie May. She attained a 11.96 GPA and was Senior Class President, Vice President of the National Honor Society, in Student Council and Spanish Club. She was also involved as the FCCLA Co-President, Key Club Secretary, Leo Club President, and Coldwater FFA Chapter Reporter. She was a member of the Coldwater FFA Dairy Judging Team, Soccer and Basketball teams. Within the community she was on the Mercer County Junior Fairboard, in 4-H, and taught CCD. Emma plans to attend the University of Toledo and major in Health Sciences.