OCTOBER 2, 2026

FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Highlights

- Spirit Week
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- Ski Team Info
- Creative Writing Tryouts
- PTO Update
- DLMS Arts
- DLMS Athletics
- Calapalooza

DLMS CONTACT INFO

DLMS PHONE
616.891.1380

DLMS FAX
616.891.0833

DLMS Daily Absence Report

MARK YOUR CalENDARS

*10/5 - PTO Meeting 5:30 PM
*10/22 - Color Run 4:30 - 6:00 PM
*10/26 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6 PM
*10/28 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 PM
*10/29 - Student ½ Day/PM Staff PD
*10/30 - No School
*11/25-11/27 - No School

OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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No School
Student ½ Day/PM Teacher PD

STAY CONNECTED

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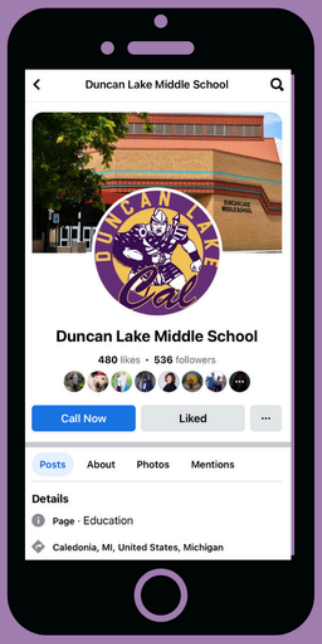
GENERAL INFORMATION

DOORS OPEN AT 7:05 AM

SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:35 AM
SCHOOL ENDS AT 2:30 PM

Follow us on Facebook to see sports updates and pictures, highlights from our monthly school assemblies, the weekly Staff Spotlight, and more!



OK2SAY

Anyone can report tips on criminal activities or potential harm directed at students, school employees, or schools. Tips can be submitted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Call: 8-555-OK2SAY
Text: OK2SAY
Email: OK2SAY@mi.gov
Download App for iPhone/Android

Important Reminder: Please Complete Annual PowerSchool Forms

Caledonia Community Schools would like to inform all parents and guardians about the post-graduation opportunities informational packet for all students enrolled in any of grades 8-12 in the school district.

PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE & GOLD

DLMS HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK 2026

Monday OCT. 5

MONOCHROME & COZY

Wear one color head to toe and keep it cozy- PJ's, Lounge wear, hoodie & sweatpants

Tuesday OCT. 6

HIGHLIGHT YOUR STYLE

Wear high energy bright colors/neon OR 'Main Character' fit: dressy, bold, iconic

Wednesday OCT. 7

COLOR THE STANDS

Wear your favorite pro, college, or local sports team or other club gear

Thursday OCT. 8

COLOR CLASH-USA

STAFF- **RED**
7TH- WHITE
8TH- **BLUE**

Friday OCT. 9

PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE & GOLD

Head-to-toe Cal gear to represent the purple & gold.

8TH GRADE

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS:
WE HAVE A NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!

FIELD *Trip*

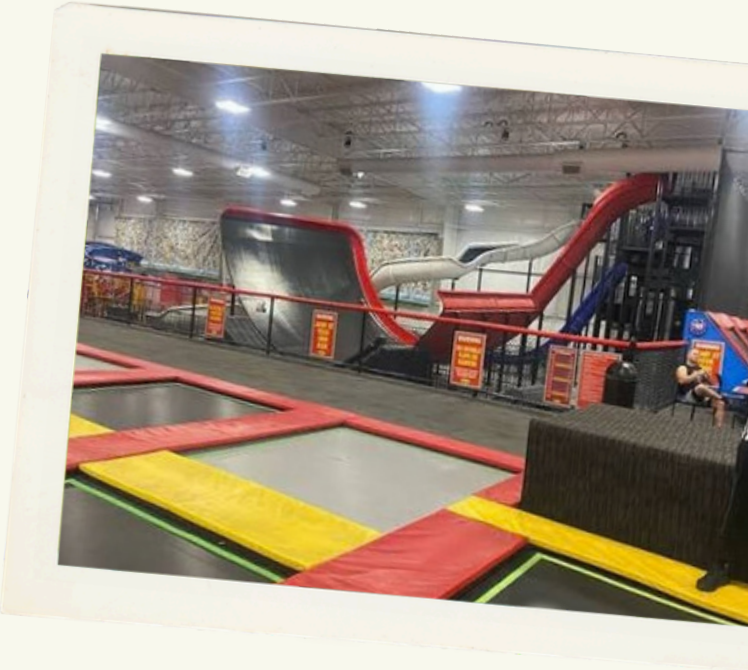
AIRWAY FUN CENTER KALAMAZOO

JUNE 3RD, 2027
9AM-1PM

UNLIMITED: Bowling, ValoArena, Indoor Cosmic Mini Golf, Reactor, RAID, XD Theater, Go Karts, Ropes Course, Climb Wall, Gyroscope, Spinning Coaster, Rainbow Reader Arcade Games

7TH GRADE
Field Trip

CRAIG'S CRUISERS



Arcade, Mini-Golf, Go-Karts, Cruiser Coaster, Slide Zone, Trampoline Park, and More!

MAY 14, 2027

DLMS COLOR RUN FUNDRAISER

Thursday, October 22, 2026
4:30-6:00 PM @ DLMS

$22

Join us for an afternoon full of color, fun, and community! This exciting fundraiser will support our PBIS Store and includes fun activities, prizes, and more!

Sign Up

Strive for Less Than 5 Days Absent

Make every day count!

- Be on time, every time
- Stay all day every day
- Set appointments before or after school
- Plan vacations when school is out
- Build backup plans or a buddy system to get students to and from school

Give a High 5 for higher success!

Did you know...

1. Missing more than 5 days in Kindergarten makes learning to read harder
2. Missing more than 5 days any year hurts learning and lowers test scores
3. Students who miss more than 10% of school a year (just 2 days a month) are more likely to drop out
4. Being late to school or leaving early leads to poor overall attendance
5. Absences affect everyone when teachers have to help students catch up

Being in school all day every day gives students a greater shot at success. Every day, every hour in class is a learning opportunity. Students who are absent, arrive late or leave early get less learning time than students with better attendance. That's why every student and every parent should Strive for Less Than 5 absences each school year.

#StriveForLessThan5

Superintendents throughout Kent ISD adopted the Strive for Less Than 5 campaign as an ISD-wide initiative because regular attendance is critical to student success!

Kent ISD
We Lead Learning

We Are a Hand2Hand School

hand2hand®
because a hungry child hurts

A free weekend food opportunity for kids!

Hand2Hand Permission Slip
2026-2027

Scan with your phone camera to sign up

Our Mission : *Hand2Hand delivers nutritious food to students over the weekends and on extended school breaks by mobilizing churches, schools, individuals, and businesses to join together, providing hope and opportunity to thrive.*

Contact Us
permissionslip@h2hkids.org
616.209.2779
h2hkids.org

Scots STORE

Students earn **"PBIS"points** when they show positive actions like *kindness, respect, or responsibility* throughout the school day.
Students spend those points at our Scots Store.
Parent volunteers open [6:55a] +close [7:40a] the store - helping students spend their points...and celebrate positivity!

SIGN-UP

amazon list *to donate!*

sign up genius *to volunteer!*

- Meet other parents
- Meet your kids friends

STORE HOURS
TUESDAY - THURSDAY
7:05A-7:35A

What is PBIS?
Positive **B**ehavioral **I**nterventions and **S**upports

Kiwanis Builders Club®

Building Leaders

WE'RE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Duncan Lake has brought back the Kiwanis Builders Club Chapter for 2026-27. Starting in October, we will be meeting once or twice a month in the morning before school from 7:10am-7:35am. We are looking for students interested in developing their leadership skills while serving their school and community. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and work on important service projects. Past projects have included reading to Kindergarteners, hosting staff appreciation events, making fleece blankets to donate to shelters, as well as, raising money for Trick or Treat for Unicef. Builders Club is a student led group and all projects are decided on by the students.

Questions or interested in more information? Contact Dan Remenap at remenapd@calschools.org or Liz Alexander at ealexan57@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for more meeting dates!

Sign Up Here

CREATIVE WRITING TEAM

Tryouts

- When: Wednesday, October 7 and Thursday, October 8
- Time: 2:45 - 3:45 PM
- Where: Mrs. Belote's room 306

Interested?

Sign Up **Here**

DLMS PTO UPDATE

Meeting Dates

Monday, October 5
Monday, December 7
Wednesday, February 10
Monday, April 19

DLMS Library 5:30 PM

Join the DLMS PTO Board Next Year!

All board positions will be open for next school year. Come to any upcoming meeting to meet the team, learn about available roles, and see how we support DLMS!

The Caledonia Middle School Ski Team is open to 5th through 8th grade students that want to learn to ski race. Our program focuses on improving each skier's skills while exposing them to racing, in a fun environment.

The team practices on Sundays and is a great way for our athletes to learn a new sport that they can compete in for the rest of their lives. At the meeting we will cover all aspects of our sport and the commitment being on the team requires. If you are interested in the team please complete the following short questionnaire: https://forms.gle/L6tBKvpzkxMxMUKL9

If you have any questions please feel free to Duane Petrosky, Caledonia Varsity Coach, at petroskyd@calschools.org

DLMS ATHLETICS

Weekly Glance

All home tennis matches are played at the High School

Monday 10/5

Volleyball 7A/8A
4:00pm @ HOME vs FHC
7B/8B 4:00pm @ FHC

Tuesday 10/6

Cross Country @ HOME
4:30pm

Wednesday 10/7

Volleyball
7A/8A @ Valleywood 4:00pm
7B/8B @ HOME vs Grand Haven 4:00pm

Tennis @ HOME vs Crestwood
4:00pm

Sideline Cheer @ HOME
5:30pm

Thursday 10/8

Tennis @ EGR
4:00pm

Friday 10/9

Saturday 10/10

Athletic Director: Phil Miedema
Interim Assistant Athletic Director: Taylor Kastens

DLMS ATHLETICS

Athletic Requirements

Before practices begin, registration must be completed within FinalForms.

- A physical examination by a physician - the physician and parent/guardian must sign the Physical Form, including the medical treatment consent, parent/guardian consent and emergency information.
- Read and sign the athletic handbook and permission form (parent and student)
- Read and sign the concussion form (parent & student)
- Read and sign the assumption of risk form.

When uploading athletic physicals, please make sure that they are uploaded as a jpeg or pdf format, signed and dated by the physician on or after 4/15/26. Any physical dated before April 15, 2026 is null and void. Athletic Physical must be uploaded and cleared by the Athletic Department **before** student/athlete can participate in practices/competitions.

Athletic payment portal will **not be open** until after tryouts and/or teams are set and registration is closed. You will be notified when the payment portal is open. Payments must be made by the first competition.

When registering your student athlete for any Athletic team, please sign them up for only one sport per season as all practices are held at the same time (after school at 2:45).

For more information, see the Caledonia Community School Fighting Scots 6th - 12th Athletic Handbook

Final Forms Instructions

Final Forms Website/Registration

EventLink

(Contact Taylor Kastens for EventLink support)

DLMS ATHLETICS

What's Next in DLMS Athletics?

Duncan Lake Middle School and Kraft Meadows Intermediate School will be including boy's and girl's swim teams to the opportunities for MS Athletics. Girl's Swim will take place during the Winter I sports season and Boy's Swim will take place during the Winter II sports season. The teams will consist of 6th, 7th and 8th graders. You can sign your student up on FinalForms. Watch the newsletter for more information.

Winter I Sports: begins on October 19, 2026 and includes the following sports: 7th/8th Boys Basketball, 7th/8th Girls Competitive Cheer, 6th/7th/8th Girls Swim

Winter II Sports: begins on January 4, 2027 and includes the following sports: 7th/8th Girls Basketball, 6th/7th/8th Coed Wrestling, 6th/7th/8th Boys Swim

Spring Sports: begins on March 15, 2027 and includes the following sports: 7th/8th Boys and Girls Track and 6th/7th/8th Girls Tennis.

DLMS ARTS

CONCERT SCHEDULE

October 5 | 8th Grade Band performs pre-game music with High School Marching Band 6:45pm

November 5 | Orchestra Concert 7:00pm

November 10 | Veteran's Day Band Concert 6:00pm

November 12 | Choir Concert 7:00pm

November 24 | Strike Concert 7:00pm

Start the School Year *Connected & Ready!*

Your resources. Your updates. All in one place.

CCS APP

Your school & community information **all in one place.**

- Calendars
- Alerts & Updates
- School News
- Facebook Posts
- Resource Center News
- Community Events

MEAL MAGIC

Check meal balances, add money for additional purchases, review account activity, and complete your **Education Benefits/ Meal Application**.

Lunch Menus

MY RIDE

View your student's bus stop, route, and pickup information and receive transportation updates.

My Ride Support

POWERSCHOOL

Complete your **annual forms** in PowerSchool, review student information, and make sure your contact information is current by **September 30, 2026.**

PowerSchool Support

Choose the schools & groups you want to follow & turn on notifications.

App Support

Can't Access Your Account?

Before creating a new account, try the **"I need to unlock my account"** option on the Meal Magic login page.

Riding the Bus?

- **Route Information**
- **Pickup Time**
- **Bus Updates**

District Code:

GHDL

Log in Today!

Before You're Done...

CCS APP

- ☐ Download or update the CCS App
- ☐ Choose schools & groups to follow
- ☐ Turn on notifications

MEAL MAGIC

- ☐ Check your Meal Magic account
- ☐ Complete the Education Benefits/ Meal Application

MYRIDE

- ☐ If your student rides the bus, check your student's information

POWERSCHOOL

- ☐ Complete your annual PowerSchool forms

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Together, We're Ready

for a great year!

School Meals

Fueling Success Every Day!

Breakfast and lunch is currently **FREE for all CCS students.** Families should still complete the Education Benefits/Meal Application. It helps **support CCS funding** and **may qualify your family for additional benefits.**

6 Reasons to Complete the Free & Reduced Lunch Application:

- Increased funding to support your child's school
- Discounts on ChromeCare Plans for qualifying families
- Discounts for fees associated with college application process
- Discounted fees for SAT, ACT & AP tests along with scholarship opportunities
- Receive discount on fees associated with credit recovery
- Discounts on pay-to-participate fees for qualifying student athletes

How To Apply

Log in to the Meal Magic Family Portal and select **Benefits.**

BENEFITS

Family Portal

BREAKFAST IS SERVED DAILY IN CAFETERIAS

High School North/South: 7:00 AM | **Duncan Lake Middle:** 7:00 AM | **Kraft Intermediate:** 7:00 AM
All Elementary Schools: 8:30 AM | **Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center:** 9:00 AM

ChromeCare

Protect What Matters

Protect your student's district-issued Chromebook with optional ChromeCare coverage.

Cost: $20 per year per student per device
Purchase by: September 22, 2026

ChromeCare

Community Events & Flyers

Stay Connected Locally

Looking for activities outside of school? Follow **Community** in the CCS App or visit our **Community Events page** for information on local programs, events, and community activities.

Community Events

NEED HELP? We've Got You!

Can't access Meal Magic? Need help with PowerSchool? Not sure how to set up the CCS App or MyRide?

Scan the QR Code to access **Resources** on the Caledonia Community Schools website.

Resources

Step-by-step help and tutorials for families.

#WeAreCAL

CAL EDUCATION

FOUNDATION

Set Sail for CALAPALOOZA 2026

The Caledonia Education Foundation invites you to climb aboard for CALAPALOOZA 2026, Caledonia's biggest celebration of community, school spirit, and giving back!
Grab your captain's hat and join us on Friday, October 9 from 3 PM to 7PM at the Ralph E. Myers Stadium South Parking Lot for an unforgettable afternoon featuring this year's fun and festive Yacht Rock theme.

With more than 5,000 attendees expected, CALAPALOOZA promises smooth sailing with:

🚚 13 food trucks
🎪 12 sponsor booths
🎉 Family-friendly activities

🎙️ The Gameday Broadcast presented by Veurink's RV & Marina
💙 Opportunities to connect with friends, families, teachers, and neighbors while supporting Caledonia students

Why CALAPALOOZA Matters

While CALAPALOOZA is Caledonia's biggest community celebration, it is also the Caledonia Education Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Every food truck visited, sponsorship secured, and donation made directly supports teacher innovation grants, student scholarships, and emergency assistance for Caledonia students across the district.

Want to help make the magic happen?

We need YOU

Sign-up to volunteer!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444A4A829A5FBC43-65433993-calapalooza#/

The success of this event relies on the hard work and dedication of our Planning Committee and volunteers.

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