OCTOBER 29, 2026

FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Highlights

- Duncan Lake Dodges Cancer
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- Resource Center Classes
- DLMS Arts
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DLMS CONTACT INFO

DLMS PHONE
616.891.1380

DLMS FAX
616.891.0833



DLMS Daily Absence Report*

*Online reporting form is temporarily offline. Please call the main office at 616-891-1380 to report an absence.

MARK YOUR CalENDARS

*10/29 - Student ½ Day/PM Staff PD
*10/30 - No School
*11/5 - Orchestra Concert 7pm
*11/10 - Band Concert 6pm
*11/12 - Choir Concert 7pm
*11/24 - Strike Concert 7pm
*11/25-11/27 - No School
*12/10 - Duncan Lake Dodges Cancer

OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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29	30					

No School
Student ½ Day/PM Teacher PD

STAY CONNECTED

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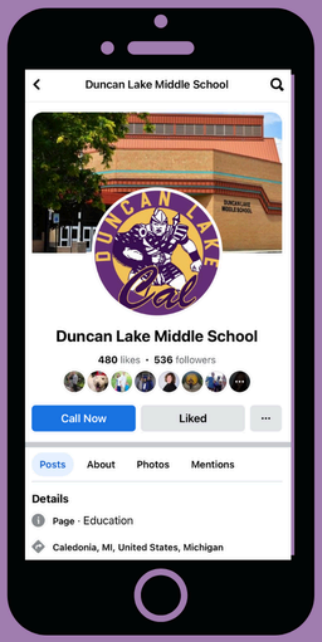
GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Builders Club

- **Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5th**
- **Time: 7:10 AM**
- **Location: Room 129 (hallway closest to the office)**

Questions? Contact Advisor Mrs. Alexander at ealexan57@gmail.com

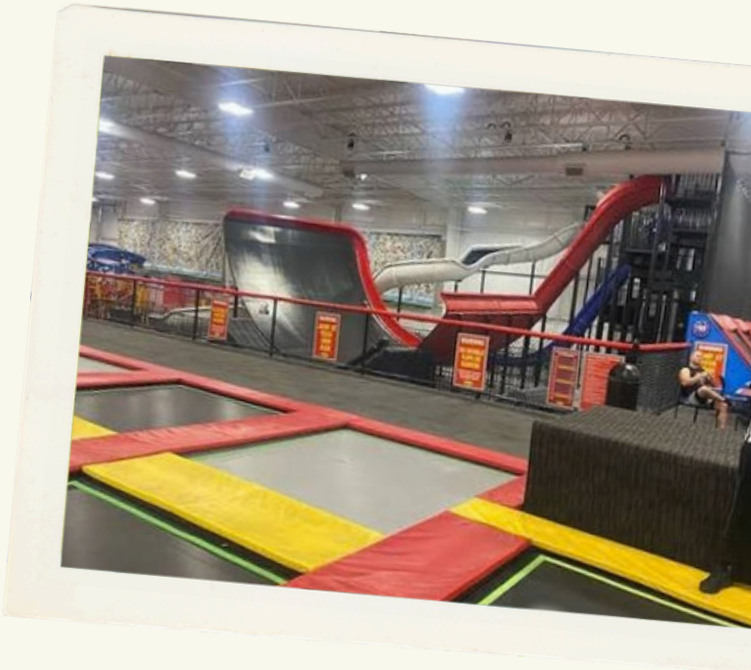
Caledonia Community Schools would like to inform all parents and guardians about the post-graduation opportunities informational packet for all students enrolled in any of grades 8-12 in the school district.

7TH GRADE

Field Trip

CRAIG'S CRUISERS





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

MAY 14, 2027

8TH GRADE FIELD Trip

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

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

DUNCAN LAKE DODGES CANCER

'Tis the Season to Target Cancer: Throw Hard, Give Big

SAVE THE DATE!

Duncan Lake Dodges Cancer is back this December and bringing the holiday hustle to the court.

Nov. 6, 2026- Fundraising Launch
Dec. 10, 2026- Dodgeball Tournament

Stay tuned for more details!

Proud to partner with:

VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE®
PURPLE COMMUNITY

Strive for Less Than



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

sign up genius

to donate!

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

DLMS PTO UPDATE

Meeting Dates

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!

DLMS PTO "NO-SELL" DONATION DRIVE

Appreciate teachers. Support students. Skip the selling.

Tired of selling discount cards, cookie dough, or popcorn? We are too!

Give once and make an immediate impact, feeling generous? Give again later in year-100% of your tax-deductible donation supports Duncan Lake Middle School students and teachers. The more you donate the more Raffle Entries you can earn! DLMSPTOisa501(c)(3).



CLASS CHALLENGE
The 7th- and 8th-grade class raising the most chooses a donut party or pizza party!



AIR PODS DRAWING
Donate by January to be enteredto win a pair of Apple AirPods.



IPAD DRAWING
Donate and Earn Entries based on your giving level, see below; drawing in May.

WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO

TEACHER MEALS	FIELD TRIPS	APPRECIATION	SCOTS STORE
Conference-day meals	Lower family costs	Teacher Appreciation Week	PBIS reward gift cards

CHOOSE YOUR IMPACT LEVEL

GIVING LEVEL	AMOUNT	WHAT IT HELPS FUND	RAFFLE ENTRIES EARNED
Friend of the School	**$25**	Fall conference meals	1
Educator Champion	**$50**	Fall and spring conference meals	2
School Supporter	**$75**	Meals, appreciation week and Scots Store	3
School Supporter Plus	**$100**	Meals, appreciation week, Scots Store and Field Trip Subsidy	4
Field Trip Sponsor	**$125+**	All above plus helps cover field trip cost for an additional student otherwise unable to go.	5
Custom Gift	**$_____**	Every dollar supports the school community	Custom Matched from above levels

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Scan to give online or see below for cash/check options. The great part is you donate and the PTO does all the work for you! Want to take a more active part? Email the PTO or join a meeting; plenty of opportunities available!

Want to just support field trips to bring down student costs or sponsor a specific event please reach out or indicate on form!

SCAN QR TO DONATE or Click ~~Here~~

WHY "NO-SELL" FUNDRAISING?

LESS HASSLE	MORE IMPACT	MORE ACCESS	STRONGER SCHOOL
No products or order forms	Funds go directly to DLMS	Help lower field-trip costs for all	Support students and staff

Need the PTO tax ID or a donation receipt? Email duncanlakepto@calschools.org

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING DLMS!

Your generosity creates opportunities for students, shows appreciation for staff, and helps make Duncan Lake Middle School a wonderful place to learn and grow.

✂ CAN ALSO DETACH AND RETURN FOR CASH OR CHECK DONATIONS

Parent/Guardian/Donor Name: _____

Student Name and Grade/Homeroom: _____

Email or Cell Phone (for questions or prize notification): _____

Donation enclosed: □ $25 □ $50 □ $75 □ $100 □ $125+ □ Other $_____

Envelope label: "PTO D.D.D." | Return to homeroom teacher or school office, please make check payable to DLMS PTO

Registering is easy!
Online: www.calschools.org/resourcecenter
By phone: 616-891-8117
In person: 9757 Kraft Ave. SE (in the new Cal Community Center)

Coding Club (Ages 8-13)
Laptop/Tablet Required. Headphones, keyboard, and mouse recommended (resource center supplies chrome books if student doesn't have one to bring)
Your child will have a blast in this exciting new STEM program. Our innovative approach to coding is sure to spark your child's interest in computer science, using a simple, relatable, block-based programming system called Scratch, developed by the MIT Media Lab. The fun- filled curriculum stresses critical thinking, creativity, confidence, teamwork, and problem solving skills to prepare them for the 21st century and beyond. Class topics include video game design, loops, control structure, conditional expressions, control statements, object oriented design concepts, data structures and variables, and mathematical expressions.

Wed 11/4 - 12/16 (omit 11/25) 5:30 - 6:30 pm $139
Location: Duncan Lake Middle School - Resource Center door #9

Stage Stars
It's time to raise the curtain on our Stage Stars class! This drama program introduces students to the craft of stage acting. During this exciting class, students will learn theatrical skills, improv basics and participate in interactive drama games. This is an opportunity for students to have fun, express themselves, interact with others within the context of theatre arts.

Mon 11/9 - 12/14 (K - 3rd grade) 5:30 - 6:30 pm $139
Mon 11/9 - 12/14 (4th - 6th grade) 6:45 - 7:45 pm $139
Location: Duncan Lake Middle School - Resource Center door #9

Register online: www.calschools.org/resourcecenter or call the office 616-891-8117
https://caledonia.revtrak.net/Youth-Enrichment-Sports/



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

Monday 11/2

Tuesday 11/3

Wed. 11/4

Boys Basketball Games
7th/8th A @ Home
4:00pm/5:15pm
7th/8th B @ Wayland
4:00pm/5:15pm

Thursday 11/5

Friday 11/6

Sat. 11/7

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

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

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

App Support

MEAL MAGIC

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

Lunch Menus

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.

MY RIDE

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

My Ride Support

Riding the Bus?

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

POWERSCHOOL

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

PowerSchool Support

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.**



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