

FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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DLMS CONTACT INFO

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616.891.0833



**DLMS Daily
Absence
Report**

MARK YOUR *Cal* ENDARS

- *9/25 - Student ½ Day/PM Staff PD
- *9/30 - Picture Retakes
- *10/26 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6pm
- *10/28 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
- *10/29 - ½ Day for Students/PM Staff PD
- *10/30 - No School

SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

■ No School
□ Student ½ Day

STAY CONNECTED



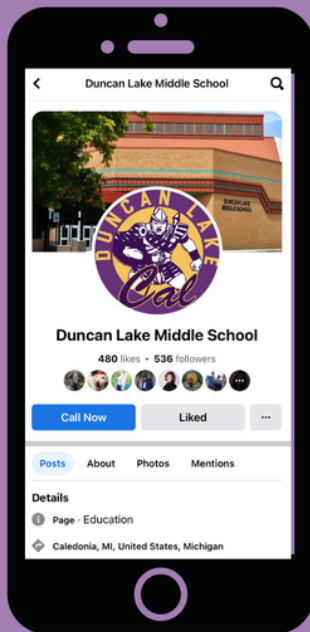
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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!



Community Opportunities

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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

GENERAL INFORMATION

RETAKE DAY

September 30th!

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Proofs will be available for previewing and ordering 7-10 days after Retake Day!



**Important Reminder:
Please complete
Annual PowerSchool
Forms**



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.



DLMS

CAFETERIA UPDATE



Hot Lunch is Being Served!

Construction is making progress
and the kitchen passed
inspection.



Menu Updates

Check the school website
regularly for the most up-
to-date menu options.



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.



Days Absent



#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!

We Are a Hand2Hand School



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 Behavioral Interventions and Supports



**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. All projects are decided on by the students.

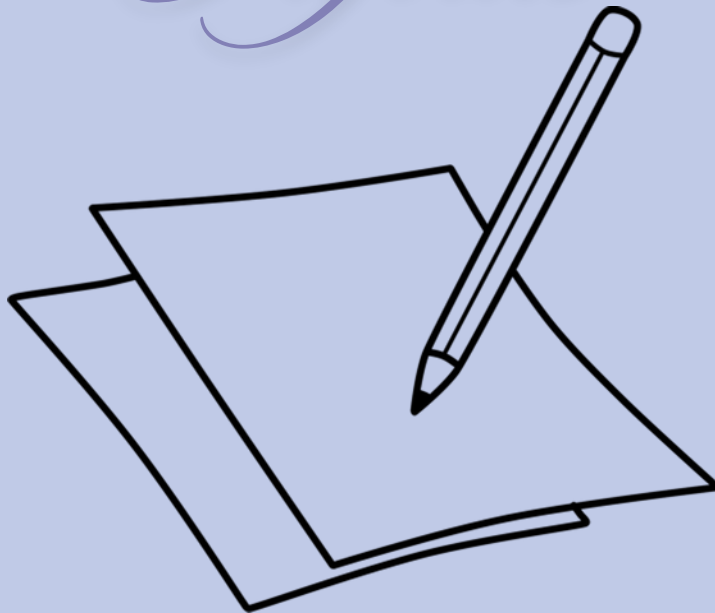
Watch this newsletter for dates and the location of the meetings.

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

[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 ATHLETICS

Weekly Glance

All home tennis matches are played at the High School

Monday 9/21

Volleyball 7A/8A
4:00pm @
Grandville MS;
7B/8B 4:00pm @
HOME

Tennis @ HOME
4:00pm

Tuesday 9/22

Cross Country @
HOME 4:30pm

Tennis @ Grandville
MS 4:00pm

Wednesday 9/23

Volleyball
7A/8A @ HOME
4:00pm
7B/8B @ Rockford MS
4:00pm

Sideline Cheer @
HOME
6:30pm

Thursday 9/24

Friday 9/25

Saturday 9/26

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

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.



#WeAre**CAL**

..... CAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION



FRIDAY, OCT. 9TH

3:00-7:00p @ The Ralph

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



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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.