

FIGHTING SCOTS

KRAFT MEADOWS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

Dear Kraft Meadows Parents & Guardians:

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well! We will be holding our fall parent-teacher conferences on October 26 & October 28. **There is no need to sign-up for a conference time slot.** Conferences will be a drop-in style format where parents have the ability to speak with all/any of your child's teachers. Our 6th grade and exploratory teachers will be located in the KMIS main gym, our 5th grade teachers will be in the auxiliary gym, and our special education teachers will be in the cafeteria. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you!

Our staff will be available on the following nights during these times. We do ask that we keep each conference to a maximum of 5 minutes to limit wait time and to keep the lines moving!

Monday October 26: 4:00-7:00 PM

Wednesday October 28: 3:00-6:00 PM

October 29 is a half-day of school with student dismissal at 10:45 AM and there is no school on October 30.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime with any questions or concerns you may have!

Go Scots!
Steve Uyl
Principal

KMIS CONTACT INFO

MAIN OFFICE
616.891.8649

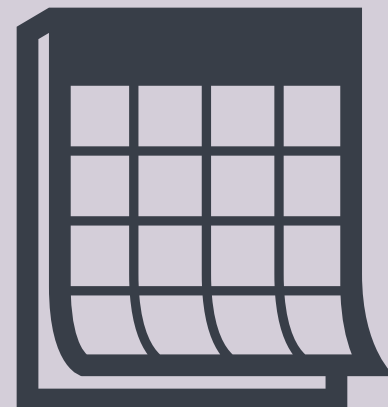
KMIS FAX
616.891.7013

**STUDENT SUPPORT
SERVICES**
616.891.8649 X2545

SCHOOL NURSE
616.891.8649 X2546

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9/30: 5th Grade Field Trip
10/1: 5th Grade Field Trip
10/2: KMIS Walk-A-Thon
10/7: Student Picture Day
10/9: Homecoming Football Game & Calapalooza
10/26: Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm
10/28: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6pm
10/29: Half Day for students - Dismissal @ 10:45 AM
10/30: No School



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KRAFT MEADOWS INTERMEDIATE

SPIRIT WEEK

OCT. 5 - OCT. 9

Monday

**Pajama/
Comfy Day**

Tuesday

**MiSmATch
Day**

Wednesday

**Dress to
Impress**
(School Picture Day)

Thursday

Sporty Day

Friday

**Purple &
Gold Day**



Cal HOMECOMING

Smile! Picture Day is Coming Soon!

(Student's Name) had a great picture day with Gpi

Your picture proofs will be available for viewing within 7 business days.

Scan to view your students pictures!

OR

Visit geskusphoto.com/fallorders and enter the following code: XXXXXXXXXX

This form is specific to Student's Name

After viewing your photo, if you wish to have retakes, please have your student bring this card on retake day

Retake Date: 00/00/00

PLEASE KEEP THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS

Customers' Visit photos are printed on (School Name) #1234



View more backgrounds, package options, and specialty items online at

*Please note: Online ordering is unavailable at this time

0-11310 1st Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49534 www.geskusphoto.com/contact-us

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GESKUS PHOTOGRAPHY INC.

will be at

Kraft Meadows Intermediate School

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Geskus Photography Inc. will be at your school to photograph all students.

**You do not need to bring payment at this time.
Photos will be available online for viewing and ordering
within 7 business days after picture day.**

**Viewing and ordering information will be given to you
on picture day.**

(see example above)

REMEMBER: BRING YOUR SMILES

..... 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!

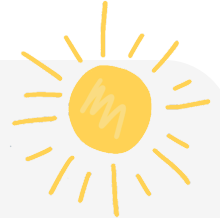
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444A4A829A5FBC43-65433993-calapalooza#/>

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

Student Support Services

MEDICAL FORM

MEDICATION MUST KNOW'S



***All students taking prescription medication at school must have a physician signed medication form prior to bringing meds to school.**

***Medication must be brought in by an adult.**

***The student may not bring any medication into school.**

***All over the counter medication must have the form signed by a parent.**

***If your child is not 12, please provide the children's dose.**

***Adult dosage must be approved by a physician for students under 12.**

***All medication must be in the original bottle and not expired.**

***Students may not carry any medication, including an inhaler or EpiPen without the form signed by a physician.**

SO YOU KNOW!

***Our school is still quite cool these days. Please have your child dress in layers.**

***Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school everyday!**

***Your child may NOT ride another bus to go home with a friend.**

*** If your child has a fever or throws up before school, PLEASE keep them home.**

Questions regarding Student Medications & Student Health can be directed to:

Lorna Hullinger - Student Support Services Coordinator
hullinger@calschools.org

or

Angie Aho - KMIS Nurse
Ahoh@calschools.org



HELP US KEEP OUR SCHOOL HEALTHY!

 **When Reporting Your Child's Absence Due to Illness, Please Share Important Health Information**

 **Michigan law requires schools to report the possible occurrence of communicable diseases to the local health department.**

Your information helps us protect the health and safety of our entire school community.



Please Tell Us:



If Your Child Has Been Diagnosed With:

- Strep Throat
- Influenza (Flu)
- COVID-19
- Chickenpox
- Pink Eye
- Other illnesses

AND

Who Made the Diagnosis?

- Healthcare Provider
 - Urgent Care
 - Emergency Department
 - Parent/Guardian
 - Other
-



If No Diagnosis Is Known, Please Describe Symptoms:



Fever



Vomiting



Diarrhea



Rash



Sore Throat



Cough



Other Symptoms



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)

Chess Scholars (1st - 4th Grades)

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

Thu 9/17 - 10/22 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$135

Location: Duncan Lake Middle School – door #9 Resource Center

Coding Club (Ages 8-13)

Laptop/Tablet Required. Headphones, keyboard, and mouse recommended

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.

Session 1 Wed 9/23 - 10/28 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$139

Session 2 Wed 11/4 - 12/16 (omit 11/25) 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$139

Location: Duncan Lake Middle School – door #9 Resource Center

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, improve basics and participate in interactive drama games. This is an opportunity for students to have fun, express themselves, and interact with others within the context of theatre arts.

Session 1 Mon 9/21 - 10/26 (K - 3rd grade) 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$139

Session 1 Mon 9/21 - 10/26 (4th - 6th grade) 6:45 - 7:45 pm \$139

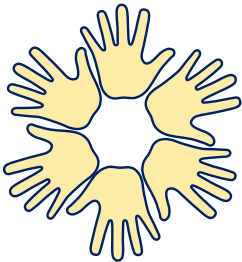
Session 2 Mon 11/9 - 12/14 (K - 3rd grade) 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$139

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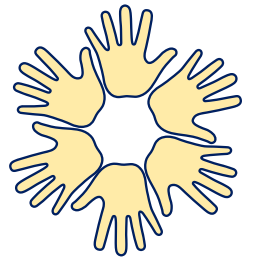
KMIS COUNSELING CORNER

Kraft Meadows Counseling Staff 2026-2027



Scott Bont-5th Grade
bonts@calschools.org

Renee Hartman - 6th Grade
Hartmanr@calschools.org



Counseling Corner:

Our Counseling team has been working with our PTO to assure that all kids were equipped with swag from the **be nice.** Organization and got to wear their **be nice.** T-shirts for the walk-a-thon - Oct 2 (thank you PTO!) Mrs. Hartman will be meeting with all of the 6th grade students to review the **be nice.** Action plan. Mr. Bont will be meeting with all 5th graders in October to learn and talk about the **BeNice** Action plan. Meet our program coordinator below;-) The **be nice.** Action plan is a mental health program teaching a 4 step plan to uphold our building standards of **SAFE, RESPECTFUL, AND RESPONSIBLE** behaviors. It's a suicide prevention program that saves lives. Check out their website [HERE](#).

Our Counselors and PTO leadership have also been having discussions of how we can better take care of ourselves, each other (both students and adults), and let others know that we care.



From the KMIS Library:

Our Scholastic Book Fair will begin in person on October 22nd and will be open for several days, but you can shop early online! Purchase books or gift cards for your students online, and it will definitely help our school!

Just click on the link below to access:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/kraftmeadowsintermediate>

Would you be able to volunteer at our book fair for an hour or so? We are in need of parent volunteers to help run the cash register during parent teacher conferences. Shifts are short, and the job is easy! Click on the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA4A82AAAFDC16-66169816-book>

KMIS ATHLETICS



MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS:

Mr. Phil Miedema, Athletic Director

Taylor Kastens, MS Athletic Director, Assistant HS AD

Mrs. Shelia Swartz, Athletic Coordinator

LOOKING AHEAD:

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 sport season (October - December) and Boy's Swim will take place during the Winter II sports season (January - March). The teams will consist of 6th, 7th and 8th graders. You can sign your student up on FinalForms.

Winter I sports: begin on October 20, 2025 and includes the following sport for 6th graders: 6th/7th/8th Girls Swim. Girls Swim will begin on October 20, 2025 and will take place at the new Caledonia Community Center (9757 Kraft Ave.).

Winter II sports: begin on January 5, 2026 and includes the following sports for 6th graders: 6th/7th/8th Coed Wrestling and 6th/7th/8th Boys Swim

Spring Sports: begins on March 16, 2026 and includes the following sports for 6th graders: 6th/7th/8th Girls Tennis.

- 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 for (parent and 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 4/15/25. Any physical dated before April 15, 2025 is null and void. Athletic Physicals must be uploaded and cleared by the Athletic Department **before** student/athletes can participate in practices/competitions.

Athletic payment portals 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.

Remember 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 beginning at 2:45/3:00 pm.

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

[Final Forms Instructions](#)
[Final Forms Website/Registration](#)



PARENT / SKIER MEETING

Great Skiers, Great Students, Great Kids!

 Wednesday, November 4th
7:00 – 8:00 PM

 South Campus Cafeteria

AGENDA

- Cost and Equipment Needed
- Practice Schedule and Transportation
- Racing (NASTAR & at Cannonsburg)



WEST MICHIGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL GS SERIES

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.

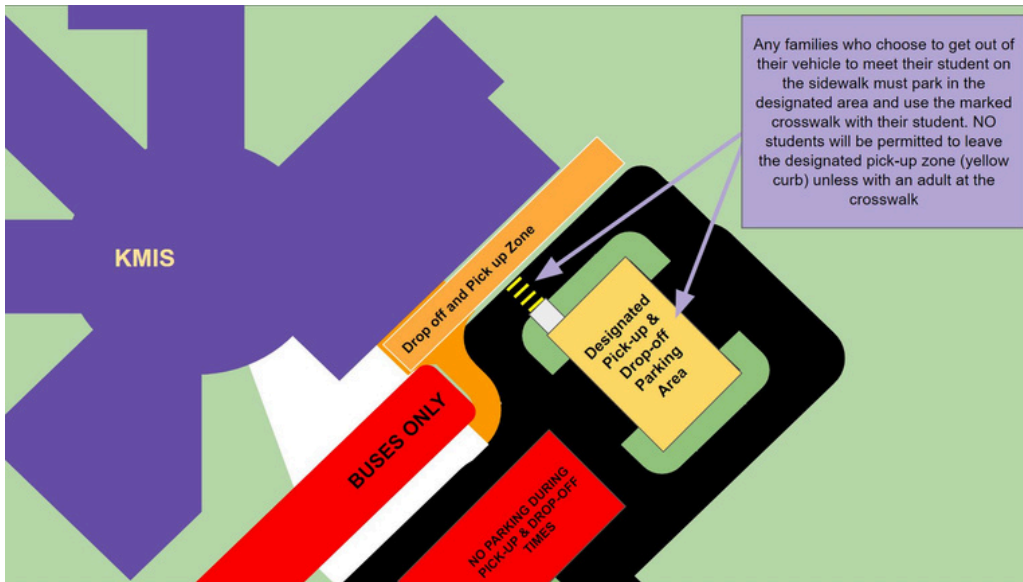
The team practices on Sundays and is a great way for our athletes to learn a new sport that they can compete in for the rest of their lives. At the meeting we will cover all aspects of our sport and the commitment being on the team requires. If you are interested in the team please complete the following short questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/L6tBKvpzcxMxMUKL9>

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

Drop-off & Pick-up Procedures

MORNING DROP-OFF -- 7:00AM-7:35AM
AFTERNOON PICK-UP -- 2:30PM-2:45PM

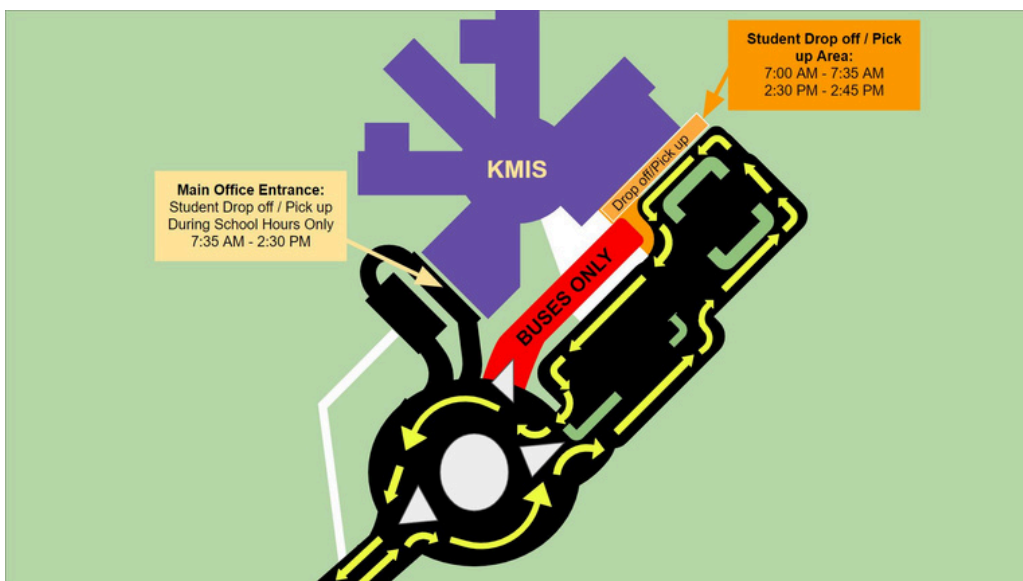
NOTE: - To ensure the safety of students, anyone getting out of their vehicle to meet their student on the sidewalk must park in the designated zone (see maps) and use the marked crosswalk. **All students must either get in cars at the yellow curb or use the designated crosswalk accompanied by an adult.** NO students will be permitted to leave the pick-up zone (yellow curb zone) unless with an adult at the crosswalk. This limits any crossing of the traffic lanes to one clearly marked area. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



For those driving to Kraft Meadows, please remember that the pick-up and drop-off area gets very congested, so plan to spend several minutes in line. Our common goal is a safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up. We are all in this together as the models of positive, cooperative behavior for our students.

Here are a few reminders:

- Plan ahead and expect to spend time in line (usually 10 minutes or less from start to finish at Kraft Ave.)
- Be mindful of the crosswalks along the entrance driveway (Scotsmoor & Paul Henry Trail) Stop for bikers and walkers
- Keep the roundabout clear
- Do not enter the Bus Zone
- Stay in vehicles unless parking in the designated area and using the marked crosswalk with your student
- Pay attention to staff directing traffic and follow their instructions
- Be patient. Politeness goes a long way.



KRAFT MEADOWS

Intermediate

SCHOOL DAY

Start Time: 7:35 AM Dismissal: 2:30 PM

Parent Drop Off Doors: Open @ 7:00 AM

Breakfast Available: 7:00-7:30 AM

Students who do not ride the bus home, we ask that they are picked up by 2:45 PM.





Don't Forget *to fill out your* Forms Online!

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



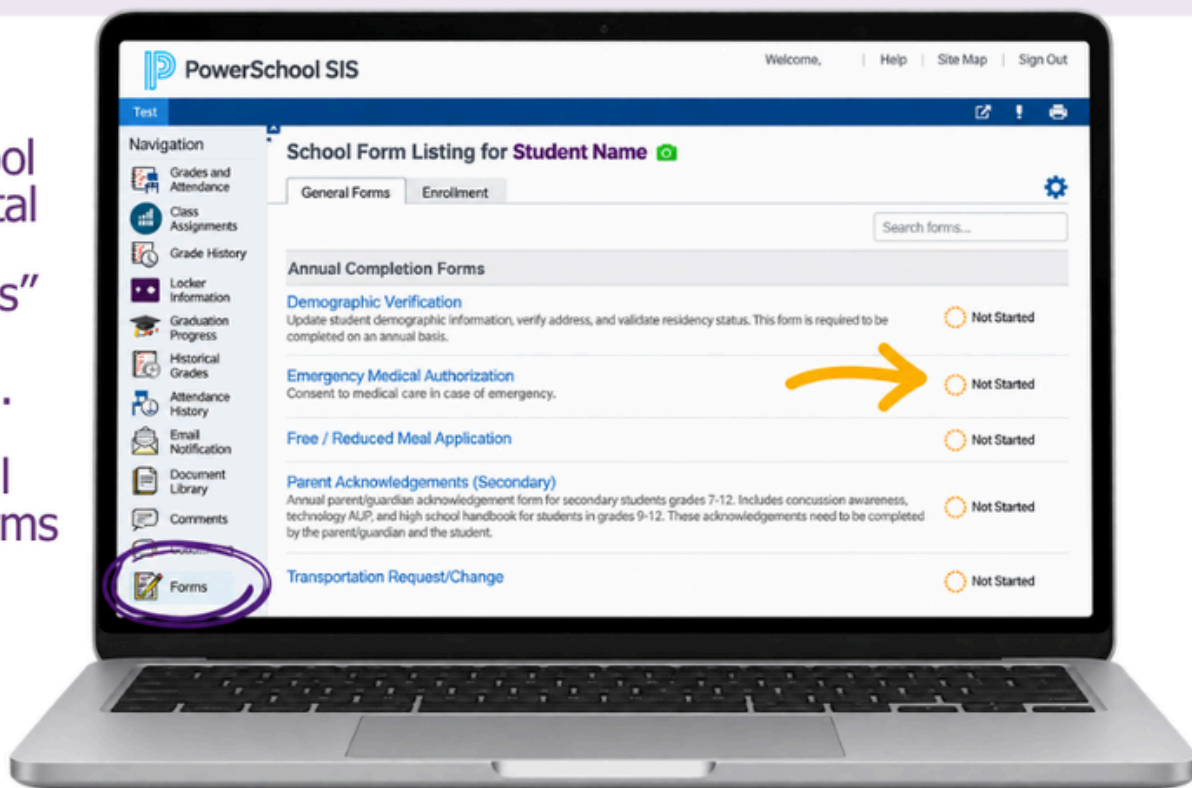
Log in to
PowerSchool
Parent Portal



Click "Forms"
in the left-
hand menu.



Complete all
required forms
for your
student(s).



District Code:

GHDL

Need Help?

Visit our PowerSchool Support Page on our website for assistance.



calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support

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CCS APP

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- 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

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[PowerSchool Support](#)

District Code:

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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!**