

FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



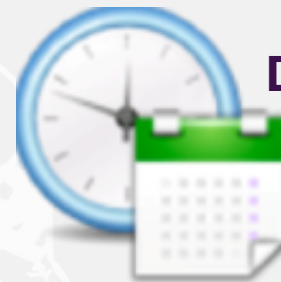
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DLMS CONTACT INFO

DLMS PHONE
616.891.1380

DLMS FAX
616.891.0833



DLMS Daily Absence Report

MARK YOUR *Cal* ENDARS

- *10/11 - Color-A-Thon 10am
- *10/27 - Parent/Guardian Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
- *10/29 - Parent/Guardian Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
- *10/30 - Student ½ Day (PM Staff PD)
- *10/31 - No School
- *11/26-11/28 - No School/Thanksgiving Break

OCTOBER

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STAY CONNECTED



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GENERAL INFORMATION

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DOORS OPEN AT 7:05 AM

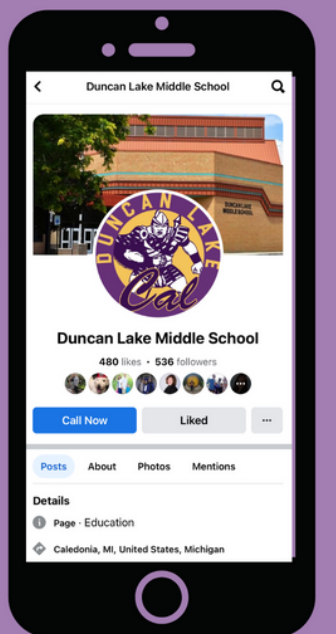
SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:35 AM

SCHOOL ENDS AT 2:30 PM

**Community
Opportunities**

Cal

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



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

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Drop-Off



For families approaching from Johnson Street, please ensure all students use the designated crosswalk and do not walk across traffic. Your care, courtesy, and adherence to our procedures help keep everyone safe and the line moving.

FFA Meetings

Middle School FFA starts after school on Tuesdays from 2:35pm-3:35pm.
Sign up using the link below.

[FFA Sign UP](#)

NJHS Informational Meeting

DLMS Students interested in applying for National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) membership can find out more information about the application process.

When: September 30th and October 2nd @ 7:15am

Where: DLMS PAC



School Meals Update *Cal*

FREE MEALS through 9/30/25 | PAID MEALS BEGIN 10/1/25
if "Free for All" program is not continued by the State of Michigan

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students through September 30, 2025. If the State of Michigan does not finalize a 2025–26 budget that continues the “Free for All” program by October 1, 2025, schools will return to paid meals and the Free & Reduced Meals program.

What should families do now?

1. Set up Family Portal
2. Add funds, check balances, set limits
3. Apply for Free & Reduced Meals

Prices if paid meals resume:

Breakfast: \$1.45
Elementary Lunch: \$2.40
Middle School Lunch: \$2.65–\$4.00
High School Lunch: \$2.65–\$4.00



 <https://caledonia.familyportal.cloud/>

It's more than just free meals...

Why Apply?

- **Extra Funding:** Supports your child's school and programs.
- **Fee Discounts:** Save on college applications, tests (SAT/ACT/AP), credit recovery, and Chromebook Care Plans.
- **Athletics:** Reduced fees for pay-to-participate sports.
- **Tech Access:** Boosts funding for technology and internet access.



It's Easy to Apply!

Visit caledonia.familyportal.cloud or call our Food Service Department at 616-891-0227 for assistance.

Even if meals are free, submitting the application helps **ALL students** in our district.

Let's work together to make the most of this opportunity!

Cal



Breakfast Club

Serving Times

High School North/South – 7:00 AM

Duncan Lake MS – 7:00 AM

Kraft Intermediate – 7:00 AM

All Elementary Schools – 8:30 AM

Location: Breakfast is served in all cafeterias

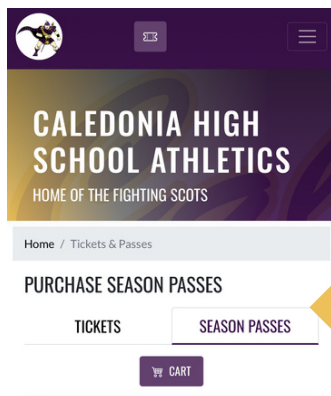
Questions? Food Service: 616-891-0227 (Katie Bos or Beth Strzyzewski)



DIGITAL TICKETING *Cal*

Buy a season pass?

You'll need this app to show it!
No screenshots of passes allowed.



Passes can be purchased in the Caledonia Athletic Office or online.

<http://caledoniaathletics.org/Tickets>



Download the eventlink app!



Download the app in Google Play or the App Store.

PowerSchool Forms



Please ensure that you complete your PowerSchool forms online by September 30.

Parent acknowledgments, student demographic information, and more need to be updated annually to help us serve your student, meet state/federal compliance requirements, and stay connected throughout the year.

Buildings can help reset passwords if needed.

District Code: GHDL
Deadline: September 30

Need Help?
www.calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support/



Mrs. Belote is looking for Duncan Lake 7th and 8th-grade students to participate in a creative writing team this school year. Do you love writing fiction of all sorts? Have you started writing on the side or have an interest in writing creative fiction? Come try out for Cal's creative writing team! Students making the team will meet once per week starting October 8 in Mrs. Belote's room after school (from 2:45-3:45 PM) on Wednesdays. If you are interested in participating, please complete the form below, and more information will be sent to your parent/guardian if you make the team.

For more information on the creative writing team for DLMS, please speak with Mrs. Belote in room 306.

Tryouts: Wednesday, October 1st, and Thursday, October 2nd in Mrs. Belote's room after school from 2:45-3:45. Tryouts consist of writing a story in a specified prompt and genre with an hour time limit. Those making the team will be notified by email by Monday, October 6.

[Google Form Sign Up](#)

Deadline to sign up for tryouts: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

GAME ON SCOTS!

Level Up for
Homecoming 2025
Sept. 29-Oct. 3

Monday **START** PRESS START
Sept 29 'Retro gamer day'

DRESS: Bright/Neon colors or
80's/90's throwback vibes



Tuesday. Choose Your
Sept. 30 Character



DRESS: Character shirts (superhero, Disney,
Pokemon, etc) OR rep your fav. team/player

Wednesday. REST MODE
Oct. 1 'Comfy wins today'



DRESS: Cozy hoodies, lounge wear,
cozy shoes, fuzzy socks, etc

Thursday. VERSUS MODE
Oct. 2



DRESS: 7th-Red 8th-Blue Staff-Green
Wear as much of the color as you can!

Friday. FINAL BOSS LEVEL
Oct. 3



DRESS: School colors head to toe!

We Are a Hand2Hand School



A free weekend food opportunity for kids!

Hand2Hand Permission Slip 2025-2026 school year



*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.*

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616.209.2779
h2hkids.org



DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRESENTS

FIRST EVER

COLOR-A-THON!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

START AT 10:00 AM | DLMS

COST: \$ 30

COST INCLUDES T-SHIRT + COLOR PACK! SUPPORTS OUR PBIS STORE!

[Sign Up Info](#)



PTO UPDATE



The Scots Store is a place where students can purchase desired items with earned virtual PBIS tickets. Students receive tickets from staff for positive behaviors.

We are looking for volunteers to help oversee the store and facilitate purchases. The store will be open each Tuesday and Thursday before school starts. You can sign up for as many dates as you would like.

*Please note: - ALL volunteers must have a background check on file. If we do not have enough volunteers for a particular date the store will not be open for that day.

Sign up here!



PTO Meetings

*November 10th

*January 12th

*March 9th

All meetings held in the DLMS Library at 6:00pm

PTO UPDATE



Wear new CAL gear and show your Scots pride! Outfit the entire family for back-to-school with t-shirts, hoodies, jackets, hats, and more!



ORDER YOURS TODAY!

Orders placed between 9/3/25 and 10/2/25 will be ready around 10/21/25

DLMS ATHLETICS

Monday 9/29

Boys Tennis Practice
2:45-4:30pm (DLMS Tennis Courts)
Cross Country Practice 2:45-4:00pm
Volleyball **Match** 7A/8A @
Thornapple Kellogg 4:00pm; 7B/8B
HOME vs Thornapple Kellogg
4:00pm

Tuesday 9/30

Boys Tennis **Match** @ Forest
Hills Eastern MS 4:00pm
Cross Country **Meet** @ Byron
Center West MS 4:30pm
Sideline Cheer 2:45-5:00pm
(North Mat Room of Main Gym)
Volleyball 2:45-4:30pm (Main &
Aux Gyms)

Wednesday 10/1

Boys Tennis Practice 2:45-4:30pm (DLMS
Tennis Courts)
Cross Country Practice 2:45-4:00pm
Sideline Cheer **Game** @ Wayland MS
5:00pm
Volleyball **Match** 7A/8A @ Wayland MS
4:00pm
7B/8B at HOME vs. Wayland MS 4:00pm

Thursday 10/2

Boys Tennis **Match** HOME vs. Byron
Center Orange 4:45pm (HS Tennis
Courts)
Cross Country Practice 2:45pm-
4:00pm
Sideline Cheer 2:45-5:00pm (North
Mat Room of Main Gym)
Volleyball 2:45-4:30pm (Main & Aux
Gyms)

Friday 10/3

Practice:
Boys Tennis
2:45-4:30pm (DLMS Tennis Courts)
Cross Country Practice 2:45-4:00pm
Sideline Cheer (practice/tumbling) 2:45-
5:30pm (North Mat Room of Main Gym)
Volleyball 2:45-4:30pm - **ONLY A**
TEAMS (Main/Aux Gyms)

Saturday 10/4

**Volleyball Tournament @ Forest
Hills Northern HS
7:30am**

DLMS ATHLETICS



PHYSICAL AND FINAL FORMS INFORMATION

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 & 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 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

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DLMS ATHLETICS

LOOKING AHEAD IN *Cal* 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 sport 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 20, 2025 and includes the following sports: 7th/8th Boys Basketball, 7th/8th Girls Competitive Cheer, 6th/7th/8th Girls Swim

- Boys Basketball tryouts will be held on October 20, 21, and 22 from 2:45 - 4:30 PM. Boys trying out are expected to attend all three days of tryouts.
- Competitive Cheer will begin on October 20, 2025 from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Girls Swim will take place at the new Caledonia Community Center (9757 Kraft Ave.) and will begin on October 20, 2025. Practice times coming soon!

Winter II Sports: begins on January 5, 2026 and includes the following sports: 7th/8th Girls Basketball, 6th/7th/8th Coed Wrestling, 6th/7th/8th Boys Swim

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

MS Athletics

Mr. Phil Miedema, Athletic Director

Mr. Jeremy Palmitier, MS Athletic Director, Assistant HS AD

Mrs. Karen Sundberg, Athletic Administrative Assistant

DLMS ARTS



*MSVMA Honors Choir auditions are open until **October 3, 2025***

October 6, 2025 – 8th grade band performs marching band pre-game with the high school marching band - 6:45 PM

November 6, 2025 - 7th and 8th grade orchestra concert 7:00 PM - Duncan Lake Performing Arts Center

November 11, 2025 – 7th and 8th grades Veterans' Day Concert – 6:00 and 7:00 PM – Duncan Lake Performing Arts Center

November 13, 2025 - Fall Choir Concert 7:00 PM - Duncan Lake Performing Arts Center

November 25, 2025 - Strike Concert Dedication to Families of Children with Special Needs - 7:00 PM - Duncan Lake Performing Arts Center

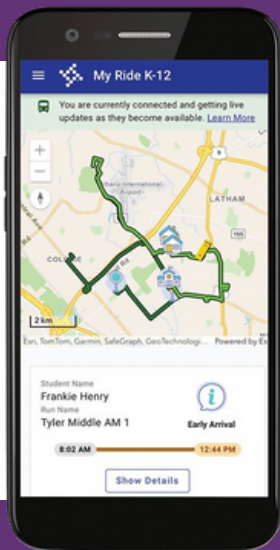


Apps to Keep You Connected

MyRide App!

- Download the My Ride App
- Create an Account, Select CCS, and add your student(s)
- View bus stop locations, routes, and pickup times
- Receive real-time updates on bus arrivals

🔗 www.calschools.org/resources/my-ride-support/



Download the APP today!

CCS App!

- Access school news, calendars, and extracurricular updates
- Receive notifications from district or school(s) you follow
- Works on iPhone, iPad, Android, Chromebook, or web
- Subscribe for text/email updates if you don't have a smartphone

🔗 www.calschools.org/resources/app-support/



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Community Events & Flyers

Visit the [Community Events & Flyers page](#) to stay connected with happenings in Caledonia and view community flyers!

- **Community Flyers** are submitted by local non-profits and youth organizations, and are published by CCS after review
- **Submit a flyer** via the district's Google Form (allow at least 5 business days)
- **Subscribe to notifications** via the CCS app (follow "Community") or the website RSS feed

Our amazing community provides opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. Stay connected through our apps and website to ensure your family never misses an update.

