

# FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



## Highlights

- Student Drop-Off
- Picture Retakes
- Spirit Week
- Creative Writing Tryouts
- FFA and NJHS Meetings
- Hand2Hand
- Color-A-Thon
- CAL Spirit Store
- PTO Updates
- DLMS Arts
- DLMS Athletics

### DLMS CONTACT INFO

**DLMS PHONE**  
616.891.1380

**DLMS FAX**  
616.891.0833

### DLMS Daily Absence Report



## MARK YOUR *Cal* ENDARS

- \*9/24 - Picture Retakes
- \*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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### NOVEMBER

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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**



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](mailto: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.

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## **FFA Meetings**

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

[FFA Sign UP](#)

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## **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 30<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:15am

**Where:** DLMS PAC



# PICTURE RETAKES

## RETAKE DAY

**is September 24th!**

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

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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.*

**Contact Us**  
[permissionslip@h2hkids.org](mailto:permissionslip@h2hkids.org)  
616.209.2779  
[h2hkids.org](http://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](#)!**

MEETING

## PTO Meeting

Monday, September 22nd @ 6:00-7:00pm  
DLMS Library

# 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 9/22

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

## Tuesday 9/23

Boys Tennis **Match** @ Gainey  
Athletic Facility 4:00pm  
Cross Country **Meet** @ HOME  
(KMIS) 4:30pm  
Sideline Cheer 2:45-5:00pm  
(North Mat Room of Main Gym)  
Volleyball 2:45-4:30pm (Main &  
Aux Gyms)

## Wednesday 9/24

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

## Thursday 9/25

Boys Tennis **Match** HOME vs. FH  
Central MS 4:45pm (HS Tennis Courts)  
Cross Country Invite @ Wayland MS  
4:30pm  
Sideline Cheer 2:45-5:00pm (North  
Mat Room of Main Gym)  
Volleyball 2:45-4:30pm (Main & Aux  
Gyms)

## Friday 9/26

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



# 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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[!\[\]\(dd161862f9164df98f62b726e9846241\_img.jpg\) Final Forms Website/Registration](#)

# 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

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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





# School Meals Update



As of now, the State of Michigan has not finalized its budget, and discussions continue in Lansing. **At this time, we can confirm that breakfast and lunch will be free for all students through September 30, 2025.**

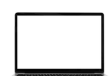
Once the state budget is approved, we will share updates with families. If the statewide "Free for All" program does not continue, schools will return to the Free and Reduced Meal Program that was in place prior to 2023. To qualify for those benefits, families must complete the Free and Reduced Meal Application.

The Federal Free/Reduced Meal Application determines the amount of federal funding for the district, impacting **ALL students**.

**\$ 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](https://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!



## Breakfast Club Breakfast Meal Prices

Breakfast will be free for all students through September 30, 2025

## 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

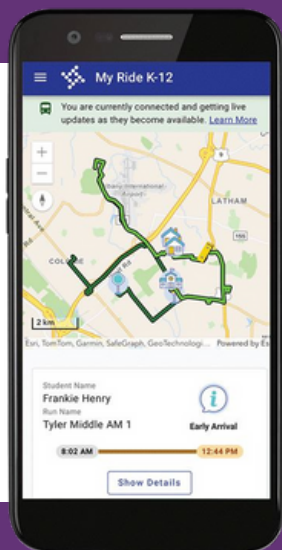
**START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT** The Student Breakfast Program is available to all students every weekday morning. School breakfast makes good sense – it provides 25% of your child's daily nutritional needs and meets dietary guidelines and recommendations. This year, we are also switching back to real Uncrustables (rather than the soy-butter sandwiches), giving students a familiar and well-loved option to start their day.

# 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/](http://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

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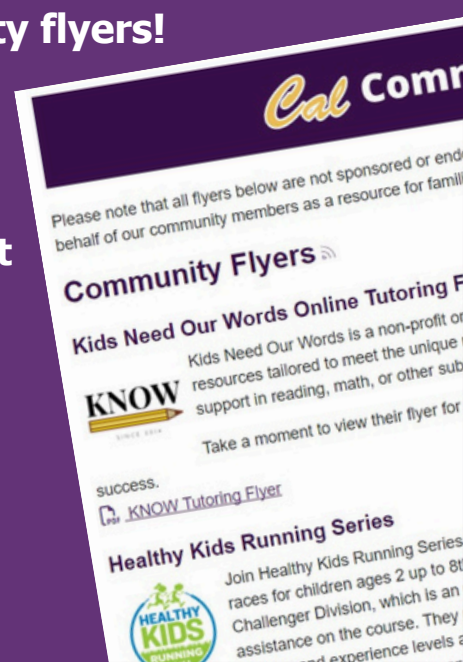
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## Community Events & Flyers

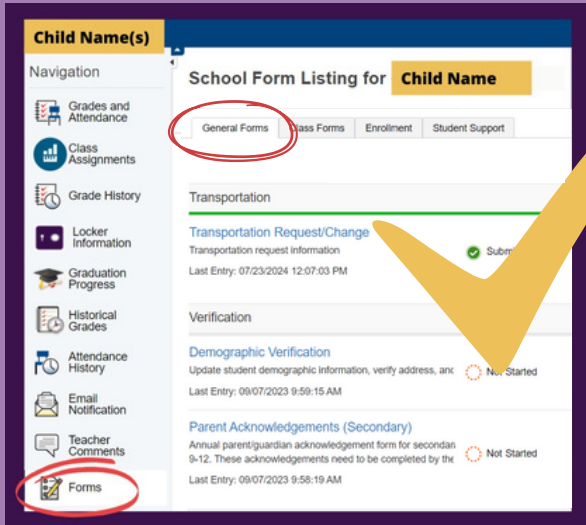
Visit the [Community Events & Flyers page](#) to stay connected with happenings in Caledonia and view community flyers!

- **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.



# PowerSchool Forms



**Be sure to complete your forms online today.**

As we begin the new school year, we ask all families to go into PowerSchool to update their forms. These include parent acknowledgements, student demographic information, photo releases, and more. Keeping this information current helps us serve your student 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/](http://www.calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support/)

## Chromebook Coverage

Caledonia Community Schools is offering the optional but highly recommended ChromeCare Plan for all district-issued Chromebooks for the 2025–26 school year.

**The purchase window is open now through September 20.**

Families who do not opt in will be responsible for all repair or replacement costs. For payment directions, repair cost details, and information about the Student Chromebook Initiative, go to our [website](#) for more information.



**ChromeCare Insurance for district provided devices is \$20\***

\*Discounted pricing is available for families who qualify for free or reduced meals, as well as a family maximum rate for larger families.

**Questions?** Contact the Tech Office at [helpdesk@calschools.org](mailto:helpdesk@calschools.org)

**[www.calschools.org/departments/technology/student-chromebook-initiative/](http://www.calschools.org/departments/technology/student-chromebook-initiative/)**