

FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



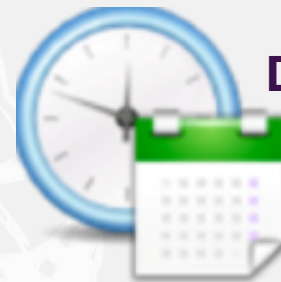
Highlights

- NJHS Information
- Absence Reminder
- PTO Update
- DLMS Athletics & Arts
- PowerSchool Forms
- Food Service
- Community Town Hall

DLMS CONTACT INFO

DLMS PHONE
616.891.1380

DLMS FAX
616.891.0833



**DLMS Daily
Absence
Report**

MARK YOUR *Cal* ENDARS

- *10/8 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- *10/10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- *10/31 - Student 1/2 Day - (10:45am dismissal)
- *11/27-11/29 - Thanksgiving Break

October

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

- No School
- Student 1/2 Day

STAY CONNECTED



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Cal

DOORS OPEN AT 7:05 AM

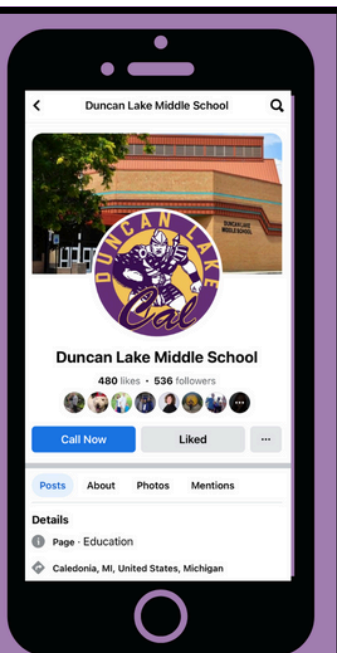
SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:35 AM

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.

Student Drop-Off

As school begins, it is a good time to review the traffic flow procedures for students being driven to and from school.

All drivers should enter off of Kraft Avenue or Johnson Street and students should be dropped off on the west side of the building. **Make sure that students are using the crosswalks and not walking between the cars.** Please DO NOT drop off students on the east side of the building as this is used for bus drop-off only.

The safety of our students, staff, and visitors is a top priority at Duncan Lake Middle School and we thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.



NJHS Informational Meeting

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

When: Tuesday, October 1st & Thursday, October 3rd

Where: DLMS PAC 7:15am



GENERAL INFORMATION



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

Orders placed between 9/23/24 and 10/20/24 will be ready 11/6/24!



Cal
Spirit Store



ORDER
HERE

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.

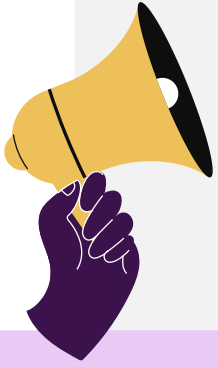


Days Absent



#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!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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. Opening day is **Tuesday, October 1st!** 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 11
January 13
March 3
May 12

All meetings are held at 7:00pm in the DLMS Library

DLMS ATHLETICS



WHAT'S GOING ON IN *Cal* ATHLETICS

Changes for MS Athletics for 2024-2025 school year: Co-Ed Tennis (which was a Spring sport) will be changing at the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Boys tennis will be held in the fall and girls tennis will be held in the spring

Monday 9/30

Boys Tennis Practice
2:45pm-4:30pm
XC Practice 2:45pm-4pm
Sideline Cheer
Practice/Tumbling 2:45-
5:30pm
Volleyball Games vs. Jenison
MS

Tuesday 10/1

Boys Tennis Matches Home
vs Riley St. MS
Cross Country Meet at EK HS
Sideline Cheer Practice 2:45-
4:45pm
Volleyball Practice 2:45-
4:30pm

Wednesday 10/2

Boys Tennis Practice
2:45pm-4:30pm
XC Practice 2:45pm-4
Sideline Cheer @ Home
Volleyball Games @ Home vs
TK MS

Thursday 10/3

Boys Tennis Matches @
Valleywood MS
Cross Country Meet (Color
Run) @ Northview MS
Volleyball Practice 2:45-
4:30pm

Friday 10/4

Boys Tennis Practice 2:45pm-
4:30pm
XC Practice 2:45pm-4:00pm
Volleyball Practice 2:45pm-
4:30pm

Saturday 10/5

Volleyball 7th grade
tournament @ Northview MS
and HS

In order to participate on a School sponsored sports team, your student-athlete must be registered on Final Forms. If you were registered for the 2023-24 school year, you will need to review your information and update as needed for the 2024-25 school year. You will also need to sign the forms for the 2024-25 school year. An updated Athletic Physical (signed and dated by the physician on or after 4/15/2024) will also need to be uploaded in order for your student-athlete to be cleared to try out and/or participate on school sponsored teams.

DLMS ATHLETICS



WHAT'S COMING UP IN *Cal* ATHLETICS

Boys Basketball: Tryouts will be held on Monday, October 21, Tuesday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 23 from 2:45 - 4:30 PM. Boys must attend all three days of tryouts.

Girls Competitive Cheer: Tryouts will be held on Monday, October 21, Tuesday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 23 from 2:45 - 4:45 PM. Girls must attend all three days of tryouts.

Girls Basketball: Tryouts will be held on Monday, January 6, Tuesday, January 7 and Wednesday, January 8 from 2:45 - 4:30 PM. Girls must attend all three days of tryouts.

Co-Ed Wrestling: Practices begin on Monday, January 6, 2025 from 2:45 - 4:30 PM

Before Tryouts 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 signed and dated by the physician on or after 4/15/24.
- Athletic payments portal will not be open until after tryouts and teams are set. 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.
- For more information, see the Caledonia Community School Fighting Scots 6th - 12th Athletic Handbook

DLMS ATHLETICS



Final Forms Registration

All student-athletes are required to be registered in our online athletic registration program. We are partnered with **FINALFORMS**, an online forms and data management service. **FINALFORMS** allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms for your students online. The most exciting news is that **FINALFORMS** saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice! You will review your information once per school year to verify the information is correct and sign the forms (if you have registered your athlete before). Using **FINALFORMS** is a one-stop-shop for the entire registration process. On the Athletics homepage, you will see a link for the "Parent Playbook" which gives you step by step instructions through the registration process. The registration link is: <https://caledonia-mi.finalforms.com>. Registration for all school sponsored athletic teams for the 2024-2025 school year will be open on June 1.



All athletes are also required to have a completed Athletic Physical uploaded on **FINALFORMS** as well. This physical needs to be completed, signed and dated by the physician on or after April 15, 2024.

PAID

Payment for athletics is not required until after the 1st scheduled competition. You will be notified by **FINALFORMS** when payment is due. At this point you will have 1 week to pay. If payment is not received within this 1 week window, your child will not be able to continue participating until payment is received.

DLMS ARTS



WHAT'S GOING ON IN *Cal* ARTS

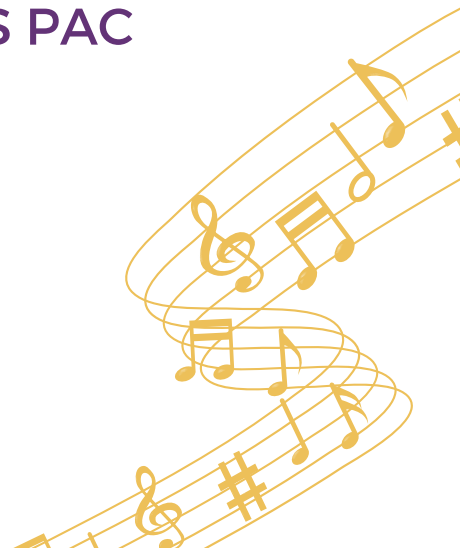


🎵 Thursday, November 7 - 7:00pm
Orchestra Concert @ DLMS PAC

🎵 Tuesday, November 12 - 6:30pm
Veteran's Day Band Concert @ DLMS PAC

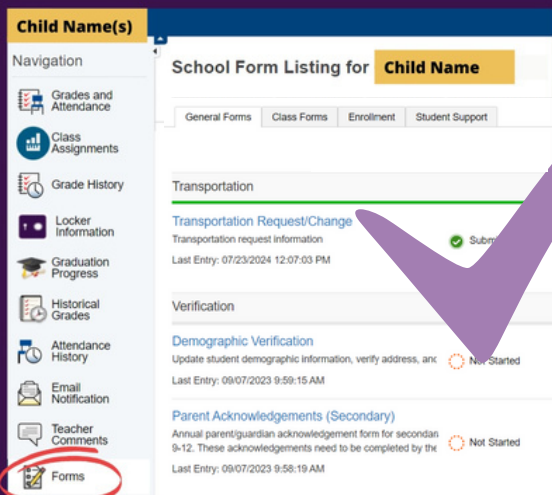
🎵 Thursday, November 14 - 7:00pm
Fall Choir Concert @ DLMS PAC

🎵 Tuesday, November 26 - 7:00pm
Strike Ensemble Concert @ DLMS PAC





PowerSchool Forms



Don't forget to fill out your forms online!

Visit our PowerSchool Support Page on our Website for assistance!

 www.calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support/

District Code: GHDL

DOWNLOAD the CCS Mobile App!

 [APP Tutorials](http://www.calschools.org/resources/app-support/)

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



- School Calendars
- School Directories
- Parent Quick Links
- Communication
- Newsletters
- Athletic Information
- And more!

OUR PROCESS

1

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Community flyers will be posted on our website and pushed out to our app for families to view upcoming events and community information.

2

SUBMIT A FLYER

The district accepts submissions from non-profit organizations of non-curricular flyers that have a social, recreational, or educational value for students

3

SUBSCRIBE

Follow the Community Section on our app, or subscribe to be notified by email on our website.

Community Flyers

We're Digital!



www.calschools.org/community/community-events-flyers





FREE meals for all enrolled CCS students for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

It's more than just free meals...

Even though meals are free this year, it's crucial for our district to know which families qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. **Completing this form** helps in several ways:

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

7 Reasons to Complete the Free & Reduced Lunch Application



Increased funding to support your child's school



Discounts for fees associated with college application process



Discounted fees for SAT, ACT & AP tests along with scholarship opportunities



Discounts on pay-to-participate fees for qualifying student athletes



Additional funding for technology and internet access



Receive discounts on fees associated with credit recovery



Discounts on Chromebook Care Plans for qualifying families



A new application is **REQUIRED** each school year. So, even if you applied a year ago, a new application must be submitted for the 2024-25 school year.

<https://caledonia.familyportal.cloud>

Contact our food service department at 616-891-0227 for additional assistance.

What makes a meal...

Each day, your child is offered a lunch containing the following:

Meat or Meal Alternative
Grain
Fruit, Vegetable
And of course, Milk!

Must pick at least 3!

Here's an example menu:
Cheeseburger on a Bun
1/2 cup Carrots
1/2 cup French Fries
1/2 cup Peaches
8 oz. of Milk

Lunch menus available online



www.calschools.org/departments/food-service/

Don't forget breakfast...

Join us each morning; breakfast is a great way to kick off your child's day!



**A note about breakfast:

Breakfast choices are a little different. Students must take at least 3 of the offered items at breakfast, one must be a fruit or vegetable.

Strategic Plan Refresh COMMUNITY TOWN HALLS

Join us in shaping the future of Caledonia Community Schools. Whether your passion lies in education, community well-being, or how we sustain and organize our district's resources, your insights are invaluable. We invite you to participate in one or both of our Community Town Halls, where your voice will help guide our district's direction. **Your Voice Matters!**

Session #1

- **Wednesday**
September 25, 2024
6:00 - 7:30 PM
- **Focus:**
Teaching & Learning
Whole Child / Whole Community
- **Location:**
CHS South Learning Commons

Session #2

- **Monday**
September 30, 2024
6:00 - 7:30 PM
- **Focus:**
Fiscal Sustainability
Organizational Coherence
- **Location:**
CHS South Learning Commons

Can't make both? No worries!

Each session stands alone, so join us for the topics that matter most to you.

RSVP and let us know you will be there!

<https://forms.gle/7M59cYERnhkXCEBq6>



Strategic Plan Refresh Updates



Follow Our Website

To keep up with the latest developments, **please visit our website at www.calschools.org/strategic-plan-refresh**. There, you'll find updates on the progress, milestones achieved, and opportunities to engage with the plan.



Share Your Feedback:

Your feedback is important to us! We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas through the **feedback form available on our website**. Your insights will help shape the future of our schools and community.