



The Emmons Lake Scots Spotlight

Emmons Lake Elementary

Sept 12, 2025

Educational Excellence... Every Day, Every Child!

THE WEEK

at a glance



MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	Thurs.	FRI.
9/29 PJ Comfy Day  9:30am	9/30 MiSmAtch Day	10/1 Sports Day Count Day	10/2 Crazy Hair Day	10/03 Purple & Gold Day
10/6	10/7	10/8	10/9	10/10

A note from the Principal:

Emmons Lake Community,

The school year is officially up and running with intervention groups starting this week and all systems in motion! It has been amazing to analyze our beginning-of-the-year data and form student-focused plans that set everyone up for success and growth.

One quick note before I move on to other updates: **our building will be hosting Halloween parties on Thursday, October 30.** Your child's teacher will reach out with the specific time for their class celebration, as the schedule varies by grade level that day. Additionally, due to safety concerns that arose last year, we will not be holding a formal, building-wide parade this year. This change is intended to help us prioritize student safety while still allowing classrooms to celebrate in fun and meaningful ways.

I'm looking forward to seeing our school community at Harvest Hustle tomorrow night and again at our first "Coffee With the Principal" on Monday, September 29, at 9:30 a.m.

Topics for this event will include:

- * Attendance
- * Beginning-of-the-year data
- * New systems and structures for this school year
- * Supports available for students
- * School safety procedures

We will also be hosting our first lockdown drill of the year next week. If you have questions about what that process looks like, what language to use with students, or how to best support your child in these hard-to-navigate conversations, I'd love to connect with you Monday morning!

Educationally yours,
Mr. Walters

Contact Us:



Lauren Carpenter
Angela Royce



616-528-8100

Upcoming Events:

Emmons Lake Calendar

- 9/29 Coffee with the Principal
- 9/29 Sprit Week Starts
- 10/1 Count Day
- 10/14 Picture Retake Day
- 10/30 Half Day
- 10/31 NO School

S.O.A.R.

Safety, Ongoing Kindness, Act Responsibly, Respect

Table Talk :

Ask your child how they are S.O.A.R.ing at school this week.

Things to Know:

Action Needed by September 30, 2025:

Please log in to [PowerSchool \(Parent Portal\)](#) and complete your student's "FORMS".

To do this, click on the "Forms" button in the left menu. The next screen will list the applicable forms (only those listed on the General Forms tab).

Complete all Annual Completion Forms.

Review and submit any applicable Verification Forms as desired.

Click her for step-by-step instructions on our [PowerSchool Support](#) page.

Helpful Links Below:

[Emmons Lake Website Here](#)

[Mobile App Support](#)

[PowerSchool](#)

[Breakfast Menu](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[School Breakfast & Lunch Program
Update Information](#)



[Volunteer - Get Involved - Info Here:](#)

THE PTO NEWS

Eagle Feathers Parent-Teacher Organization

emmonsPTO@calschools.org

★ Thank You from the PTO! ★

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Harvest Hustle walk and to all of the amazing volunteers who helped during the walk and at the evening carnival! We truly appreciate the way our community came together to make Harvest Hustle and the carnival such a fun and successful event for our students and families.

📌 UPCOMING EVENTS

📅 October 3rd **Calapalooza**

🎉 A family fun community event supporting the Caledonia Education Foundation, teachers and staff in our district, and our community.

Teacher Conferences & Literati Book Fair

📅 October 21st & 23rd

📖 The Book Fair will run the same week as conferences—stay tuned for more details!

📍 NEXT PTO MEETING 📍

📅 November 18th

🕒 4:00 PM

📍 Cafeteria

Bring your ideas, energy, and excitement— let's keep building fun community events together

As always, reach out to the PTO with any questions!

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EMMONS LAKE ELEMENTARY SPIRIT WEEK

SEPT. 29 - OCT. 3

Monday

**Pajama/
Comfy Day**

Tuesday

**MiSmATch
Day**

Wednesday

Sporty Day
(Jersey, Number,
or Sports Wear)

Thursday

**cRAzy Hair
Day**

Friday

**Purple &
Gold Day**



Cal HOMECOMING

For the most recent up to date information
check out their website at
<https://www.caledoniacef.org/calapalooza.html>

CALAPALOOZA 2025



~ music ~ parade ~ games ~ food trucks ~ pep rally ~ booths ~ broadcast ~
homecoming ~ honored alumnus ~ marching band ~ football

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025
RALPH E. MYERS STADIUM PARKING LOT

EVENT SCHEDULE:

2:45 PM - KID'S ACTIVITIES & FOOD TRUCKS
3:00 PM - GAMEDAY BROADCAST & INTERVIEWS BEGIN
4:00 PM - PEP RALLY
4:15 PM - T-SHIRT DESIGN WINNER - BRECKON WISNER
5:00 PM - HOMECOMING PARADE
6:00 PM - CAL 100 CLUB CHECK PRESENTATION
6:10 PM - HONORED ALUMNI AWARD - JODI VANDERVELDE
7:00 PM - FOOTBALL GAME KICKOFF



[caledoniacef.org/calapalooza](https://www.caledoniacef.org/calapalooza)



CALAPALOOZA celebrates homecoming and our community while raising vital funds for teacher grants, student scholarships, and essential funds for students in need through the Caledonia Education Foundation.

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 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

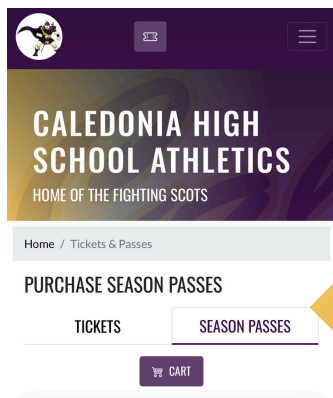
START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT

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.

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>

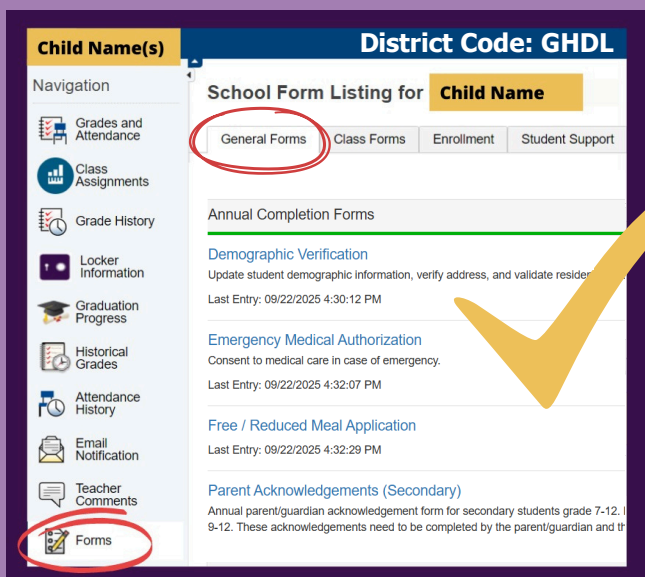


Download the eventlink app!



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

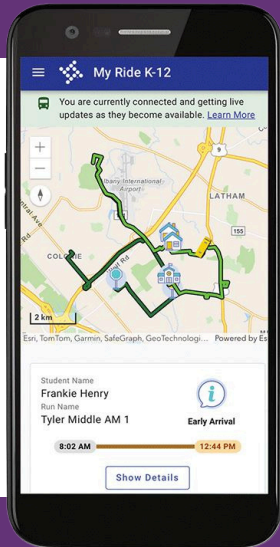
Need Help?
www.calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support/

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.

