

# FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



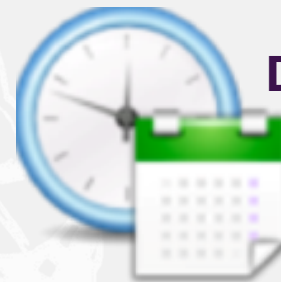
## Highlights

- Kleenex Donations
- Spirit Week
- Spelling Bee
- NJHS Fundraiser
- DLMS Athletics & Arts
- My Ride K-12 App
- CEF Essentials Fund

### DLMS CONTACT INFO

**DLMS PHONE**  
616.891.1380

**DLMS FAX**  
616.891.0833



**DLMS Daily  
Absence  
Report**

## MARK YOUR *Cal* ENDARS

- \*12/20 - Student 1/2 Day 10:45am dismissal (PM Teacher Records Day)
- \*12/23-1/3 - Holiday Break
- \*1/13 - Spelling Bee 8:00am and PTO Meeting 7:00pm
- \*1/20 - No School (Staff PD)

December					
M	T	W	T	F	S
	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27	
30	31				

January					
M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	
27	28	29	30	31	

- 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**



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](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



We are in need of Kleenex! With the amount of sickness this time of year, our supply is running low. We would appreciate any donations! Please drop off to the main office.



Ordering will resume after winter break! ❄️

# Cal

# Spirit Store

 [ORDER](#)  
[HERE](#)

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE

# Spirit Week

December 16th - December 20th



**Monday:**  
**Comfy Cozy**  
(No PJ's/Slippers/  
Blankets)



**Tuesday:**  
**Mad About Plaid**  
(Flannel & Plaid)



**Wednesday:**  
**Winter Wonderland**  
8th - Blue/White  
vs  
**Holiday Cheer**  
7th - Red/Green



**Thursday:**  
**MistleTOES**  
(Crazy SOCKS)



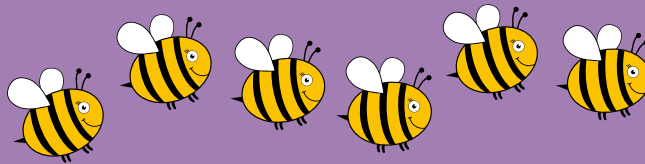
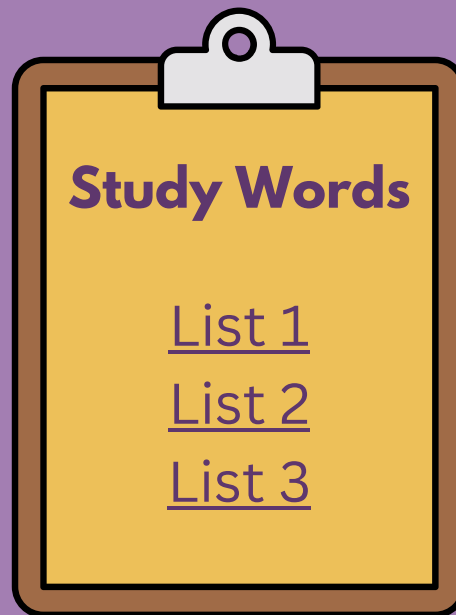
**Friday:**  
**Holiday Bling**  
(All Out Holiday -  
Sweaters/shirts,  
accessories, hats)



# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## SPELLING BEE

The school-wide Spelling Bee will take place **January 13, 2025** at 8:00am. The classroom Spelling Bees are scheduled for the week of December 9th during their ELA hour.



**Kent ISD**



For a full list of Talk & Tour events visit:

<http://kentisd.org/talkandtour>





# 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!

# NJHS Fundraiser



The National Junior Honor Society is collecting



## Chapstick and Art/Craft Supplies

for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

### December 2-17, 2024



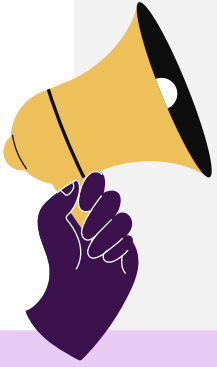
**Students can bring their donations to their seminar class**

**Chapstick = 1 point**

**Art supplies = 5 points**

The 7th and 8th grade seminar classes with the most points will win an Ice Cream Treat party!





## 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. 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**

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 12/9

**Boys Basketball Games  
vs East Grand Rapids**

**Competitive Cheer  
Practice  
2:45pm-4:30pm**

### Tuesday 12/10

**Boys Basketball practice  
2:45-4:30pm**

**Competitive Cheer  
Practice & Tumbling  
2:45pm-5:30pm**

### Wednesday 12/11

**Boys Basketball 7th/8th A  
teams vs. Valleywood;  
7th/8th B teams have a  
bye**

**Competitive Cheer  
Practice  
2:45pm-4:30pm**

### Thursday 12/12

**Boys Basketball practice  
2:45pm-4:30pm**

**Competitive Cheer  
Competition @  
Thornapple Kellogg High  
School**

### Friday 12/13

**Boys Basketball practice  
2:45pm-4:30pm**

**Competitive Cheer  
Practice 2:45pm-4:30pm**

### Saturday 12/14

**Competitive Cheer Invite  
@ Jenison**

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

**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

### MS Athletics:

**Mr. Fred Townsend, AD**

**Mr. Phil Miedema, MS Athletic Director, Assistant HS AD**

**Mrs. Karen Sundberg, Athletic Assistant**

# 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 COMING UP IN *Cal* ARTS



February 4th - Band Concert 7pm

February 20th - Orchestra Concert 7pm





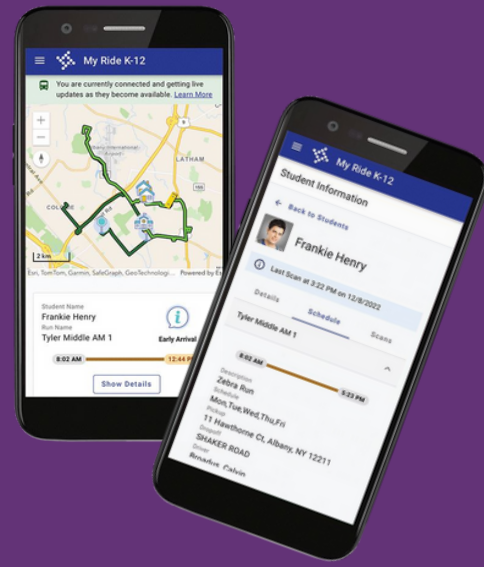
Introducing:

# My Ride K-12 App



- Download the My Ride App
- Create an Account
- Select CCS
- Enter Your Student ID #
- Select Your Student's School
- Add Siblings the Same Way

Download today for bus routes and real-time tracking!



[www.calschools.org/resources/my-ride-support/](http://www.calschools.org/resources/my-ride-support/)

## DOWNLOAD the CCS Mobile App!

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

We're Digital!



[www.calschools.org/community/community-events-flyers](http://www.calschools.org/community/community-events-flyers)

# Community Flyers



# Looking for ways to help students in need?

## SHARE SOME LOVE TO MEET BASIC UNMET NEEDS



### Caledonia Education Foundation ESSENTIALS FUND

The Essentials Fund is available for school staff to use when they hear of a student's need, eliminating the need to use their own money. Examples of student needs may include personal items, clothing, groceries, gas cards, car and/or home repairs.



### GIVE TO BUILD THE FUND TODAY!

[caledoniacef.org/essentials-fund.html](https://caledoniacef.org/essentials-fund.html)

## Did you know?

All CCS students receive free meals this school year, but **completing the Free & Reduced Lunch Application still unlocks additional benefits** for your family and our schools!

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 though meals are free this year, submitting the application helps **ALL students** in our district.

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

