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DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



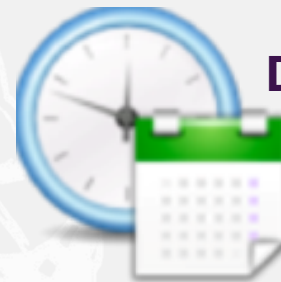
Highlights

- Upcoming Important Dates
- 8th Grade Registration Information
- Duncan Lake Dodges Cancer
- CAL Spirit Store Orders
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Sign Up
- Yearbook Sale
- CHS Student Council Sign-Ups
- PTO Spring Fling Dance
- DLMS Athletics & Arts

DLMS CONTACT INFO

DLMS PHONE
616.891.1380

DLMS FAX
616.891.0833



DLMS Daily Absence Report

MARK YOUR *Cal* ENDARS

- *2/17-2/18 - No School (Mid-Winter Break)
- *2/20 - Orchestra Concert 7pm
- *3/3 - PTO Meeting 7pm
- *3/11 & 3/13 - P/T Conferences
- *3/14 - No School (Teacher PD)
- *4/22 & 4/24 - PSAT
- *5/9 - 7th Grade Field Trip
- *5/28 - 8th Grade Field Trip
- *5/30 - 8th Grade Promotion

February					March				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7	3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14	10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21	17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28	24	25	26	27	28
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- No School/Teacher PD
- No School
- Student 1/2 Day

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



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.

REGISTRATION

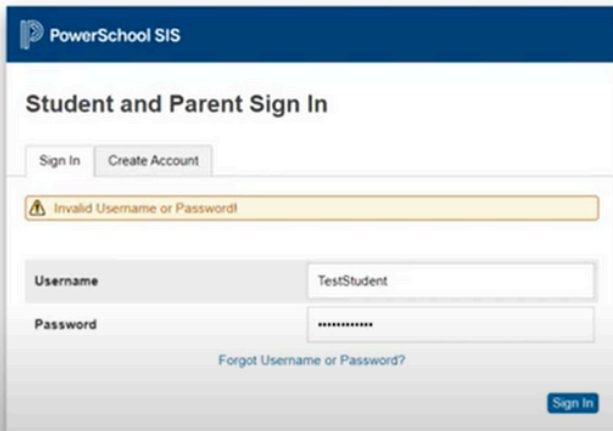
Eighth grade students will begin class registration next week. Instructions have been posted below and on their [Class Page](#).

PowerSchool Instructions

The [video below](#) will provide you with instructions on how to schedule your courses in PowerSchool.

Class Scheduling

The [video below](#) will outline freshman year class options and graduation requirements at CHS.



The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS login interface. At the top, it says "PowerSchool SIS" and "Student and Parent Sign In". There are buttons for "Sign In" and "Create Account". A yellow error message reads "Invalid Username or Password!". Below this, the "Username" field contains "TestStudent" and the "Password" field is masked with asterisks. A "Sign In" button is at the bottom right. A link for "Forgot Username or Password?" is located below the password field.

Class Scheduling: Freshman Year



Additional resources can be accessed via the links below

[CURRICULUM GUIDE](#)

[COURSE LIST](#)

ALL COURSE REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY **FEBRUARY 25**

GENERAL INFORMATION



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Spirit Store



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



Orders placed between 1/30/25 and 2/27/25 will be ready around 3/17/25





PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



Tuesday, March 11 4-7pm
Thursday, March 13 4-7pm

[Sign Up Here](#)

SIGN UP



SAVE THE DATE!

**MARCH
27, 2025
5:30 PM**



DUNCAN LAKE

DODGES CANCER

Duncan Lake Middle School has been fundraising for Van Andel Institute since 2009– this year it's time to hit cancer where it hurts in the first annual student and staff dodgeball tournament.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!
MORE DETAILS
COMING SOON.**

Interested in making a donation or becoming a corporate sponsor?



Use this link for more information or contact Brooke Visser at visserb@calschools.org



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YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW



Duncan Lake Middle School
2024-2025

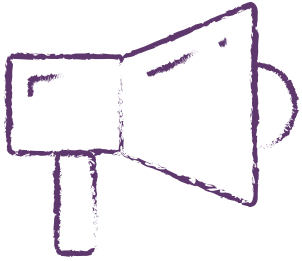
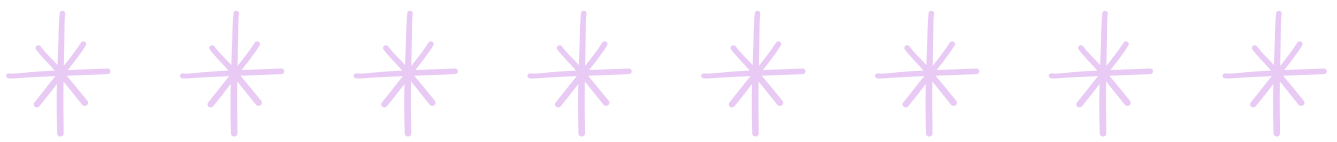


Click [here](#) to order

Please note: If you order any fall pictures from this point on, the yearbook will be included. Otherwise, if you want a yearbook only you can order via the link above or QR code below.

Sale ends March 31





CHS Student
Council

SIGN-UPS!

**8th graders interested in joining
Student Council at Caledonia High
School for the 2025-2026 school year
can find information and apply here.**

Applications are due by Friday, March 21



Interested in hosting an exchange student?



contact Sarah Wrubel at
wrubels@calschools.org

Cal



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.

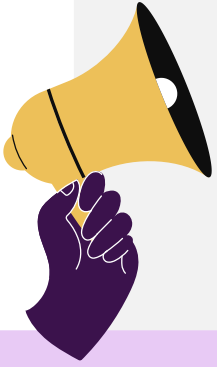


Days Absent



#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!



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**

March 3
May 12

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

DLMS PTO PRESENTS
2ND ANNUAL 7TH & 8TH GRADE
FUNDRAISING DANCE

DLMS SPRING FLING DANCE LUAU NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!!

TICKET INFO TO COME AFTER SPRING BREAK

FRIDAY
MAY
9th

7-9 PM
@ MAX EFFORT
FIELDHOUSE

SORRY NO
HEELS!

WE NEED PARENT CHAPERONES
TO HOLD DANCE BY THE END OF MARCH!
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP [CLICK HERE](#) OR SCAN QR

?’S EMAIL: DUNCANLAKEPTO@CALSCHOOLS.ORG



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 2/17

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 2/18

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 2/19

Girls Basketball Games
7A/8A @ Valleywood MS;
7A 4:00pm, 8A 5:15pm
7B/8B home vs. Lakeshore
MS 7B 4:00pm, 8B 5:15pm

Wrestling Practice
2:45pm-4:30pm

Thursday 2/20

Girls Basketball Games
8B (4pm) home vs.
Hamilton, 7B (5pm) home
vs. Lowell

Wrestling Meet @
Northview
(Crossroads)MS 4:00pm

Friday 2/21

Girls Basketball Practice
2:45pm-4:30pm

Wrestling Practice
2:45pm-4:30pm

Saturday 2/22

Wrestling Tournament
at Zeeland East HS
9:00am

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

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 20th - Orchestra Concert 7pm
March 21st - Strike Ensemble Concert 7pm

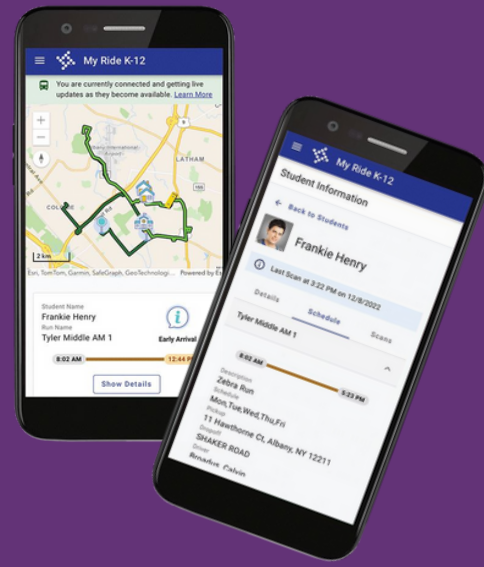


Introducing:

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/

DOWNLOAD the CCS Mobile App!

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

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

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 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!

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