

FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Highlights

- Duncan Lake Dodges Cancer - Event Info and Ribbon Week
- CAL Spirit Store Orders
- Yearbook Sale
- PTO Spring Fling Dance Volunteers
- DLMS Athletics - Tennis/Track Practices
- DLMS Arts - Upcoming Dates

DLMS CONTACT INFO

DLMS PHONE
616.891.1380

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616.891.0833



DLMS Daily Absence Report

MARK YOUR *Cal* ENDARS

- *3/21 - Strike Concert 7:00pm
- *3/27 - Duncan Lake Dodges Cancer 5:30pm
- *4/4 -4/11 - Spring Break
- *4/22 & 4/24 - PSAT
- *4/28 - Student 1/2 Day (Teacher PD)
- *5/9 - 7th Grade Field Trip
- *5/28 - 8th Grade Field Trip
- *5/30 - 8th Grade Promotion

March					April					
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24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30			
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- No School/Teacher PD
- 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
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.

FAQ



DUNCAN LAKE

DODGES CANCER

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

WHEN? Thursday, March 27 from 5:30–7:30pm

WHO? STUDENTS and their FAMILIES are invited to attend! Come watch the tournament, enjoy the food trucks and support the teams!

WHY? All proceeds go to support cancer research at VanAndel Institute!

CAN I JUST COME WATCH?

YES!! There will be prize drawings, face painting, and other activities as well!

HOW DO I SIGN UP TO BE ON A TEAM?

Sign up on the VanAndel fundraising page linked [HERE!](#) Team registration ends Friday, March 21!

TICKETS ARE \$5 AT THE DOOR, DODGEBALL TEAMS GET IN FREE!

Duncan Lake Dodges Cancer

MONDAY

**Go Gold for
Childhood
Cancer**

TUESDAY

**Wear Red
for Blood
Cancer
Awareness**

WEDNESDAY

**Wear Pink
for Breast
Cancer
Awareness**

RIBBON WEEK

THURSDAY

**Wear your
Duncan Lake
Dodges
Cancer Shirt
Black for Skin
Cancer
Awareness or
Gray for Brain
Cancer
Awareness**

**MARCH
24-28**



FRIDAY

**Wear
purple for
the VAI
Purple
Community
and the
search for
a cure**

P R O M O T E C A N C E R A W A R E N E S S

GENERAL INFORMATION



Cal

Spirit Store

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



Orders placed between 2/28/25 and 3/28/25 will be ready around 4/15/25



YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Duncan Lake Middle School
2024-2025



Click here to order
Sale ends March 31



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.



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.

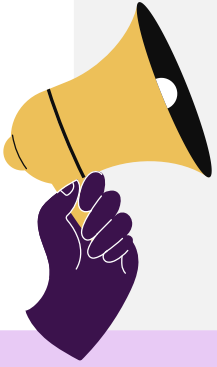


Days Absent



#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 DLMS PTO needs volunteers to help setup and hold the DLMS Spring Fling Dance at MaxEffort on May 9th, sign up [here](#). Thanks for considering!

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**

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 3/24

Girls Tennis Practice
2:45pm-4:00pm
@KMIS

Boys/Girls Track
Practice 2:45pm-
4:00pm

Tuesday 3/25

Girls Tennis Practice
2:45pm-4:00pm
@KMIS

Boys/Girls Track
Practice 2:45pm-
4:00pm

Wednesday 3/26

Girls Tennis Practice
and Pictures 2:45pm-
4:00pm @DLMS

Boys/Girls Track
Practice and Pictures
2:45pm-4:00pm

Thursday 3/27

Girls Tennis Practice
2:45pm-4:00pm
@KMIS

Boys/Girls Track
Practice 2:45pm-
4:00pm

Friday 3/28

**Girls Tennis - NO
PRACTICE (no practices
on Fridays before Spring
Break)**

Boys/Girls Track Practice
2:45pm-4:00pm

Saturday 3/29

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 and Girls Track: Practices will be held on Monday, March 17 from 2:45 - 4:00 PM. Practices will be held Monday - Friday and athletes are required to attend all practices. Dates and times are subject to change.

Girls Tennis: Practices begin on Monday, March 17 from 2:45 - 4:00 PM. Practices will be held Monday - Friday and athletes are required to attend all practices. Practice location is at KMIS. Dates and times are subject to change. There will be no Friday practices for tennis until after Spring Break

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 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

[Final Forms Website/Registration](#)

[Final Forms Instructions](#)

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.

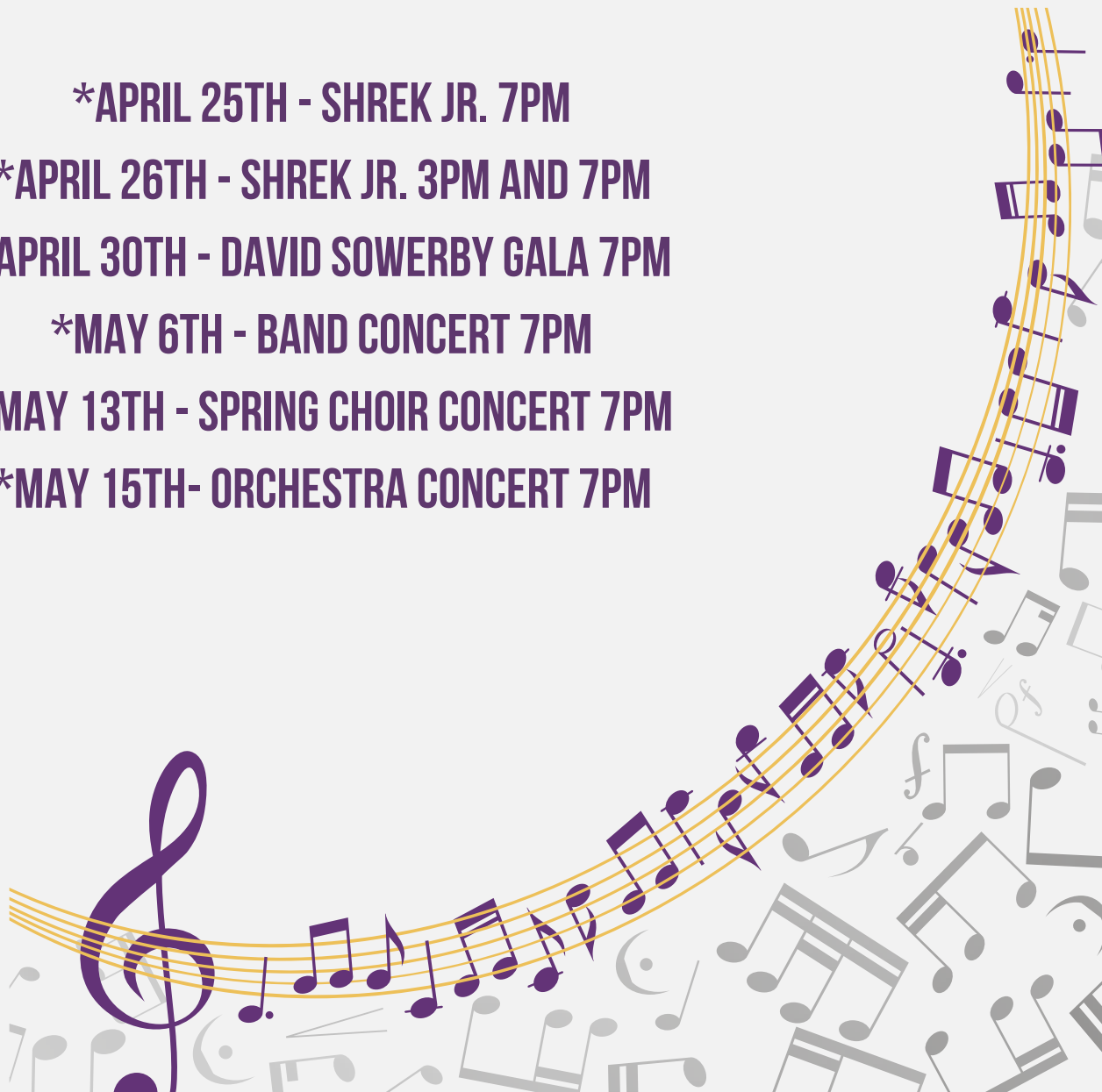
DLMS ARTS



WHAT'S COMING UP IN *Cal* ARTS



- *APRIL 25TH - SHREK JR. 7PM
- *APRIL 26TH - SHREK JR. 3PM AND 7PM
- *APRIL 30TH - DAVID SOWERBY GALA 7PM
- *MAY 6TH - BAND CONCERT 7PM
- *MAY 13TH - SPRING CHOIR CONCERT 7PM
- *MAY 15TH- ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7PM



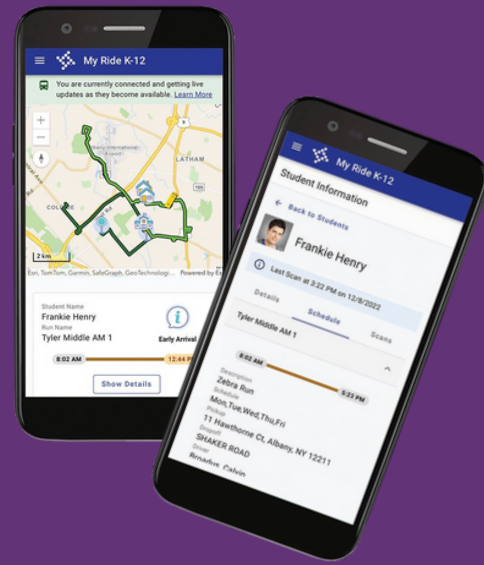
Introducing:

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/

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



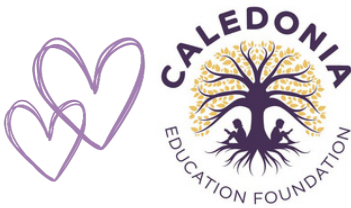
Looking for ways to help students in need?

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!

