

# FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



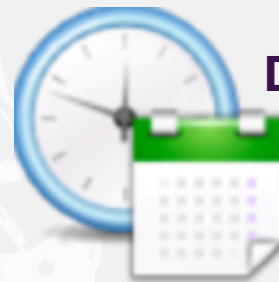
## Highlights

- Absence Reminder
- Spirit Week
- Creative Writing Club Tryouts
- Unified Sports Shirt Fundraiser
- 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

- \*9/25 - Picture Retakes
- \*10/8 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- \*10/10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- \*10/31 - Student 1/2 Day

### September

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

### 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	

- 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.

## 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.

## CAL SPIRIT STORE!



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

**CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR ORDERING AND SHIPPING/PICK-UP DATES!**



**order NOW**

 <https://calmsstore24-25.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



# 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!

## Picture Retakes

Geskus Photography will be coming out to DLMS on **September 25th** for picture retakes. Stay tuned for more information!

Smile 😊



{Student's Name} had a great picture day with **Gpi**

Your picture proofs will be available for viewing within 7 business days.

Scan to view your students pictures! OR Use the URL geskusphoto.com/fallorders and enter the following code: XXXXXXXXXX

This form is specific to **Student's Name**

After viewing your photo, if you wish to have retakes, please have your student bring this card on picture day.

Retake Date: 00/00/00

PLEASE KEEP THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

Questions? Visit [geskusphoto.com/contact-us](https://geskusphoto.com/contact-us)

{School Name} #1234



DLMS is hiring for a part-time Lunch Assistant and Physical Education Paraprofessional

 [Apply Here!](#)

# DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK

SEPT. 23-27

**Monday**

**Home Run**  
Favorite  
Team/Club/Sport

**Tuesday**

**Me & My Homies**  
7th Grade: White Out  
8th Grade: Black Out

**Wednesday**

**Home Away  
From Home**  
Tourist Vacation

**Thursday**

**Make Yourself  
at Home**  
Comfy Cozy Day

**Friday**

**There's No Place  
Like Home**  
Cal Pride Spirit Day



Cal **HOMECOMING**

## UNIFIED SPORTS SHIRT FUNDRAISER!

Kraft Meadows, Duncan Lake and the High School are having a fundraiser for their Unified Sports Program. The purpose of this program is to allow students with and without disabilities to come together through physical activity and education, using the power of Special Olympics. Throughout the school year, we will be traveling to different tournaments! We hope you consider purchasing a shirt in order to support our students.

*DEADLINE: September 16, 2024*



[Order Here](#) 

# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Attention writers! Middle School students interested in participating in Duncan Lake's Creative Writing Team should use the Google Form found in their ELA teacher's Google Classroom to sign up for a tryout date. Please sign up by Tuesday, September 24th. Practice starts October 2nd.

## Creative Writing Club

**Sign Up on the Google  
Form if you are  
interested!**

Send Questions to Mrs. Belote

[belotej@calschools.org](mailto:belotej@calschools.org)

## PTO Meetings

November 11

January 13

March 3

May 12

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

Stay tuned for more information!



# 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 9/16

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

### Tuesday 9/17

Boys Tennis Matches Home  
vs Baldwin St.  
Cross Country Meet at  
Holland Christian MS  
Sideline Cheer Practice 2:45-  
4:45pm  
Volleyball Practice 2:45-  
4:30pm

### Wednesday 9/18

Boys Tennis Practice  
2:45pm-4:30pm  
XC Practice 2:45pm-4pm  
Sideline Cheer @ East  
Kentwood  
Volleyball Games vs East GR

### Thursday 9/19

Boys Tennis Matches @  
Pinewood MS  
Cross Country Meet @ E.  
Rockford  
Volleyball Practice 2:45-  
4:30pm

### Friday 9/20

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

### Saturday 9/21

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



## 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

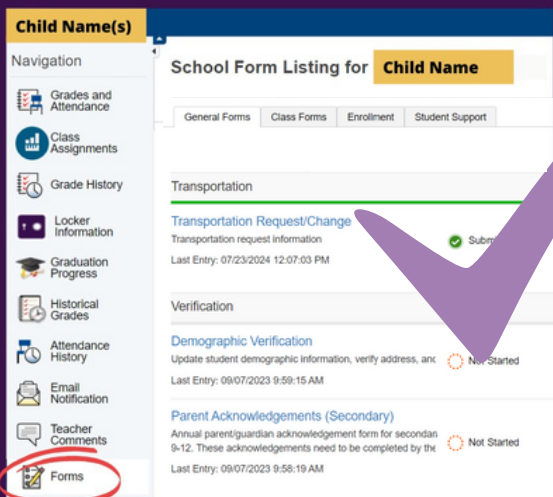
🎵 Thursday, November 14 - 7:00pm  
Fall Choir Concert @ DLMS PAC

🎵 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/](http://www.calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support/)

**District Code: GHDL**

## DOWNLOAD the CCS Mobile App!

 [APP Tutorials](#)

 [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





# 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/](http://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](http://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 THOUGHTS**

### 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.