

FIGHTING SCOTS

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Highlights

- Student Drop Off
- Picture Retakes
- CAL Spirit Store
- Hand2Hand
- Unified Sports Shirt Fundraiser
- PowerSchool Forms
- Food Service
- Community Town Hall

DLMS CONTACT INFO

DLMS PHONE
616.891.1380

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**DLMS Daily
Absence
Report**

MARK YOUR *Cal* ENDARS

- *9/9 - PTO Meeting 7:00pm
- *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



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.

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/>



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: XXXXXXXXXXXX

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.
To reduce the number of handouts this year, you will not receive a paper picture proof after photography.

Questions? Visit geskusphoto.com/contact-us
(School Name) #1234



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



[Apply Here!](#)



We would like to offer your student the opportunity to participate in a program at Duncan Lake Middle School called “Hand2Hand”. This program helps provide a student with food for the weekends and is intended for families who currently may be experiencing a financial burden.

WHAT IS IN A TYPICAL BACKPACK...



If you feel your student would benefit from this opportunity, please complete the response form [here](#) by Wednesday, September 11th and we will make sure that your student’s name is then added to the list. Your response will be kept confidential.

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 10, 2024**



[Order Here](#) 

PTO Meetings

September 9

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 9/9

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

Tuesday 9/10

Boys Tennis Matches Home
vs Hamilton
Cross Country Meet at Unity
Christian
Sideline Cheer Practice 2:45-
4:45pm
Volleyball Practice 2:45-
4:30pm

Wednesday 9/11

Boys Tennis Practice
2:45pm-4:30pm
XC Practice 2:45pm-4pm
Sideline Cheer @ Grandville
Volleyball Games @ TK

Thursday 9/12

Boys Tennis Matches @
Grandville
Cross Country Meet @
Northview
Volleyball Practice 2:45-
4:30pm

Friday 9/13

Boys Tennis Pictures/Practice
3-4:30pm
XC Practice 2:45pm-4pm
Volleyball Practice 2:45-
4:30pm

Saturday 9/14

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

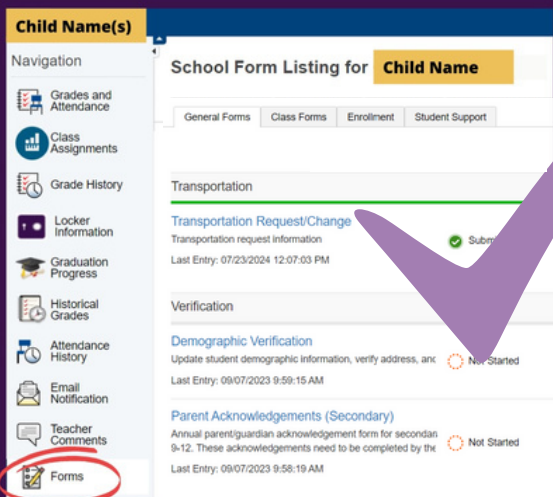
🎵 Thursday, November 14 - 7:00pm
Fall Choir Concert @ DLMS PAC

🎵 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/

District Code: GHDL

DOWNLOAD the CCS Mobile App!

 [APP Tutorials](#)

 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





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/

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**. 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.