



# SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

**DANSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## *Letter from the Superintendent*

Dear Families and Community Members of Dansville Central Schools,

I am thrilled to be serving as your new Superintendent of Schools. I started with the district on July 1st and am looking forward to getting to know our students, staff, and the community we serve. To those I have already met, thank you for the warm welcome. To those I have not, I look forward to being of service and learning about all of the wonderful things that our community has to offer.

I am entering the district at a unique and challenging time. We are faced with many critical decisions that will require creative and thorough planning. However, I'm blessed with a strong team of dedicated district and school leaders, faculty, and staff members. I am confident that we will successfully navigate continued challenges together.

As we embark on a new school year, we will revisit our district's Strategic Plan with consideration for where we've been, where we're going, and how to get there. The results of the Strategic Plan will be student-centered with a goal of continuous improvement for our district overall, and the success of all students.

This will be accomplished collaboratively through engagement with district stakeholders and community members where everyone will have an opportunity for input and participation. We will engage in transparent communication regarding budget development through a series of budget workshops and presentations, which will be open to the public and available on-line. In short, clear and timely communication, stakeholder engagement, and community connections will serve to ensure positive outcomes for our students, families, and community partners. For important information about district celebrations, accomplishments, initiatives, and other happenings, be sure to check our Facebook page and website.

I can't wait to welcome our staff and students back – it gets a bit lonely in the summer. However, enjoy every minute, it goes fast. Please keep our children reading over the summer too! Should anyone have a need to contact me, I can be reached by phone at (585) 335-4000 or email at [zimmerank@dansvillecsd.org](mailto:zimmerank@dansvillecsd.org). Have a wonderful summer and "Go Mustangs!"

Sincerely,

Kelly M. Zimmerman, Superintendent of Schools

## Introducing Kelly M. Zimmerman, Superintendent of Dansville Central Schools



*"As educators, we have a responsibility to prepare today's learners to face challenges in a future that is rapidly changing and evolving regardless of background or ability. Tomorrow's workplace will value individuals who can demonstrate complex problem-solving skills, critical and innovative thinking, the ability to collaborate and coordinate in teams, interface with various forms of technology, capitalize on relationships, and engage in divergent thinking. Therefore, we have an obligation to create educational systems that develop the skills our students will need, enabling them to be successful whether they choose a pathway to college or workforce careers."*

Mrs. Zimmerman entered the field of education as a substitute teacher. In an effort to understand the science behind teaching and learning, and to reach as many students as possible, she became a school psychologist. After fifteen years, she became a school administrator where she served in building and district level positions, culminating in the superintendency for the past four years. Kelly prioritizes relationships and feels it is important to know one another beyond their work life – their personal values and interests – in order to best serve others.

Kelly and her husband Bob have five children. Four are adults and one is still in college. She believes in putting family first and has focused on raising their children to be kind, service-oriented, contributing members of their community. They enjoy many outdoor activities including camping, hiking, hunting, and sports. They coached their children in youth sports leagues and were active in scouting. Kelly was raised in Hornell, and still has family residing there.

*"I was raised in, live in, and have spent the majority of my administrative career serving in a rural community. I have actively advocated for the needs that are unique to rural schools with a focus on preserving our lifestyle while expanding opportunities for our students to ensure equity in programming to prepare them to enter our evolving global society. In rural districts, the school is the hub of the community. We must not only meet the needs of students, but also those of their families and community as a whole."*

Kelly believes that teaching and learning must be personal and individualized. Curricular and instructional decisions must be informed by multiple sources of data. Professional development must be relevant, focused, engaging, sustained, and model innovative instructional strategies. Technology must be used as a tool to enhance instruction, accelerate this way of teaching and learning, and provide access to vast resources in a global society.

She asserts that leadership and school culture lay the foundation for this transformational work in which the role of the superintendent becomes critical. The Superintendent must be an effective leader across several domains with the ability to lead and affect instructional, financial, local, regional, and organizational forces and realms. Across all areas of leadership, the superintendent must possess the ability to build trusting relationships with all stakeholders while establishing clear goals, communicating roles and responsibilities in achieving the goals, providing targeted feedback, and holding others accountable along the way; all while managing multiple daily demands and maintaining a constant focus on doing what is best for students and the district.

Kelly's administrative roles have included Superintendent, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Special Education and Student Services, Building Principal, Assistant Principal, and Assistant Director of Special Education. She has extensive experience in planning and managing budgets as well as experience with rural school district challenges and opportunities.





She is an active advocate for the needs that are unique to rural schools and serves on the Executive Board of Directors of the Rural Schools Association of New York State. She believes that in rural districts, the school is the hub of the community, and must not only meet the needs of students, but also those of their families and community as a whole. Partnering with the community to support the schools is a key objective.

Kelly believes in leading by example. She says, *"Establishing relationships, rapport, and trust takes investment, belief in others, consistency, and time. I am committed to building, strengthening and maintaining a positive climate and culture. Through times of both prosperity and*

*challenge, I have served as a stabilizing agent, consistently modeling integrity, optimism, commitment, and remaining forward-focused. The superintendent sets the tone through modeling, reflecting the district's values, and leading by example. While it is important to celebrate successes along the way, it is through a relentless pursuit of improvement and "taking the next step" that we experience greatness."*

*"I offer dedication and commitment to ensuring that the District experiences continuous success in all areas and engages in innovative instructional approaches and professional development of our faculty and staff. This will occur while maintaining important traditions and identity, educating the whole child while prioritizing community engagement and partnerships now and into the future."*

As a Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Director of Special Education, Principal, and School Psychologist, she gained significant experience in models of classroom instruction, teaching and learning, special education, curriculum alignment and development, clinical supervision for teacher growth, and teaching at the post-secondary level.

Kelly is eager to join our school community and is looking forward to meeting with stakeholders and getting to know our community. Please join us in welcoming our new superintendent, Kelly Zimmerman to Dansville!





## Hope Perry Named "Professional Pupil Transportation Employee of the Year"

DCSD Transportation Services is thrilled to announce that Hope Perry, one of its esteemed school bus drivers, has been named "Professional Pupil Transportation Employee of the Year" by The Rochester Area Transportation Supervisors Association (RATSA).

The recognition was presented to Hope Perry at a ceremony held at the Wildwood Country Club in Rush, New York, on May 2. Accompanied by her husband and Transportation Supervisor Kurt Gerould, Hope accepted the award.

Hope's dedication to her role, demonstrated through exceptional attendance, accident-free record, and her warm and welcoming demeanor, contributed to her well-deserved recognition. Her commitment to exceeding expectations and fostering positive relationships with colleagues, families, and the children she serves set her apart.

Driving the Squirrel Bus daily, in addition to managing the morning 3 Pre-K run, Hope's day begins at 6:30 a.m. at the bus garage and ends at 7:50 a.m. upon her return, before leaving on her 3PK run. Her afternoons are dedicated to safely transporting students back home.

With over 25 years of service at DCSD, Hope Perry attributes her longevity to her genuine love for her job and the children she cares for. She eagerly anticipates each school year, looking forward to the opportunity to reconnect with "her kids" in September. Describing her career as rewarding, Hope emphasizes the joy she finds in her work every day.

When asked about the challenges of her role, Hope Perry highlights the delicate balance of nurturing relationships with the children while ensuring their safety. Her advice to new bus drivers underscores the importance of patience, communication, and maintaining a positive attitude. She says, "Always come with a smile on your face. You set the tone for the day."

Dansville Central Schools takes great pride in Hope Perry's achievements and invites the community to join in celebrating her well-deserved recognition.



## Honoring DHS Honor Students

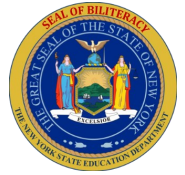
DHS celebrated the achievements of 30 outstanding students from the Class of 2024 who will be graduating with Academic Honors, boasting GPAs of 90 and above! Each student introduced themselves and their family members, highlighted three key accomplishments, and shared their exciting future plans. We are very proud of these students!







## DHS Receives New York State Seal of Biliteracy



Congratulations to seven seniors at Dansville Central School for achieving the New York State Seal of Biliteracy for 2024! The Seal of Biliteracy not only recognizes proficiency in multiple languages but also celebrates their commitment to global citizenship. By maintaining high grades and completing a comprehensive portfolio, these students showcased exceptional skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

## Public Use of School Facilities - Guidelines Reminder

As the weather continues to improve, we encouraged the community to use our outdoor facilities. You may enter the track and field facility using the northern gate near the parking lot and concession stand restrooms. To enter the tennis courts, please use the southeastern gate near the large storage shed.

We all share in the responsibility of taking care of our state-of-the-art facility— please report misuse of the facilities to school administration and report any vandalism to the police; encourage others to do the same so together we keep our facility fresh.

### Tennis & Pickleball Courts

Public use is prohibited during the school day, whenever the facilities are in use for scheduled activities and events, and after 10:00pm. After dark and before 10:00pm guests can turn on the LED lights with the push of a button on the clearly marked post.

### Guest Obligations

- Sneakers only (no spikes/cleats or heeled shoes)
- No motorized vehicles, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates, drones, model rockets.
- No food, gum, beverages, glass, plastics, tobacco products, vapes or any materials that may damage the surface.
- Pets are prohibited from entering. This will be strictly enforced.

### Track & Field

Public use is prohibited during the school days, whenever the facilities are in use for scheduled activities and events, and after sunset.

### Guest Obligations

- Please use lanes 5-8 only
- Sneakers only (no spikes/cleats or heeled shoes)
- No motorized vehicles, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates, drones, model rockets.
- No food, gum, beverages, glass, plastics, tobacco products, vapes or any materials that may damage the surface.

**Video Surveillance:** Guest safety and the protection of District properties are paramount. All of the facilities are covered by high-definition video surveillance. Activities are recorded in every corner of District property, indoors and outside, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week.



# Mustangs of the Month

At monthly department meetings, discussions involve selecting students to represent the department as a Mustang of the Month. Each member of the department has the opportunity to nominate a student. The positive conversations that occur during this time are meaningful and celebratory in nature. Students who are selected receive a certificate and their picture, as well as, reasons for being selected. Who will be the next Mustangs of the Month?

## MUSTANGS OF THE MONTH—MARCH 2024



**Kayden  
Englert**



**Blake  
Folwell**



**Kyleigh  
Gallagher**



**Mason  
Lane**



**Brycen  
Lemmon**



**Kera  
Metcalfe**



**Kaia  
Moulthroup**



**Brady  
Race**



**Keira  
Redance**



**Haidyn  
Scollon**



**Daniel  
Young**

## MUSTANGS OF THE MONTH—APRIL 2024



**Kennedy  
Allison**



**Issac  
Baker**



**Dashel  
Ball**



**Serenity  
Carney**



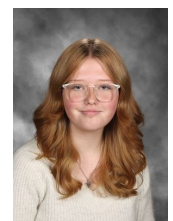
**Tyler  
Dann**



**Nevaeh  
Galland**



**Noah  
Gibson**



**Avalyn  
Hall**

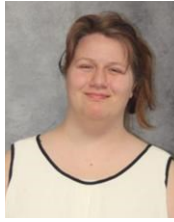
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## MUSTANGS OF THE MONTH—APRIL 2024 (continued)



Miles  
Harrington



Elizabeth  
Hint



Camryn  
Holbrook



Brianne  
Hurlburt



Natori  
Losey



Dawsyn  
Mistretta



Austin  
Norton



Karter  
Palma



Emily  
Terry



Peter  
Thompson



Madison  
Torrey

## MUSTANGS OF THE MONTH—MAY 2024



Annie  
Ames



Lily  
Conroy



Miriam  
Corbett



Charles  
Henchen



Gracie  
Jacoby



Carson  
Mountzouros



Teagan  
Scollon



Leshdiel  
Ramirez-  
Calderon

## MUSTANGS ON A ROLL

Earning the greatest GPA  
improvement from MP2 to MP3  
in each grade level.



Alexander  
Linton  
Grade 7



Aidan  
Douglas  
Grade 8



Mark  
Elliott III  
Grade 9



Kaiden  
Redance  
Grade 10



Devin  
Nash  
Grade 11



Nathaniel  
Arend  
Grade 12

# MUSTANGS ON A ROLL

Earning the greatest GPA improvement from MP3 to MP4 in each grade level.



Hagice  
Campbell  
Grade 7



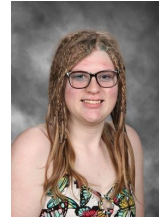
Zandrah  
Fitzpatrick  
Grade 8



Madison  
Donnelly  
Grade 9



Parker  
Fitzpatrick  
Grade 10



Lindsey  
White  
Grade 11



Richard  
Nourse  
Grade 12



## Dansville High School Seal of Civic Readiness Recipients

Congratulations to the following DHS scholars who recently earned their Seal of Civic Readiness in the first year that this distinction has been offered at Dansville High School! These students will have the seal presented on their diplomas when they graduate on June 28th:

The New York State Seal of Civic Readiness aims to encourage the study of civics and civility through experiential learning; certify attainment of civic readiness; provide employers with a method of identifying high school graduates with skills in civics and civility; provide colleges with another way to recognize applicants seeking admission; prepare students with 21st century skills; recognize the value of Social Studies education as a means to build civic knowledge; empower students as agents of positive social change; and strengthen our diverse democracy. The Seal of Civic Readiness can also be used as a 4+1 pathway to meet New York State diploma requirements.

The Seal of Civic Readiness Committee spent the 2022-23 school year learning about the process and planning for implementation. The District had to submit an application to the New York State Education Department for approval, laying out the steps that would be taken to help students earn the required number of points to be eligible for the Seal. That approval was received late last school year, and the Seal of Civic Readiness Committee moved forward with implementation this school year. Not only do students receive the endorsement on their diploma, but earning the Seal of Civic Readiness can also serve as one of the pathway options for graduation. Congratulations to the students, and to the Seal of Civic Readiness Committee on a successful first year!



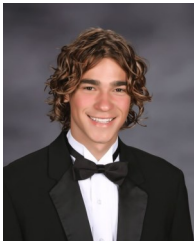
Benjamin  
Everett



Madison  
Forrester



Ella  
Frazer



Arryl  
Gerber



Brianne  
Hurlburt



Anthony  
Morrow



Addison  
Musto





# National Technical Honor Society

In today's fast-paced, high-tech, and competitive workplace, nothing is more crucial to business and industry than talented, technically skilled individuals. These professionals, equipped with certified skills, are highly sought after and command top salaries. What American institution is the most dependable source for these jobs? Career and Technical Education (CTE) stands as the nation's premier provider of a skilled and talented workforce! The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS), an educational non-profit, is dedicated to honoring, recognizing, and empowering students and teachers in CTE. As the honor society for Career & Technical Education, NTHS annually supports over 100,000 active members in both secondary and postsecondary chapters nationwide.



## HEALTH DIMENSIONS

Left to Right: Jennifer Manley (Course Instructor), Elizabeth Eddy (Wayland Cohocton), Rayshanna Torres (Dansville), Adiar Camacho (Mount Morris), Alexia Smart (Perry)



## BUILDING TRADES

Left to Right: Keith Standera (Course Instructor), Sean Strathearn (Course Instructor), Kayden Duryea (Keshequa), Tristan Schurr (Warsaw), Ben Briggs (Dansville), Xavier Grover (Perry), Vince McKeown (Course Instructor), Shawn Baker (Course Instructor)



## ANIMAL SCIENCE

Left to Right: Casey Arlig (Course Instructor), Charles Johnson (Dansville), Joseph Guarasci (Dansville)



## HUMAN SERVICES

Left to Right: Marcia Underwood (Course Instructor), Daisy Shanley (Geneseo), Jenny Delafield (Wayland Cohocton), Karlie Nolasco (Warsaw), Oriah Bonham (Warsaw), Arianna Camacho (Dansville)



## COMPUTER INFORMATION

Left to Right: Shelby Fowler (York), Jarrod Reed (Course Instructor), Justin Maine (Dansville)



## National Technical Honor Society (continued)



### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

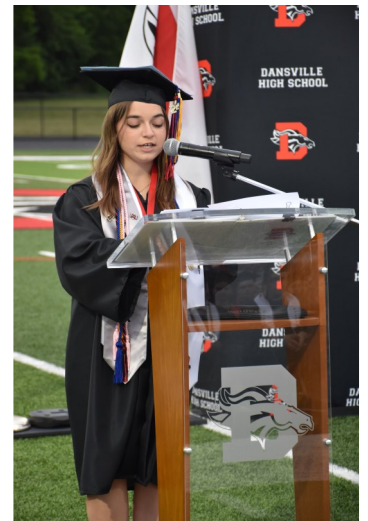
Left to Right: Judith Essig (Course Instructor), Mya Walton (Warsaw), Kloey Bush (Wayland Cohocton), Alexis Hann (Avon), Morgan Semar (Warsaw), Karlee Walker (Dansville), Terry Soto (Course Instructor)



### METAL TRADES

Left to Right: Alan Schwartz (Course Instructor), Asher Treadwell (Perry), Ariel Rutherford (York), Gauge Secor (Dansville), Eli Cunningham (York), Heather Battles (York), Blake Siewert (Perry), Izariah Rowley (Mount Morris), Noah Holmes (Dansville), Joshua Bottner (Livonia), Hayden Gilman (Wayland Cohocton)

## Graduation 2024 Highlights







# MUSTANG SPORTS ACCOLADES



## Letter from Andrew Leyden, Athletic Director



It's hard to believe that another school year has come to an end.

The 2023-2024 school year was a success for many of our Dansville Mustang teams and individual athletes. We had multiple teams win League Division titles throughout the year: Girls Cross Country, Girls Alpine Ski, Wrestling and Girls Outdoor Track and Field. We also had a few individual sectional winners: Brianne Hurlburt in the 1000 and 1500 for Indoor Track and Field, Ethan Canfield in the Weight Throw and Shot Put for Indoor Track and Field, Wyatt Sartori at 102 weight class for wrestling and Corey Beman for the Pentathlon in Outdoor

Track and Field.

As we navigate through the summer you will see many of our fall athletes and coaches begin to prepare for their upcoming seasons. Whether it be in the weight room, training on the field or through summer league teams our athletes are committed to putting in the work to make sure that their upcoming season is a success.

The sports registration will begin for all 7-12 grade fall student athletes on Monday July 29th. The first day of practice for JV/Varsity Football will be Monday August 19th. All other Modified, JV and Varsity sports will begin on Monday August 26th.

The Athletic Department wishes you a happy and healthy summer.

Go Mustangs!

Andrew Leyden, Athletic Director





# MUSTANG SPORTS ACCOLADES

## Signing Day Success

Aynsley Belcher-Elmira College,  
Basketball & Soccer

Ethan Canfield-SUNY Cortland,  
Track and Field

Kaiden Ellis-Law - Elmira College, Wrestling

Ella Frazer-Nazareth University,  
Swimming

Brianne Hurlburt - St. John Fisher University,  
Cross Country & Track and Field

Callie Little - Hobart and William Smith  
College, Alpine Ski

Reid Martin - SUNY Cortland, Baseball

Kali Meyer - Alfred University, Soccer

Chelsie Tyler - SUNY Canton, Basketball

Zaiden VanDurme-Blackmon -  
Alfred University, Football



On June 12, the Dansville Gliders had the opportunity to host Kid's Day during the nail-biter game against the Hornell Steamers that ended with a tough 2-3 loss. That didn't stop the fun at Babcock Park! All kids were given a t-shirt that was signed by the players and friends, along with lunch donated by the Union Hose. Thank you to all that helped make this possible!







## Letter from Melissa Goho, Primary School Principal

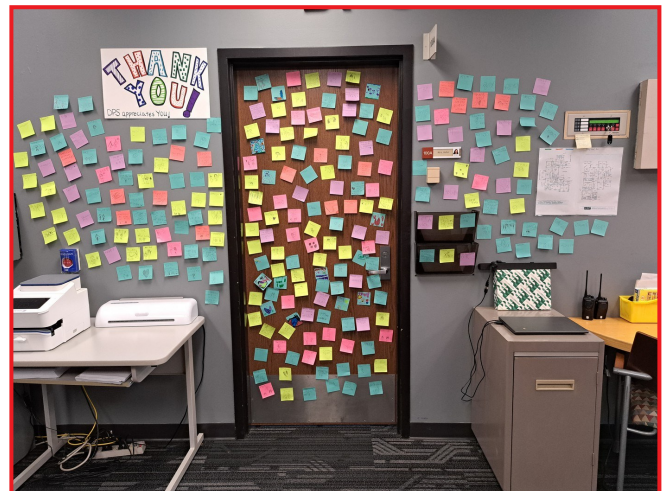
The 2023-2024 school year was full of learning, leading, and growing for our DPS students. Teachers recognized the importance of developing the whole child. They simultaneously supported learner and leader skills (self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision making, social awareness, and relationship skills) along with academics while keeping children healthy and safe. This set the groundwork for life-long learning in Dansville and beyond!

The end of the school year was very busy as we had a variety of fun activities for students including field trips, 4PK Career Parade and Celebration, 2nd Grade General Music Informances, Camp Read-A-Lot, Flag Day celebration, Kindergarten Graduation, visit with the Gliders for 2nd Grade, helmet safety for PK & K, nutrition lesson for 1st & 2nd Grade, 3PK concert, field day, and moving up day. The highlight for me was our DPS Leadership Day which was planned by our Lighthouse Team and Lighthouse Action Teams. This day included special guests visiting DPS for a building tour, morning meeting, and a picnic lunch. This gave our DPS students an opportunity to showcase the learning that happens throughout the day in classrooms and special area classes. Specifically, during the tour students and special guests could be seen reading favorite books, reading students' writing pieces, creating a writing piece together, playing at a favorite center, playing a reading or math game, playing putt-putt golf in the gym, creating in the art/STEAM rooms, and/or exploring the library/music room. Our morning meeting out at the stadium was a very hot one, but the Student Lighthouse Club did another exceptional job as they highlighted the habits and shared the wildly important goal accomplishments. I was very impressed with our students' confidence speaking in front of such a big audience. Another highlight from the meeting was the video of 2nd graders singing the patriotic songs they had been practicing with Mrs. Bell. The picnic lunch involved a search for a shady spot and visit from the school mascot!

I want to give a big shout out to the following K-2nd grade Student Lighthouse members for all of their hard work this year - Hotchner Acomb, Hurain Ali, Nightly Blackwell, Carter Brown, Lilah Crosson, Ella Dale, Leia Deleo, Kolt Everman, Piper Gartz, Marcie Hermann, Jordyn Leven, Olivia Linsner, Amelia Muchler-Pappas, Ethan O'Wensel, Jamison Rook, Kendrick Scott, Mason Versluis, Madeleine Vogt, Fiona Young, and Riley Young. Also, a big thanks to the faculty who closely supported them - Ms. Cross-Gray, Miss Petrillo, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Dale, Mrs. B. Spoor, and Mrs. Zakes.

It was especially hard to say goodbye to this group of 2nd graders after I have been lucky enough to watch them grow for three years, but they will accomplish great things as they transition over to EBH. I know that summer will fly by and we'll be greeting our returning and new DPS students at our meet and greet events to start the next school year! I wish everyone a wonderful summer!

Best,  
Melissa Goho



### Principal Day

Wow, what a wonderful surprise I had when I found my office door and wall was filled with post-it notes from DPS students! It put a huge smile on my face and definitely made my day! I truly love my job and am a very proud principal!

## 3PK Family Friday

3PK families had a great day learning about food groups and healthy eating. Chelsea Carpenter from our DCS Food Service Department talked with our morning classes about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables and trying a new food. She and her staff made "smiley faces" and "butterflies" out of fruits and veggies for the kids to try. Melanie Planck from LCDOH shared the story of "The Two Bite Club" with our afternoon class and also stressed the importance of trying new foods. Families played Fruit and Veggie BINGO, cut pictures of foods for each food group, and sorted play food into groups. Before heading home, the children followed a recipe for a fruit Rainbow in a Cup. We had a great day with our families!



## 4PK End of Year Celebration

Our 4PK students deserved a big celebration after a full year of playing, learning, and growing! They ended the year "in style" as they dressed up in their future occupation gear and sang songs for their family. Their futures sure are bright!



## Kindergartners Hatch Eggs!

Mrs. Kowal's kindergartners hatched chicken eggs. They read nonfiction and fiction books about chickens, as well as maintained a journal to record their growth. These Kindergartners are able to tell you what they see when they candle an egg!

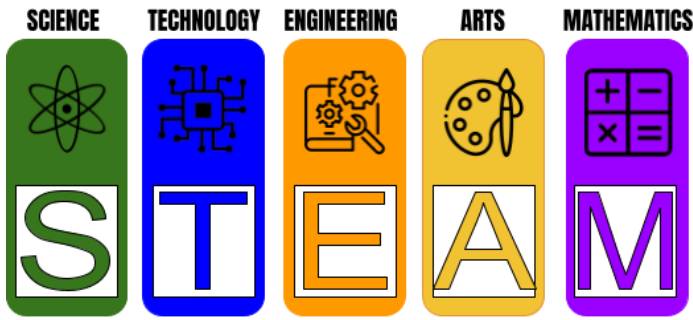


## DPS Leadership Day

Thank you to all the families for attending our DPS Leadership Day event! The building tour and morning meeting provided a great opportunity for our students to showcase their leadership skills and the learning that happens throughout the school day in classrooms and in special areas. Our DPS students sure have lots to celebrate!







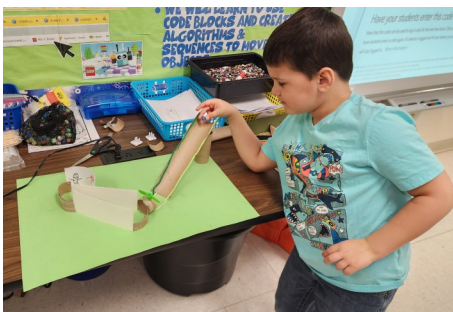
This year, we've been busy in the DPS STEAM Lab, fully immersed in the world of STEAM, covering Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. After understanding the concept, we delved into exploration, critical thinking, and curiosity, mirroring the practices of great scientists. Throughout the year, our focus remained on online safety and respect. Here's a peek into our exciting adventures:

- At the start of the year, our young tech enthusiasts were buzzing around, learning about computer components and even creating their own paper computers. Meanwhile, K-2nd graders were enhancing their online safety skills by using Chromebooks and exploring platforms like Google Classroom, TypeTastic, and CodeSpark. The Pre-K Einsteins were busy expanding their vocabulary and exploring computational thinking through interactive activities.
- Our curious explorers uncovered the magic of simple machines, from constructing catapults to conducting gravity experiments with candies. We documented our discoveries and savored the joy of scientific exploration.
- Engaging in creative projects, students enjoyed crafting AB patterns with colorful beads and translating their names into binary code. Hands-on DIY projects, such as making snowmen and Christmas trees from nuts & bolts, honed our skills in patterns, sizes, and fine motor abilities.
- Embracing engineering creativity, we set out to design affordable and entertaining toys, from crafting wooden "robots" with recycled materials to developing captivating board games. The experience was both educational and hands-on.

Transitioning from engineering, we explored the scientific method, delving into matter and its fascinating properties. From creating fluffy slime to experimenting with dissolving packing peanuts and making elephant toothpaste vs baking soda and vinegar, our science adventures were filled with awe.

Beyond science, we engaged in hands-on activities, applying our newfound knowledge. Working with STEAM bins, we repurposed recycled materials to craft innovative creations, built structures with bricks and blocks, designed video games on CodeSpark, and improved our typing skills on TypeTastic.

**DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.** - Ms. Joie Petrillo





## 2nd Grade Music Informances

Our 2nd Grade students proudly showed off their many musical talents during the music informances. They skillfully demonstrated aurally identifying musical patterns within a song, performing tonal patterns on an instrument while reading the notation on a staff, chanting rhythmic patterns, creating new rhythmic patterns and performing patriotic songs in a choral setting. We couldn't be prouder of our young musicians .



## Camp Read-A-Lot

DPS families enjoyed a fun camp themed evening at DPS on Thursday! Activities for children included boondoggle, crowns, Bingo, constellations, a story book walk, creating binoculars, lanterns, a camp themed photo-op, and listening to read alouds!



## Gliders Baseball Team Visit DPS 2nd Graders



Coach Dean and Coach Mackay brought the Gliders baseball team to DPS to visit with the 2nd graders. Player Reid Martin, Dansville's hometown guy, was a big hit as the students were so excited to hear how he was once a 2nd grader at DPS! The students learned about the importance of having high academic aspirations, working hard, and the value of teamwork!



# introducing...

## EBH Principal, Gayle Pavone



We are excited to introduce Gayle Pavone as the newest addition to our school community at EBH. Gayle brings with her a wealth of experience and a passion for education that has shaped her journey from a young student in Kenya to our new EBH Principal..

Gayle's educational path began in Kenya, where she attended both Kenyan public school and American boarding school. Early on, she discovered her love for working with younger students. Her teaching career includes several roles, including Kindergarten and 3rd-grade teacher, and later, a Reading Coach and Coordinator. During her time as a Reading Coach Gayle developed an appreciation for instructional leadership, recognizing the impact of professional development, data-driven insights, and well-equipped educators on student success.

Gayle's leadership path is impressive. She served as a Director of Pupil Personnel and Student Services, Principal for grades 5-7 and PreK-3, and Director of Special Education, among other pivotal roles. Each position has contributed to her understanding of education and her commitment to fostering environments where both students and staff can thrive.

Gayle envisions EBH as a community where students flourish academically and socially. Her goals include continuing to enhance the curriculum to support learners and leveraging data to inform strategic instructional decisions. Building strong relationships with all stakeholders is a top priority for her this school year, alongside integrating the Leader in Me program already in place at EBH.

Describing her leadership style, Gayle emphasizes collaboration and the transformative power of teamwork in education. She says, "I believe in the collective effort of educators, families, and the community in shaping positive outcomes for students. To foster transparency and engagement, I plan to communicate regularly through electronic newsletters for families and weekly updates for staff, ensuring everyone remains informed and connected."

Gayle said she intends to honor and build upon EBH's existing traditions and events. She values the contributions of parents and the wider community, aiming to create opportunities for meaningful engagement that will help improve the school experience for everyone.

Gayle enjoys spending time outdoors, whether running, hiking, or exploring national parks with her daughter. Her personal interests reflect her commitment to wellness and exploration, qualities that resonate with her educational philosophy of student development.

Gayle Pavone's arrival marks an exciting chapter for EBH. Her extensive leadership and dedication to student success promises to elevate our school community to new heights. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Gayle as she embarks on this journey with us at EBH.





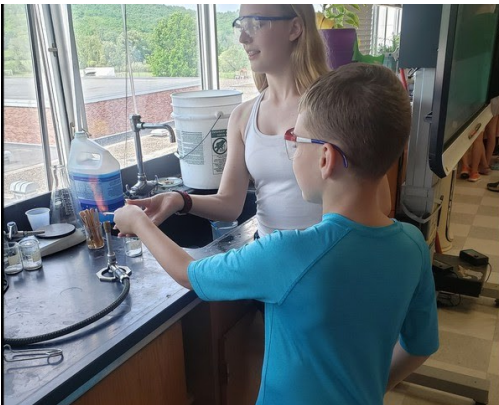
## EBH Law Enforcement Day

EBH honors Law Enforcement Day at our elementary school. Thank you to the members of the NYS Troopers, Livingston County Sheriff, and the Dansville Police Department, who came and gave an exceptional presentation to EBH students today! Students enjoyed demonstrations of drones, a police dog, tasers, and the stop stick. Our very own Dansville SRO, Luke Detrick, participated in a Police dog simulation that was fascinating to our students!



## Fourth Graders Visit High School Chemistry

The fourth graders in Mr. Mialky's chemistry class at the High school conducted some pretty cool experiments.



## Grading Crew

These students said they chose gardening because it sounded fun and would make the courtyard look pretty. They got dirty in the process, and the beds needed a lot of soil. "We need to keep watering the plants to keep them from dying." (Arya Rook, Alisondra Megliore, Anastasia Young, Charlotte Bressler, Dakota Burdick, Liam-Quinn Porter)



## EBH Marching Mustangs





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## Chorus Concert

EBH chorus students had incredible chorus concerts this week! The kids did such a fantastic job performing. It was heartwarming to see their dedication and enthusiasm on stage. Thank you to everyone who came out to support them!

EBH Student Council treated the whole school to an Ice Cream Truck as a tasty treat after all of their hard work on the NYS exams!



## Rise Up & Run

The Rise up & Run club competed in the Dogwood 5k race this past Saturday. We are so proud of our girls for all of their hard work and dedication!







The 5th and 6th grade chorus traveled to SeaBreeze for the school days music festival. Students enjoyed the park and had an opportunity to perform for a judge. They had a perfect score of 100! Congratulations to the 5th and 6th grade chorus!



**Mobile Seneca Zoo Visits EBH**

Third graders got a visit from the Seneca Park Zoo Mobile this week! They met some African Mealworms: Doug the armadillo, Rya the bearded dragon, and Tiny Tim the African Bullfrog. Friends from the zoo taught us about all the unique adaptations these animals have to survive in their environments.

**EBH 5th Graders Visit Letchworth**

EBH 5th-graders went rafting in Letchworth State Park. This experience provided an excellent opportunity to learn about local animals and habitats. Students also learned about rock formations, the effects of erosion, and an infinity hole in the river! They had a beautiful, sunny day with many smiles and memories!





## Letter from David Moodie, High School Principal



Dear Parents and Community Members,

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! This group of outstanding graduates were honored on June 28th at the first commencement ceremony held on the turf field at the Sports Complex. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors... Once a Mustang, always a Mustang!

At DHS, we **Learn - Lead - Succeed** on a daily basis and are committed to recognizing our students for their accomplishments. 450 students received positive postcards home this year because of their commitment to our school and community. Additionally, 150 students were recognized by academic departments for being Mustangs of the Month. At our annual 7th & 8th grade Honor's Tea ceremony, 105 students were recognized for academic accomplishments and outstanding citizenship. Furthermore, 36 students were recognized at our Senior Awards Ceremony. Many of them received scholarships that will assist them with their future plans. We are extremely thankful for our donors that make this possible.

Our students who attended Career & Technical Education Programs through BOCES represented Dansville very well this year. Many of them were recognized at the CTE graduation with various awards and scholarships. A few Dansville students were named "Students of the Year" in their respective programs. Additionally, our National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society continue to grow in numbers with 13 NJHS students and 22 NHS students being inducted during the 2023-2024 school year.

At DHS, we understand the importance of providing students with as many opportunities as possible to grow as a young person and as a member of society. In addition to our athletic programs, we offer 25 after school clubs/activities that allow students to engage in areas of interest. The accomplishments of our students in their extracurriculars is nothing short of amazing. This year, 44 certificates were presented to students as a means of recognizing them for their outstanding accomplishments in Music. Dansville High School's music program consistently helps students to reach All County and All State honors. Furthermore, members of our Future Business Leaders of America club competed in the National event, which was held in Florida.

We hope that our future 7th graders are excited to join DHS. Our Pony Express event (upperclassmen helping underclassmen) will be on August 22nd.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions.

Go Mustangs!

Dave Moodie, DHS Principal

### Save the Dates:

- DHS Open House: September 4th, 4:30-5:30pm
- 1st day of school for students: September 5th
- Homecoming: September 27th

## DHS Secretary Accompanies WWII Vet to England to Celebrate His 100th Birthday

On June 4th, Cassey Bulkowski, from Lancaster, NY, celebrated his 100th birthday in England, recounting his time during WWII in the U.S. Army. Cassey was a Tech Sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps. At the age of 19, he enlisted in the Army after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and was trained as a gunner.

Dansville High School secretary, Bevin Lynn and husband, Chris, and others accompanied Cassey to England. Bevin volunteers at the Geneseo Warplane Museum and met Cassey there.



## Dansville High School Juniors Receive Awards

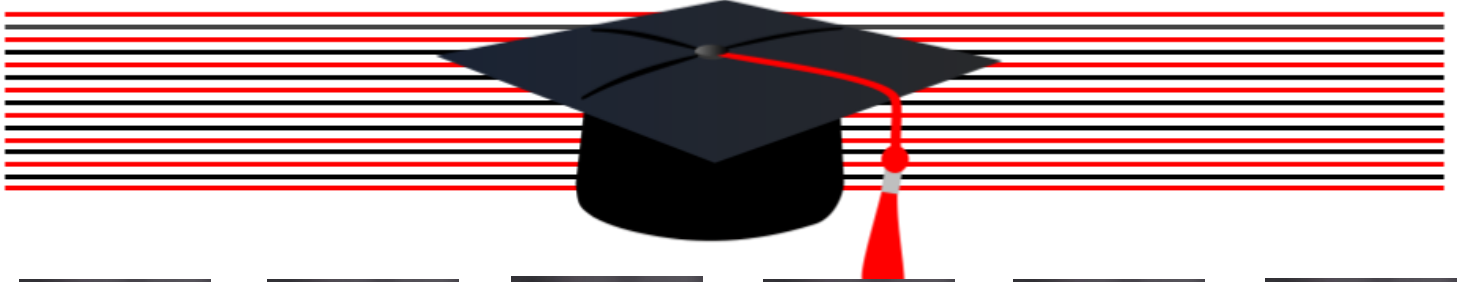
Dansville High School is pleased to announce the recipients of several prestigious awards and scholarship programs. Recognition is given each year to exceptional members of the junior class. Selection is based on academics, intended college majors, leadership, and community service, among other criteria.

**Haidyn Scollon:** Alfred University “Outside of the Ordinary” Scholars Award; **Kylie Regatuso:** Clarkson University Achievement Award; **Megan Tyler:** Clarkson University Leadership Award; **Caleb Knapp, Ella Martin:** Elmira College Key Award; **Journie Heiman, Ella Martin, Eleni Moundzouros, Haidyn Scollon:** Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award; **Abigail Kendall:** LeMoyne College Heights Award; **Casey Youngers:** The Rensselaer Medal Award; **Alexandria Daly:** R.I.T. Art and Design Award; **Rebecca Pogel:** R.I.T. Business and Leadership Award; **Erik Stoner:** R.I.T. Computing Award; **Casey Youngers:** R.I.T. Humanities and Social Science Award; **Ivan Wolf-Mialky:** R.I.T. Science and Math Award; **Briana Blair:** R.I.T. Women in STEM Award; **Mark Sick:** The Russell Sage College Student Sage Award; **Journie Heiman, Abigail Kendall, Caleb Knapp, Eleni Moundzouros, Kylie Regatuso, Megan Tyler:** St. Bonaventure University Bonnie Scholarship Awards; **Grace Rechichi:** St. Lawrence University Book Award; **Alexandria Daly:** Saint Michael’s College Book Award for Academic Achievement and Social Conscience; **Mark Sick:** The University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award; **Grace Rechichi:** The University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award; **Briana Blair:** The University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award; **Erik Stoner:** The University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology; **Ivan Wolf-Mialky, Rebecca Pogel:** Wilkes University Colonel Emerging Leader Award



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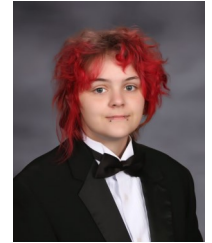
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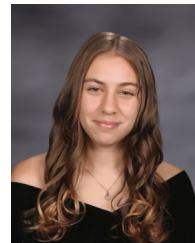
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Teaghan  
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Brooklynn  
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Olivia  
Burley



Emma  
Butters

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Cady



Haley  
Campbell



Ethan  
Canfield



Serenity  
Carney



Grayson  
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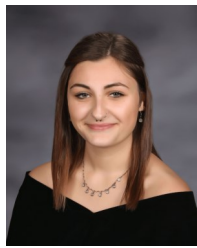
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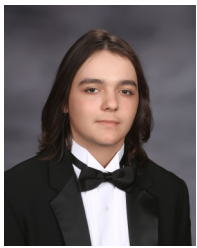
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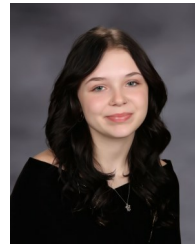
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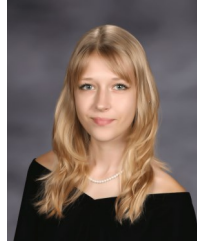
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Kaitlyn  
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Olivia  
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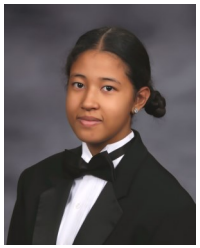
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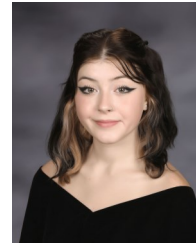
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Braxton  
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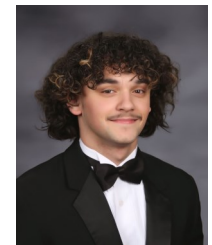
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*“What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## DHS Alumni Return to the Classroom!

### Timothy McGowan, Class of 2012

DHS welcomed Dansville alumnus, SUNY Stony Brook professor, and doctoral student Timothy McGowan for a master class with our musical theater class.

Four students had the opportunity to sing and receive guidance from Mr. McGowan, while the rest of the class observed. The session provided invaluable insights into singing techniques, acting, and building confidence, all in preparation for their theater recital that was held on June 11th. It was a truly wonderful experience!



### Hannea Milliman, Class of 2020

Hannea Milliman visited Dansville kindergarten classes to read her short story. The students also participated in dance activities. Hannea's book, "Dance is For Everyone," encourages all children to try dancing, and she was excited to inspire our little ones.

Having recently graduated from Nazareth with a major in Dance and Social Work, Hannea is passionate about both dance and helping people. As she begins her master's classes and an internship in a school, she shared that this opportunity with our kindergartners has made her even more excited to continue working with children.



High School students received Fresh 4oz. burgers from our local Knapp Farms Beef in Ossian. Students also received fresh pasta salad from Barilla Pasta in Avon.



### Making Pizza

Eighth grade FACS classes students learned how to make pizza sauce and dough from scratch. The students really enjoyed making their personal sized pizzas.





## DHS Marching Mustangs Honor Veterans in Memorial Day Parade



## Career Expo

On May 23rd, Dansville High School and the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce collaborated to offer a Career Expo. Students had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with almost 30 employers. Thank you to everyone that was in attendance. The students and employers made this a very successful event.





Several members of the Livingston County Sheriff's Office recently visited Dansville Central School to recognize and celebrate five exceptional students who received this year's "Do The Right Thing" award.

The "Do The Right Thing" award, established by the non-profit Do The Right Thing organization, honors school-age youths for their positive accomplishments, behavior, and good deeds. The program aims to reward and publicly recognize young people as role models for their peers.

For the 2023-2024 school year, Dansville's School Resource Deputy Luke Detrick nominated Braxton Robson, Landon Wadsworth, Tyler Schirmer, Mark Sick, and Bryce Ludlow. These students were recognized for their roles as Junior Firefighters with the Dansville Fire Department and their dedication to teaching Fire Safety classes to Dansville Primary School students. They also volunteered on September 11th, 2023, to place flags around campus in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedies.

Each award winner received a certificate and a \$50 gift card from the Livingston County Sheriff's Foundation. Established by Sheriff Thomas J. Dougherty in 2017 and publicly launched in 2018, the foundation supports Sheriff's Office projects, equipment needs, and programs that enhance the safety and well-being of Livingston County communities. The board of directors includes five Livingston County residents, with the Sheriff serving as Chairman and the Undersheriff as Vice Chairman.

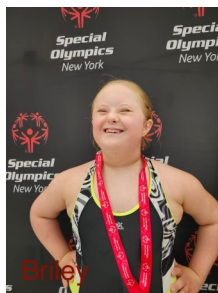
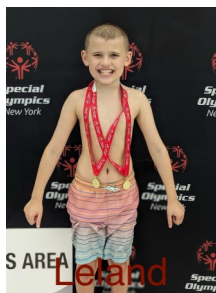
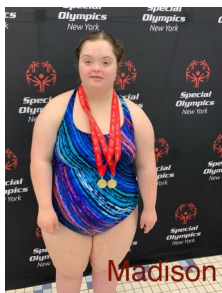
Pictured below are Dansville Fire Chief Brian Wood, Chief Deputy Jason Yasso, Deputy Luke Detrick, Junior Firefighter Advisor and Deputy Brian Schirmer, Chief Deputy Dan Rittenhouse, and our five award winners! Congratulations to our award recipients and thank you for your hard work!



### Special Olympic Winners!

Our Dansville Special Olympians shined at the swimming competition in Geneseo, NY. Congratulations to all our amazing athletes for their incredible performances!

- Madison Wood: Gold in 25m assist and 25m kickboard events.
- Leland Ebert: Gold in 15m walk and 25m assist events.
- Briley Jerome: Silver in 25m assist and gold in 25m backstroke.
- Hannah Graham: Gold in 25m backstroke and 24m freestyle, and bronze in the 4x25 freestyle relay.
- Landon Hilyard: Gold in 15m walk and 25m assist events.
- Cheyenne Dockstader: Gold in 15m walk assist and bronze in 15m unassisted.





## Making Music

On June 3rd, our music department and music boosters came together to host our second annual Dansville Music Festival! Students from the 7-12 building performed while the music boosters sold refreshments. It was a beautiful evening to celebrate our music department and all of our students accomplishments!



DHS students showcased their musical talents at the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Solo Festival held at Webster CSD in April.

Participants prepared a NYSSMA solo, mastered 7 Major scales, and undertook sight-reading assessments during the festival, garnering feedback and ratings from judges. We congratulate all our students for their dedication and stellar performances! Among the standout performers were 7th and 8th Grade Band students:



(trumpet), Adanya Blair (clarinet), Ava Hasler (percussion - snare drum), Elijah Jennings (tenor saxophone), Dawson Hermann (tenor saxophone), Joshua Forrester (trombone), Aubrey Bovee (flute), Shawna Kendall (clarinet), Daniel Young (alto saxophone), Elianna Woodard (tenor saxophone), L'daeSha Anderson (clarinet), and Nevaeh Wheeler (clarinet).



## 2024 Dogwood Parade



### DHS Senior Designs Logo for Alumni Association



Michael Rivera, a talented senior at our high school, was chosen to design a new logo for Dansville Alumni Association. This project was an extension of our Logo unit in Design and Drawing for Production and a part of our ongoing effort to engage current students in projects that connect them with our school's rich history and vibrant community of graduates.

Michael's design stood out for its innovative approach and meaningful symbolism. The logo features a dynamic combination of our school colors and mascot, blended with elements that represent both the past and the future of our alumni network. His work captures the spirit of our school and the lasting connections formed here, making it a perfect emblem for our alumni association.



Michael's journey to creating this logo has been marked by his passion for art and design. He has been an active member of the school's technology program and has contributed to several school projects, showcasing his remarkable talent and dedication. It has been a pleasure to have Michael as my student and we will miss his creative energy and drive.

This year's logo will be used on the 2024 Souvenir Tervis Cup that was given to each participant in the Alumni weekend activities.

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Senior Formal Portraits	8/6 and 8/7	3PK & 4PK Orientation	9/5
Pony Express Training	8/21	First Day School 3PK & 4PK	9/6
7th Grade Orientation	8/22	HS Picture Day	9/9 & 9/10
Kindergarten Meet & Greet	8/29	Homecoming	9/27
1st Grade Meet & Greet	9/3	Homecoming Dance	9/28
DHS Open House	9/4 4:30-5:30	PS & EBH Picture Day	10/3



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