



Dear School Community Members,

The first two months of school have been action-packed and exciting. Our students have enjoyed so many activities and experiences. Our faculty and staff have worked to ensure their students are engaged and curious. As you read through the pages that follow, you will learn about these activities in greater detail and I trust you will feel a strong sense of pride in our students, our employees, and Dansville schools. You will also be introduced to new faculty and staff who are thrilled to be serving Dansville students.

While we celebrate learning and the culture of extracurricular engagement at DCS, we also acknowledge the challenges before us. We are committed to increasing the number of students' reading on grade level by the end of second grade. We are immersed in supporting the developmental health of our students and curbing relational aggression. The District continues its quest for a new superintendent, and we understand the fragility of relationships and life as we remember Floyd Sick and do our best to fill the void he leaves behind in our transportation department.

We have faced all of these challenges before, we will overcome them again, and we will do it together.

Moving forward, we must continue to focus on students and help them achieve their full

potential. We must make decisions that are in the best interest of our students. With students front and center, everything will fall into place with our quiet, persistent resolve. In the meantime, we will continue our important work serving students, helping families, and contributing to our community.

Yours in Education,

Paul J. Alioto





Cross Country Accolades

Varsity Girls Cross Country Team (season record: 19-1). LCAA/GR - D1 - League Champions. This is the program's 3rd straight League Title.



Mustangs of the Month: September

Kaitlyn Lee - Girls Swimming
Colin Draper - Boys Cross Country
Esmee Gouldsblom - Girls Cross Country
Reid Martin - Football
Abby Schuster - Fall Cheerleading
Baylee Hayes - Girls Soccer
Brian Geiger - Boys Soccer
Carah Colburn - Volleyball

Mustangs of the Month: October

Ella Frazer - Girls Swimming
Brycen Lemmon - Boys Cross Country
Brianne Hurlburt - Girls Cross Country
Nathaniel Gardner - Football
Evalanie VanDurme-Blackmon - Game Day Cheer
Emma Allen - Girls Soccer
Cam Delaney - Boys Soccer

THE BEST! DANSVILLE VARSITY GIRLS SWIM TEAM LCAA Results

- ★ <u>Ella Frazer</u>: Reigning Champion in the 200 freestyle
- ★ Season Best in the 500 freestyle
- ★ DROPPING TIME in their personal events: Abby Kendall, Marissa Zeifel, Samara Wolf-Mialky & Selena White-Fairbrother.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

- ★ <u>Kaitlyn Lee:</u> Season Best in the 100 fly & 100 backstroke
- ★ 3rd Place Finish: 200 & 400 Free Relays(Lee, Kendall, Scollon & Frazer)
- ★ Top 8 finishers: Abby Kendall & Haidyn Scollon
- ★ Bronze in Diving: Abby Kendall

JOB WELL DONE!!!

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Dansville Athletics Wall of Fame



Photo by Joe Granita

Pictured left to right: John Keysaw, Pat Shafer, Mike Allen, Phyllis & Brian Applin - parents of Katie Applin.

Not pictured: Danyel Johnson

Friday, September 15 was filled with pride in Dansville Mustang country. It was Homecoming for Dansville Central Schools, which included a pep rally for students in grades 7-12. Additionally, there was a parade led by the Marching Mustangs (Elementary Band, Middle School Band and High School Band).

At halftime of the DanWayCo vs Geneva varsity football game, 5 individuals were inducted into the Dansville Mustangs Athletic Wall of Fame. High School Principal and Chairman of the Athletic Wall of Fame Committee, Dave Moodie, reported, "Decades of Dansville Mustang accomplishments were recognized this evening. These 5 individuals had outstanding athletic careers. They also exemplify what it means to be a Dansville Mustang. Being inducted into the Athletic Wall of Fame was a proud moment for each of this year's inductees and their families. Their induction also provides motivation to our current athletes, who I hope strive to reach the same level of accomplishments."

Each inductee was provided with a plaque that they personally hung on the Athletic Wall of Fame; a framed copy of their induction profile; and an Athletic Wall of Fame members only jacket.

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Breakfast for Champions

Provided for our Mustang fall athletes by our Food Service Department.













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CONGRATULATIONS

To these DCS family members for their years of service!

10 Years



Back Row: Larry Carpenter, Cassandra Boor, Megan Baumgardner, Shana Swain, Mike Birmingham, Clarissa Swain Front Row: Kristen Pullen, Tricia Dale, Rhonda Englert, Barb Pamper, Samantha Taylor, Randa Weidman, Lori Drum, Rickey Knudsen, Annie Philpot

20 Years



Marc Sylor, Lynne Blum, Kari Gray, Lucy Pfaff

25 Years



Back Row: Kris Harrison, Terry Fraser, Dan Dixon, Kevin Greenway Front Row: Elsa Young, Tom Hober, Tracy Gregorious, Erik Kastner, Linda Malone, Hope Perry, Fred Young

30 Years



Chuck Malone

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Primary School

Back Row: Nacole Burchard, Sara Zalewski, Brittany New, Bailey Kernan, Krysten Edsall, Katie Cross-Gray, Mary Ellen Arena, Rachel Halpenny, Vanessa Brewster

Front Row: Hannah Steff, Sara Rawleigh, Christis Pittman, Christine Pendziwiatr, Lauren Learn, Debra Burgermeister, Kathy Bowes, Samantha Taylor, Allison Will, Derek Wampole



High School

Grace Ann Gropp, Alex Dietz, Jana Everett, Susanne Hartke, Stephen O'Riley, Kara Waddell



Elementary School

Dr. Megan Crine, Angie Conway, Meliea DeStefano , Tasha Fitzpatrick, Saragrace Friday, Casey Pestle , Levi Wormuth, Heather Robin



Tonya Hall, Kiley Jones, Abigail Sackett, Makenna Klinkbeil, Kaitlin Sackett, Thomas Weidman



Food Services: Chandler Potter, Kathy Stein (return from retirement)





Jennifer Swift, TOSA – New Role as CSE Chairperson



Andrew Leyden, Director of Health, PE, Athletics and Wellness

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Letter from Melissa Goho, Primary School Principal

DPS students have been enjoying the fall, especially with the addition to our playground. The new equipment was selected to provide fun and a little challenge for the K-2nd graders. I've heard it described by the students as an obstacle course and I'm confident we're going to have some strong students as they keep working hard to master the monkey bars.

We are proud to be a Leader in Me School and are focused on helping our students Learn, Lead, Achieve. This year classroom teachers are teaching Leader in Me lessons, focused on the 7 Habits, each day during morning meeting. This ensures a common language and culture throughout the

school. Also, it helps us achieve our goal of students feeling empowered with leadership and life skills which support their interactions with others, coping and problem solving skills, academic skills, and growth mindset.

Our 2023-2024 Student Lighthouse Team has been selected after receiving many applications. Congratulations to Hotchner Acomb (1st), Hurain Ali (1st), Nightely Blackwell (2nd), Carter Brown (K), Lilah Crosson (1st), Ella Dale (K), Leia Deleo (1st), Kolt Everman (2nd), Marcie Hermann (2nd), Piper Gartz (2nd), Jordyn Leven (K), Olivia Linsner (2nd), Amelia Muchler-Pappas (1st), Ethan O'Wensel (K), Jamison Rook (2nd), Kendrick Scott (2nd), Mason Versluis (K), Madeline Vogt (1st), Fiona Young (K), and Riley Young (2nd) for being DPS leaders. The Student Lighthouse Team meets once a month after school. This group has a lot of goals for the year, including facilitating the whole school monthly morning meetings, taking pictures for the DPS website and yearbook, preparing for Spirit Weeks by identifying the daily themes and making fliers for the walls, and organizing assemblies and events.

Thank you to the Dansville Fire Department, Dansville Ambulance, and West Sparta Fire Department as well as the Junior firefighters Bryce Ludlow, Braxten Robson, Ty Schirmer, Mark Sick, and Landon Wadsworth for visiting DPS on Wednesday, October 11 for Fire Safety and Prevention! The students got to watch the firefighters get dressed in their gear, including the oxygen tanks. Also, one student from each group got to dress up in kid-sized gear. The students learned about fire equipment and safety prevention and climbed aboard the ambulance and fire trucks. This community visit will certainly help keep our kids safe if they ever encounter an emergency situation.

TDPS students enjoyed teaching their families all about our school at our Open House on October 19. They were able to show off some of their hard work thus far this year, give a tour of the building, and introduce them to some of their new friends. Families explored the story walk that was sponsored by our Family Resource Center.

It's going to be a great school year full of learning, friendship, and fun! I'm looking forward to seeing families again at our Cozy Christmas Family Literacy Event on Thursday, December 14 from 5:30-7:00pm! Be sure to save the date!

Best, Melissa Goho

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Whole School Morning Meeting

Friday, October 20, DPS had their first whole school morning meeting for the 2023-2024 school year! Our Student Lighthouse Committee did an excellent job leading the meeting!



Author Visit

Sharmilla Fassbender, an author and Dansville resident, came to DPS to read her book "Making Friends Together" and do an activity with the 4PK classes. We thank Sharmilla and Sharminey for donating a copy of their book to the DPS library for students to borrow.







Fire Prevention Week













A big thank you goes out to the Dansville Fire Department, Dansville Ambulance, and West Sparta Fire Department!

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Red Ribbon Week

The students, faculty, and staff had fun dressing up - Sports Day, Pajama Day, Hat Day, Inside-Out Day, and Favorite Color Day. Also, each student got a **Kindness Matters** bookmark because the theme for the year is Be Kind to Your Mind.





Big Smiles for the New Playground Equipment!











First Day of Intramurals

Mr. Wampole couldn't have asked for a better afternoon for the first day intramurals. The students enjoyed riding the strider bikes donated by Maddie's Motor Sports around our tennis court!







Empire State Games

Students from the primary school and EBH competed in the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged at SUNY Brockport. Each student was accompanied by a HS student coach to cheer them on during their events. Students competed in a variety of track (running or wheeling) and field (throwing) events throughout the athletic facility.





Letter from EBH Principal, Dr. Megan Crine

Hello from all of us at EBH!

EBH has had a wonderful start to the 2023-2024 school year! Our focus for September was to build classroom communities and establish routines and expectations. All classes completed lessons reviewing the expected behaviors in the classroom, hallways, cafeteria, bus, and playground. We are very proud of how students respond to our collective expectations and immediate improvements are seen when we need reminders.

EBH is proud to be a Leader in Me Lighthouse School! As a school, we talk about <u>The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People</u> by Stephen Covey. Our focus in September and October was on Habit 1: Be Proactive. Each classroom created a classroom mission statement and all of the students wrote a personal mission statement. Habit 2 is our focus for November, which is "Begin with the End in Mind." This habit is about setting goals and making plans to achieve them. EBH has monthly assemblies to promote the Habits and celebrate students who demonstrate their Leader in Me!

There were several events at EBH this fall to highlight:

EBH Cross Country Run

Our annual EBH Cross Country Run was on Friday, October 27, 2023. This is such a fun event for all of us. Thank you to all the families who came to support healthy habits and community building with this treasured EBH event!

Monster Mash Competition

Our First Annual Fall Monster Mash Competition was on Tuesday, October 31. Students walked around the perimeter of the track in their costumes and then cheered on their fellow EBH students! Classes choose to perform a dance or skit for a short period of a specific theme song for each grade level. The winner for each grade level was determined by the loudest cheers given by the EBH students. Thank you to all the families who came out to support this fun event!

Upcoming Events:

Bring a Veteran to School Day

EBH is Proud to invite ALL veterans to our Leader in Me Assembly where we will have a Veteran's Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Students will bring home a signup sheet if they want to bring a Veteran to school for our special celebration.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences are also coming up On November 20 and 21. These will be half days for students. I hope you have already set up a time to meet with your child's teacher. Please remember that you can contact your child's teacher at any time with questions. I am also available at any time!

Concerts

Please be watching for dates and times for the upcoming Holiday Concerts featuring our bands and choruses.

Dr. Megan Crine EBH Principal

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EBH "Leader In Me" Celebrates Homecoming







Flashlight Friday Reading!

EBH students and our therapy dog are enjoying learning!



Empire State Games

On Friday, October 13, three students from Dansville Central School participated in the Empire State Games for the physically challenged at Brockport. Grayson and Gavin from EBH and Kennedy from the primary school were accompanied by three high school students Reid, Zayden, and Nate, as well as family members. These students acted as coaches and mentors to our athletes and cheered them on in their multiple events. Our students embodied the Dansville motto of caring, learning, and leading. Our athletes placed and won medals in many track and field style events. These medals will be awarded at their schools leadership assemblies









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Letter from David Moodie, High School Principal



The 2023-2024 school year kicked off with Homecoming activities the week of September 11-15. Students had opportunities to show their school spirit by participating in a variety of events (bonfire, breakfast for champions, pep rally, parade, homecoming dance). Furthermore, we have increased the number of clubs that are offered at DHS. Our hope is to have something that is of interest to each and every student. Most clubs meet after school during 9th period (2:30 - 3:20pm) and school transportation is provided. Please encourage your child to be a part of something here at DHS. We strongly believe that when students are connected to clubs, athletics, and/or the fine arts. their attendance, behavior. and commitment to academics will be positively impacted.

Our motto at the high school: *Learn, Lead, Succeed* continues to be a point of emphasis. Not only is it how we end each morning announcement, but students are recognized each day when

they exemplify attributes associated with learning, leading, succeeding. All employees associated with students in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to write positive postcards to recognize students. At this point in the school year, almost 200 positive cards have been mailed home. Additionally, students in 7th & 8th grade receive "mustang money" when they conduct themselves in a way that epitomizes being a Mustang. Students then have the opportunity on Fridays during lunch to use their "mustang money" to purchase Dansville Mustang memorabilia, snacks, stickers, etc. This is all part of our Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports system that we are finding very effective.

We believe in challenging students academically and having high standards for appropriate behavior. Students are encouraged to hold themselves and others accountable; and it is just as important to recognize and celebrate students for their success. The following students have been selected as Department Mustangs of the Month by their teachers for doing their part to learn, lead and succeed: Samantha DuBois, Ryan Frazier, Elijah Jennings, Kaitlyn Lee, Georgene Scott, Brennah (Ray) Daly, Faith Muchler, Zach Heiman, Reid Martin, Haidyn Scollon, James Jamison, Maggie Tallman, Kyle Losey, Johanna Huey, Madison Forrester, Nathaniel Arend, Carson Mays, Kinsley Sauerbier, Arabella Fronk, Hailey Carpenter, Carter Sylor, Elizabeth Hint, Cole Thompson, Olivia Levee, Madison Torrey, Lucy Simzer, Edward Evans IV and Kylie Guild.

Students in 7th and 8th grade have been receiving Tier 1 instruction from school counselors to further their knowledge and skill set regarding behavioral choices and regulating their emotions. The month of September was focused on relationships and communication skills. 7th graders were able to spend time learning more about themselves as learners in high school and the role of their school counselors. 8th graders spent time focusing on non-verbal vs. verbal communication. Another goal was to gain a better awareness of the misunderstandings that can often occur when using electronic devices as a main source of communication. During October, the focus was on self-awareness and beginning with the end in mind. The 7th grade classes completed a self-assessment to identify an area of self-awareness that they needed to develop further, such as: self-knowledge, self-confidence and emotional awareness. The 8th graders currently enrolled in FACS class were able to learn about multiple intelligences. The students then used this information to identify a career that would utilize their areas of strength and interest post high school.

Already this school year, seniors who are interested in attending a college or university after graduation have had the opportunity to participate in the following college visits: SUNY Geneseo, St. John Fisher University, Keuka College and Rochester Institute of Technology. Students report that these visits really help them to make informed decisions about where they want to attend college. Additionally in October, we were very fortunate to host 14 Rochester Area Colleges in our high school gym for a brief informational meeting, offered to all students in 11th & 12th grade. Students who have expressed an interest in going directly into the workforce upon graduation were offered the opportunity to attend a field trip for career exploration associated with the GLOW With Your Hands event organized by the Livingston County Area Chamber of Commerce - Education to Employment. Each year, this event proves to be a great opportunity for students to get hands-on experience and learn about various careers in agriculture, manufacturing, and many other skilled trades.

Go Mustangs!

Dave Moodie, DHS Principal

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High School Rotary Club Students of the Month

The Dansville Central Schools "Rotary Club Student of the Month" has changed a bit from years past. Students are selected based on the Rotary "Four Way Test":

By applying the "Four Way Test" to student nominations, we will be able to acknowledge students who are consistently helping others, volunteering their time, and generally being model students and citizens.

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

We are proud to announce the following students as September and October "Rotary Students of the Month":



SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Joyce Rodriguez

Parents: Jocelyn Santiago and Eugenip Rodriguez Igresias

Honors/Activities: Volleyball, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Pony Express, Crossing Guard,

National Honor Society, Honor Roll

Future Plans: Attend college (Alfred State or St. Fisher) to study business.



Brian Geiger

Parents: Kevin and Erin Geiger

Honors/Activities: Academic Honor Roll, Captain of the Soccer team for 2 years, Mustang Leadership Award for Soccer, National Guard Leadership Award, LCAA All-Star, Student Council grades 9-12.

Future Plans: Attend college for business.



OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kaylie Babosci

Parents: Jamey Babocsi and Laszlo Babocsi

Honors/Activities: I love drawing, swimming and learning about mythology around the world. I am in Ski Club, GSA Club and I have a job as a dishwasher at Jack's Place.

Future Plans: I plan to attend college for Agriculture or Hydrology.



Parents: Derek and Sarah Belcher

Honors/Activities: Soccer, Basketball, Softball, NHS, NJHS, Pony Express, Livingston County Teen Recognition, LCAA D1 All Star, Student Athlete Leadership Program, Section 5 Girls Basketball All State Honors

Future Plans: I plan to attend college to study education and play soccer and basketball



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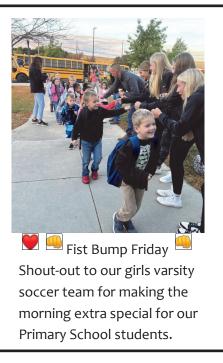
The 7th and 8th Grade Band and Chorus attended "Frozen" at the Rochester Auditorium Theater. Everyone loved the show and had a great time!



GLOW Field Trip



DHS students had an amazing opportunity to participate in the GLOW with your hands field trip at the Genesee County Fairgrounds. #careerexploration





Thank you to St. John Fisher University for hosting DHS seniors for a college tour.
Outstanding facilities! #collegereadiness

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 - September 2023



Brennah (Ray) Daly



Samantha DuBois



Ryan Frazier



Zach Heiman



James Jamison



Elijah Jennings



Kaitlyn Lee



Reid Martin



Faith Muchler



Haidyn Scotlon



Georgene Scott

Mustangs of the Month - October 2023



Nathaniel Arend



Hailey Carpenter Evans. IV



Edward



Madison Forrester



Arabella Fronk



Kylie Guild



Elizabeth Hint



Johanna Huey



Olivia Levee



Kyle Losey



Carson Mays



Kinsley Sauerbier



Lucy Simzer



Carter Sylor



Margaret Tallman



Cole Thompson



Madison Torey

Page 15 **FALL 2023** DHS 7th and 8th Grade Band at the Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 16. We are very proud of them and their hard work. They did a wonderful job preparing in only four rehearsals! Way to go, 7th and 8th Graders!





Supporting The Humane Society

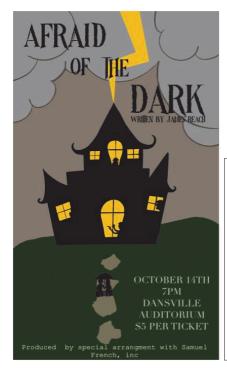


The 2023-2024 Entrepreneurship class, taught by Mrs. Auble, has partnered with The Hornell Humane Society to raise money to cover the cost of at least two puppy adoptions. Each puppy adoption costs \$350.00. The students wanted to provide more than one furever home for a canine friend by removing the barrier of adoption fees. Thus, the Ducks in Disguise philanthropy was born.

Any additional proceeds will be used to help cover the cost of daily canine care.

DHS Theater

About 20 students participated in the fall production, "Afraid of the Dark." Special shout-out to Mr. Sanderson and Mrs. Buckel for organizing this show. Thank you to students, David Sick and Colin Draper, as they directed the show.





Chauncey and Lillums arrive at "Stone Mansion" for their honeymoon. It's an isolated country estate belonging to his aunt and supposedly unoccupied.

Chauncey confesses he's been "afraid of the dark" ever since childhood. Having unburdened himself - the lights suddenly go out! When they come on again, they find themselves surrounded by fantastic characters! Amidst the chaos, a spy plot comes forward and it's up to them to solve the mystery!

Appropriate for all ages

Fall Foliage Parade

The 7th and 8th Grade Band did a wonderful job at the Cohocton Fall Foliage Parade. The weather turned out to be beautiful and everyone performed very well. What a great group of students we have! They are a joy to work with.











College Bound!

Juniors and Seniors were able to meet with 14 Rochester Area Colleges at the RAC College Fair held at Dansville High School. It is a great opportunity for our students to connect with college representatives and ask questions about their institutions and academic programs. A special thanks goes out to the Rochester Area Colleges Group for visiting Dansville. #collegereadiness

College Visits









Honoring Our Service Heroes

In honor of 9/11, the Dansville Junior Firefighters placed 343 flags, each representing a firefighter hero who lost their life on 9/11.

As we remembered the events of 9/11, we were reminded of the incredible courage and selflessness displayed by these first responders. Their dedication to saving lives and protecting our nation will never be forgotten.



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HOMECONING





2023 Homecoming Court

Freshman: Parker Black and Erin Birmingham Sophomore: Jake Kreiley and Taylor Hamsher Juniors: Jordan Guizzotti and Briana Blair Seniors: Arryl Gerber and Ketsia Corbett King Anthony Morrow





















THANK YOU



Thank you to Phoenix Hearth & Power, Dansville Fire Department, Dansville music Booster, Dansville sports Booster, Dansville Rotary, Dansville Tops, & Hornell Walmart for donations and supporting our homecoming bonfire.

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What's Coming up at DCSD



Nov. 22-24 NO SCHOOL: THANKSGIVING RECESS

Dec. 2 Winter in the Village

Dec. 9 GVSMA Solo Festival: Livonia CSD (Select 7th and 8th

Grade Band Students)

Dec. 10 Rochester Tuba Christmas: Kodak Hall at Eastman

Theatre (Select 7/8 Band)

Dec. 12 BOE Meeting

Dec. 19 7th and 8th Grade Band/Chorus Holiday Concert

Dec. 22-Jan. 1 Holiday Recess Jan. 9 BOE Meeting

Jan. 15 NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 23 BOE Meeting

Jan. 23-25 NYS Regents Exams

Jan. 26 No School Students: Superintendent Conference Day

Feb. 1 3PK & 4PK Registration Begins

Feb. 2-3 GVSMA Junior High Band All County Music Festival

Feb. 5-9 National School Counselor Week

Feb. 13 BOE Meeting

Feb. 15 School Resource Officer Day Feb. 19-23 NO SCHOOL: Winter Recess

Feb. 27 BOE Meeting

March 1 Kindergarten Registration Begins

March 4 3PK & 4PK Lottery

March 4-8 National School Social Worker Week

March 12 BOE Meeting

March 14 1/2 Day Students (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
March 15 1/2 Day Students (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

March 26 BOE Meeting

March 29-April 8 NO SCHOOL: Spring Recess

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2023 Wall of Pride Inductees



Tom Wamp, Tom Acomb, Kent Rounsville, Bob Hitchcock (accepting for Wilfred J. Rauber)