



# NEWSMAKERS

Character word for January  
is "PERSEVERANCE"

JANUARY 2025

## Upcoming Events

**Winter Break**  
Monday, Dec. 23 -  
Friday, Jan. 3  
**STUDENTS RETURN**  
Monday, Jan. 6

**Girls' Basketball Class A Tournament**  
Monday, Jan. 6 -  
Saturday, Jan. 11

**Boys' Basketball Class A Tournament**  
Tuesday, Jan. 7 -  
Saturday, Jan. 11

**MLK Jr. Day**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, Jan. 20

**Board of Education Meeting**  
Monday, Jan. 27



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It's a Great Day  
to be a Panther!



Find school updates and current information on the district Facebook page, the district web page at

[www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us](http://www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us)

or with Superintendent Whalen's "X" account @DSSuptWhalen.



The DS Board of Education is seeking applicants to fill 2 Board vacancies. See page 2 for more information.



The Region 2 All "A" Basketball Tournaments will be held during the week of January 6 - 11. The Varsity Girls team will play their 1st round game at home versus Lyon Co. on Monday, January 6 at 6:00. The Varsity Boys team will play their 1st round game at home versus Livingston Central on Tuesday, Jan. 7 also at 6:00. The Girls' Semifinals & Finals will be played at Crittenden Co. The Boys' Semifinals & Finals will be played at Dawson Springs. See pages 8 & 9 for printable Region 2 brackets.



### ELEMENTARY PARENTS

Please put your child's name or initials on all coats, hats, water bottles, etc. so items that are lost at school or on a bus can be returned to their owners.



Congratulations to all of our Jr./Sr. High School and Elementary 2024 State Assessment Award Recipients!



A Tradition  
of Success!



## **NOTICE OF VACANT DAWSON SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT**

The Dawson Springs Independent Schools Board of Education ("Board") is seeking applications for appointments to fill two (2) vacancies on the Board representing the District at large. This appointment will be effective until the November 2026, regular election.

Responsibilities include: setting policy to govern the District; hiring/evaluating the Superintendent; and levying taxes and adopting the District budget.

Board members must:

- Be at least 24 years old and a Kentucky citizen for the last three years;
- Be a registered voter in the particular District of the vacancy;
- Have completed the 12th grade or have a GED certificate;
- Meet all other legal qualifications (KRS 160.180); and
- Complete required annual in-service training.
- **\*\*Applicants MUST live in the city of Dawson Springs**

Applications are available at the Dawson Springs Board of Education at 118 E. Arcadia Avenue or one can be emailed if you contact Superintendent Leonard Whalen at: [leonard.whalen@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us](mailto:leonard.whalen@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us)

Drop off or mail applications to: Superintendent, ATTN: Board Vacancy, 118 E. Arcadia Avenue, Dawson Springs, KY 42408.



# JANUARY EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Dec 29 	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1 New Year's Day	2 	3 6:00 V G/B Basketball @ Caldwell Co.	4 9:00 Fr Boys Basketball @ Caldwell Co.  6:00 V G/B Basketball @ Christian Fellowship
- - - - - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL - - - - -						
5	6 STUDENTS RETURN  6:00 1st Round Reg. 2 All "A" Girls Basketball @ home vs Lyon Co.	7 6:00 1st Round Reg. 2 All "A" Boys Basketball @ home vs Livingston Central  	8 4:30 - 5:30 FAFSA Workshop in HS Media Ctr/Library	9 6:00 Reg. 2 All "A" Girls Basketball Semifinals @ Crittenden Co.	10 6:00 Reg. 2 All "A" Boys Basketball Semifinals @ Dawson Springs  6:00 V Girls Basketball @ McLean Co.	11 9:00 Fr Boys Basketball @ Webster Co.  4:00 Region 2 All "A" Girls Basketball Finals @ Crittenden Co.  7:00 Region 2 All "A" Boys Basketball Finals @ Dawson Springs
12	13	14 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting  6:00 V G/B Basketball @ MNHHS	15 	16	17 5:30 JV/V Boys Basketball @ Evansville Christian	18 MS Academic Team District Meet  10:15 Fr Boys Basketball @ Webster Co.  5:00 V G/B Basketball @ Heritage Christian Academy
19 	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL  6:00 V G/B Basketball @ Community Christian Academy	21 HS Academic Team District Meet: - Composition only	22	23 12:00 FRYSC Advisory Council Meeting  3:30 Elementary SBDM Council Meeting  6:00 V Girls Basketball @ Webster Co.	24 6:00 PTO Meeting @ HS Media Ctr/Library	25 HS Academic Team District Meet:  9:00 Fr Boys Basketball @ Hopkinsville
26	27 6:00 DS Board of Education Meeting w/ Local Wellness Policy Forum	28 6:00 V G/B Basketball @ home	29 	30 TBD Fr Boys Basketball @ Webster Co.	31 6:00 V G/B Basketball @ home	Feb 1 TBD Fr Boys Basketball @ Webster Co.  6:00 V G/B Basketball @ home





## Open Forum to discuss the Local Wellness Policy at the January BOE Meeting 01/27/2025

The Local Wellness Policy is posted on the Dawson Springs Schools website.

- Go to the Departments Tab, then Food Service, scroll to the bottom of the page under Documents and Links.

Our Triennial Assessment Results from The Alliance for a Healthier Generation are also on the Dawson Springs Schools website.

- Go to the Departments Tab, then Food Service, scroll to the bottom of the page under Documents and Links.

If anyone has visited this page and wants to discuss the policy or the results of the assessment, we would be glad to hear from you.

If anyone is interested in joining our wellness team and would be able to attend a few meetings each year to discuss ways to improve and update the policy, we would be glad to have your support and input.

Contact: Angelia Blanchard

270/797-3811 ext. #2125 office

270/797-3811 ext. #2133 cafeteria

angelia.blanchard@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us

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# Breakfast



Offered Everyday:  
Assortment of Cereal  
Assortment of Pop-Tarts  
Tater Tots, Fruit, Juice & Milk

MONDAY

Sausage Biscuit or  
Mini Pancakes

Breakfast Pizza or  
Cinnamom Roll

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Egg & Cheese Biscuit  
or Mini Donuts

THURSDAY

Chicken Biscuit / Banana,  
Blueberry or Lemon Bread

FRIDAY

Sausage Pancake on a Stick or  
Sausage, Egg & Cheese Tornado

\*\*Menu Subject to Change  
Without Notice\*\*



Middle School  
& High School

# Breakfast



Offered Everyday

Sandwiches

Chicken Biscuit,  
Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit or  
SEC Tornado

Cinn Toast Crunch, Cinn Chex,  
Cocoa Puffs, Lucky Charms,  
Honey Cheerios & Trix

Cereal

Poptarts

Chocolate Fudge, Cinnamon  
& Strawberry

Blueberry, Banana & Lemon Bread Slices,  
Mini Pancakes, Mini Cinni's, Mini Strawberry  
Bagels, Mini Chocolate or Powdered Donuts

Bakery

Fruit  
&  
Milk

Apple, Grape & Orange Juice  
Apple Slices, Apple Crisps & Craisins  
Chocolate, Strawberry & White Milk





# JANUARY 2025

Dawson Springs

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MY SCHOOL BUCKS

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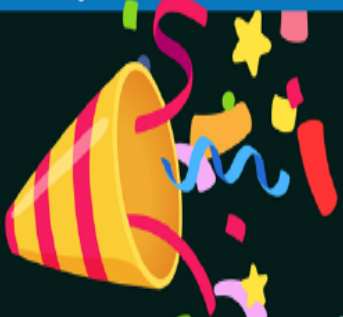
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Happy

New

Year

6  
Chicken Tenders or Chicken Wings, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Carrots w/Ranch, Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk

7  
Rotini w/Garlic Bread or Italian Cheesy Bread w/Marinara, Peas & Carrots, Cali Veggies, Side Salad, Fruit, Juice & Milk

8  
Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk

9  
Beef & Cheese Nachos or Mac & Cheese, Refried Beans, Fiesta Veggies, Mexican Rice, Fruit, Juice & Milk

10  
Pizza or Cheeseburger, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit, Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

13  
Grilled Cheese or Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup, Fruit, Juice & Milk

14  
Chicken Filet Sandwich or Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Potato Smiles, Glazed Carrots, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit, Juice & Milk

15  
Breakfast for Lunch: Chicken Patty, Sausage Patty, Scrambled Eggs, Tater Tots, Biscuit, Gravy, Fruit, Juice & Milk

16  
Chicken Fajita or Fiestada Pizza, Refried Beans, Roasted Onion & Peppers Salsa & Chips, Fruit, Juice & Milk

17  
Pizza or Corndog, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit, Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

20  
No School

21  
Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Onion Rings, Pork-n-Beans, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit, Juice & Milk

22  
Chicken Fried Steak or Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk

23  
Cheesy Chicken & Rice or Crispito w/Queso, Fiesta Veggies, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Salsa & Chips, Fruit, Juice & Milk

24  
Pizza or Chicken Sandwich, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit, Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

27  
Chili, Chili Dog or Hotdog, Baked Potato Coleslaw, Fritos, Fruit, Juice & Milk

28  
Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Bread, or Calzone w/Marinara, Corn on the Cob, Broccoli, Side Salad, Fruit, Juice & Milk

29  
Chicken Fried Steak or Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk

30  
Tacos or Chicken Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Roasted Onion & Peppers Salsa & Chips, Fruit, Juice & Milk

31  
Pizza or Corndog, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit, Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

Daily Breakfast Items: Cereal, Poptarts, Fruit, Juice & Milk

Monday: Sausage Biscuit or Mini Pancakes

Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza or Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday: Egg & Cheese Biscuit or Mini Donuts

Thursday: Chicken Biscuit or Banana Bread

Friday: Sausage Pancake on a Stick or Tomado

Daily Lunch Menu Items Include: Yogurt or Beef Sticks, String Cheese Stick, Muffin & Cheez-its

All of these options come with Vegetable, Fruit & Milk

Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick & Cheez-its

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Chef Salad w/Roll

Pizza Lunchable

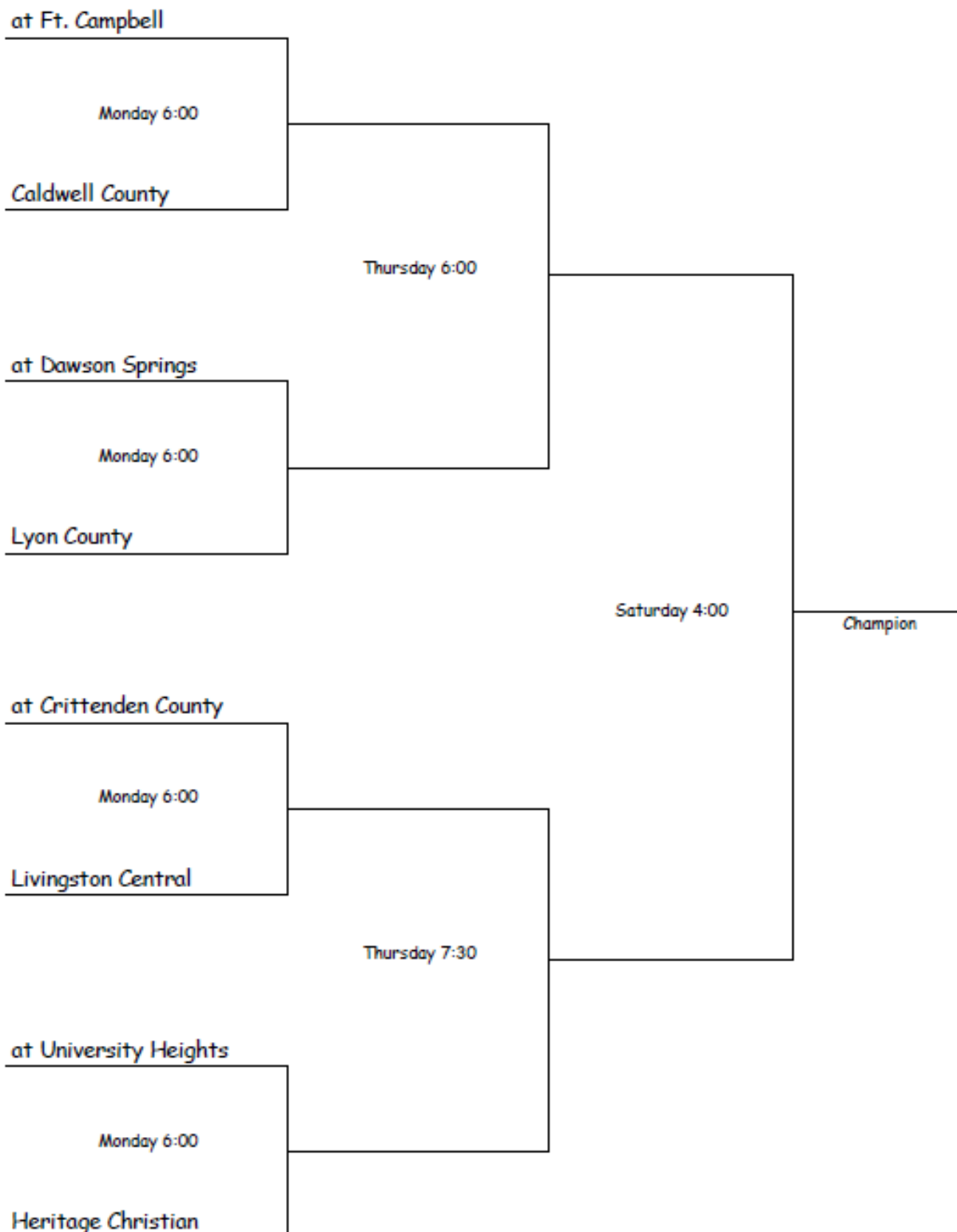
# January Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>January Birthday Cake Winners</b>  <b>Aaron Peters &amp; Loy Brown</b>                      Present your certificate at our Dawson Springs Dairy Queen for a <b>FREE</b> Ice Cream Cake.</p>			<p><b>1</b>                      Brantley Moore</p> <p>James Schultz</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> 	<p><b>3</b>                      John Monnett                      Holden Reaume                      Isaac Hannah</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      Raelee Poe                      Laiken Edwards</p> <p>Erica Davis</p>
<p><b>5</b>                      Louisa Basco</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Aaron Peters</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Peyton Moore                      Braelynn Vincent</p> <p>Bailey Dyer</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      Farrar McCoy</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      Samuel Duke                      Aliahna Gray                      Leviathan Blanton</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      Gracie Barnett                      KayleeRae Baldwin                      Braelynn Trotter</p>
<p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!</b></p>			<p><b>15</b>                      Pearlana Hoffhines                      Jakob Purdy</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>                      Evie Nock</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      Grayson Wyatt</p>
<p><b>19</b>                      Ashlon Hawkins                      Kinslyn Southerland</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      Landon Bowen                      Aline Kontominas</p> <p>Shelby Roberson</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      Olivia Brothers</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> 	<p><b>23</b>                      Brooklynn Hampton                      Ricky Franklin                      Waylon Thomas</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      Leela Fields</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      Jaydon Plunkette                      Brenneley Benson</p> <p>Mickey Blue</p>
<p><b>26</b>                      Faith Keen                      AudriAnna Clark</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      Jackson Petit                      Loy Brown</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Caleb Dawson                      Hunter Dawson                      Gunner Cullen                      Makenna Moore                      Eli Evans</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Trey Blanchard</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      Roman Bullock</p>	<p><b>31</b>                      Kaiden Hankins                      Atalyn Hawkins                      Paisley Rogers</p>	<p>Anyone whose name appears on this calendar is eligible for a <b>10% discount</b> on an ice cream cake when you present this page at our Dawson Springs Dairy Queen at the time of cake purchase.</p>



**2nd Region Girls Tournament  
January 6 - January 11, 2025  
First Round at Various Sites  
Semifinals & Finals at Crittenden County**





**2nd Region Boys Tournament  
January 7 - January 11, 2025  
First Round at Various Sites  
Semifinals & Finals at Dawson Springs**

at Crittenden County

Tuesday 6:00

Lyon County

Friday 6:00

at Heritage Christian

Tuesday 6:00

University Heights

Saturday 7:00

Champion

at Ft. Campbell

Tuesday 6:00

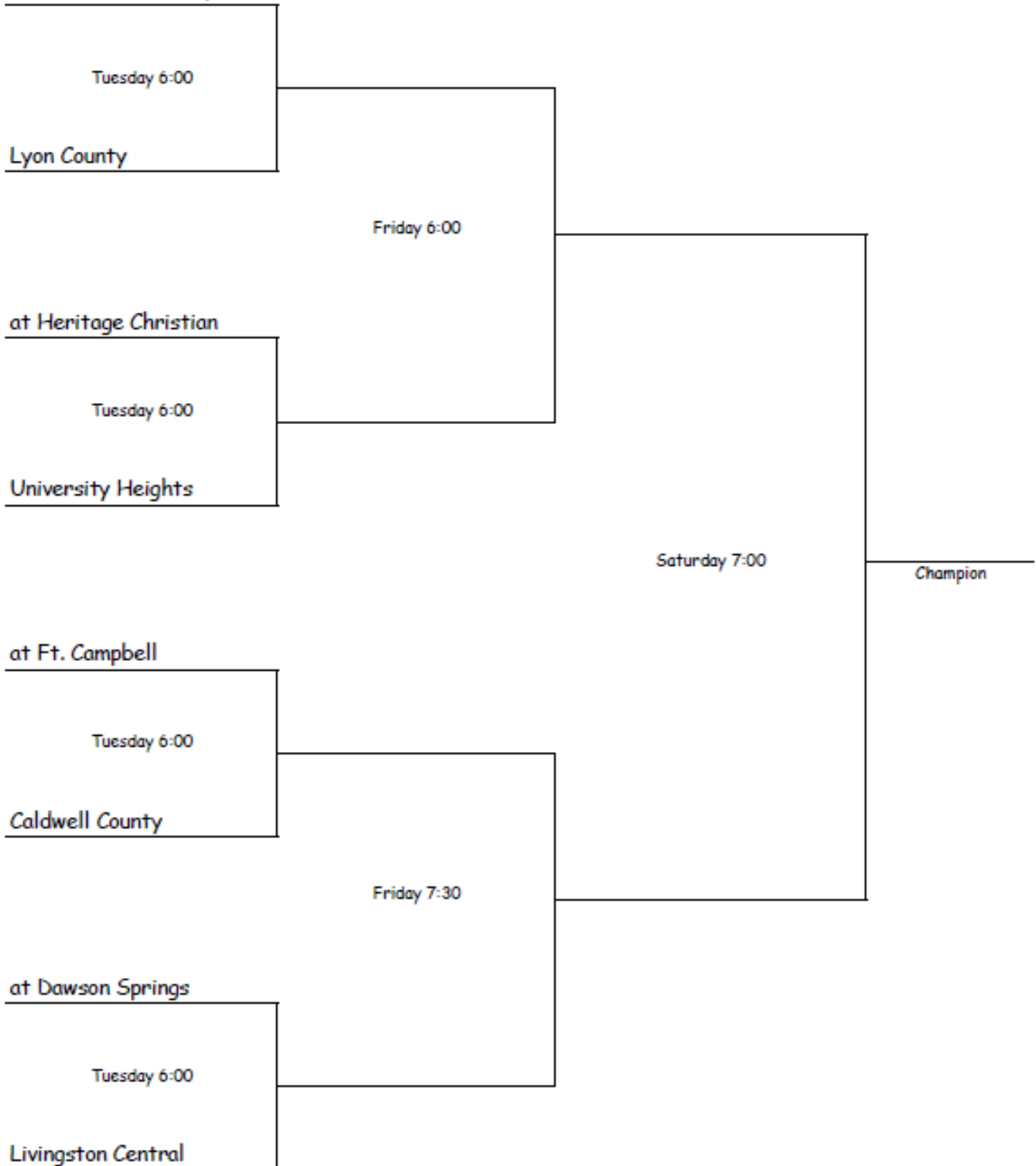
Caldwell County

Friday 7:30

at Dawson Springs

Tuesday 6:00

Livingston Central



# 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

District: DAWSON SPRINGS

Board Approved 12/18/2023

Part I  Traditional Calendar  Variable

Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

## July 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## August 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
8				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## September 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					20

## October 2024

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		20

## November 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
16					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## December 2024 (79)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				15

## January 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	19

## February 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	19

## March 2025

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					19

## April 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			18

## May 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
17				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## June 2025 (92)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

PD DAYS (9): 8/9-8/19, 11/4  
 OPEN & CLOSE (2): 8/20/24 & 5/27/25  
 HOLIDAYS (4): 9/4/24, 11/28/24, 12/25/24, 1/1/25  
 FLEX/ BREAK DAYS (2): 2/10/25 & 3/14/25  
 STUDENTS FIRST DAY: 8/21/24  
 STUDENTS LAST DAY/GRADUATION: 5/23/25

FALL BREAK (2): 10/10-10/14  
 SPRING BREAK (5): 3/31/25-4/4/25  
 MAKE-UP DAYS (5): 5/28/25-6/3/25  
 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 171  
 TEACHER REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185  
 SCHOOL STARTS 7:55 AM ENDS: 2:50 PM