



NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for December is "CARING"



DECEMBER 2024

Upcoming Events

Band Christmas Concert
Sunday, Dec. 8

HS SBDM Council Mtg.
Tuesday, Dec. 10

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, Dec. 16

Elementary SBDM Council
Thursday, Dec. 19

Winter Break
Monday, Dec. 23 - Friday, Jan. 3
* Students return Monday, Jan. 6 *



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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 or with Superintendent Whalen's "X" account [@DSSuptWhalen](https://www.instagram.com/DSSuptWhalen).



Christmas Adoption gifts should be dropped off at the DSCS FRYSO Office by Wednesday, Dec. 11.

The DSCS PTO is sponsoring a **Grinch Night** with crafts, games and other activities on Friday, Dec. 13. See pg. 11 for more info.



The DS Band(s) will hold their annual **Christmas Concert** on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 in the gymnasium.

Congratulations to our 2024 Senior Beta & Junior Beta Inductees



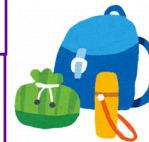
The DS PTO will sponsor a **Christmas Shoppe** Dec. 4-6 during the school day in the Elementary Auditorium. Students in PreK to 5th Grade may purchase low-cost Christmas gifts for their family and friends.



The Little Panther Academy's **Cookies with Santa** is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 19, at 5:00pm in the Elementary PreK hallway.

ELEMENTARY PARENTS

Please put your child's name or initials in all articles of clothing - hats, coats, etc. - and on personal items - water bottles, lunch boxes, etc. - so if items are lost, the owner can be identified.



The Dawson Springs High School **Boys' and Girls' Cross Country** teams were recognized at the November Board of Education Meeting for their stellar accomplishments this season. Supt. Whalen awarded each team member and coach a gold DS Panther lapel pin and thanked the teams for representing the school district well.

The DSHS Boys' team won the Regional meet qualifying for State. Sophomore member Easton Bourland won the Regional title - a first time accomplishment for a DS runner. At State, the team brought home a 3rd place trophy - the highest placement in school history. Easton and



Junior member Deacon Dever were also named to Class 1A All-State by the Kentucky Track Cross Country Coaches Association. Additional team members are Rex Blue, Riley Buntin, Montgomery Johnston, Sean Stallins, Colton Clark and Preston Drennan.

The DSHS Girls' team also won their Regional title. At state, they placed 9th - the highest finish in school history since the team began running the 5K. Team members are Hailey Oldham, Alissa Allison, Maddie Oldham, Ashton Swatzell, Baylee Swatzell, Aleah Cook and Alivia Hines.

Boys' Coach Rhonda Simpson shared, "This is the first time in school history that both teams won at their regionals the same year and placed in the top 10 at state. These kids have put in a lot of miles. They definitely worked hard for their accomplishments this year." She also thanked the community for the wonderful roadside Welcome Home reception for the teams returning from the state meet. Girls' Coach Wayne Simpson and Asst. Coach Dylan Simpson agreed with her comments.

DECEMBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Dec 1 Dawson Springs Annual Christmas Parade	2 5:30 MS Girls & Boys Basketball @ West Hopkins 6:00 V G/B Basketball @ home	3 5:30 MS Girls & Boys Basketball @ Trigg Co. 6:00 Fr/JV B Basketball @ Caldwell Co.	4 4:30 Parent FAFSA Workshop - - - - - PTO Elementary Christmas Shoppe - - - - -	5	6 6:00 JV/V B Basketball @ Webster Co.	7 1:00 V/JV G Basketball @ home 
8 3:30 Band Christmas Concert	9 6:00 MS Girls & Boys Basketball @ home	10 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting 6:00 MS Girls & Boys Basketball @ home 6:00 V G/B Basketball @ Mayfield	11 	12	13 6:00 V/JV G Basketball @ home 6:00-8:00 PTO Grinch Night	14 9:00 Fr B Basketball @ Madisonville 6:00 JV/V B Basketball @ Henderson
15 	16 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	17 6:00 V G/B Basketball @ Hopkins Central	18	19 3:30 Elementary SBDM Council Mtg. 5:00 PreK Cookies with Santa	20 V Boys Basketball @ Commonwealth Rolled Products Classic	21 First Day of Winter
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
- - - - - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL - - - - - 						
29 	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1, 2025 New Year's Day	2	3 6:00 V G/B Basketball @ Caldwell Co.	4 9:00 Fr B Basketball @ Caldwell Co. 6:00 V G/B Basketball @ Christian Fellowship
- - - - - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL - - - - -						Students return Monday, Jan. 6

K-5

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



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Dawson Springs



PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE

MySchoolBucks.com

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

2

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

3

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

4

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

5

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

6

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

9

Chicken Nuggets or General TSO's Chicken w/Rice, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Side Salad, Egg Roll, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

10

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

11

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

12

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

13

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

16

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

17

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

18

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

19

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

20

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

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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

December Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Rex Blue Rachel Payne Brion Igo	3 Leo Fisher Abby Garrett	4	5 Cash McAlister Halyn McKnight	6 Adalynn Kennedy	7 Alycia Menser Christy Brown
8 Colton Clark Millie Cotton Gage Hayden Caleb Midkiff	9 Ethan L. Johnson	10	11 Travis Welch Lily Smith Kiron Browning	12 	13 Karla Mitchell	14 Jacob Bruce Melissa Dulin Shannon Garrett
15 Eiljah Britt Elizabeth Frankel Graysen Kutella	16 Myla Virgin Kabri Southerland Denisha Randolph	17 Alieah Cook Alexis Adams	18 Emmalynn Colson Emily Hunter Raylan Pointer Memphis Whitaker	19 Christopher Carroll Savannah Dame	20 Bradley Latham Christian Moore Michelle Tapp Kali Ford	21 Jennifer Ward
22	23 Mark Taylor Lucas Johnson	24 Haiden Richardson	25 	26 Emmalin Sailing Sawyer Young Weston Sutherland	27 Daylyn Bruch	28 Corbin Jennings Zachary Creekmur Brandon Bullock Tristen Hoglo Karson McCaw Syble Dinovo
29 	30 Emberly Plunkett Piper Pritt	31 Micah Washburn Carter Teague Jasper Corrao	<p align="center">December Birthday Cake Winners</p> <p align="center">Ethan Johnson & Kabri Southerland</p> <p align="center">Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.</p>		<p>Anyone whose name appears on this calendar is eligible for a 10% discount on an ice cream cake when you present this page at our local Dairy Queen at the time of purchase.</p>	





*Decorate
your own
cookies!*

GRINCH NIGHT

*Cindy Loo
Salon
By: BSOTS*

Crafts!
With our student ambassadors
and Seniors!

GAMES

with Preschool Academy!

Get your Picture with the Grinch!

13 DEC | **6-8 PM**
2024 | \$5 PER CHILD

High School MPR
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2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

District: DAWSON SPRINGS

Board Approved 12/18/2023

Part I Traditional Calendar Variable

Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

July 2024

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August 2024

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December 2024 (79)

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January 2025

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April 2025

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May 2025

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June 2025 (92)

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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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