



NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for September is "RESPONSIBILITY"

SEPTEMBER 2021

Upcoming Events

Labor Day
NO SCHOOL
Mon., Sept. 6

HS SBDM
Council Mtg.
Wed., Sept. 8

Board of Education Meeting
Mon., Sept. 20

PTO Fun Night
Fri., Sept. 24

Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting
Wed., Sept. 29



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It's a Great Day to be a Panther!



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The Mission of the Dawson Springs Independent School District is to educate, equip, and empower every student to be transition ready, college and/or career ready, and life ready.

Board of Education

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Jenny Bruce
Carol Niswonger

Superintendent

Leonard Whalen
August 31, 2021

Dear Dawson Springs School Family and Stakeholders,

As I am writing this message, we are now in our 16th day of school. To this point, many things have gone exceptionally well. By all appearances, our students and staff are very happy to be back fully in-person. We have seen immediate, accelerated learning in many areas, which we attribute to being back together full time.

We believe and, as we've proven repeatedly, our students learn at much higher levels when we're together and we can engage and interact face-to-face. Our goal is to continue our current protocols until things recede some and we can ease them. Much of the legal flexibility we had last year to utilize NTI/emergency days or virtual/remote days are not an option this year. We do have limited NTI days to utilize (10), but we are hopeful the legislature will take action soon to restore some of the more extensive emergency flexibility we had last school year should we need that.

As I've stated multiple times before, we can continue in-person learning so long as we only have a "handful" of staff quarantines or positive Covid19 cases. Too many cases would put us into a situation where we simply wouldn't have the number of staff required to safely conduct and supervise classes. You may have seen or read where some school districts across the state have had to close for a week or two or go virtual because they simply did not have enough staff healthy to keep their schools going.

As Covid19 and the Delta variant continues to rage, I encourage everyone age 12 and above to get vaccinated if you haven't already. Data from various health professionals seem to show that, while vaccination may not make someone totally immune from catching Covid19, it does minimize the risk for significant illness or even worse. In many reports, the overwhelming majority of those in intensive care in hospitals appear to be unvaccinated individuals. Vaccination is free and can be gotten quickly at the Hopkins County Health Department. They can be reached at 270-821-5242 for more information and to set up an appointment. I encourage you to utilize these resources.

I am aware a few may not agree with some of our current protocols. I do believe that our protocols have worked to help us stay in school up to this point. As an example, Warren County Schools in Bowling Green started the school year in early August with "masks optional." In the first three days of school, they had well over 1,000 quarantines and a significant number of positive student and staff Covid19 cases. They quickly changed course and required face coverings. At that point, their numbers started to go on the decline.

Covid19 continues to be a battle that many of us have not seen in our lifetime. We do have backup emergency plans should we need to go back fully virtual/remote, but we are hopeful to not have to go in that direction. We continue to be committed to serving our students the absolute best that we can. Our students love being in school, and we love them being here. I cannot commend our students and staff enough as they continue to rise to the occasion as challenges come up. We appreciate your continued support as we try to do all we can to stay safe and stay in school.

Regards,

Lenny Whalen, Superintendent

The Dawson Springs Board of Education provides equal educational and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or disabling condition. (Jan. 2021)

Track your child's grades and attendance through the **Infinite Campus** website or mobile app. Contact your school office for more info.



Voluntary Student Accident Insurance
Bollinger Specialty Group offers all DS K-12 students accident insurance at a minimal cost to parents. Additional info is included on pg. 9.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please continue your support of our students. Send your Box Tops from participating brands to the school offices. See pg.10 for additional info.



The Class of 2022 is selling Spirit Wear as a fundraiser. Multiple designs and additional information is included on pages 6 & 7.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



KASA Board of Directors Welcomes Four New Members.

These leaders were elected to represent their regions prior to the KASA conference with their terms effective August 1, 2021.

- Kyle Cassady, Director of Principal Leadership, Warren Co. (Barren River Region)
- Marcus Adams, Assistant Superintendent, Meade Co. (Heartland Region)
- BJ Martin, Assistant Middle School Principal, Fayette Co. (Red River Region)
- **Todd Marshall, High School Principal, Dawson Springs Ind.** (River Region)

The newly elected members will serve through 2024.

Panther Golf Teams

The DS Golf Teams have started the 2021-22 season with tremendous team and individual achievements.

On Saturday, August 7, our golfers took first place in both the boys tournament and girls match at Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park. Addison Whalen was the top male golfer in the Dawson Springs Invitational. Gage Smiley was runner-up. Maddie Huddleston was first in the match for the girls, and Brylee Spurlin was second.

On Saturday, August 21, our boys golf team won the Class A Regional held at Princeton Country Club. Addison Whalen shot a 81 and claimed second place. The team won with a score of 367. Congrats to Addison as well as team members Gage Smiley, Kolby Crook, Grayson Brewer and Jake Back. On the girls side, Maddie Huddleston qualified to move on as an individual with a score of 100.

Way to go Panther golfers & Coach Schyuler Storms!



Cross Country News

The DS Cross Country teams are on their way to another outstanding season. On Monday, August 16, at the Mike Wright Classic 3K in Trigg County, Audrey McCoy finished 1st, Baylee Swatzell finished 3rd, and Ashtyn Swatzell crossed the line 4th in the MS Girls race grabbing 3 of the 4 top spots and the team a 2nd place finish. Tobiyah McCune was the first Panther to cross the finish line earning 7th place in the MS Boys event. Skye Bratcher finished 7th and Kimberly Hoover came in 10th in the HS Girls race. Tyler Hale crossed the line first for the HS Boys team earning 11th place.

At the Fenton Dawson Invitational on Saturday, August 21, the conditions were not the best but, across the teams, a total of 10 runners medaled. A big congratulations to Kylie Latham for finishing first in the Elementary Girls race.

Way to go Panthers! Keep working hard!



SEPTEMBER EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Aug 29	30 B/G Golf @ home	31 Picture Day Boys Golf @ home	Sep 1 	2 Boys Golf @ Madisonville CC	3	4 Cross Country @ Calloway County
5 	6 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	7 B/G Golf @ Webster County	8 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	9 B/G Golf @ Crittenden County	10	11 Cross Country @ McCracken Co.
12 National Grandparents Day	13 B/G Golf @ home	14 B/G Golf @ home	15	16 Girls Golf @ Muhlenberg Co.	17 	18 Cross Country @ Muhlenberg Co.
19	20 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	21 	22 First Day of Autumn	23 Boys Golf @ home	24 6:00 PTO Fun Night	25 Cross Country @ Marshall Co.
26	27	28	29 3:30 Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting	30 	Oct 1	2

SEPTEMBER 2021

Dawson Springs

Monday **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday**

1
Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Banana or Juice & Milk

2
Chicken Quesadilla w/Queso, Fiesta Veggies, Salsa & Chips, Peach Cup or Juice & Milk

3
Pizza, Corn dog, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

Labor Day **6**

7
Mac & Cheese, Rib Sandwich, Roll, Broccoli w/Cheese, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Peach Cup or Juice & Milk

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

9
Tacos, Fiesta Pizza, Fiesta Veggies, Salsa & Chips, Peach Cup or Juice & Milk

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

13
Chicken Wings, Fish Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Carrots w/Ranch, Side Salad, Roll, Applesauce or Juice & Milk

14
Chicken Filet Sandwich, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Baby Bakers, Glazed Carrots, Lettuce/Tomato, Peach Cup or Juice & Milk

15
Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Banana or Juice & Milk

16
Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Chips, Pork-n-Beans, Lettuce/Tomato, Peach Cup or Juice & Milk

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

20
Chicken Tenders, Broccoli w/Cheese, Tater Tots, Carrots w/Ranch, Roll, Applesauce or Juice & Milk

21
Chicken Alfredo, Rib Sandwich, Mixed Veggies, Side Salad, Garlic Bread, Peach Cup or Juice & Milk

22
Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Banana or Juice & Milk

23
Crispito w/Queso, Fiesta Veggies, Salsa & Chips, Peach Cup or Juice & Milk

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

27
Popcorn Chicken, Gen.TSO's w/Rice, Veg. Egg Roll, Stir Fry Veggies, Side Salad, Roll, Applesauce or Juice & Milk

28
BBQ Sandwich, Hotdog, Chips, Baked Beans, Side Salad, Peach Cup or Juice & Milk

29
Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Banana or Juice & Milk

30
Beef & Cheese Nachos, Mac & Cheese, Fiesta Veggies, Salsa Cup, Peach Cup or Juice & Milk



Breakfast Daily Menu:
Mini Pancakes, Mini Donuts, Poptarts, Daily Specials
Fruit, Juice & Milk


Lunch Menu Items Include:
All of these options come with
Vegetable, Fruit & Milk

Ham & Cheese Croissant Sandwich w/ Chips & Pickle Spear
Ham & Cheese Wrap w/Chips & Pickle Spear
Yogurt or Beef Sticks, String Cheese Stick, Muffin, Cheez-its & Baby Carrots
Pizza Lunchable & Baby Carrots

Menu subject to change without notice

September Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>September Birthday Cake Winners: Bryden Mann & Troy Loney Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.</p>			<p>1 Austin Oakley Eric Brasher</p>	<p>2 Aden McKinney Matthew Kovach Sophia Quinilla-Neyhart</p>	<p>3 Jonathan Garrett</p>	<p>4 Gwyneth Larimore</p> 
<p>5 Dustin Plunkett Jackson Hilt Alivia Dukes Levi Holt Joey Johnson</p> <p>Tracy Collins</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7 Scarlett Choate</p>	<p>8 Kylie Latham</p> <p>Brannigan Ethridge</p>	<p>9 Mercedes Duncan James Son Jakob Purdy Gary Coble Shiloh Garrett Hilary Griffin Aria Todd</p>	<p>10 Kylee Gray Caden Barnett Leland Sizemore</p>	<p>11 Ben Bivins Bryden Mann Darya Baum-Flint</p>
<p>12</p> 	<p>13 Maddie Back</p>	<p>14 Ty Cunningham</p>	<p>15 Samarah Coggins Bobby Cotton Ava West</p>	<p>16 Avery Buntin</p> <p>Jonathon Storms</p>	<p>17 Jace Stanley Noah Corrao</p> <p>James Revell</p>	<p>18 Samuel Adams Tristan Morgan Lainey May</p>
<p>19 Mathew Cunningham Tiyanah Baker Ariana Kontominas Jacelyn Harris</p>	<p>20 Riley Thornell Shelby Capps Elijah Dzikowski Madeline Oldham</p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22 Colton Corrao</p>	<p>23 Mark Neal</p>	<p>24 Marlise Henley Kendell Mitchell</p>	<p>25 RaeLynn Clark Levi Moore</p> <p>Atosha Ellis</p>
<p>26 Troy Loney</p>	<p>27 Bentley Felkins</p>	<p>28 Kimberly Hoover</p> <p>Vonda Castle</p>	<p>29 Laura Garrett</p>	<p>30 Erica Bruce</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>	



DAWSON SPRINGS CLASS OF 2022 SPIRIT WEAR

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF SIZE, COLOR, AND DESIGN OPTIONS FOR YOUTH AND ADULT!

Design #1



Design #3



Design #2



Design #4



SCAN ME!

To see all available shirt style options, please click on the QR code to view!

As always, the Class of 2022 appreciates your support!

FOR ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL:
EMILEE.SEEGER@DAWSONSPRINGS.KYSCHOOLS.US
ORDER FORMS AND MONEY ARE DUE BY 9/17/2021

Design #1



Design #2



Design #3



Design #4



K-12 Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

AVAILABLE COVERAGE OPTIONS

Depending on which program your school provides, some or all of the following voluntary insurance products are available for purchase on a voluntary basis:

- School time only student accident insurance
- 24-hour accident coverage
- Student dental accident insurance

KIDS WILL BE KIDS

1. Make sure your child is properly covered against unforeseen accidents.
2. Purchase coverage at your convenience from any computer.
3. Follow the easy step-by-step instructions and you're done in minutes!



These voluntary participation student accident insurance plans offered through your school can be purchased easily online at:

www.BollingerSchools.com

OFFICE LOCATION

200 Jefferson Park, Whippany, NJ 07981

BollingerSchools.com



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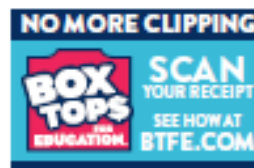


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PRODUCTS



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FROM EACH PACKAGE



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YOUR BOX TOPS
TO SCHOOL

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Dawson Springs Independent 2021 – 2022 Student Application for Admission
(Please complete if you attend Dawson Springs Schools but live in a different school district.)

702 KAR 7:125 (14) requires that applications be on file for all participating students of eligible districts for participation in fund to support education excellence in Kentucky. The attending district is required to provide the names of participating students to the district of residence and the Kentucky Department of Education.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND RECORDS

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Prospective Student Full Name: Social Security Number:
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: Telephone: Grade completed or presently enrolled in:
(Circle one)

Mother or Female Legal Guardian Name:
(Circle one)

Father or Male Legal Guardian Name:
(Circle one)

Address: Street City State Zip Code

Student Address: Street City State Zip Code
(If different)

Name of Care Giver if child resides with if not Parent/Guardian:

School District where the child resides:

Please be aware that if your son/daughter violates attendance and or discipline policies, he/she may be asked to attend school in the district of your residence. In addition, student must maintain academic standing in accordance with policy adopted by the Site Based Council and the Dawson Springs Board of Education. Furthermore, your signature allows the Dawson Springs School system to request your records from the previous school district which includes the attendance, grades and discipline files.

Signed: Signature of Parent Date signed/filed:

Signed: Signature of Student Date Signed/filed:

RECORD OF PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE (please complete if you child is a new student in the Dawson Springs School System.)

Grade completed or presently enrolled in: Name of School:
(Circle one)

Name of School District: Days of school missed last year Days of school missed this year

Has the child had discipline problems in the former school? If so please explain

Reason for wishing to leave:

Other Pertinent Information:

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

RECOMMENDATION:

1 Application granted: YES NO

Date received:

Signature of District Official

Date Signed

2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

District: Dawson Springs Independent

Part I Traditional Calendar Year-round Calendar Schools: Elementary/JrSr High

July 2021

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August 2021

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September 2021

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April 2022

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May 2022

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June 2022

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Staff Development: 8/4, 8/5, 8/6 & 8/9/21

Holidays: 9/6, 11/25, 12/24 & 1/3/22 (7/5/21 & 5/30/22)

Break Days: October 4-8, 11/24, 11/26, December 20-31, 1/17, 2/14, 3/14 & April 4-8

Opening Day: 8/10/21 Closing Day: 5/23/22

Students First Day 8/11/21 Students Last Day 5/20/22

Make Up Days: 5/24-6/3 Excluding 5/30/22