



# NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for August  
is "RESPECT"

AUGUST 2022

## Upcoming Events

**Freshman Orientation**  
Thursday, Aug. 4

**Back-to-School Bash + Schedule Pickup for G 9-12**  
Monday, Aug. 8

**ALL Students PK-12 Return**  
Wednesday, Aug. 10

**Picture Day**  
Wednesday, Aug. 24

**Board of Ed. Mtg.**  
Monday, Aug. 29



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**It's a Great Day to be a Panther!**

Dear Fellow Dawson Springs Area Friends,

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and administration in our Dawson Springs Schools, I encourage you to take a look at the reverse side of this page for some impressive information regarding our schools. We have a rich tradition of strong academic success. We feel much of our success revolves around relationship building, high expectations, and providing engaging, positive learning opportunities for students inside and outside of our classrooms. We also just don't engage students, we engage student families and our community as well. We believe this is a key element in our continued success in all of our schools.

If you, your friends, or any of your family have school aged children, please share this important information with them. Enrollment is currently open with full day preschool down to age 3 and up to high school seniors...REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU LIVE! We also have expanded transportation available to some areas slightly outside our borders.

We are looking forward to a great 2022-2023 school year. Our first day for students is August 10th. More information and contact information is located on page 2.

Have a safe remainder of the summer!

Warm Regards,

*Lenny Whalen*

Lenny Whalen

Superintendent, Dawson Springs Independent Schools

**Come take a look and see what makes our small, "home town" setting so successful!**



### Little Panther Academy

Children who are 3 on or before August 1 are eligible to attend our Little Panther Academy. See page 4 for registration information or call Kristin or Melissa at 270-797-3811, option 2.

### 2022-23 OUT OF DISTRICT ADMISSION APPLICATION

An Out of District Application for Admission is required each year for all students living outside the Dawson Springs District. **The district boundaries are the four bridges leading out of town.** A form is included on page 12. Submit immediately to the DS School Board Office for student admission.

### STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Kentucky Department of Education requires every K-12 student have on file a legal proof of age document, a current Commonwealth of Kentucky Immunization Certificate plus health, vision and dental exams to attend school. **Failure to submit these documents may result in your child not being able to attend school.** See page 6 for more information or contact Crystal Davenport, Registrar, at 270-797-3811, option 5.

### SPORTS PHYSICAL REMINDER

All students participating in Fall Sports & Open Gym **MUST** have a current sports physical on file.





# Dawson Springs

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## A powerhouse education for your child is closer than you think!

Open Enrollment at Dawson Springs Schools is now available for all grades, regardless of where you live!

- Thanks to Kentucky's newly enacted "open borders" legislation, students can attend any public school in the state that they choose if there are seats available, and they can meet entry requirements of the new district.
- Students across western Kentucky now have access to one of the top schools in the Commonwealth. In 2022, we were again rated in the top 10% of high schools in Kentucky by *U.S. News & World Report*. We are also second in western Kentucky (trailing only Murray Independent Schools) in the same ratings.
- We encourage you to share this information with friends and family outside Dawson Springs, so that they might consider becoming a part of our highly successful Dawson Springs Schools family.

### Why Choose Dawson Springs Schools?

- Dawson Springs Independent Schools has a long, rich tradition of providing high quality academics and student opportunities.
- We pride ourselves on fostering a high achievement environment and a culture that embodies timeless, traditional family values.
- Ranked seven times as one of the Best High Schools in Kentucky as reported by U.S. News and World Report (2016-2022).
- Twice awarded the Great Schools College Success Award for preparing students for success in college (2021 & 2022).
- We offer several dual credit courses and collaborate extensively with both Madisonville Community College and Murray State University.
- Technology and skilled trade courses/certifications are available through Caldwell Area Technology Center and Madisonville Community College.
- For 3-4 year old students, we now offer an expansive full day preschool program that follows the district school calendar.
- Small class sizes allow for rich learning experiences and we also offer 1 to 1 technology availability for all students.
- Our staff works to develop and nurture strong relationships with students and their families. We don't just teach students; we engage families.
- We provide athletic opportunities in Golf, Cross Country, Basketball, Archery, Bass Fishing, Baseball, Softball, and Track
- We also have quality extracurricular offerings in: Band, Beta Club, Academic Team, and several other clubs and civic organizations.
- We are currently expanding our school transportation network into the Iisley, Charleston, Midway, and Pennyriple Park areas.

We at Dawson Springs have a vision for our students and our community. We develop life-long learners, not finishers. We lean into struggle and engage the world with strength and resilience. We challenge our students' passion for learning while maintaining a fun and thought-provoking environment. We are committed to helping and empowering each student to be successful in their own individual way.



### What if my family wants to become a part of the Dawson Springs community?

- Dawson Springs schools is currently expanding our network of bus routes to provide reliable transportation to families in the Iisley, Charleston, Midway, and Pennyriple Park areas who may have been displaced due to the tornado or for those who may simply want to take advantage of our quality educational offerings.
- Dawson Springs provides an extremely safe community with a low cost of living.
- Abundant outdoor recreational opportunities in and around the area.
- High speed internet is available in/around the entire area.
- Significant job opportunities within a reasonable drive and immediate access to I-69.



PROUD WINNER OF THE  
**Great Schools 2021**  
**College Success Award - Gold**

For more information, please call  
270-797-3811 extension 5, or come by the  
Dawson Springs Board of Education at  
118 East Arcadia Avenue in Dawson Springs.



# AUGUST 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			- - - - Staff Professional Development - - - -  PreK Registration (by appointment)  5:30 Freshman Orientation			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	5:00-7:00 Back-to-School Bash + Schedule Pickup for Grades 9-12	Staff Opening Day	Students Return  3:15 Jr/Sr HS SBDM Council Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						9am Cross Country @ Trigg Co.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Picture Day  3:30 Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting			8am Cross Country @ Murray
28	29	30	31			
	6:00 Board of Education Meeting					

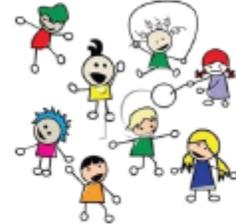


# **LITTLE PANTHER ACADEMY PRE-K REGISTRATION**

**August 4 & 5**

**in the DS Elementary School  
@ 317 Eli Street**

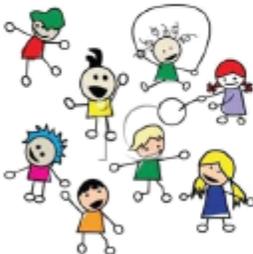
**Any child 3 years old on or before  
August 1, 2022, is eligible to  
attend Pre-K.**



**\*\*By appointment only\*\***

**To schedule an appointment  
contact Melissa Dulin or  
Kristin Merrill**

**@ 270-797-3811 ext1005  
-or- ext 1004**



**Please bring:**

- 1. An OFFICIAL Birth Certificate**
- 2. A Social Security Card**
- 3. A current Immunization Certificate**
- 4. A physical exam**
- 5. An eye exam**



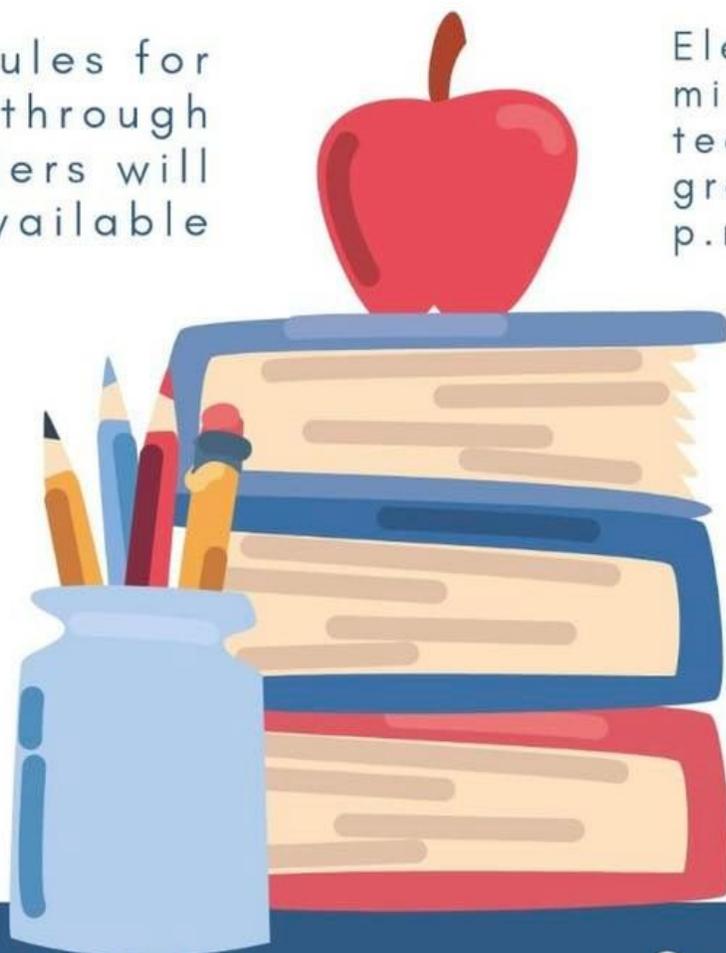
DAWSON SPRINGS INDEPENDENT

# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Join us from 5 to 7 p.m.  
on Monday, Aug. 8

Schedules for  
9th- through  
12th-graders will  
be available

Elementary and  
middle school  
teacher meet-and-  
greet will be 6 to 7  
p.m. in classrooms



Multipurpose  
Room at Dawson  
Springs Jr./Sr.  
High School

Sponsored by  
FRYSC and  
Dawson Springs  
Rotary Club

# IMPORTANT K-12 STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

In 2018, the state of Kentucky updated immunization requirements to include the 2 dose series of Hepatitis A for children between 12 months - 18 years old.

The state also updated immunization requirements to include a booster dose of the meningococcal shot at the age of 16. Students get a meningococcal shot for 6th grade entry but if a student is 16 or older, they must receive a 2nd meningococcal booster shot.



### **Proof of compliance will be required.**

Please contact your child's health care provider to make an appointment to complete this required series before the start of the 2022-23 school year.

The health department offers immunizations to students who have a medical card, no insurance or insurance that doesn't cover vaccines. Contact the Hopkins Co. Health Dept. for more information.



## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Meningococcal shot, students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are required to have an updated physical exam.

Please make sure to submit these documents to the Board of Education office before the start of the 2022-23 school year if you have not already done so.

## KINDERGARTEN REQUIREMENTS

Kentucky also requires that all children entering Kindergarten are required to submit copies of an official birth certificate, Social Security card, current immunization records, physical exam, dental exam, and eye exam.

Please make sure to submit these documents before the start of the 2022-23 school year if you have not already done so.

## Bus Safety Tips for Parents

To help keep your children safe, below are important tips to teach them.

- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Have all items in their book bag before they leave home so they do not drop anything.
- Wait at the bus stop in a safe place, 10-12 feet away from the road.
- Keep electronic equipment packed away as they prepare to board. Never use an electronic device or wear ear buds when walking to the bus stop or when getting on or off the bus.
- Return home to get help or phone for assistance if they miss the bus.
- NEVER chase after the bus.
- NEVER walk to another bus stop.
- NEVER drive your child to another bus stop without permission. The bus driver is not expecting them and your child may not be seen and can be injured.



## Illegal Passing

### KRS 189.370

**Passing stopped school bus or church bus prohibited.**

If any school bus or church bus used in the transportation of children is stopped upon a highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, with the stop arm and signal lights activated, the operator of a vehicle approaching from any direction shall bring his vehicle to a stop and shall not proceed until the bus has completed receiving or discharging passengers and has been put into motion. The stop requirement provided for in this section shall not apply to vehicles approaching a stopped bus from the opposite direction upon a highway of four (4) or more lanes.

If any vehicle is witnessed to be in violation of subsection (1) of this section and the identity of the operator is not otherwise apparent, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that the person in whose name the vehicle is registered or leased was the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and is subject to the penalties as provided for in KRS 189.990(5).

**Help keep our students safe!**

If you see a vehicle passing a school bus while they are loading or unloading students, contact your local law enforcement office to report the vehicle description and license plate number.



# AUGUST 2022

Dawson Springs

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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

Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Bacon Cheeseburger, Fries, Pork-n-Beans, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit or Juice & Milk

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

Chicken Tenders w/Roll or Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Broccoli w/Cheese, Tater Tots, Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit or Juice & Milk

Meatball Sub or Calzone, Potato Wedges, Cali Blend Veggies w/Cheese, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

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

Beef & Cheese Nachos or Mac & Cheese, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Lettuce/Tomato Cup, Fruit or Juice & Milk

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

BBQ Sandwich or Hotdog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit or Juice & Milk

Lasagna w/Garlic Bread, or Italian Cheesy Bread, Baby Bakers, Cali Blend Veggies w/Cheese, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Monday: Sausage & Biscuit
- Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza
- Wednesday: Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit
- Thursday: Chicken Biscuit
- Friday: Tomado

**Daily Lunch Menu Items Include:**

All of these options come with Vegetable, Fruit & Milk

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

\*Menu is subject to change without notice\*

# You're in a CEP school!



The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provides nutritious meals at no charge to all students enrolled in this school. The CEP program is directed toward schools in economically disadvantaged areas. The United States Department of Agriculture administers this program under the National School Lunch Program.

Your school will ask you to complete a household and income form to determine your eligibility to receive additional benefits and determine school funding levels through both state and federal programs. Completing the form will only take a few minutes and will benefit you and your school. Return this form, along with your other registration materials, to your school district contact.

Questions on completion of the form should be directed to your school's FRAM Coordinator. Your district's Food Service Director can answer any questions regarding the CEP program.

#### USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

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Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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# Media Release

## Dawson Springs students will receive a Breakfast and Lunch

### At NO COST under the CEP Program

**Dawson Springs Independent Schools** will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program we will offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2022 - 2023

For the program to succeed, we encourage all students to choose a breakfast and lunch each day.

We do offer a number of extra menu items and snacks that can be purchased to go along with your free breakfast or lunch, but these items must be paid for at the register: NO CHARGING you must have cash or money in your account.

For more information, please contact Jeannie Blanchard at 270-797-3811 Ext 2133 or email [angelia.blanchard@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us](mailto:angelia.blanchard@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us)

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2022 – 2023 Student Application for Admission  
(Out-of-District Student)

**District reserves the right to accept or deny admission based on previous attendance, behavior and grades.**

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.

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different) Street City State Zip Code

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 in May, 2000. Furthermore, your signature allows the Dawson Springs School system to request your records from the previous school district which includes the attendance and discipline file.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed/filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed/filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Other Pertinent Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1 Application granted:  YES  NO

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of District Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

District: Dawson Springs\*There is a potential that the calendar for next school year may have to be modified, shortened fall break.Part I  Traditional Calendar  Variable Calendar Schools: Elem/Jr Sr High

## July 2022

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## November 2022

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## December 2022

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## January 2023

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## February 2023

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## March 2023

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## April 2023

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## May 2023

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## June 2023

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PD days 8/3 - 8/5/22 & 1/3/23 Staff Opening Day 8/9 Staff Closing Day 5/22 Students 1<sup>st</sup> day 8/10 Graduation 5/19

Break days 10/3-10/7, 11/23, 11/25, 12/19-1/2, 1/16, 4/3-4/7 Holidays 9/5, 11/24, 12/23 &amp; 12/30 (7/4, 1/16, 5/29)

Flex days (Break, PD or Make-up) 3/20 Make-up Days 5/23-6/2