



# NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for September is "RESPONSIBILITY"

SEPTEMBER 2022

## Upcoming Events

**Labor Day**  
\*\*NO SCHOOL\*\*  
Mon., Sept. 5

**HS SBDM Council Mtg.**  
Wed., Sept. 14

**Picture Re-takes**  
Wed., Sept. 21

**Board of Education Meeting**  
Mon., Sept. 26

**Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting**  
Thurs., Sept. 29



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

## A New School Year Is Off To A Great Start & We're Here To Stay!

The last 9+ months in Dawson Springs have been a challenge, that's for certain. BUT we've proven that our schools and our community are resilient. Our student numbers as of September 1<sup>st</sup> are very near where we started last school year -- that would be pre-tornado.

We've heard multiple students, staff, and parents say this school year has had the best start they've ever had. I cannot commend our students, their families, our staff and the community enough. We've all been focused on bringing our town and our schools back to full force. That has happened in our schools, and we are in the process of helping rebuild our community. It's going to happen -- slowly, but surely.

This year is going to be a great one! I wanted to personally thank the Dawson Springs Rotary Club and the Dawson Springs FRYSC for their efforts in providing school supplies for every student prior to school starting. This was a major benefit to our families. I am hopeful we may be able to continue this in the future.

Our schools continue to stay strong because of the support we receive from our families and our community. Our academic performance is typically at the top in the region and in the state. This happens due to work put in by everyone involved. It does not happen by accident. As always, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher or principal if you have questions or concerns. Or if you have a higher level of concern, you can contact me. Our goal is to have every student achieve to the best of their ability, and we're going to do our best to ensure that happens. Again, we appreciate your continued support, and we look forward to a great school year.

Best Regards,  
*Lenny Whalen, Superintendent of Schools*

The Sophomore Class is selling Butter Braid pastries September 12-26. If you would like to purchase a Butter Braid, please see a Sophomore class member or contact Mrs. Robinson.



Track your child's grades and attendance through the **Infinite Campus** website or mobile app. Create your account at the IC Login on the DSISD website or contact your school office. For more info on the IC website or app, see page 7.



Get all school closing and delay information first by following Superintendent Whalen on Twitter. **@DSSuptWhalen**



**REMINDER!!**  
All Middle School & High School students participating in Fall Sports **MUST** have a current KHSAA physical on file.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Panther Cross Country Boys ranked 4th in preseason poll

By Melissa Larimore

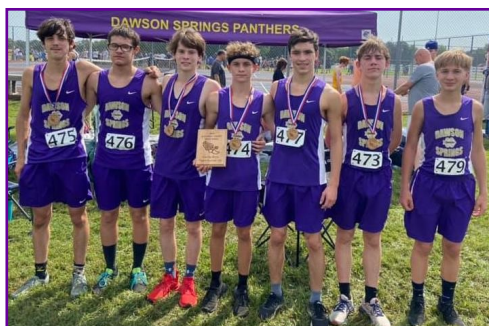
The boys cross country team has been ranked fourth and fifth in Class 1A, according to two preseason polls from MileSplit Kentucky. The fourth-place ranking for the Panthers was configured by the average and total times of the top 5 Panthers' best 2021 time, the website states. In addition, the fifth-place ranking for DSHS was configured by the average and total times of the top 5 Panthers at the state meet.

The ranking follows a successful 2021 season for the Panther boys. The team clinched the Region 1 title for the third consecutive year and then went on to finish 10th in the state, making history for Dawson Springs.

The same team was ranked 7th in the same preseason poll last year.

Returning runners – who are the reasons behind the rankings – are seniors Tyler Hale, Yosiyah McCune and Ethan Osborne, juniors Michael Faughn and Lucas Osborne, and sophomore Sean Stallins. New high-school harriers are senior Keifer Slaton and freshman Stephen Fowler.

The team also includes younger athletes from the middle and elementary schools. Preston Drennan, Tobiyah McCune and Jonathon Morgan comprise the middle school ranks, while Ayden Summers, Noah Keyes and Kye Swatzell will represent the elementary school.



The Panthers are coached by Rhonda Simpson.

The 2022 season began on Saturday, August 20th at the Season Opener in Hopkinsville and continues every Saturday through the state meet the last weekend in October. In addition to the team rankings from MileSplit Kentucky, some of the Panthers showed up on the individual rankings. Hale earned 15th in the state due to his season-best time of 17:32.87 at regionals and 23rd in the state due to his time in the 2021 state meet. Lucas Osborne was ranked 27th in season-best times. Ethan Osborne was ranked 45th in season-best times and 50th in state meet times.

In this year's rankings from MileSplit Kentucky, the Panthers follow No. 1-ranked Villa Madonna, then St. Henry District and Bethlehem.



## Dawson Springs Girls Cross Country team to focus on rebuilding

By Melissa Larimore

During the 2021 season, the Dawson Springs High School girls cross country team had six runners. None of those runners returned for the 2022 season.

Four of the girls graduated, and the other two changed schools.

Last year's team finished second in the region and competed in the state meet.

Although the roster is light right now, the team has its share of fight. Abigail Ward, a senior and a standout basketball player, has joined the team this year.

Also suiting up for cross country is junior Maddie Back, another multi-sport athlete. The two girls are the only high-schoolers on the team.

Coming up behind them is a solid list of young runners. The seventh-grade squad of Audrey McCoy and twins Ashtyn and Baylee Swatzell have already made a mark in cross country. Since McCoy began running for the school in 2018, she has earned 12 medals and helped her team – with the help of the Swatzells – claim many top-three spots at meets. Ashtyn Swatzell hasn't finished a race over 19th place since she joined the team in 2019. Her sister, Baylee, has finished in the top 10 nine times out of 11.

The team is rounded out by two elementary harriers: Kylie Latham and Hayley Lewis.

Athletic Director Rhonda Simpson said five more girls have signed up to run cross country, but are awaiting sports physicals. The team is coached by Wayne Simpson. The first meet of the season was held on Saturday, August 20th at the Season Opener in Hopkinsville.



# SEPTEMBER 2022 EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Aug 28	29 Golf @ Central City	30 	31	Sep 1 Boys Golf @ Webster Co.	2	3 Cross Country @ Calloway Co.
4	5 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	6 B&G Golf @ Pennyrile	7	8 Boys Golf @ Madisonville City Park	9 	10 Cross Country @ McCracken Co. Invitational
11 Grandparents Day	12 	13	14 3:15 HS SBDM Meeting	15 B&G Golf @ Crittenden Co.	16 Girls Golf @ Webster Co.	17 Cross Country @ Muhlenberg Co.
18	19	20 Girls Golf @ Webster Co.	21 Picture Re-takes Senior College Fair @ MCC	22 First Day of Autumn	23 	24 Cross Country @ Marshall Co.
25	26 6:00 Board of Education Meeting Golf Regionals	27 Golf Regionals	28 6:00 PTO Meeting	29 3:30 Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting	30	Oct 1



# SEPTEMBER 2022

Dawson Springs

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



**1**  
Chicken Fajita or Crispito w/Queso, Refried Beans, Fiesta Veggies, Mexican Rice, Salsa & Chips, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**2**  
Pizza or Mini Corndogs, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

**5**  
**Labor Day**

**6**  
Chicken Filet Sandwich or Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Baby Bakers, Glazed Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**7**  
Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**8**  
Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Bacon Cheeseburger, Fries, Pork-n-Beans, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**9**  
Pizza or Mini Corndogs, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

**12**  
Chicken Tenders w/Roll or Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Broccoli w/Cheese, Tater Tots, Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**13**  
Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Bread, or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Baby Bakers, Cali Blend Veggies w/Cheese, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**14**  
Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**15**  
Beef & Cheese Nachos or Mac & Cheese, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Lettuce/Tomato Cup, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**16**  
Pizza or Mini Corndogs, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

**19**  
BBQ Sandwich or Hotdog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**20**  
Lasagna w/Garlic Bread, or Italian Cheesy Bread, Baby Bakers, Cali Blend Veggies w/Cheese, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**21**  
Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**22**  
Tacos or Chicken Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Fiesta Veggies, Mexican Rice, Salsa & Chips, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**23**  
Pizza or Mini Corndogs, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

**26**  
Chicken Nuggets or General TSO's Chicken w/Rice, Tater Tots, Stir Fry Veggies, Side Salad, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**27**  
Rotini w/Garlic Bread or Chicken Filet Sandwich, Baby Bakers, Cali Blend Veggies w/Cheese, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**28**  
Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**29**  
Chicken Fajita or Crispito w/Queso, Refried Beans, Fiesta Veggies, Mexican Rice, Salsa & Chips, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**30**  
Pizza or Mini Corndogs, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

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

- Monday: Sausage & Biscuit or Mini Pancakes
- Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza or Cinnamon Roll
- Wednesday: Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit or Mini Donuts
- Thursday: Chicken Waffle Sandwich or Apple Frudel
- Friday: Tomado or Sausage Pancake on a Stick

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\*

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

# September Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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 local Dairy Queen at the time of purchase.</p>		<p><b>September Birthday Cake Winners</b>  <b>Jackson Hilt &amp; Alivia Dukes</b>                      Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a <b>FREE</b> Ice Cream Cake.</p>		<p><b>1</b> Eric Brasher Cyprus Thorpe</p>	<p><b>2</b> Aden McKinney Matthew Kovach Sophia Quinilla-Neyhart</p>	<p><b>3</b> Jonathan Garrett</p>
<p><b>4</b> Gwyneth Larimore</p>	<p><b>5</b> Dustin Plunkett Jackson Hilt Kailey Delosh Alivia Dukes Levi Holt Joey Johnson  Tracy Collins</p>	<p><b>6</b> </p>	<p><b>7</b> Scarlett Choate Justin Sherman</p>	<p><b>8</b> Kylie Latham   Brannigan Ethridge</p>	<p><b>9</b> James Son Jakob Purdy Shiloh Garrett Aria Todd</p>	<p><b>10</b> Kylee Gray Caden Barnett Leland Sizemore</p>
<p><b>11</b> Bryden Mann</p>	<p><b>12</b> Jeremiah Griffin</p>	<p><b>13</b> Maddie Back</p>	<p><b>14</b> Ty Cunningham</p>	<p><b>15</b> Samarah Coggins Bobby Cotton Ava West   Rita Smith</p>	<p><b>16</b>     Jonathon Storms</p>	<p><b>17</b> Jace Stanley Noah Corrao</p>
<p><b>18</b> </p>	<p><b>19</b> Tiyannah Baker Ariana Kontominas Jacelyn Harris Colten Richardson</p>	<p><b>20</b> Shelby Capps Elijah Dzikowski Madeline Oldham</p>	<p><b>21</b> </p>	<p><b>22</b> Colton Corrao</p>	<p><b>23</b> Mark Neal</p>	<p><b>24</b> Kendell Mitchell Maycee Morgan</p>
<p><b>25</b> Serenity Tapp RaeLynn Clark Levi Moore Greyson Cline  Atosha Ellis</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Bentley Felkins</p>	<p><b>28</b>   Vonda Castle</p>	<p><b>29</b> Aleigha Griffin   Laura Garrett</p>	<p><b>30</b> Erica Bruce</p>	



# Family Resource Youth Services Center

## Dawson Springs Independent School District

317 Eli Street | Dawson Springs, KY 42408 | Elementary School Building

Program Assistant: Shannon Garrett p: 270.797.3811 Ext. 1322

Director: Jonathon Storms p: 270.797.3811 Ext. 1326

### FRYSC Advisory Council Schedule 2022-2023

- Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022 – FRYSC 12PM Lunch Served
- Thursday, Oct. 13 2022 – FRYSC 12 PM Lunch Served
- Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022 – FRYSC 12PM Lunch Served
- Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 -- FRYSC 12PM Lunch Served
- Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 -- FRYSC 12PM Lunch Served
- Thursday, April 14, 2023 – FRYSC 12PM Lunch Served

The following meeting dates may be added to the schedule if necessary:

- Thursday, March 9, 2023 -- FRYSC 12PM Lunch Served
- Thursday, May 4, 2023-- FRYSC 12PM Lunch Served

# Thank you

## For your contribution to the Back to School Bash 2022

Giving is not just about making a donation; it's about making a difference.

- Dawson Springs Rotary Club
- Rotary President Tabatha Adams
- Lesa Nance Faughender & Friends



The Hopkins County Long Term Recovery Committee presented the FRYSC at Dawson Springs Independent District \$10,000.00 to be used for continued tornado relief. This was made possible through a grant awarded by Humana. In photo 1 from L-R: Jesse Breedlove(HLTRG), Melinda Grace(HCLRG), Shannon Garrett(FRYSC), Jonathon Storms (FRYSC) and Heath Duncan (HLTRG). In photo 2—Front Row from L-R Kara McKnight, Ethan Johnson, Gage Hayden and Katelyn Moore; Back Row from L-R Jesse Breedlove, Melinda Grace, Heath Duncan, Caydin Riley, Kolby Crook.





# Parents & Students, information is at your fingertips.



## Access on the Web Campus Student and Campus Parent

Campus Student and Campus Parent are designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design displays what is currently happening in the classroom so you can understand, monitor, and participate in the educational process.

- » Announcements
- » Assignments
- » Attendance
- » Grades
- » Schedules

AND



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### Announcements

Quickly see district announcements as they are posted.

### Assignments

Browse assignments by specific class or due date.

### Attendance

Review attendance events in summary and detail form.

### Grades

Immediate access to grades as they are posted.

### Schedule

Review schedule from anywhere, at any time.



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Dawson Springs Independent School District website  
<https://www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us/>

Learn more at  
[infinitecampus.com/parents-students](https://infinitecampus.com/parents-students)

# 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](http://www.BollingerSchools.com)

## OFFICE LOCATION

200 Jefferson Park, Whippany, NJ 07981

[BollingerSchools.com](http://BollingerSchools.com)



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on the app

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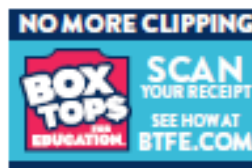


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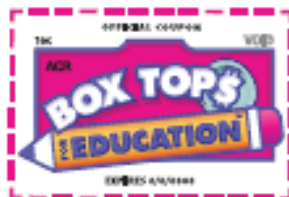
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2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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**February 2023**

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**March 2023**

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**April 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 & 12/30 (7/4, 1/16, 5/29)  
 Flex days (Break, PD or Make-up) 3/20    Make-up Days 5/23-6/2