

# NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for April is "FAIRNESS"



APRIL 2025

## **Upcoming Events**

Spring Break Monday, March 31 -Friday, April 4

HS SBDM Council Meeting Tuesday, April 8

Elementary SBDM Council Meeting Thursday, April 24

Board of Education Meeting Monday, April 28



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It's a Great Day to be a Panther!



Graduation for the Class of 2025 is scheduled for Friday, May 23, 2025.

The DSCS FRYSC & the DS Jr. Beta Club are sponsoring a community **Blood Drive** on Wednesday, April 30th in the DSHS Hard-



work Cafe. The drive is open to all members of the community. Contact the DS FRYSC Office at 797-3811 x1326 for more information.

In 2023, Madisonville Community College began an annual regional recognition for teachers with an "Excellence in Teaching Award."



MCC is currently asking for nominations of teachers who demonstrate exceptional skills and dedication to the profession. These exceptional teachers also

work to inspire their students and motivate them to achieve at the highest level possible. See page 7 for nomination guidelines.

#### **Preschool Screenings**

Screenings for the 2025-26 school year for our Little Panther Academy will begin soon. If you



have a child turning 3 by August 1, 2025, and are interested in them attending preschool, see page 8 for registration information.



An **Out of District Application for Admission** is required for <u>all</u> students living outside the Daw-

son Springs district. The district boundaries are the four bridges leading out of town. Completed forms must be submitted to the Board of Ed. Office to reserve placement for the 2025-26 school year. A form is included on page 9.

Find school updates and current information on the district Facebook page, the district web page at www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us

ww.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us or with Superintendent Whalen's "X" account @DSSuptWhalen.



Madisonville Community College and area school YSC & FRYSC are sponsoring the **Hopkins County High Schools Family Night** at the MCC Main Campus. Free food, MCC



tours plus financial aid and program information will be available. See page 11 for more information.

### Congratulations to our March 2025 Access Graduates!

Alley Sherman, Telea Jones & Donaven Colton





#### Junior/Senior Prom

The DS Junior/Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, April 26, in the HS Gymnasium.

The Grand March & Presentation of Attendees will begin at 7:00pm.

The Prom dance will begin at 8:00pm and will end at 11:00pm.

The Project Prom lock-in will begin at 12:00midnight and will end at 5:00am. The Attire Guidelines for Prom attendees are

included on page 10.

Prom tickets are \$25/person - see Ms. Rice. Project Prom admission is \$20 with a t-shirt / \$10 without a t-shirt - see Mrs. Laura Garrett.

## APRIL EVENTS



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Mar 30 Spring Break	31	Apr 1	2 - SPRING BREAK -	3 5:30 JV Baseball @ Webster Co double header		5
6	7 V Softball All "A" @ HCA (Hopkinsville)	8 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting  Track @ Muhlenberg Co. HS	9 Junior Class Murray State Tour	10	11	12
13	14 5:30 JV Baseball @ Crittenden Co double header 6:00 V Softball @ McLean Co.	15 5:30 V Softball @ Hopkins Central - double header 5:30 JV/MS Baseball @ Hopkins Central  Track @ McLean Co.	16	17 5:30 JV/MS Baseball @ Hopkins Central  Track @ Hopkins Central HS	18 5:30 V/JV Softball @ Webster Co.	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	5:30 V Softball @ HCA (Hopkinsville) Track @ McCracken Co. HS	23	3:30 Elementary SBDM Council Mtg. 3:30 Drivers' Course - Media Ctr./Library 5:30 JV Baseball @ Crittenden Co.	25 5:30 Gr 7&8 Baseball @ Trigg Co. 6:00 V Softball @ Fulton City	26 11:00 Gr 7&8 Base- ball @ Moss Middle DS Junior/Senior Prom
27	28 6:00 Board of Education Meeting 5:30 V Softball @ Madisonville North - double header	29 5:30 JV/MS Baseball @ Heritage Christian  Track @ Caldwell Co. HS	30 Blood Drive	May 1 6:00 V Softball @ Fulton City	2 Kindergarten Field Trip 5:30 JV Baseball @ CCA - double header	3 Kentucky Derby Track @ Apollo HS



**APRIL 2025** \* Menu is subject to AY FOR MEALS ONLINE **Dawson Springs** change without notice \* MySchoolBucks.com This Institution is an equal opportunity provider Friday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Beef & Cheese Nachos Pizza, Rib Sandwich or Chicken Tenders. Rotini w/Garlic Bread Chicken Fried Steak or Mac & Cheese. Fish Sandwich, Corn, Tater Tots, Broccoli. or Calzone w/Marinara. or Fried Chicken, Mashed Refried Beans, Baby Carrots, Side Carrots w/Ranch, Roll, Peas & Carrots, Side Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Sidekick, Fiesta Veggies, Fruit, Juice & Milk Salad, Fruit, Juice & Milk Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk Fruit, Juice & Milk Cookie & Milk Grilled Cheese or Breakfast for Lunch: Chicken Fajitas or Taco Pizza, Calzone or Fish Chicken Filet Sandwich or Philly Beef Sandwich, Chicken Patty, Sausage Bites, Refried Beans, Sandwich, Corn, Baby Spicy Chicken Sandwich. Tater Tots, Broccoli, Patty, Scrambled Eggs, Roasted Onion & Peppers Carrots, Side Salad, Potato Smiles, Glazed Coleslaw, Soup, Fruit, Tater Tots, Biscuit, Gravy, Salsa & Chips, Fruit, Fruit, Sidekick, Carrots, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit, Juice & Milk Juice & Milk Juice & Milk Cookie & Milk Fruit, Juice & Milk Hamburger or Chicken Nuggets Pizza, Rib Sandwich or Mac & Cheese Carnita Chicken Fried Steak or Asian Chicken & Rice, Cheeseburger, Onion Fish Sandwich, Corn, Bowl or Crispito w/Queso, or Meatloaf, Mashed Rings, Pork-n-Beans, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Egg Baby Carrots, Side Fiesta Veggies, Refried Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Roll, Fortune Cookie, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit, Salad, Fruit, Sidekick, Beans, Salsa & Chips, Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk Fruit or Juice & Milk Juice & Milk Cookie & Milk Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Fried Steak Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic BBQ Sandwich or or Turkey & Dressing, Bread, or Calzone Hotdog, Tater Tots, Mashed Potatoes, Green w/Marinara, Corn on the Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Beans, Roll, Fruit, Cob, Broccoli, Side Salad, Fruit, Juice & Milk Juice & Milk Fruit, Juice & Milk Daily Breakfast Items: Cereal, Poptarts, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice & Milk Daily Lunch Menu Items Include: Yogurt or Turkey Stick, String Cheese Stick, Muffin & Cheez-its Sausage Biscuit or Mini Pancakes All of these options come with Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick & Cheez-its

Vegetable, Fruit & Milk

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Chef Salad w/Roll

Pizza Lunchable

Tuesday:

Thursday:

Breakfast Pizza or Cinnamon Roll

Chicken Biscuit or Banana Bread

Sausage Pancake on a Stick, Mini Bagel Pizzas or Tomado

Wednesday: Sausage Gravy w/Biscuit or Mini Donuts

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# CHECK OUT OUR INTERACTIVE MENUS

https://www.myschoolmenus.com/ organizations/1394



# ATTENTION: PARENTS/GUARDIANS

GO TO THE ABOVE LINK TO ACCESS OUR INTERACTIVE MENUS.
YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS, INGREDIENTS,
CALORIES, CARBOHYDRATES AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL HELP, PLEASE
CONTACT JEANNIE BLANCHARD 270/797-3811 EXT 2125 OR 2133

### April Birthdays



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For Immediate Release Contact: Jay Parrent Jay.parrent@kctcs 270-824-8571 March 12, 2025

#### The Third Annual Regional Education Partnership Excellence in Teaching Award

#### now accepting nominations

Public school partners from Caldwell, Crittenden, Dawson Springs, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, and Webster County districts along with Madisonville Community College and Murray State University-Madisonville have announced the third year of the Regional Education Partnership Excellence in Teaching awards to recognize outstanding classroom educators.

"We are excited to host this event for the third year, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to excellence in teaching and the vital role educators play in shaping the future of our communities," said Dr. Jay Parrent of Madisonville Community College. "We hope this award inspires educators to continue their invaluable work and serves as a reminder of the profound impact they have on their students' lives."

The award was created to celebrate and highlight teaching excellence in elementary, middle, and high school education. Nominees who demonstrate exceptional skills and dedication to their profession and inspire and motivate students to achieve their full potential are sought. The colleges and school districts have been meeting regularly since 2017 to discuss issues of mutual importance, plan collaborative ventures, and refine and expand dual credit programming for students. Several key initiatives have been developed through this partnership since its inception.

The window for nominations will remain open online until Friday, April 4. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time regular classroom teachers in an elementary, middle, or high school with at least three years of experience. A committee comprised of educators and administrators from each district and representatives from the colleges will select one teacher from each grade level from each district.

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 17, on the Madisonville Community College campus.

For more information about the award and to nominate a teacher, please visit the college's website at <a href="https://madisonville.kctcs.edu/community/regional-education-partnership-award.aspx">https://madisonville.kctcs.edu/community/regional-education-partnership-award.aspx</a> or check the college and partner schools' social media accounts.

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# Dawson Springs LITTLE PANTHER ACADEMY Preschool Screenings

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

Any child 3 years old on or before August 1, 2025, is

eligible to be screened

\*\* By appointment only \*\*

Register Here

Or



#### Will need:

- Birth Certificate (state issued)
- Social Security Card
- Current Immunization Certificate

For Questions Contact:

Melissa Dulin

melissa.dulin@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us

270,797,3811 ext, 1005

Date Signed

#### 2025 – 2026 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 to the Kentucky Department of Education.

#### PLEASE COMPLETE THE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND RECORDS IDENTIFYING INFORMATION Prospective Student Full Name: First Social Security Number: Middle Grade completed or presently enrolled in: Date of Birth: Telephone: Mother or Female Legal Guardian Name: Father or Male Legal Guardian Name: (Circle one) Address: Zip Code Street Student Address: Zip Code (If different) Street State Name of Care Giver 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. Date signed/filed: Signed: Signature of Parent Date Signed/filed: Signature of Student RECORD OF PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE (please complete if your child is a new student in the Dawson Springs School System.) Grade completed or presently enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle one) Days of school missed last year Days of school missed this year Name of School District: Other Pertinent Information: DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE RECOMMENDATION: 1 Application granted: □ YES □ NO Date received:

Signature of District Official

# DROM ATTIRE GUIDELINES



#### BOYS:

- A tuxedo, suit or sport coat/tie are required. Shorts are NOT permitted.
- No jeans, ball caps, sock hats, toboggans or beanies.
- Boys will keep their dress shirts on at all times. Dancing only in a vest or undershirt will not be allowed.

#### **GIRLS:**

- Dress length for a short dress No shorter than halfway between fingertips and the top of the knee when arms are extended at the sides.
- Neckline No plunging necklines. Necklines cannot be below the top of the bra line. If plunging occurs, mesh or flesh colored material must cover the open space. Dress can only plunge to the bottom of the bra line, no further (must have mesh below the top of the bral line).
- Slits may extend to your fingertips when your arms are extended at the sides.
- Back Cannot scoop lower than the bend of the waist.
- Cut-outs on sides of dress No cut-outs below the waist. Any cut-outs along the side needs to follow the "back" guidelines and not drop below the bend of the waist nor may they extend toward the front of the dress any farther than the midline (seam) on each side of the dress. Any openings must be covered in mesh or flesh-colored material to meet the guidelines.
- Two-piece dresses The gap cannot exceed one inch from the two pieces.

IF IN DOUBT, TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOU IN THE DRESS AND BRING IT IN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPROVAL. MAKE SURE TO GET CLEAR PICTURES OF THE AREA(S) OF CONCERN/QUESTION.



Prom is Saturday, April 26



# HOPKINS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS FAMILY NIGHT

Who: Any Sophomore/Junior/Senior and parent/caregiver

When: Thursday, April 10th, 2025

Where: MCC Main Campus

2000 College Drive Madisonvillle, KY

**Brown Badgett Center** 

Time: Drop in anytime between

4:30-6:00

**ACE2 ADULT EDUCATION** ADVANCED INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY AIR CONDITIONING TECHNOLOGY **BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS CAREER & TRANSFER SERVICES** CRIMINAL JUSTICE **CULTURAL DIVERSITY ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY EMS-PARAMEDIC** FINANCIAL AID **HUMAN SERVICES** INTERDISCIPLINARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MEDICAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MURRAY STATE-MADISONVILLE REGIONAL CAMPUS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PARALEGAL TECHNOLOGY PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT RADIOGRAPHY RESPIRATORY CARE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES WELDING TECHNOLOGY



#### Food Provided

Please register on the google link



Program tours of MCC and Information about programs available at the Health Campus, admissions, financial aid, learning resources, etc. Information available for new and non-traditional students!

Sponsored by MCC, HCCHS STORM YSC, MNHHS M-BRACE YSC and Dawon Springs FRYSC

#### 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR District: DAWSON SPRINGS Board Approved 12/18/2023 ELEM/JR SR HIGH Traditional Calendar □ Variable Schools: Part I September 2024 July 2024 August 2024 December 2024 (79) October 2024 November 2024 w s March 2025 February 2025 January 2025 w Т s April 2025 May 2025 June 2025 (92) $\mathbf{s}$ w

STAFF FLEX DAYS: 8/8/24 & 11/4/2024 (must work one)

PD DAYS (9): 8/9 - 8/19

OPEN & CLOSE (2): 8/20/24 & 5/27/25

HOLIDAYS (4): 9/4/24, 11/28/24, 12/25/24, 1/1/25 BREAK DAYS (2): 2/10/25 & 3/14/25 (possible make-up)

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 - 6/4/25 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 171 STAFF REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185

SCHOOL STARTS 7:55 AM ENDS: 2:50 PM

September 2025



# **Dawson Springs Schools**

### 2025-2026 School Calendar

"A Tradition of Success"

August 2025

July 2025

#### Fall Semester (80) Opening Day Aug. 18

1st day for Students Aug. 19
No School/Labor Day Sept. 1
Fall Break Oct. 6-10
No School/Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 26-28
Student Last Day before
Christmas Break Dec. 19
No School/ Christmas Break
Dec. 22- Jan 2

Dec. 22- Jan 2

Spring Semester (91)

1st Day back for Students from
Christmas Break Jan. 5

No School/Holiday Jan. 19

No School/Spring Break
April 6-10

Student's return from Spring
Break April 13

Last Day for Students May 21

Closing Day May 22

\*\*Students attending MCC &
Caldwell Tech must be in
attendance on scheduled days
(2) Flex PD Days/No School for
Students

#### (4)-Holiday

(23)-Non-School Day (6)-Professional Learning Day/No school for Students

(1)Opening/(1)Closing Day First and Last Day for Students Make up days if needed-Feb. 16,

Mar. 13, May 26- 29, June 1 all other days will be added to end of

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