



NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for November is "SELF-DISCIPLINE"

NOVEMBER 2023

Upcoming Events

Elementary Principal Advisory Council
Thursday, Nov. 2

Moonlight Madness
Friday, Nov. 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, Nov. 5
(Set clocks back 1 hr.)

HS SBDM Council Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 8

Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, Nov. 22 - Friday, Nov. 24

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, Nov. 27



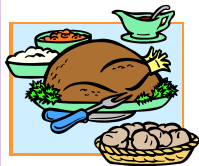
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It's a Great Day to be a Panther!

DSCS THANKSGIVING DINNER

The DSISD Food Service will host a Thanksgiving Dinner in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, Nov. 15th. Tickets will be sold first come, first serve beginning at 8:00am on Tuesday, Nov. 7th **at the main Gym entrance**. Advance purchase of a ticket is required. The cost is \$7.00 per ticket by cash (no large bills) or check only. A limit of 1 ticket per family may be purchased while they last - **SPACE IS LIMITED. YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET TO EAT**. Tickets sell fast so buy early. We are not responsible if you send money with your child to purchase a ticket and you don't receive one. We have no way of knowing you sent money that may be left in a backpack or locker for several days or until after all the tickets are sold.



The DS FRYSC is sponsoring it's annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** beginning Monday, Nov. 13 thru Friday, Nov. 17. Donations will help provide Thanksgiving meals for local families. The top donating class in the Elementary & HS will win a pizza party.



CONGRATULATIONS

to our Senior High School students, staff and administration for the exceptional **Index score of 98.3 on the**

Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) in the Spring of 2023. This score **places DSHS #1 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky** as we continue with our Tradition of Success!

See page 2 for our official news release.

ELEMENTARY PARENTS

Please put your child's name or initials in hats, coats, etc., so when students lose them or leave them somewhere at school, the items can be reunited with their owners.



Get all school information first, including closings & delays, by following Supt. Whalen on X (formerly Twitter).

@DSSuptWhalen

For the fifth consecutive year, the Dawson Springs High School **Boys Cross Country** team topped its competitors at the regional level at the Region 1 All "A" meet held on Oct. 21 held at Yellow Creek Park in Owensboro. In a close contest, the Panthers finished first with an average time of 19:06.32 over teams from Community Christian, Crittenden County, Fort Campbell, Fulton County, Heritage Christian, Hickman County, Livingston Central, Murray, St. Mary and University Heights. The Regional win once again sent the team to KHSAA state competition on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. The Panther team finished their 2023-24 season with a very respectable 10th place finish at state.



A consistent team effort landed the **Girls Cross Country** a 4th place finish at the Region 1 All "A" and a 3rd consecutive trip to state competition. The Lady Panthers finished their 2023-24 season with a 20th place finish at state, showing a gradual improvement over 2022 (26th) and 2021 (28th).



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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.

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Superintendent

Leonard Whalen

November 1, 2023 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dawson Springs students took the Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) in the Spring of 2023. KSA is the state's annual summative assessment given in grades 3 through 8, 10 and 11 to Kentucky public school students. The KSA provides content area assessments, including reading and mathematics (grades 3 through 8 and 10), science (grades 4, 7, 11), on-demand writing and editing and mechanics (grades 5, 8, 11), and social studies (grades 5, 8, 11). These assessments are Kentucky's measure of student proficiency and progress on the state content standards. These standards establish goals for what all students should know and be able to do in each grade. It includes questions where students can demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and extended response questions where students construct a response or answer with a technology-enhanced response. The KSA index also reflects change (positive or negative) in all the areas mentioned above.

Our District administration is pleased with the results of the spring 2023 testing at all levels. The high school students made an exceptional showing with a school index of 98.3, which gives them the highest reported index in the state. Congratulations to Mr. Marshall, his staff and most of all, the performing students. The junior high had an index of 63.3, to place them in the yellow category and only 7 tenths of a point from a green designation. The elementary school had an index of 49.3, scoring well in science and math. They were classified in the orange. Dawson Springs Independent School District has lots of reason to celebrate, but they also are well aware of the fact that the most difficult part beyond attaining success is sustaining that success.

Again, as a matter of reference, the KSA performance levels are color-coded, using a rating system that includes five levels from highest to lowest: Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, and Red. Based on the index scores above, our high school is blue, our middle school is yellow (7 tenths of a point from being green), and our elementary school is orange.

We appreciate the continued support of our parents and our community as we strive to educate, equip, and empower each student so that they can thrive in a positive and productive way.

VETERANS DAY

Tribute

November 10th

Hosted by the Dawson Springs
Community School

Veterans Breakfast 8:15am

Veterans Ceremony 9:00am




Location: Dawson Springs High School Gymnasium

Please Enter Through The Gymnasium Doors

STARTS AT
9AM

*Lets celebrate
together!*

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Oct 29	30 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	31 Halloween 	Nov 1 5:00 FAFSA Workshop @ HS Library	2 Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting 5:30 8th G/B Basketball @ West Hopkins	3 6:00 Moonlight Madness	4 
5 Daylight Savings Time ends (Time "falls back" 1 hour) 	6 6:00 8th G/B Basketball @ home	7 5:30 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Caldwell Co. 6:00 7/8 Boys Basketball @ home	8 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	9 6:00 7/8 Boys Basketball @ home	10 Veterans Day Tribute 8:15 Breakfast 9:00 Ceremony 5:30 8th G/B Basketball @Crittenden Co.	11 VETERANS DAY V Boys Basketball @ Murray
12	13 5:30 7/8 Girls Basketball @McLean Co.	14 3:00-6:00 Jr/Sr HS Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-6:00 Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences	15 DSCS Thanksgiving Dinner	16 6:00 7/8 Girls Basketball @ home 6:00 7/8 Boys Basketball @ Lyon Co.	17 5:30 8th G/B Basketball @ CFS	18 5:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ Mayfield
- - - - - FRYSC Thanksgiving Food Drive - - - - -						
19	20 5:30 8th G/B Basketball @ John Paul 2	21 5:30 7/8 Girls Basketball @ South Hopkins 6:00 7/8 Boys Basketball @ home	22 6:00 PTO Meeting	23 THANKSGIVING DAY - - - - - NO SCHOOL - - - - -	24	25 
26	27 6:00 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 7/8 Girls Basketball @ home	28 6:00 7/8 Boys Basketball @ home 6:00 VG/VB Basketball @ Christian Fellowship	29 	30 6:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ home	Dec 1	2 5:00 VG/VB Basketball @ home

NOVEMBER 2023

Dawson Springs

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

6

Grilled Cheese or Rib Sandwich, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Tomato Soup, Fruit, or Juice & Milk

7

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

8

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

9

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

10

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

13

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

14

Rotini w/Garlic Bread, or Meatball Sub, Baby Bakers, Corn on the Cob, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

15

Thanksgiving
Dinner

16

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

17

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

20

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

21

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

22

THANKSGIVING

23

B R E A K

24

27

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

28

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

29

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

30

Tacos or Chicken Quesadilla, Fiesta Veggies, Refried Beans, Salsa & Chips, Fruit or Juice & Milk

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

Daily Lunch Menu Items Include:

All of these options come with

Vegetable, Fruit & Milk

Yogurt or Beef Sticks, String Cheese Stick, Muffin & Cheez-its

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Ham or Turkey & Cheese Wrap

Pizza Lunchable

Chef Salad w/Roll

Menu is subject to change without notice

GIVE
THANKS

November Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>November Birthday Cake Winners Kaylee Wigley & Colby Grimes Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.</p>			<p>1 Shane Terry Mia Morgan Marly Ford</p>	<p>2 Samuel Dunbar Nolan Cotton</p>	<p>3 Tripp Larimore</p>	<p>4 Ayla Arzamastseva Brady DiNovo Izzy-Bell Drennan Joven Teague</p>
<p>5 Adrain Flournoy</p> <p>Shannon Parker</p>	<p>6 Keeley Galloway</p> <p>Lenny Whalen</p>	<p>7 Haven Ellis</p>	<p>8 Keilan Crawford Carter Cotton Riley Cotton</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10 Ashlyn Barrett Mark Taylor Kenneth Gardner</p>	<p>11 Kaylee Wigley</p>
<p>12</p>  <p>Darla Bean</p>	<p>13 Matthew Jenkins Noah Keen</p>	<p>14 Estella McKnight Willow Ford</p>	<p>15 Annaliese Thornton</p>	<p>16 Montgomery Johnston Jonathon Morgan</p>	<p>17 Owen Wirgau Cameron Drake Emily Duke Colby Grimes Gabriel Hays</p>	<p>18 Jackson Young Daniel Peyton</p>
<p>19 Jasmine Shaver</p>	<p>20 Summer Stone Braxton Robinson Savannah Rose</p>	<p>21 Trevor McKnight</p> <p>Melissa Larimore</p>	<p>22 McKinley Howton Alaina Adornato</p>	<p>23 Eryn Camplin Sophia Johnson Sarah Lewis Logan Peters</p>	<p>24 Kaleb Groves</p> 	<p>25 Casey Fain Benson Webster</p>
<p>26 Justin Kelley</p>	<p>27 Kynleigh Matheny</p>	<p>28 Carter McCutchen Alivia Fiveash</p>	<p>29 Sebastian Brashaw Zeriyah McCune</p>	<p>30 Max Luce</p> <p>Tami Pritt</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>	



KIDS ARE DARING



GOOD THING WE'VE
GOT THEM COVERED.



Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program

Your child may qualify for free or low-cost health insurance through the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP).

KCHIP is for children younger than 19 years old whose family meets certain income guidelines. Families who qualify are usually in the middle to low income range.

Children enrolled in KCHIP are covered for:

- doctors' visits
- hospital stays and emergency services
- mental health services
- lab tests and X-rays
- prescription drugs
- immunizations
- speech therapy
- health screenings
- dental, hearing and eye checkups

Applying is easy. A face-to-face interview is not required. To apply for KCHIP:

- request an application by phone by calling toll-free (877) KCHIP-18
- print a mail-in application online at kidshealth.ky.gov
- apply in person at your local Community Based Services office

For help filling out your application, call toll-free (877) KCHIP-18 (877-524-4718).

Para asistencia en español,
Llame al 1-800-662-5397.
Las llamadas son gratuitas.

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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2023-24 Dawson Springs Jr. Pro

Any Dawson Springs student in grades kindergarten through seventh grade that would like to play basketball for Dawson Springs Jr. Pro, please have this form returned by Friday, Nov. 10th. The cost for each child will be \$40. Contact Mickey Blue @ 270-454-3425 for Multiple Kid Discounts

The main focus of the Jr. Pro will be to establish fundamentals and focus on development.

Players will be divided by grade level: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7.

Practices will start On Nov. 18th and games will start on Dec 9th. Teams will be paired up as evenly as possible.

Anyone wanting to help with this program can contact Mickey Blue via email at mickey.blue@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us or by cellphone at 270-454-3425.

Grades K-1 will focus on being "Little Dribblers."

Grades 2-7 will focus on fundamentals and will have games.

Once players have signed up and adults have volunteered to help, a game and practice schedule will be made and announced.

Make checks payable to Dawson Springs Jr. Pro Basketball.

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Shirt Size: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

If you are interested in helping or coaching, please fill out the following:

Name: _____

Contact Information:

Coaching Experience: _____

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Board Approved 1/30/2023

Part I Traditional Calendar Variable

Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

July 2023

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September 2023 (74)

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Emergency closing 10/18/23 – gas leak

November 2023

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December 2023 (74)

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February 2024

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March 2024

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April 2024

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May 2024

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June 2024 (96)

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PD DAYS (9): 8/16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 28
 OPEN & CLOSE (2): 8/29/23 & 5/28/24
 HOLIDAYS (4): 9/4/23, 11/23/23, 12/25/23 & 1/1/24 (7/4, 1/15, 5/27)
 FLEX/ BREAK DAYS (2): 2/16/24 & 3/15/24
 STUDENTS FIRST DAY: 8/30/23
 STUDENTS LAST DAY/GRADUATION: 5/24/24
 EMERGENCY CLOSING: 10/18/23

FALL BREAK (2): 10/12 & 10/13/23
 SPRING BREAK (5): 4/8-4/12/24
 MAKE-UP DAYS (8): 5/29-6/7/24
 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 170
 TEACHER REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185
 SCHOOL STARTS 7:55 AM ENDS: 2:50 PM