



# NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for February is "INTEGRITY"

FEBRUARY 2023

## Upcoming Events

**FRYSC Advisory Council Meeting**  
Thursday, Feb. 2

**HS SBDM Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, Feb. 8

**National ACT in HS MPR**  
Saturday, Feb. 11

**Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting**  
Thursday, Feb. 23

**District Basketball Tourneys**  
Feb. 20 - 25

**Board of Education Meeting**  
Monday, Feb. 27



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

Get all school closing and delay information first by following Supt. Whalen on Twitter



@DSSuptWhalen

**MAKE-UP DAY**  
School in session  
**Monday, March 20, 2023.**

See page 2 for more information.



**Bus Riders Valentine's Day Reminder:**



**NO balloons or glass vases are allowed on the buses.**



## ELEMENTARY PARENTS

Please put your child's name or initials in all coats, hats, etc. so items lost at school or on a bus can be returned to their owners.

## WE NEED SUBS!

### AND WE'LL COVER THE COST!

Teachers, Instructional Assistants, Custodians, Bus Drivers & Food Service.

**The district now pays for all pre-employment requirements.** For job info & application go to

[dawsonsprings.kyschools.us](http://dawsonsprings.kyschools.us) or call Karla Mitchell at 270-797-3811, #5, for more information.



Senior Class Discount Cards are still on sale. The cards are \$10 and contain lots of area savings for food, products and services. See any Class of 2023 member to purchase yours.



## 2023-24 School Calendar



The calendar for next school year was approved at the January 30th Board of Ed. meeting. See pages 2 & 3 for info.



The **DS High School Academic Team** competed in the 2023 5th District Governor's Cup on Jan. 17 & 21. Final results for DS members & teams are:

- Quick Recall: 3rd place
- Future Problem Solving: 3rd place
- Math: Peyton Moore 4th place
- Science: Abby Ward 3rd & Mackenzie Creekmur 5th place
- Social Studies: Eryn Sizemore 5th place
- Language Arts: Kimberly Burbage 1st, Claire Midkiff 2nd & Brittany Mabry 5th place
- Arts & Humanities: Kayda Heggen 5th place
- Composition: Mackenzie Creekmur 2nd & Kayda Heggen 3rd place

The top 3 teams & individuals advance to regional competition on Feb. 13 & 18.

The team is coached by Brandon Godbey.  
Best of Luck, Panthers!!

The **DS Middle Grades Academic Team** placed 2nd overall in the 2023 5th District Governor's Cup held on Jan. 10 & 14. Final results for members & teams are:

- Quick Recall: 2nd place
- Future Problem Solving: 1st place
- Science: Elanor Chappell 3rd place
- Social Studies: Sophia Johnson 2nd & Kailey Delosh 4th place
- Language Arts: Shiloh Garrett 3rd place
- Arts & Humanities: Annalise Pacheco 3rd & Elanor Chappell 4th place
- Composition: Lexie Howton 2nd, Sophia Johnson 3rd & Shiloh Garrett 4th place

The top 3 teams & individuals advance to regional competition on Jan 30 & Feb. 4.

The team is coached by Brandon Godbey.  
Good Luck Team!!





## Dawson Springs Independent School District

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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

Vicki Allen, Board Chair  
Wes Ausenbaugh  
Carol Niswonger  
Kent Dillingham  
Meredith Hyde

### Superintendent

Leonard Whalen

January 31, 2023

### CLARIFICATION OF MAKE-UP DAY FOR JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023 & BOARD APPROVED 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dear Dawson Springs Panther Stakeholders,

Last night, I put out that our missed snow day on January 31, 2023, would be made up on February 20, which was a make-up day on our school calendar. I received a few questions regarding the situation, and after doing some further research, I realized that our board had approved a school calendar in March but then revised it in April.

When I put the information out last night that the make-up day for today was going to be February 20, I was mistakenly looking at the original, incorrect calendar. On the correct, amended calendar, school was already scheduled to be in session on that day.

With that being said, this was totally my mistake as I looked at the original 22/23 school calendar and not the revised/amended school calendar. Based on reviewing the correct calendar, we will have to use March 20 as a make-up day for our day missed today (January 31).

The school calendar on the district website and in the district monthly newsletter should both be correct. My apologies for any confusion this situation may have caused. **Again, school will be in session on March 20 as a make-up day for us missing today, January 31.**

Please note that any more days missed this year will, more than likely, have to be added to the end of the school year. I have also included with this notification, next year's 23/24 school calendar that our board approved last night. Note that the first day for students will not be until August 30, 2023. This is a much later start date as a result of the major HVAC replacement we have going on in our high school. Stay safe and warm everyone.

Best Regards,

Lenny Whalen

Superintendent, Dawson Springs Independent Schools

# 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Approved 1/30/2023

District: DAWSON SPRINGS

Part I  Traditional Calendar  Variable

Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

## July 2023

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## January 2024

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## February 2024

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## April 2024

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## May 2024

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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

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 8:00 AM - ENDS: 2:50 PM



# FEBRUARY EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SATJAN
Jan 29	30 6:00 Board of Education Meeting  6:00 V/JV Girls Basketball @ Ft. Campbell	31 6:00 V/JV Girls Basketball @ home	Feb 1  	2 <b>Groundhog Day</b>  12noon FRYSC Advisory Council  5-6 Pre-K Family Night  6:00 V/JV Girls Basketball @ home  6:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ Livingston Central	3	4 8:00 DSHS Cheer Princess Breakfast  1:00 V/JV Girls Basketball @ Whitesville Trinity  2:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ home
5 	6 6:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ home  6:00 V/JV Girls Basketball @ Trigg Co.	7	8 3:00 FAFSA Workshop in Library  3:15 Jr/Sr HS SBDM Council Meeting	9 	10 6:00 V G/B Basketball @ Crittenden Co.	11 7:00am National ACT in HS MPR  Archery @ Madisonville  1:00 V/JV Girls Basketball @ home
12	13 7:30 V Boys Basketball @ Trigg Co.	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>  6:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ Heritage Christian  6:00 V/JV Girls Basketball @ home	15 	16 6:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ home	17 6:00 V/JV Girls Basketball @ Lyon Co.	18 Archery All 'A' @ Madisonville
19 	20 <b>Presidents' Day</b>	21	22 6:00 PTO Meeting	23 3:30 Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting	24 6:00 PTO Volleyball Tournament	25
- - - - - District 7 Basketball Tournaments - - - - -						
26	27 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	28	Mar 1 	2	3 8:00 Jr. & Soph. MCC Tech Tour	4

# FEBRUARY 2023

## Dawson Springs

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**



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

**2**  
Beef & Cheese Nachos or Mac& Cheese, Refried Beans, Fiesta Veggies, Lettuce/Tomato Cup, Fruit or Juice & Milk

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

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

**16**  
Chicken Fajita 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**  
Chili, Chili Dog or Hotdog, Baked Potato Coleslaw, Fritos, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**21**  
Lasagna w/Garlic Bread, or Calzone w/Marinara, Corn on the Cob, Broccoli, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**22**  
Chicken Fried Steak or Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**23**  
Tacos or Chicken Quesadilla, Fiesta Veggies, Refried Beans, Salsa & Chips, Fruit or Juice & Milk

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

**27**  
Chicken Tenders w/Roll or Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Broccoli, Tater Tots, Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit or Juice & Milk

**28**  
Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Bread, or Rib Sandwich, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli, Side Salad, 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

Ham & Cheese Croissant Sandwich w/ Chips

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

Ham or Turkey & Cheese Wrap w/Chips

Pizza Lunchable

Chef Salad w/Roll

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

\*Menu is subject to change without notice\*

# February 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 the <b>Dawson Springs Dairy Queen</b> at the time of purchase.</p>		<b>1</b> Jaxen Thomas	<b>2</b> Tyler Hale Jared Jones Elijah McKinney Austin Terry Larry Hill	<b>3</b> Nate Walls Al'zauies Barnes William Lowe  Mary Morgan	<b>4</b> Jazmin Sherrill Matthew Peyton  Amber Garrett
	<b>5</b> Kianna Ferguson Daylan Clevenger Karlee Tackett  Madison Woolsey	<b>6</b> Lincoln Blanchard Sophia Martin  Elizabeth Robinson	<b>7</b> Carissa Shaver Carter Bourland Savannah Truehart	<b>8</b> Hunter Rogers Brileigh Hunter Braxton Douglas Kylie Truehart  Amber Cavanah Katie Griffin	<b>9</b> Bailee Coates Aedan Crook	<b>10</b> Annabell Jarboe Logan Chappel Luis Quinilla-Neyhart
<b>12</b> Jayden Plunkett	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> Emma Midkiff Paislee Vinson Waylon Wicks	<b>15</b> Iziah Dukes	<b>16</b> Thomas Shaver Rayliee Hall Ayden Summers Lilliana Parker	<b>17</b> Sadie Adams	<b>18</b> Hannah Foe   Shelby Johnson
<b>19</b> Caydin Riley  Mary Beth Coy	<b>20</b> Alex Mitchell James McGinnis Brycen Litchfield  Paulette Gray	<b>21</b> Julietta Conklin Stephanie Son	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> James Hughlett Jaxon Shrum	<b>24</b> Kaylee Sharpe Aiden Skipworth Makenna Huskey	<b>25</b> 
<b>26</b> Jaden Sherman	<b>27</b> Dustin Drake Alayah Cook	<b>28</b> Alexis Carter Brayden Douglas  Emilee Seeger	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>February Birthday Cake Winners</b> <b>Nate Walls &amp; Lilliana Parker</b></p> <p>Present your certificate at our Dawson Springs Dairy Queen for a <b>FREE</b> small Ice Cream Cake.</p> </div>			





# February 2023 Newsletter



Dawson Springs  
FRYSC



Coordinator: Shannon Garrett  
Assistant: Trista Peyton  
Phone: (270) 797-3811 (Ext 1326)  
or (270) 836-3428

Some February Dates to Remember:

- 2nd Project Recovery @ 6 pm in the library
- 2nd FRYSC Advisory Council @ Noon
- 8th FAFSA Workshop @ 3 pm in the library
- 15th School Resource Office Appreciation Day
- 16th Project Recovery @ 6 pm in the library
- 17th National Day of Kindness
- 20th Cinderella's Closet Meeting @ 12:30 Hard Work Cafe
- 22nd National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day



**What:** Tornado Recovery Support Group

**When:** Thursday, February 2nd & 16th @ 6 pm

**Where:** Dawson Springs High School Library

**Why:** To enjoy fellowship and strengthen recovery

A meal will be provided & the community is welcome.



Due to scheduling issues on their part and to accommodate all of our students, Big Smiles Dental has rescheduled their visit. The

elementary students will now be seen on March 30th—31st and middle through high will be seen on April 28th. If anyone else needs their services but didn't fill out the form in time, there is still online registration available, just go to:

<https://www.myschooldentist.com/32764 schsrm>

Or see our FRYSC Facebook page for the direct link.

## Cinderella's Closet of Western Kentucky



**Are you a Junior or Senior Girl?  
Would you like to attend Prom,  
but are worried about buying  
a Prom dress?**

**Cinderella's Closet can help!  
Contact FRYSC no later than  
March 2nd.**

**You can call, stop by or send us a  
message in your Google Classroom.**



Little Sisters of Hopkins County is a ministry of Abundant Grace Fellowship in Madisonville. They supply hygiene items to students in need. Many teachers have the application in the students' google classrooms and you are welcome to call FRYSC for assistance.

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

District: Dawson Springs

Approved 3/28/2022; Amended 4/25/2022, 1/30/23

\*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

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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 WEATHER DAY - No school 1/31. Make-up 3/20. Make-up Days 5/23-6/2