

Aggie

NEWS



DANSVILLE SCHOOLS

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Presenting the Class of 2026!

On Sunday, May 17, 2026, Dansville Schools honored the graduating class of 2026 for their hard work and dedication over the past 13 years.

This year's valedictorians were Preston Maxey, Grace Sagamang, Hope Service, Madyson Smith and Brenna St. Amant. Brianna DeLano was salutatorian.

We want to thank our graduates for the contributions they made to Dansville Schools. They excelled in the classroom, in many co-curricular activities and in athletics. **We are very proud of these Aggie Achievers** and cannot wait to continue watching them grow as world-changing members of the Aggie Family!

Aggie Tradition: Seniors drive tractors to school on their last day.



SUMMER 2026



AGGIE FAMILIES,

Another school year is officially in the books! I want to take a quick minute to look back on everything our students and staff achieved and share some important updates about what's happening around Dansville Schools this summer and heading into the fall.

Smart Financial Decisions: Saving Our Taxpayers \$2.4 Million

First up, I have some great financial news for our local taxpayers. We just finished selling our 2026 Refunding Bonds to refinance our older 2016 building bonds. Because our district maintains a strong "A" credit rating, ten different companies competed to buy these bonds, and UBS Financial Services ended up winning the bid by offering us the lowest interest rate.

What does this actually mean for your wallet? **It means we secured a lower rate that is going to save our community more than \$2.4 million in interest.** The savings go directly toward reducing what taxpayers owe on these bond loans. The bond itself will stay active until its original end date in 2045, but this refinancing drops the total interest, meaning local taxpayers will owe less over the lifetime of the loan.

As a quick reminder, **the original 2016 bond gave us \$26.5 million to build the new high school and update the middle school, safety systems, technology, and our arts and sports facilities back in 2018.** We always promise to manage your hard-earned tax dollars responsibly, and I'm proud we could pull off this refinance to deliver the financial respect our community deserves.

Academics: Raising the Bar and Tracking Growth

On the academic side, we are working hard to make sure our classes are genuinely challenging and that we are properly testing students on the standards they are expected to learn. Our teachers have been reviewing our grading rubrics to make them more rigorous. In theory, this means it isn't going to be as "easy" to earn a "4" on a report card as it might have been in the past. We want a "4" to mean a student has truly exceeded the expectations for that coursework (ie - they are achieving above grade level). This coming year, we will keep looking closely at how we teach and assess so we can be absolutely certain our graduates leave here highly skilled, confident, and ready for whatever comes next in life.

Aggie Family

SMALL BUT MIGHTY

Happy Retirement, Ms. Tania Dupuis!

After 15 incredible years of leadership, Ms. Dupuis is retiring. Her passion for learning and unwavering love for our students have left an unforgettable mark on our middle school. We wish her a lifetime of health, happiness, and relaxation in her well-deserved retirement!

Welcome to Your New Role, Mr. Joshua Andrews!

We are thrilled to announce Mr. Andrews as our new Secondary Principal for grades 6-12. Mr. Andrews is eager to take on this new challenge and is looking forward to making an even greater impact on our middle and high school students.

TANIA DUPUIS
Retiring Middle School Principal

JOSHUA ANDREWS
Secondary Principal, Grades 6-12

While we won't get our official state spring assessment scores back until sometime this fall, we did add a new test this year called NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress). The early data shows that our district-wide growth in math actually beat our growth in literacy. We've been heavily focused on math for a couple of years now, and we're really hopeful that our core math curriculum changes (enVision Mathematics) will keep helping us get the solid results we want to see.



Welcoming Dr. Jeff Hancock

We are also excited to welcome Dr. Jeff Hancock to the Aggie Family! Jeff was hired in February and has joined our team as our new Secondary Student Support Specialist and our Head Varsity Football Coach.

Jeff brings over twenty years of experience in schools, academic advising, coaching, and college admissions. He recently earned his Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership from Abilene Christian University, where he focused his research on how schools can better support their students. **Jeff is passionate about helping kids succeed as well-rounded people**, and he's a big believer in building a strong, positive culture.

Just a reminder that football is going to look a little different with potentially a lot more action this fall.

We are officially transitioning to eight-man football, so get ready for a fast-paced, exciting season under Coach Hancock!

Looking Ahead: Fall Operating Millage Renewal

Lastly, I want to give you a heads-up about an important vote coming up this fall—**the renewal of Dansville Schools' non-homestead operating millage**. There are three big things to keep in mind about this, so there's no confusion:

- **This is not a new tax.** It's a renewal of a millage that is already in place.
- This is not a tax on primary homeowners. It doesn't apply to your regular home or raise your personal property taxes. It only applies to commercial, industrial, and some investment properties.
- The State of Michigan requires us to pass this. The state expects us to run this millage to get our full per-pupil funding. If it doesn't pass, the state doesn't fill the gap—our school simply loses out on that funding. Passing this is crucial for keeping our day-to-day school operations running normally.

Thank you all for another great year. Have a safe, relaxing summer with your families, and we'll see you in the fall.

Go Aggies!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer".

Jennifer Wonnell, Superintendent
wonnellj@dansville.org



6th Grade Orientation

Thursday, August 13
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Middle School



Proceeds benefit Dansville Athletics

No appointment necessary | Parent or guardian **must** be present
Cash or Check Payments Accepted

Wed., Aug. 5, 2026 | 6 - 8 pm
Dansville High School Gym

In order to participate in school-sponsored sports,
middle school and high school students must have a physical
given on or after April 15 of the previous school year.

2026-2027 athletic paperwork will also be available for convenience.

Family passes will also be available for purchase - cash or check



2026-2027 Athletic Passes

Athletic passes allow entry to all home high school and middle school athletic events, with the exception of MHSAA post-season events. These can be purchased on Physical Day, the athletic office, or at any athletic events.

Family

- Fall: \$100.00
- Winter: \$100.00
- Spring: \$75.00
- Year: \$225.00

Student

- Fall: \$15.00
- Winter: \$15.00
- Year: \$30.00

Individual

- Year: \$100.00

Senior Pass (60+)

- Year: FREE

The 2026-2027 admission prices for all high school and middle school events will be \$5.00 each, with the exception of MHSAA post-season events.

Elementary School Celebrations

Community Day was a huge success across the district! Elementary students worked with their middle school buddies to complete community service projects including making birthday kits, personal care kits for local homeless shelters, cleaning buses, and picking up around the school.

Dansville Elementary had a fun end to the school year! **Field trips, family celebrations, and field day all added to the excitement.** Students also participated in an all-school sing of Patriotic songs and we ended the last day of school by **clapping out our fifth graders** as they ended their time at the elementary school and officially became middle schoolers!



BACK TO
SCHOOL
BASH

August 13, 2026
5 to 6³⁰ pm

Come see your child's classroom, check out the various specials' locations around the buildings, meet many of our teachers and staff and enjoy a free hot dog dinner!

Grades K through 5

Middle School Celebrations



During our annual **Community Day**, our students worked with the elementary Aggies on various projects. Some projects included creating dog toys, planting flowers, and assembling personal care packages for those in need.

The DMS Student Council members sponsored the **last dance of the year**. The **Washington DC trip** was in June—it was FANTASTIC!

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands performed their spring concert. Many family and community members attended. **The 8th Grade Ceremony was on May 26.**



**Congratulations to
Todd Bramet for
earning tenure!**

High School Celebrations



Brianna DeLano and Caleb Stolz were Prom Queen and King



The **Band** received a **Division 1, Superior** rating at the MSBOA District 8 Band Festival in Chicago! **Prom was held at Eagle Eye this year.** It was a beautiful venue and everyone had a great time. **Community Day** was a success!

Riley Graf was a Murphy Award winner. He was recognized at their last breakfast celebration of the year. We're sad to see him go, but excited to watch him succeed in his next chapter.

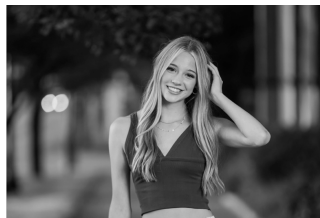


Congratulations to Leah Braman for being awarded the VFW 7309 Teacher of the Year!





Brianna DeLano
Salutatorian



Taylor Doerr



Riley Graf



Jaysha Ivy



Preston Maxey
Valedictorian



Grace Sagamang
Valedictorian



Hope Service
Valedictorian



Madyson Smith
Valedictorian



Brenna St. Amant
Valedictorian



Margaret vanHartesvelt



Aggie Achievers

CLASS OF 2026 TOP TEN



Ten seniors were honored as CMAC Scholar-Athletes

Sawyer Anderson, Brianna DeLano, Taylor Doerr, Riley Graf,
Margo Kuznicki, Hope Service, Aubrieanna Skanes, Madyson Smith,
Brenna St. Amant and Margaret vanHartesvelt



The Class of 2026 have displayed success both in and out of the classroom:

- **25 of our students graduated with honors**
- 20 students attended Wilson Talent Center
- 40 of these seniors plan to attend college or obtain a trade certificate
- 1 will join the armed forces
- 2 plan to join the workforce
- 7 of our seniors have graduated with at least 24 college credits from Dual Enrollment
- 2 have roster spots to continue competing in sports in college
- 10 of them being honored as CMAC Scholar-Athletes
- 7 of our senior-athletes earned the CMAC All-League designation
- 1 earned All-Area
- 5 were Academic All-State

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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| • Birger & Sharon Anderson Memorial Scholarship: | Hope Service and Nathan Sherwood |
| • Cook Family Trust Scholarship: | Aubrieanna Skanes |
| • Connie Foster Memorial Scholarship: | Margo Kuznicki |
| • Dansville Athletic Boosters Scholarship: | Taylor Doerr and Nathan Sherwood |
| • Dansville Education Association Scholarship: | Joseph McMillian |
| • Dansville FFA Alumni Scholarship: | Nathan Sherwood |
| • Dansville Schools Education Foundation Scholarship: | Preston Maxey and Margaret vanHartesvelt |
| • Joanne Manshum CocoNetta Scholarship: | Aubrieanna Skanes |
| • Love Like Linsey Memorial Scholarship: | Brenna St. Amant |
| • Steve Schmidt Memorial Scholarship: | Hope Service, Nathan Sherwood
and Caleb Stolz |
| • The Shuck Family Scholarship: | Grace Sagamang |
| • Tim Whipple Memorial Scholarship: | Madison Barrett and Brenna St. Amant |

Aggie Athletics—Winter 2025 Stats

Boys' Basketball

- MS - 25 total - 7th grade (14); 8th grade (11)
- HS - 33 total
- Overall record: Varsity (7-17); Jv (5-17); Freshmen (8-12)
- CMAC record: Varsity (4-14); Jv (3-15); Freshmen (5-8)
CMAC All-conference: 2nd team - Mayson Burgett
- LSJ All-Area: Mayson Burgett
- BCAM Academic All-State TEAM

Competitive Cheer

- HS - 8 total
- 3rd place finish at the Perry Invite
- 4th place finishes at the Leslie and Spring Arbor Invites
- First team score was 425.98 (12/6/25)
- Team score at Districts was 554.98 (2/21/26)

Girls' Basketball

- MS - 18 total - 7th grade (8); 8th grade (10)
- 8th grade girls finished a perfect 12-0!
- HS - 13 total
- Overall record: Varsity (7-16); Jv (8-10)
- CMAC record: Varsity (4-14); Jv (7-8)
- CMAC All-conference: 2nd team - Ryker Graf;
- HM - Cassa Minnis & Brenna St. Amant
- LSJ All-Area: Ryker Graf

Wrestling

- HS - 11 total - Boys (10); Girls (1)
- Overall record: Varsity (0-8)
- CMAC record: Varsity (0-5)
- CMAC All-conference: Honorable Mention
- Emma Marshall & Owen Metter
- Individual Districts: Kane Romano 3rd
- Individual Regionals: Kane did not advance



Dansville Schools 2026–2027 Calendar

July 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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September 2026						
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November 2026						
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December 2026						
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February 2027						
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March 2027						
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April 2027						
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May 2027						
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June 2027						
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-  All Staff Professional Development (PD) Day
-  First Day – Students Dismiss at 11:30 a.m. / Teacher PD
-  Half Day PD – Students dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
-  Fall Break
-  Community Day/Half Day – Students dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
-  Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-5)
-  Parent-Teacher Conferences (6-12)

-  Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-12)
-  No School
-  Graduation
-  Last Day for Students – Students dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
-  End of First Semester

181 Teacher Days

180 Student Days

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Please Vote

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026



Operating Millage Renewal

The operating millage supports day-to-day classroom learning and is required for the district to receive its full per-pupil funding from the State of Michigan. It helps fund teachers, programs, and student services.

- **NO COST** to primary residences
- 10-year renewal
- Does not apply to owner-occupied homes

Look for more information soon!