

Aggie Newsletter



Winter 2025

Ryan and Gage are Homecoming Royalty!

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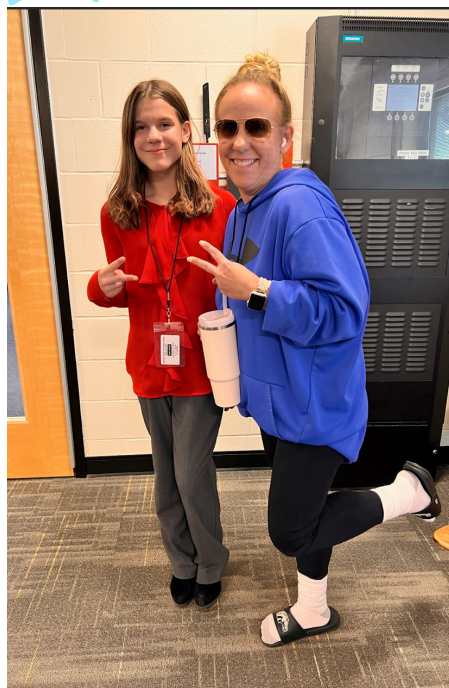
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Superintendent Update



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Dear Aggie Families,

Happy 2025! As we reach the midpoint of the school year, I want to take a moment to share updates on the state of our district and highlight some exciting developments happening within our schools.

Enrollment and Budget Update

While enrollment has seen a slight decline this year, I am pleased to report that our district's budget remains strong. This stability is a result of careful financial planning and our proactive efforts to secure additional grant funding whenever possible. These funds have allowed us to maintain high-quality programs and support for all students despite challenging circumstances.

Athletics and Student Development

Our athletic teams are making strides as they compete with more experienced opponents. Many of our teams are young, and while there have been challenges, we are keeping morale high. Our student-athletes are gaining invaluable skills—teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship—that will serve them well both on and off the field/court/mat. The hard work and dedication they are showing now will undoubtedly pay off in the future.

Piloting New Math Materials

A select group of teachers and students have been piloting new math materials this year, and we're encouraged by the positive feedback received during the first semester. These materials are designed to enhance student engagement and understanding in mathematics, and we will continue to gather input as we evaluate their potential for district-wide adoption.

Community Day Announcement

One of the most anticipated events of the year, Community Day, is coming up! On the morning of April 30,, all K-12 students will participate in service projects aimed at bettering our community. This annual event is a hallmark of our district, showcasing the spirit of collaboration and care that defines our Aggie Family. Please note that April 30 will be a half-day of school.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and our students. Together, we are building a strong, vibrant, and caring community. If you have any questions or would like to share feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office. Wishing you all a safe and productive second half of the school year.

Warmly,

Jennifer Wonnell

Scoreboard & Weather Info



DANSVILLE SCHOOLS Partnership Program

THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT AGGIE ATHLETICS

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Inclement Weather Procedures

	Severe Thunderstorm Watch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students will be dismissed at the regular time unless updated to a warning.
	Severe Thunderstorm Warning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students may be detained if severe weather conditions exist at time of dismissal.
	Tornado Watch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching and learning will continue as scheduled. Students will be dismissed at the regular time unless updated to a warning. If a tornado watch is issued while outdoor activities are in progress, the students, participants, audience, and attendees will be dismissed. The activities will stop immediately. After school activities may be held if such outdoor activities are scheduled to begin one hour after a tornado watch has been lifted.




Tornado Warning

- All students will be kept at school if the warning is issued during the school day and will be instructed to take shelter within the building until the ALL CLEAR is signaled.
- Students will not be sent home, nor will they be released to parents.**
- If a tornado warning occurs outside of school hours, the district will not begin any school activities (i.e., athletics, PTO, Aggie Aid, etc.).
- If a tornado warning is issued while the activities are in progress, the students, participants, audience, and attendees will seek shelter within the building immediately.
- After school activities may be held if such activities are scheduled to begin one hour after a tornado warning has been lifted.



Winter Weather

- Weather related data for closings is collected by 5:45 a.m.
- Based on the data collected, the superintendent then decides on school closures.
- The decision will be posted as soon as possible via ParentSquare and Facebook.
- Announcements will be made on most Lansing-area radio and TV stations.
- A decision will be made early in the afternoon regarding cancelling of high school evening programs, including athletic events and practices.
- All middle school athletic events, practices, and games are cancelled in the event of a school closure.



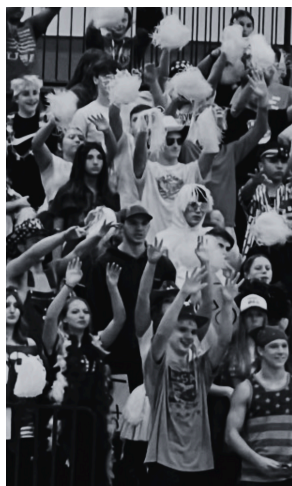
Temperature

- School will be closed if wind chills are sustained at -20°.

High School Update

Holiday Help

This holiday season our students, staff, and community worked together to support six families with food for the holidays. Over 2,000 items were donated through the district-wide food drive, with donations coming from almost every classroom in the district. We packaged up all of the food for six families. NHS students spent many hours collecting, sorting, and packing the food. We also raised over \$700 through our dollar drive to contribute to Many Hands to continue supporting families throughout the year.



Host Families

DHS is always interested in bringing students from different cultures together to learn and build lifelong memories. The International Student Exchange Program is looking for families to host students in Dansville. This year we've hosted four students from countries such as Germany, Italy, and Spain. Host families do not need to have kids in the district; they only need to be willing to open their home to a student. If you are interested in hosting or would like more information, please contact the High School Office.



Winter Homecoming

Winter Homecoming was a great success! We tried a few new events, and they were highly engaging. We started the week in PJ's and ended in Aggie wear. Mr. Bramlet hosted a dodgeball tournament, enjoyed some Karaoke, and ended the week chugging slurpees! We recognized our winter teams and our court members at a pep assembly on Friday and hosted a casual Winter Homecoming Dance after the games Friday night.

High School

Dansville FFA Chapter

Students are now getting prepared for District Leadership Contests at the end of January, where we have students competing in Public Speaking, Demonstration, Conduct of Meetings and Job Interview. Students are also preparing for maple syrup season, so make sure to stop out at the agriscience barn if you see steam from our evaporator!



Aggie Band

The Dansville Bands had a great first semester, wrapping up the marching season with a celebration of our eight band seniors and performing our fall Band-o-Rama concert with the 7-8 Band and The Pride of the Aggies Marching Band. December was full with two winter concerts and a concert assembly for the school. We ended the year with the High School Symphonic Band as a featured ensemble on the WILX Mid-Michigan Christmas Celebration broadcast on Christmas Day!

In February, the High School Band will have 14 events representing Dansville at MSBOA District 8 Solo & Ensemble festival, the Aggie Jazz Band will head to District Jazz Festival in Mason to perform and will participate in a clinic with an MSU jazz professor. The 7-8 Band and High School Symphonic Band will both be participating in MSBOA District 8 Concert Band Festival. Looking towards spring, we have Middle School Solo & Ensemble, Middle School honors band, and our spring band concerts. These will take place on Monday, May 5th for the High School and Monday, May 12th for the Middle School bands. We hope to see you at one of these upcoming events!

High School



Drama Club

The most notorious criminal in the fairytale world, The Big Bad Wolf, was slapped with a class-action lawsuit by the countless quirky characters he has wronged. The two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest — the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother — clashed in a trial that will be remembered forever after. Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf testified, and Judge Wise Old Man asked our audience to determine the fate of Big B. Wolf! Dansville Drama Club put on three hilarious performances of “Big Bad” on Friday, January 10th! Bravo!



eSports

The DHS eSports Program had a great Fall 2024 Season! The program had teams in two leagues in Michigan and had success in both. The Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team made top 32 in MiHSEF State Championships and top 32 in MHSEL Playoffs. The Mario Kart team had a great season and had great participation. We’re gearing up for the Spring 2025 season, looking to expand our teams and seek success once again! In exciting news, we are also getting set to launch a Middle School program for the Spring 2025 season! We are looking to run one Mario Kart team for the spring and expand next year.



Middle School Update

Our Middle School students sat together in their house teams and enjoyed a Thanksgiving lunch while talking with friends. They then participated in a door decorating contest and team-building games. We'd like to thank Heritage United Brethren Church for donating our pumpkin pies.



Students in Mrs. St. Amant's drama class performed *A Night at the Museum* for the Middle School. This was the first time most of the students participated in theater, and they did outstanding work!



Our students have been busy with a variety of activities, including band concerts, Science Olympiad, Spanish Club, Debate, and several sports. We are proud to offer a variety of extracurricular activities to engage students outside of school.



Fall Athletics Update

Cross Country

HS - 14 total - 12 boys, 2 girls

CMAC - 3rd place

CMAC All-conference - 1st team: Theo Davis (CMAC Individual Champion); 2nd team: Anderson Karkau (11th); Honorable Mention: Ayden Mayr (18th)

Division 4 Regionals in Webberville - 2nd place team; Theo Davis Regional Champion!

Boys Regional places - Theo Davis (1st), Anderson Karkau (6), Ayden Mayr (11), Riley Graf (27), Ethan Root (32), Reid Hacker (37), Colton Rhines (38)

Girls Regionals places - Annabelle Hacker (39th)

State Finals - Boys finished 18th overall; Theo Davis (5th place) All-State!

MITCA Academic All-State - Theo Davis & Riley Graf

LSJ Dream Team - Theo Davis

School records - Theo Davis improved his school record time to 15:49



Football

MS - 25 players - 7th grade (7); 8th grade (18)

HS - 23 players - Varsity

0-9 overall record

0-7 CMAC record

CMAC All-Conference 2nd team - Noah Starkey (OL)

CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention - Quinnton Burgett (WR), Cash Clark (WR), Mayson Burgett (P), Alex Baker (DL), Kane Romano (LB), Haydon Tomlin (LB) & Chris Matyas (DL)

Soccer

23 players - Varsity

5-13-4 overall record

2-5-3 CMAC record

CMAC/GLAC All-Conference 1st team - Anthony Pawlowski

CMAC/GLAC All-Conference 2nd team - August Muhs & Anderson Karkau

CMAC/GLAC All-Conference Honorable Mention - Austin Hovey, Hunter Pisella & Josh Carpenter

LSJ All-Area - Anthony Pawlowski

All-District - Anthony Pawlowski, August Muhs, Anderson Karkau, Austin Hovey & Brandon Quinteros

All-Region - Anthony Pawlowski & August Muhs

All-State Honorable Mention - Anthony Pawlowski



Volleyball

HS - 33 players - Varsity (12), Jv (11), Freshmen (11)

Fr - 8-13-2 overall record; 2-4 CMAC record

Jv - 5-23-4 overall record; 1-8 CMAC record

Varsity - 16-21-4 overall record; 4-5 CMAC record (5th place @ CMAC tournament)

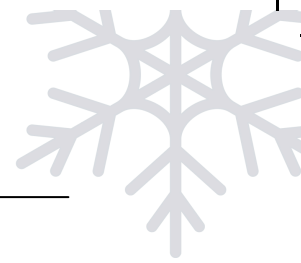
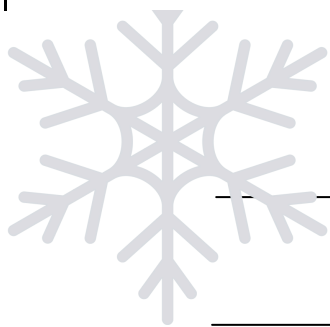
CMAC All-Conference 2nd team - Ryan Simpson & Ryker Graf

CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention - Madyson Smith

LSJ All-Area - Ryan Simpson & Ryker Graf

MIVCA Academic All-State TEAM

MIVCA Academic All-State - Ryan Simpson, Brianna Richardson, Dakota Barnett & Faith Caroan



Elementary Update



Our recent Family Literacy Nights have been a remarkable success, bringing together students, parents, and educators for evenings filled with learning, connection, and fun! These events are focused on Preschool through First Grade skills and have been designed to foster a love of reading and learning within our community while providing families with resources to support literacy development at home. Family Literacy Nights are a partnership between Dansville Elementary, Dansville Elementary GSRP, Dansville Preschool and Child Development Center, Little Aggies Preschool, Dansville CADL, and Ingham ISD.

From creative writing activities to engaging games and crafts, there has been something for everyone to enjoy. Many families have shared how much they appreciate the fun learning activities and the chance to spend time together with friends. In addition to the fun, families have been able to pick up practical tips and tools for enhancing literacy skills at home. Dinner was also provided for all families who attended.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make these evenings such a success! We look forward to hosting more Family Literacy Nights in the future and continuing to celebrate the power of reading together as a community. The next Family Literacy Night is being planned for the spring—we can't wait to see you there!

Fifth Grade Camp



Each fall, the fifth graders have an unforgettable experience to attend Fifth Grade Camp at Mystic Lake YMCA Camp! This annual tradition provided our students with the opportunity to learn, grow, and bond in a unique outdoor environment.

Over the course of the week, students participated in a variety of activities, including team-building challenges, nature hikes, learning survival skills, and even ended the week with a campfire. These activities not only helped them develop new skills but also strengthened friendships and fostered a sense of community.

We are thankful for the dedicated staff and parent volunteers who made Camp possible.

Their time, energy, and enthusiasm ensured that every child had a safe and enriching experience. From chaperoning cabins to leading activities and offering encouragement, their contributions were invaluable.

Thank you for making this year's Fifth Grade Camp an incredible success! We can't wait to continue this beloved tradition for years to come.




Kindergarten Round-Up

Free PreK is now available for Michigan 4-year-olds!



Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on March 11. Children who will turn 5 by September 1, 2025 are eligible to start kindergarten in the fall. Children who will turn 5 by December 1, 2025 may be eligible with a waiver. We are looking forward to a new class of Aggies joining Dansville Schools!

GSRP Enrollment - We're now accepting applications for our free 2025-2026 GSRP preschool program. Free PreK is now available for Michigan 4-year-olds!. Apply now at <http://www.inghampreschool.org/>


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Kindergarten Round-Up


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March 11, 2025
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To be eligible for Kindergarten, your child must turn five by Sept. 1, 2025.



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