

* MARGO & JOEY ARE HOMECOMING ROYALTY *

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS



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Colton Rhines

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Court:

Uriah Orr
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HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



HOLIDAY HELP

This holiday season our students, staff, and community worked together to raise over \$1,200 for the Many Hands fund and to collect over 3,000 food items that were donated to the Many Hands program and the Dansville Food Pantry. National Honor Society students volunteered many hours of their time to collect, sort, and pack all of the food items.



WINTER HOMECOMING

Winter Homecoming Week was a bunch of fun! We dressed up for Spirit Week & had a Chubs eating contest at lunch on Friday with Brandon Quinteros taking down first place. We followed that up by recognizing our winter teams and our Homecoming Court Members at a pep assembly filled with a bunch of games. The week ended with our boys' and girls' Varsity Basketball teams each getting a win!



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. If you are interested in hosting or have questions, please call the High School.



* HIGH SCHOOL *

Dansville FFA Chapter

Our Dansville FFA members have been busy! This fall, our High School Zoology and Middle School Ag Explorations Classes competed in the broiler contest where combined, they raised 100 chickens and learned about feed and nutrition. All three high school groups finished in the top 16 out of 86 state-wide groups and our middle school class were state winners!



Aggie Band

The Dansville Bands had a fantastic first semester, wrapping up the marching season with a celebration of our 7 Class of 2026 band seniors and performing our fall Band-o-Rama concert with the 7-8 Band and The Pride of the Aggies Marching Band. In November, the 7-8 Band journeyed to MSU for the annual field trip to watch a Spartan Marching Band rehearsal, made extra special this year as we have one of our own alumni, Carter Tkaczyk from the Class of 2025, marching trumpet in the Spartan Marching Band. December was full with two winter concerts, caroling through the halls, holiday karaoke, and the start of pep band season. Coming up next, the High School Band will have 11 events representing Dansville at MSBOA District 8 Solo & Ensemble festival, the High School Symphonic band will head to Wharton Center to watch Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz perform, and the 7-8 Band and High School Symphonic Band will both be participating in MSBOA District 8 Concert Band Festival. Later this spring, we have Middle School Solo & Ensemble, Middle School honors band, and our spring band concerts which will take place on Monday, April 27 for the high school and Tuesday, May 12 for the middle school bands. To finish out the year, the high school band will be taking a band trip to Chicago on May 3-4 to watch a Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert, explore the sights, and experience a clinic at the University of Illinois- Chicago.



HIGH SCHOOL

E-SPORTS

The DHS E-Sports Program has continued to flourish in both the Spring and Fall 2025 seasons. We graduated 12 players in May of 2025. Many of the students were founding members and played for five seasons before graduating. Coach Braman is forever grateful for the work that they put in to make the program successful. We had smaller numbers this past fall, but still had a wonderful time of learning, competing, and developing leadership skills. The high school program is looking to compete in Mario Kart in Spring 2026 and are looking to expand the title selection for Fall 2026.



COLLEGE & CAREER PREP

This winter, our counseling department has been in high gear preparing students for life after graduation. From 11th and 12th graders attending the Grand Ledge College Fair to 10th graders exploring hands-on trades at LCC and the Wilson Talent Center, our students are actively discovering their paths. Key initiatives like College Application Week and our new "Flamazing Pond of Fame" FAFSA challenge have provided seniors with hands-on support for applications and financial aid. By utilizing tools such as the Aggie Passport and Xello, every student in grades 6–12 is building a personalized roadmap for success. We remain committed to ensuring every Aggie graduates with a solid, confident plan for their future!



DRAMA CLUB

Something terrible happened to Junie B. Jones at school! Someone stole her new furry mittens! So when Junie B. finds a wonderful pen of many colors, she should be allowed to keep it, right? Junie B. Jones is not a crook... or is she? Dansville Drama Club was proud to present three amazing performances of "Junie B. Jones is not a Crook," a hilarious play with a lot of heart on Friday, January 16th! Drama Club members have been busy learning lines, painting sets, practicing mics, and nailing down quick set changes for weeks. Their hard work paid off and performance day was a complete success. Bravo!



* MIDDLE SCHOOL *



The Board of Education was thrilled to honor our Aggie cross country teams during our regular meeting on 11-24-25. Grace earned the individual middle school girls' regional championship, and Jacob is representing the Middle School boys' team who were Regional Champions!

Bravo, to our middle school Aggies in Mrs. St. Amant's Aggie Voice class! They should be considered for Tony Awards for their performance of "Holka Polka"!



Our middle school Aggies celebrated the holiday with a Thanksgiving luncheon. Thank you to our amazing food service team, our parents who helped set up, the Ebert family, Chris Augustat and the HUB for donating and serving pies!



* ELEMENTARY *

Students and Staff had a great time celebrating the holidays with class parties, visits from the Grinch (Thanks Rick Miller), and our all-school sing!

FastBridge and Spring Math screening has been in full swing the past two weeks. This is an important time to get a quick check on student progress as we compare their results to their fall data. Decisions will then be made about additional interventions needed to support student growth such as Summer School, classroom interventions, and/or time with an Instructional Aide.

We are excited for enrollment in our 2026-2027 GSRP program to begin in February. Charlotte Birmingham and Amy Popek have created a rubric to help guide our decisions as we fill our Pre-K slots.

Dansville fourth-grade art students successfully completed a pen pal through art project with an elementary school in Frederick, Maryland.



This cross-state collaboration allowed students to connect creatively while practicing both visual art and written communication skills. Our students designed and mailed original postcards highlighting their favorite places in Michigan. After the Frederick students received the postcards, we were told that the quality and creativity of the Dansville fourth graders' work inspired many of their students to revise and improve their own postcards before sending them in return—an encouraging example of peer inspiration through art. As part of the project, each student selected a favorite Michigan location, designed the front of their postcard to visually represent that place, and composed a thoughtful paragraph on the back. Their writing included a fun fact about the chosen location as well as personal details. This project not only strengthened artistic skills but also promoted creativity, pride in our state, and meaningful connections beyond our classroom. We are proud of our students' effort and the positive impact their work had on their peers in Maryland.

✧ Kindergarten Round-Up ✧

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on March 24, from 4:00-6:00p.m. in the elementary school. This is a big event to give us an idea of how many students to plan for during the next school year. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may have a student turning five by September 1, 2026 (for Kindergarten) or turning five before Dec. 1, 2026 (for Beginergarten or Kindergarten on a waiver). If they are not old enough for Kindergarten, they may be eligible for our GSRP program.



DANSVILLE SCHOOLS School of Choice Students

Kindergarten Roundup

WHY CHOOSE DANSVILLE?

- Small Class Sizes
- Play-Based Curriculum
- Art, Music, PE and S.T.E.A.M. Specials
- Family-Focused Environment
- Experienced and Dedicated Teaching Staff

March 24, 2026
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

To be eligible for Kindergarten, your child must turn five by Sept. 1, 2026.

QUESTIONS?
www.dansville.org Amy Popek at 517-623-6120, Ext. 4502
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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dear Aggie Families,

As we find ourselves in the thick of a true Michigan winter, I wanted to take a moment to pull back the curtain on what's happening at Dansville Schools. From the logic behind snow days to some big financial wins and our "deep dives" into classroom learning, there is a lot to celebrate!



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The Anatomy of a Snow Day

I'm often asked, "How do you actually decide whether or not to have school?" Believe it or not, the process starts about 24 hours before the snow even hits. Superintendents have all become meteorologists lately, constantly checking apps and joining weather briefings with the National Weather Service.

If the concern is the roads, I am out driving around the district starting around 4:00 AM. I make sure to hit the highways, the back roads, and those tricky spots next to open fields where the wind likes to cause icy spots. My goal is to have a final decision by 5:30 AM so we can get the word out to you by 5:45 AM.

We also keep a close eye on the thermometer. If windchills are predicted at -20°F or colder, I will cancel school for the safety of our walkers and those waiting at bus stops. As a quick reminder, the State of Michigan allows us six "forgiven" days for weather; so far this year, we have used four.

Our Winter Weather Heroes

While most of us are still reaching for that first cup of coffee, a few dedicated folks are already working hard for our kids. Please join me in thanking:

- **Our Bus Drivers (Dean Transportation):** They are true professionals, navigating sometimes tricky road conditions with incredible care to keep our students safe.
- **Mr. Rick Miller:** Our one-man facilities crew, Rick is often troubleshooting frozen pipes or HVAC "blips" before anyone else even knows there's a problem.
- **Mr. Mike Sykes:** Mike is usually on campus by 2:00 AM plowing and salting. Mother Nature hasn't always been his friend—more than once he's had the parking lots ready to go, only to have a fresh band of snow hit during the 7 o'clock hour. He never gives up, and we are so grateful for his persistence.

Good News for Taxpayers

We are always looking for ways to be thoughtful stewards of your support. I am thrilled to share that we recently refinanced our 2016 bond, which will save our community taxpayers over \$2 million over the life of the bond! This is a huge win that puts us in a great position to start considering how to upkeep other areas of our aging infrastructure. Our elementary school is now 66 years old, and we're beginning to plan the necessary mechanical and plumbing "TLC" it needs to stay a safe, warm, and dry place for our youngest Aggies to thrive.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Growth in the Classroom

Our staff has been incredibly busy this year, focusing on student growth. We've introduced new, research-based tools like enVision Mathematics and literacy programs like Lexia and Core 95. We've also started using NWEA MAP testing, which gives us immediate feedback so we can support students right where they are—meaning no surprises when state scores come back in the fall!

Soon, we'll be starting some "deep dive" conversations about our everyday practices—things like homework, re-takes, and work habits—to make sure we are doing everything we can to prepare our students for the future.

A Shift on the Field

Lastly, I want to share that Dansville is moving to 8-man football. This was a tough but necessary decision based entirely on student safety. We've seen too many injuries and "mismatches" where our younger athletes are playing against much older, stronger opponents. This change allows us to find better competitive matches, keep our kids safe, and focus on rebuilding a program where our athletes can truly experience success.

Thank you for being such a supportive community. Your voice is always important to me—if you have thoughts or questions about any of these updates, I welcome the feedback.

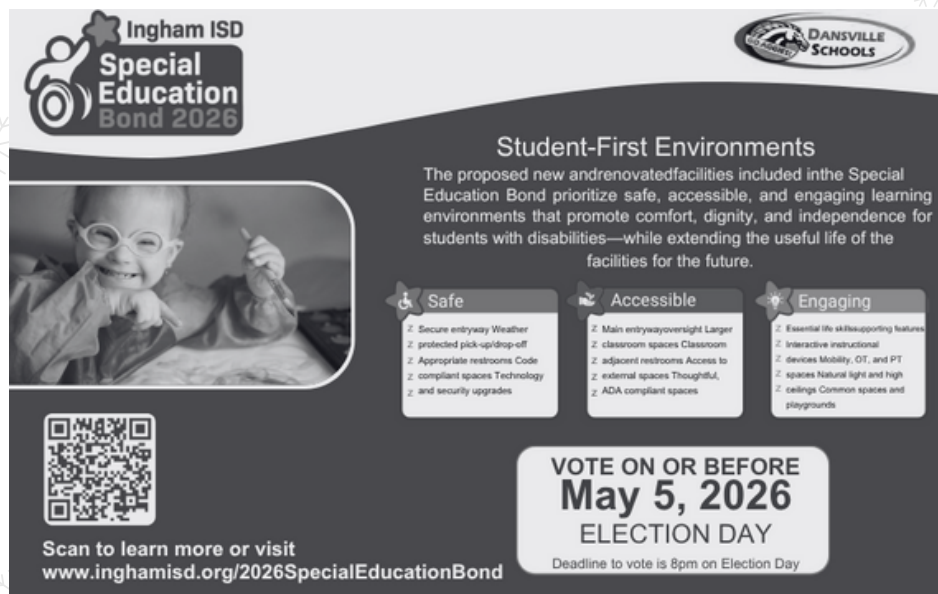
Stay warm and Go Aggies!

Warmly,



Jennifer Wonnell, Superintendent

SPECIAL EDUCATION ISD BOND INFORMATION



Ingham ISD Special Education Bond 2026

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS

Student-First Environments

The proposed new and renovated facilities included in the Special Education Bond prioritize safe, accessible, and engaging learning environments that promote comfort, dignity, and independence for students with disabilities—while extending the useful life of the facilities for the future.

Safe	Accessible	Engaging
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secure entryway Weatherprotected pick-up/drop-offAppropriate restrooms Codecompliant spaces Technologyand security upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Main entrywayoversight Largerclassroom spaces Classroomadjacent restrooms Access toexternal spaces Thoughtful,ADA compliant spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Essential life skillsupporting featuresInteractive instructionaldevices Mobility, OT, and PTspaces Natural light and highceilings Common spaces andplaygrounds

**VOTE ON OR BEFORE
May 5, 2026
ELECTION DAY**

Deadline to vote is 8pm on Election Day

Scan to learn more or visit
www.inghamisd.org/2026SpecialEducationBond



DANSVILLE SCHOOLS Partnership Program

THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT AGGIE ATHLETICS

Sponsoring Dansville Schools' digital scoreboards is a unique and high-impact opportunity to invest in your business and make a difference for Dansville Schools' students.



THE CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Advertising on our boards enables you to make a difference by:

Increasing your company's brand awareness advertising to fans, students and alumni through our exclusive Fan App

Showcasing your commitment to supporting the Dansville community and Dansville Schools' students

CONTACT SHANNON DAVIES AT DAVIESS@DANSVILLE.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

FALL ATHLETICS

Cross Country

CMAC All-conference
2nd Team - Cassa Minnis
CMAC All-Conference
Honorable Mention -
Carter Castilla, Randolph
Schneider
State Qualifiers - Cassa
Minnis
Cassa Minnis finished
108th out of 238 runners
in D4

Soccer

CMAC All-Conference
1st team - Anderson
Karkau & Aiden Shutes
CMAC All-Conference
2nd team - Sawyer
Anderson & Hunter
Pisella
CMAC All-Conference
Honorable Mention -
Riley Graf
MiHSSCA All-District
1st team - Aiden Shutes;
Honorable Mention -
Anderson Karka

Girl's Golf

CMAC All-Conference
Honorable Mention -
Laci Neal

Volleyball

CMAC All-Conference
1st team - Ryker Graf
CMAC All-conference
2nd team - Maggie
vanHartesvelt
CMAC All-Conference
Honorable Mention -
Taylor Doerr & Hope
Service
MIVCA Academic All-
State TEAM
MIVCA Academic All-
State - Taylor Doerr,
Margo Kuznicki, Hope
Service, Madyson
Smith & Maggie
vanHartesvelt
LJS All-Area - Ryker
Graf & Maggie
vanHartesvelt

Middle School Cross Country

Boys team was Regional
Champion - Evin Paton
finished 4th, Joshua
Spinner 5th, Zehlen
Kiley, 19th, Jacob
Spinner 20th &
Remington Hallock 21st
Grace Jolin was an
individual Regional
Champion!

Football

CMAC All-Conference
Honorable Mention -
Mayson Burgett (QB),
Cash Clark (WR),
HunterGreenman (WR),
Chris Matyas (DL),
James St. Amant (DL),
Kane Romano (LB),
Cash Clark (DB)



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