

Aggie NEWS



DANSVILLE SCHOOLS

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Presenting the Class of 2021

On Sunday, May 23, 2021, Dansville Schools honored the graduating class of 2021 for their hard work and dedication over the past 13 years with an outdoor ceremony held on Fuller Field.

This year's valedictorians were Rachel Briggs, Madeline Mays, Reanna Minnis, Madison Sorenson and Elizabeth Troia. The salutatorian was Devin Marshall.

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!





Dear Aggie Family,

We did it! Together, we made it through this year of pandemic learning!

Two celebrations that bookend our district are that our in-person kindergartners did not miss a single day of school this year for the purpose of quarantining and that our seniors had an in-person, beautiful graduation experience on Fuller Field at the end of the year!

More Celebrations

With deep gratitude to our community for their support of the bond, we also celebrated the completion of the last of our “new” spaces with grand opening celebrations as we opened the soccer, softball and baseball fields!

Academic Achievement

In spite of all that has happened, our students grew, in some cases more this year than in past years, on the math subskills that were measured in the fall, winter and spring!

This speaks volumes about the efforts our teachers made to make this academic achievement possible both in person and online. It also shines a spotlight on our students, who demonstrated grit and determination to be Aggie Achievers!

Our graduating class also excelled academically as we honored the achievement of Elizabeth Troia who earned the elite status of being named a National Merit Finalist and the Class of 2021 was led by five students who graduated with a perfect 4.0 gpa and were named valedictorians — Rachel Briggs, Maddie Mays, Reanna Minnia, Madison Sorenson and Elizabeth Troia.

District Improvement Progress

While also learning how to teach students both online and in-person, our teachers and staff rose to the challenge of continuing to work on the areas we identified for improvement for this year.

- Our **Math** team completed work related to identifying and encouraging proper math language, created systems to help improve the math talk between students during Spring Math and created visible displays for the classrooms to help reinforce all of this work for students and teachers. Parent communication tools were also developed to help parents better understand Spring Math.
- Our **Rigor** team worked on helping teachers

develop online assessments, examined the Teaching and Assessment Expectations Guide to make sure it was updated and used it to train new teachers.

- Our **Relevance and Relationships** team was able to pull off our first fully virtual career day at the end of March and some of our students have reported that they have determined their future plans based on the impact this event had on them! Our teachers implemented an Advisory time in MS and HS to create an avenue to be more connected with students and staff worked together to share ways to increase student engagement both online and in-person.
- Our **Social Studies** team started up in February and began reading a number of articles to deepen our understanding about how several issues in our society related to social studies standards are viewed through different lenses.

Let’s End This Way

One of the most cherished parts of our graduation ceremony is when the seniors take their class flower to family, staff and friends who made a significant impact on their journey — the Flower Ceremony. It is always accompanied by tears when heartfelt gratitude is shared while the class song plays.

It seems like this summer would be the perfect time for an Aggie Family Flower Ceremony... and you could help make it happen either literally or figuratively. There is a lot of mean-spirited, divisive energy in our world lately, so I am personally committing to doing this to help spread kindness and gratitude and I’m making my deadline the end of July.

Please consider joining me by taking a moment to extend heartfelt gratitude to the people who have made a difference in your life — family, friends, teachers, community members — the ones who have encouraged you, supported you, chosen to be positive in a sea of negativity — you know the ones, Aggies.

And if you’re feeling it... give them a flower while you’re at it so they are reminded of your kind words for the days that follow.

The month of June is planned for our interventions and our staff members have rallied to extend their teaching year to provide more support to those who need it most throughout this month. We are so thankful to the parents and of course the students, who also committed to this important time of intervention.

The month of July is intentionally planned in our school

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calendar to be a period of rest for our staff and students as much as possible. There will still be some activities students may participate in, but we are encouraging every Aggie to take time to fill their days with the kinds of activities that rejuvenate them so we can all return with energy and enthusiasm in August!

Don't forget!

Every minute your student reads and explores this summer is helping them learn and that learning- from camping to visiting new places — makes them better prepared to learn at school! Please check out our district Facebook page for lots of ideas that will continue to be posted throughout the summer to help build memories from fun summer adventures with your kids!

As always, please let me know if there is ever anything I can do for you, as it is one of my greatest privileges to serve you in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Amy Hodgson, Superintendent
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2021 GOALS

WE PROMISE TO...

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Provide more scholarships

Focus even more on student needs

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REGISTRATION DAY 2021



August 10, 2021 ★ 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Each school will be open to allow parents/guardians to turn in updated registration materials and other paperwork. There will be both online and in-person aspects of the registration day experience this year, so please make plans now to attend with your student.

Administrators and office staff will be available to answer questions. We can't wait to see everyone return for this important day! If for some reason you cannot attend, please contact your student's building principal to make arrangements to ensure everything is set for the start of school on Tuesday, August 17, 2021!

School pictures will also be taken this day.

We will continue to work on final plans and protocols for the fall throughout the summer, but watch for a district communication on August 2, 2021 that will include information about each building and protocols for fall.

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The mission of Dansville Schools is to inspire creativity, confidence, compassion, and hope in all students. Our students will demonstrate knowledge, critical thinking, communication skills, and collaboration as world-changing members of the Aggie Family.

Benefits of a Dansville Schools' Education

Outstanding Teachers



Our hard-working teachers collaborate together, continually learning and growing to be the best educators possible for our students. Our teachers are trained in best teaching and assessment practices in addition to being amazing people who love our students and go above and beyond every day!

Award-Winning and Innovative Educational Practices



Dansville Schools has achieved local, state and national recognition for the work of the staff in implementing best practices and research in the areas of assessment and grading. School districts from all over the state have sought information and guidance from our staff to help them implement our assessment and grading practices.

Individual Support and Attention For Every Student



Dansville Schools has adopted intentional, research-based frameworks such as Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Positive Behavior Intervention Supports. We also offer after school programming in a small, family atmosphere fostered by our caring staff members who partner with parents to ensure our students receive individual attention and encouragement every step of the way.

Full Range of Academic and Extracurricular Opportunities



Students take advantage of K-12 STEAM offerings, including our K-8 Aggie STEAM Adventures program with a fully built "spaceship" flight where students participate in Dream Flight Adventures. We also offer several specialized middle and high school forensics and engineering electives. Our high school students have opportunities in computer science, take AP classes, dual enroll at local community colleges and attend the Wilson Talent Center for vocational and other advanced training. They also join in several clubs and programs such as Science Olympiad and FFA.

Leader in Connecting Students with Technology



Dansville Schools was one of the first schools in Michigan to provide iPads for every student at our high school. There is wi-fi available through the district, as well as Smart Boards and 4K interactive panels in classrooms. Each building has computer labs and/or ChromeBooks. This has enhanced learning, increased communication between staff and students, as well as significantly improved student organization.

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High School Celebrations

The Dansville High School FFA students earned many awards at the State Conference. Senior **Olivia Calderone** received a Silver award for public speech. Senior **Anna Moser** was recognized as the State Proficiency award winner in the area of Dairy Production, and was one of three finalists for State Star in Agricultural Production. **Olivia Calderone, Anna Moser, Megan Sorenson, Madison Sorenson, Matthew Sorenson** and **Devin Marshall** received their State FFA Degrees. **Anna Moser** was one of the top 5% of State Degrees and **Madison Sorenson** was in the top 10% of almost 400 State Degrees. **Jenna Schild** received the Outstanding Junior Award.



Shayann Tonti and Joslin Cline



Junior **Sydney Hagelberger** was honored as the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club Student of the Quarter. Sydney was selected for the Narda Murphy Student Excellence Award because of her academic accomplishments, participation in extracurricular activities, and her commitment to community service and helping others.

Congratulations to the Dansville middle and high school students who participated in the Regional Science Olympiad Tournament!

- **Hope Service** (7th grade) earned 2nd in Road Scholar, 4th in Machines and 5th in Game On
- Sophomore **Taylor Braman** and junior **Adrienne Rector** earned 4th in Forensics
- Freshman **Abby Flynn** and **Karlie Troia** earned 6th in Dynamic Planet
- Freshman **Halle Service** and **Karlie Troia** earned 6th in Write It CAD It
- **Halle Service** and junior **Hugh Service** earned 6th in Sounds of Music
- Seniors **Elizabeth Troia** and **Olivia Calderone** earned 2nd in Digital Structures, 4th in Astronomy and 4th in Chem Lab;
- **Elizabeth Troia** earned 2nd in Geologic Mapping and 6th in Detector Building.



Elizabeth Troia and Olivia Calderone were recognized for participating in Science Olympiad through all seven years of middle school and high school!

Host Families Needed

Dansville High School is always interested in bringing students from different cultures together with our Aggie Family to learn and build lifelong memories. The International Student Exchange Program is looking for families to host students in Dansville.

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 have questions, please contact the high school office at 517-623-6120 Ext. 1106 for more information.





Elena Mae Baker



Rachel Marie Briggs
Valedictorian



Abigail Madilyn Broxholm



Sarah Jane Hannon



Madeline Mae Mays
Valedictorian



Devin Austin Marshall
Salutatorian



Reanna Sue Minnis
Valedictorian



Madison Rae Sorenson
Valedictorian



Elizabeth Reiko Troia
Valedictorian



Clay Avery Wilton

Local Scholarship Winners

- Dansville Education Association - Elena Baker
- Dansville Schools Education Foundation - Elizabeth Troia and Reanna Minnis
- American Legion Searl Briggs - Elizabeth Troia
- Joanne Manshum "Coco Netta" - Madeline Mays
- Dansville Athletic Boosters - Elizabeth Troia and Reanna Minnis

Wilson Talent Center Scholarships Winners

- Accident Fund Insurance Company - Madeline Mays
- Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists - Rachel Briggs
- Jeff Broughton Communication Services - Jalen Nelson



Middle School Celebrations

8th Grade Wilson Talent Center Visit

Eighth graders received a visit from Lindy Damon from the Wilson Talent Center (WTC) on Wednesday, April 28. She shared the benefits of attending WTC when they become a junior in high school. Mrs. Damon also shared videos that featured various classes in action and some personal videos from current students who are enrolled in the WTC programs, including:

- BioScience Careers
- Construction Technology
- New Media
- Business & Risk Management
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Career Start
- Cosmetology
- Information Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Precision Machining
- Welding Technology
- Engineering Technologies
- Automotive Technology

8th Grade Graduation

In talking with our eighth grade students about how to make their graduation special, they shared that food would be much appreciated! Staff planned for the students to walk to the Dansville Mercantile to receive their celebratory treat, but due to the weather, we had to enjoy it at school instead. Mrs. Graf added a surprise to their special day, by inviting their parents/guardians to the school to participate in a very informal eighth grade graduation.

Students entered the high school gym and were able to feel the love as they were surprised to see their family surrounding them from above on the track with signs and balloons. Students were called up individually to receive their diploma and were given a big congrats from staff as we celebrated their big moment of officially becoming high school students!



6th and 7th Grade Honors Night

Sixth and seventh grade drive-thru honors night was held on Tuesday, May 18. Multiple staff members helped in celebrating students who earned academic and character achievements.

We were able to honor students with certificates and medals while teachers congratulated students as they drove around the loop!



Field Day 2021

Our goal for field day was to bring all three grade levels together and create lasting memories. We are confident we did just that this year! The weather was perfect and students participated in activities such as softball, soccer, kickball and Frisbee. Our wonderful kitchen staff helped coordinate a picnic at the Village Park where an impromptu middle school dance-off occurred with staff and students. Seeing students laugh, smile and interact with each other was the best part of the day!

House System...Coming Fall '21

The "DMS Aggie Family" will no longer be just a slogan...it will be a way of life!

The goal of implementing our new "house" system is to create a positive climate and culture for students and staff by creating mini families among them.

In addition, we will be throwing in some fun and engaging experiences for students to continue to build on our foundation of being a school that cares and respects all and where kindness is the norm.



Elementary Celebrations

Field Day 2021

A special thank you to Mrs. Krejcik for putting together a fun and safe field day experience for all of our elementary Aggies this spring! Students rotated from station to station with their classmates and gave it their all in a variety of competitions including tug-of-war, pizza box relays, as well as some other more tradition games like soccer and basketball. Field Day would not be complete without the very popular Popsicle station! The weather was great for this end of year tradition and everyone had a wonderful time while getting some extra exercise.



Lilya McRae, Harper Elliott, Alex Bennett and Peyton Skouby.



Anderson Karkau

Reading Month...a Success of Olympic Proportion

Every year, March is celebrated as Reading Month, which brings a heightened awareness to all of our students related to the importance of reading. With the Summer Olympics quickly approaching and with a direct connection to a Para-Olympian, the Olympics was a natural choice for as our Reading Month theme.

Olympics champion and author Melissa Stockwell presented her encouraging story to the students through a virtual author visit.

Our annual Read-A-Thon allowed students to get additional encouragement from family and friends by way of financial donations, which raised \$6208 for the school! Students could see their progress with the many minutes they logged on the Read-A-Thon site or tracker sheets. It can be really eye opening for the students to realize how much can be accomplished when just a few devoted minutes of reading happens each day!



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

AUGUST 12, 2021 5 TO 6:30 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 BK THROUGH 5

Aggie Athletics



Winter Sports

BOYS' BASKETBALL

- CMAC All-Conference 1st Team
 - Jalen Nelson
 - Carson Voss
- CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention
 - Sam Hodgson
 - Peyton Newkirk
- BCAM Team First Award
 - Peyton Newkirk
- BCAM, Detroit News & AP Honorable Mention All-State
 - Jalen Nelson
- Lansing State Journal Division 3 All-Area Team
 - Jalen Nelson
 - Carson Voss

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

- CMAC All-Conference 1st Team
 - Erin Sherwood
- CMAC All-Conference 2nd Team
 - Megan Zeitz
- CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention
 - Reanna Minnis
- BCAM 1st Team
 - Reanna Minnis
- BCAM Honorable Mention All State & Academic All State
 - Erin Sherwood
- BCAM Outstanding Senior Athlete Award
 - Maddie Mays
 - Reanna Minnis

BOWLING

- Kevin Every
 - 8th in Division 4 State Singles Tournament
 - Lansing State Journal Division 4 All-Area Team
- Jacob Van Douser
 - 42in Division 4 State Singles Tournament

GYMNASTICS

- Rachel Briggs
 - 8th in the state finals Division 2 all-around
 - 8th in the all-around at the CAAC championships and fifth at the regional
 - 5th in the regionals Division 2 all-around
 - Lansing State Journal Dream Team

WRESTLING

- State Qualifier
- Conner Bramble
- Regional Qualifiers
 - Devin Marshall
 - Hayden Zeitz



Peyton Newkirk



Girls' Basketball



Rachel Briggs



Kevin Every & Jacob Van Douser



Wrestling

TRACK & FITNESS CENTER at the DAC

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SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

**Monday through Friday
8 AM - 3:30 PM | 6:30 PM - 8 PM**

**Saturday & Sunday
8 AM - 8 PM**

Class of 2021 CMAC Senior Scholar-Athletes

Each year the Central Michigan Athletics Conference (CMAC) honors senior athletes from its member schools that have been successful as both students in the classroom and athletes on the field, court and track. To earn the title of CMAC Senior Scholar-Athlete students must have earned a 3.4 GPA or higher and have earned a varsity letter in two different sports with at least one of those being earned in their senior year and at least one being an MHSAA recognized sport.

Dansville Schools would like to congratulate the following students who were recognized as 2020 CMAC Senior Scholar-Athletes:

(L-R) Rachel Briggs, Riley Hawkins, Alexis Krumbach, Devin Marshall, Jeremiah Maurer, Madeline Mays, Reanna Minnis, Peyton Newkirk, Madison Sorenson, Elizabeth Troia, Carson Voss.



Congratulations to these students for putting in the time and effort to accomplish their goals academically and participate in sports. We are very proud of the young men and women they have become and look forward to seeing what they will do in the future.

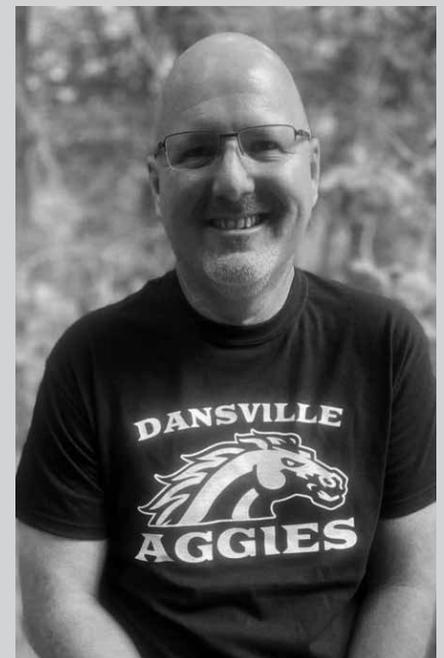
Welcome Jeff Dassance

Dansville's athletic director Christy Minnis resigned in May to pursue a way to wind down her educational career doing something with a different pace.

We feel very blessed to have Jeff Dassance join our Aggie Family, as he comes to us with 30 years of overall experience in education. His experience includes 22 years in administrative roles and for 14 of those years, he served as both the Athletic Director and had assistant high school principal duties at Eaton Rapids High School. Jeff decided to opt for a change after his last child graduated this year from Eaton Rapids in pursuing a role exclusively as athletic director.

He very much impressed our eight-person interview committee that represented stakeholders from middle school and high school parents, DCAA, the Board of Education, the coaching and teaching staff and administrators.

Jeff's official start date was July 1 and we look forward to him spending time this summer getting to know the ins and outs of all things Aggie!



Please take a moment to welcome him to our Aggie Family when you see him over the summer and this fall!



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Honoring Jan Baker

Jan Baker has retired after 25 years of service to Dansville Schools. Jan was born in Dansville and graduated from Dansville High School in 1979. For the first 15 years of her career, Jan worked in the middle school office and in various other support roles. She finished her service in the elementary office.

Dansville Schools wishes Jan the very best and thanks her so much for all she's done for our Aggie Family!

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THROUGH THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR



**Free breakfast and lunch school meals will be available through USDA
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