

# Aggie NEWS



DANSVILLE SCHOOLS

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## Presenting the Class of 2022

On Sunday, May 22, 2022, Dansville Schools honored the graduating class of 2022 for their hard work and dedication over the past 13 years.

This year's valedictorians were Grace Ames, Emma Burnham, Makenna Griffith, Sydney Hagelberger, Sam Hodgson, Noah Robinson, Jenna Schild, and Erin Sherwood. Calvin Tkaczyk 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!





Fellow Aggies,

Thank you for welcoming me into the Aggie Family! My first two months have been simply amazing. Our community is composed of genuine individuals who are incredibly proud of our schools and our traditions. **Our students are some of the kindest kids I have ever met. And, our teachers...well, they are rock stars.**

Did you know that the work of our former superintendent and current teachers was recently published in Ken O'Connor's book entitled *Repair Kit for Grading: (3rd Edition) 15 Fixes for Broken Grades with Discussion and Repair Guide?*

**Mr. O'Connor is a global researcher and leader in education, and Dansville Schools has earned recognition for their work in standards based grading and assessment practices!**

Again, I stand in awe, and I am privileged to serve this outstanding district in this capacity.

### Reflections and Visions

The 2021-2022 school year was challenging, and it hit our district harder than most. As a society, we were still reeling from the effects of the pandemic, and our schools saw talented people leave. **But, I am feeling optimistic for the future. Now that social distancing and masking mandates have been eased, I see re-engagement with our families. I see relationships reforming with our students and our community. I see joy.**

### District Improvement

Our school goals will continue for another year: literacy, social studies, rigor, and relevance and relationships. **Literacy** focuses on ensuring that our students are voracious readers by third grade and that all of our students in K-12 have extensive vocabularies. In **social studies**, new state standards came out right before the pandemic, and we need to be sure that our teaching and learning is aligned with those new targets. **Rigor** addresses the best practices in education when it comes to instructional strategies, homework expectations, and uses of assessment. **Relevance and relationships** speaks to the need for connectedness and engagement among our students — which, in turn, leads to better attendance and higher performance.

### From My Family to Yours

Before I sign off on this message, I wanted to take a minute to introduce you to my family. We are a blended family. Jim and I have just been married for three years. Between the two of us we have four sons: Greg (23), Garrett (23), Grayson (20), and Jack (14). Each boy is extremely different from each other. We have raised athletes, techies, and gamers. We have raised social butterflies and introverts. **But overall, we have raised good humans, and that is what I look forward to here at Dansville: partnering with you in the education and development of good humans.**

If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime, from my family to yours, have a happy summer.

Sincerely,

**Jennifer Wonnell**, Superintendent  
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# Honoring Aggie Retirees

## Sue Provencal and Amy Hodgson



Before coming to Dansville, **Sue Provencal** spent 19 years as a classroom teacher and six years as a reading teacher. She joined the Aggie Family in 2009 as the K-5 reading specialist, in charge of our Title I program for reading intervention and support. Sue worked with hundreds of elementary-aged Aggies during her time here, helping them improve and grow as young readers. Sue also was the force behind the wildly popular parent/student book club which integrated art into a collaborative shared reading experience each year. She completed 13 years in this crucial role for our students in Dansville this May.

"It has been an absolute joy teaching at Dansville. Leaving this wonderful, supportive community has made retiring bittersweet," said Sue.

Sue plans to spend her retirement spoiling her grandchildren, traveling with her husband, and opening her own tutoring business.



**Amy Hodgson** worked as a teacher and administrator for 30 years. Amy began her career as a middle and high school science teacher and basketball coach in Fowlerville, and was a finalist for the 2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Amy served as both an assistant principal (in Howell) and as the Dansville High School principal, prior to being hired as the superintendent and curriculum director for Dansville Schools in June of 2010.

Serving in these roles for Dansville Schools, Amy facilitated the implementation of many 21st century learning initiatives and spearheaded the implementation of standards-based grading and assessment K-12, district-wide Aggie Improvement

Teams on which all teachers are members and developed a school improvement cycle of continuous improvement, including robust use of data, state reporting and annual reporting of the work of the Aggie Improvement Teams to the Board of Education. In 2014 Amy was awarded an UCEA/MSU College of Education Excellence in Educational Leadership Award for these efforts and was **just recently awarded the 2020 Nancy A. Colflesh Distinguished Alumni Award, presented by EAD Faculty at Michigan State University.**

Amy helped bring the community together to pass the 2016 bond proposal that led to the building of our new high school and several other renovations and improvements throughout the district, including the "spaceship room" housed in the elementary school.



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Board President Mike Kapp shared that, "Amy was an instructional leader guided by a moral compass that always pointed in the direction of what is best for all students. The effective development and implementation of innovative programs, the execution of strategic initiatives and the targeted use of data to drive decisions, while maintaining a positive and safe learning environment, are results of her proven success."

Amy will pursue new adventures including coaching and supporting leaders both in education and in the private sector. She shared that she dearly treasured her time at Dansville Schools and truly loves and misses our Aggie Family. She hopes to spend more time with her family, in her garden, and finding new ways to serve others in this new phase of her life

Dansville Schools wishes Sue and Amy the very best and thanks them both so much for all they have done for our Aggie Family!

# REGISTRATION DAY 2022



**August 9, 2022**  
**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.**

**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 August 16, 2022!**

**School pictures will also be taken this day.**

## 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 email Pam Williams at [teacherpam1@gmail.com](mailto:teacherpam1@gmail.com).**





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 COMMUNITY  
 BELONGING  
 HOME  
 SUPPORT  
 VOLUNTEERS  
 INVESTED  
 TRADITION  
 UNITED  
 LASTING RELATIONSHIPS  
 SHARED SUCCESSES & SORROWS  
 POSITIVE ROLE MODELS  
 CONNECTED  
 WELCOMING  
 ACCOUNTABLE  
 LOYAL  
 SAFE

SMALL BUT MIGHTY

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.

**Visit [www.dansville.org](http://www.dansville.org)  
 or call 517-623-6120  
 to register!**

**ACCEPTING  
 Schools of Choice Students**

# FFA Celebrations

The FFA participated in Region IV Chapter Officer Camp. Junior **Sasha Sherrick** was elected to serve as the Region IV Sentinel for the 2022-23 school year.

Senior **Jenna Schild** received her FFA State Degree as well as a Silver award for her prepared public speech at the FFA State Convention. Jenna also won her division with her Science Fair project on how lactation cycles affect protein levels in milk.

## Aggies Excel at Science Olympiad

Congratulations to the Dansville Middle School and High School Science Olympiad teams, who competed at their regional tournament in March.

### Middle School Medalists

- Grace Flynn and Hope Service - 5th in Codebusters
- Cadence Rigg and Hope Service - 4th in Crime Busters
- Grace Flynn and Cadence Rigg - 4th in Food Science
- Margo Kuznicki and Cadence Rigg - 5th in Ornithology
- Kenith Keckler and Randolph Schneider - 5th in Ping Pong Parachute
- Margo Kuznicki and Cadence Rigg - 2nd in Rocks and Minerals
- Margo Kuznicki and Hope Service - 4th in Write It Do It

### High School Medalists

- Carter Tkaczyk and Karlie Troia - 1st in Bridge
- Abby Flynn, Halle Service, and Karlie Troia - 6th in Codebusters
- Taylor Braman and Karlie Troia - 6th in Green Generation
- Hugh Service and Carter Tkaczyk - 5th in WiFi Lab
- Halle Service and Karlie Troia - 6th in Write It Do It



*Exploring the World of Science*



Hugh Service was recognized for participating in Science Olympiad through all seven years of middle school and high school and the middle school team won sixth place overall!



**Grace Winifred Ames**  
Valedictorian



**Emma Marie Burnham**  
Valedictorian



**Makenna Elizabeth Griffith**  
Valedictorian



**Sydney Marie Hagelberger**  
Valedictorian



**Samuel Edward Hodgson**  
Valedictorian



**Gavin Thomas Hollon**



**Noah James Robinson**  
Valedictorian



**Jenna Leslie Schild**  
Valedictorian



**Erin Kay Sherwood**  
Valedictorian



**Calvin James Tkaczyk**  
Salutatorian



*Aggie Achievers*

# CLASS OF 2022 TOP TEN

## Local Scholarship Winners

- American Legion Searl Briggs Memorial Scholarship: Sydney Hagelberger
- American Legion Vince Carlen Scholarship: Gavin Hollon
- Dansville Athletic Booster Scholarship: Erin Sherwood & Sydney Hagelberger
- Joanne Manshum CocoNetta Scholarship: Grace Ames
- Connie Foster Memorial Scholarship: Kelsey St. John
- Dansville Education Association Scholarship: Erin Sherwood
- Dansville Schools Education Foundation Scholarship: Grace Ames, Sydney Hagelberger & Jenna Schild
- The Shuck Family Scholarship: Kelsey St. John
- Steven Schmidt Memorial Scholarship: Perry Stadig

The Class of 2022 had  
50 graduates and  
37 of them graduated  
with Honors!



# Elementary Celebrations

## Surf's Up! Catch a 'Title' Wave of Books!

Every year, March is celebrated as Reading Month which brings a heightened awareness to all of our students related to the importance of reading. That was true once again this year as the entire elementary building was transformed into an underwater scene of sea creatures. Students were encouraged to record their minutes read each night with tracking sheets. A Read-A-Thon was conducted so students could get some additional encouragement from family and friends by way of monetary donations for all their extra reading efforts. **Through this program our school raised \$5860 which led to students**

**receiving their own personal prizes and many notes of praise from their donors.** This

money is then used the following year for additional materials and supplies for teachers, funds to cover the cost of Reading Month for the upcoming year, and additional prizes and incentives for students throughout the year. Hopefully your child discovered a new favorite book, character or author during this focused time of reading exploration and can continue their reading growth all summer long.



## Girls on the Run is Number One!

This year, a group of third, fourth and fifth grade girls participated in the first ever Girls on the Run Team at Dansville Elementary. The girls trained for six weeks around the school playground. They then went on to complete a 5k race at Michigan State University. Such an amazing accomplishment! The girls played games and celebrated along with their coaches. We look forward to another season next year!

# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

## AUGUST 11, 2022 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!**

**There may even be some other surprises in store so you won't want to miss this important first event of the 22-23 school year!**

## GRADES BK THROUGH 5

# Aggie Athletics | Winter Sports

## Boys Basketball

7-15 Overall Record

5-11 CMAC Record

- CMAC All-Conference 2nd Team...Sam Hodgson
- CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention ...Cody Ream & Jared Bristle
- Lansing State Journal Division 3 All-Area...Sam Hodgson
- BCAM Team 1st Award...Nate Stec
- BCAM Academic All-State Team
- BCAM Outstanding Student/Athlete... Nate Stec & Sam Hodgson

## Girls Basketball

17-8 Overall Record | 10-6 CMAC Record

District Champions

Regional Champions

- CMAC All-Conference...Erin Sherwood, Megan Zeitz
- CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention...Kourtney Mack
- Lansing State Journal Division 3 All-Area...Erin Sherwood, Megan Zeitz, Coach Mike Sykes
- AP Division 3 All-State, 2nd Team...Erin Sherwood
- AP Division 3 All-State Honorable Mention...Megan Zeitz
- AP Division 3 Coach of the Year Honorable Mention...Coach Mike Sykes
- Detroit News Division 3 All-State, 4th Team...Erin Sherwood
- Detroit News Division 3 All-State Honorable Mention...Megan Zeitz
- Detroit Free Press Division 3 All-State Honorable Mention...Erin Sherwood
- BCAM Academic All-State Team, Division 3...3.9 GPA
- BCAM Individual Academic All-State... Erin Sherwood, 4.0 GPA

## Bowling

0-10 Overall Record



Girls Basketball Regional Champs

## Wrestling

23-9 Overall Record

6-3 CMAC /GLAC League Record

Team District Champions

Greg Mack Memorial Team Tournament Champs

- Blake Baker Achieved 100 Career Wins
- MHSAA Record Tying 84 Team Points In A Dual Meet
- League Meet...Blake Baker 1st (119), Conner Bramble 1st (171), Joe Kadluboski 2nd (145), Rowan Bartlett 3rd (103), Malachi Powers 3rd (189), Alex Baker 4th (130), Josh Carpenter 4th (135), Logan Storey 4th (152)
- Individual Districts...(8): 103 Rowan Bartlett 3rd, 119 Blake Baker 4th, 135 Alex Baker 3rd, 140 Sam Schmidt 3rd, 140 Hayden Anderson 4th, 145 Joe Kadluboski 4th, 171 Conner Bramble 2nd, 189 Malachi Powers 3rd
- Individual Regionals...(1): 119 Blake Baker 4th
- Individual States...(1): Blake Baker 7th
- MHSWCA Academic All-State Team Top Ten (5th)
- MHSWCA Academic All-State... Blake Baker & Conner Bramble
- Lansing State Journal All-Area...Blake Baker

Blake Baker  
Places 7<sup>th</sup> at States



# Class of 2022 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 2022 CMAC Senior Scholar-Athletes — Blake Baker, Conner Bramble, Mirco Cervio, Sam Hodgson, Gavin Hollon, Noelle Simmons, Erin Sherwood, and Calvin Tkaczyk.**

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.



Dansville Schools  Education  
**FOUNDATION**  
igniting innovation

*Congratulations!*  
**2022 DSEF  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Grace Ames  
Sydney Hagelberger  
Jenna Schild

Many thanks to Joe Arnold of Clean Team and John & Sandra Diehl for their support of the DSEF scholarship program.

The DSEF is happy to announce the return of our in-person event in 2022!



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# Coaching Updates

## Boys Basketball

### Ryan Masters

is taking over as varsity head coach and has been in the coaching profession for 13 years, spending time from fourth grade to the varsity level. He spent the first 10 years coaching with Leslie Public Schools followed by one year at Chelsea High School and has spent the last two years as the head coach of the Whitmore Lake Trojans.



"I feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of the Aggie Family. I am excited to get started and lead our basketball program toward long-term success. Our team WILL be described as good sports, highly energetic, and hardworking. We will compete and push each other to improve every single day, at practice, in games, and in the classroom."

Ryan is a graduate of Leslie High School and Michigan State University. Ryan and his wife Taylor have a two-year old daughter and a son due in August. The Masters family enjoys traveling, eating ice cream, and of course watching basketball! Ryan is an avid golfer and huge Green Bay Packers fan.

## Football

### Zach Mendez

is taking over as varsity head coach and has been a part of the Dansville football program for the last five years. He has held multiple coaching positions such as, offensive and defensive line, special teams coordinator, college recruiting coordinator and junior varsity offensive coordinator.



Over the last five years Coach Mendez has helped the program reach a 20-17 overall record, making it to two district championship games and has guided multiple players in the recruiting process while coaching multiple players who received league and state award recognitions, including three all-state players in 2020.

Zach is a graduate of Mason High School where he played football for Michigan High School Football Hall of Fame Coach, Jerry Vanhavel. Mendez is married to Abigail Mendez (Hedemark) — a 2011 graduate of Dansville High School. Zach and Abigail have two sons. The Mendez family enjoy going on summer vacations, swimming in their pool, walking their dog, and spending time with family and friends.

"I feel honored and grateful for this opportunity. I am looking forward to leading this football program and making an impact in the students, community, and Village of Dansville. My family and I are eager to start this journey in leading the football program in the direction of long-term success. We will demand a 'student first' program, emphasizing hard-work, accountability, and high character."

## Track & Field

**Jon Jolin** is taking over as varsity head coach and began coaching



track and field as an Assistant Varsity coach at Williamston High School. He specialized in coaching sprints/jumps. He also has two years of experience as the head coach for the Fowlerville Middle School Track and Field Team. Fowlerville Community Schools is where he currently teaches high school biology and human anatomy. For the past two seasons, he has been Fowlerville's Varsity Assistant Coach specializing in sprints/relays and jumps. While coaching in Fowlerville, he had the privilege of coaching the men's 800M relay team to break the school record and he helped place several athletes in the top five at the state meet in 2020.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to work with and develop athletes through the track and field program here in Dansville. The wonderful thing about track and field, is that it has many diverse positions to allow a multitude of athletes to participate and be successful. It also allows athletes to become faster, stronger and develop attributes and habits that will help them in other sports and throughout their entire lives. I am looking forward to building the track program here in Dansville. This will be centered around academic commitment, striving to attain personal goals both physical and mental, and working together as a team."

Jon is a graduate of Williamston High School where he was a four year member of the varsity track team, he participated at the state meet as a sophomore, junior and senior and held the 100m school record. Jon and his wife Ashley live in Dansville with their two children. Jon also coaches middle school basketball here in Dansville, both boys and girls eighth grade.

# Aggie Family

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The Dansville Schools' Board of Education meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Dansville Middle School Commons.

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## Dansville Schools' Announces Tuition Free Preschool for Qualifying Families

**Dansville Elementary School's pre-k program will debut this fall!**

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