



AGGIE NEWS

Summer 2019

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Presenting the Class of 2019

On Sunday, June 2, 2019 Dansville Schools honored the graduating class of 2019 for their hard work and dedication over the past 13 years.

This year's valedictorians were Preston Graf, Caleb Hodgson, Christian Lloyd and Nathan Mack. The salutatorian was Gabrielle Ankney.

We want to thank our graduates for the contributions they made to Dansville Schools. They excelled in the classroom, in many extracurricular 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,

This year of the Aggie has been filled with both challenges and excitement!



We celebrated:

- the grand opening of the new high school on September 4, 2018;
- the grand opening of the new performance area/ elementary gym on December 17, 2018;
- the grand opening of the new high school gym on December 21, 2018;
- the community open house to showcase the Aggie STEAM Adventures classroom and simulator as well as the remaining renovations throughout the district on January 11, 2019; and
- the grand opening of the Track and Fitness Center on April 26, 2019!

Every week brought completion of more of the new features of each space and excitement as we continued to enjoy more and more of this amazing new facility! Every aspect of these new and renovated areas have been thoroughly enjoyed and greatly appreciated by students, staff and the community. As we reflect on this year of renaissance that has taken place throughout the district, it is an honor to share several other school updates and information.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

We were able to implement Spring Math throughout the district for the full school year. We look forward to leveraging the nuances of this program to ensure our students have mastered the key skills at each grade level.

We have already seen some preliminary data indicating the students are benefiting from this work.

In addition to this, the teachers have finished the school year strong, developing a common language for assessment followed by more than half the staff coming to a district-wide work day on June 14 to support each other as they make the necessary adjustments to comply with the shared expectations. Students and families will benefit greatly from this work in every classroom next year.

BOND PROJECT UPDATE

We are close to finalizing the indoor punchlist while the focus has turned to completion of all of the remaining outdoor work, including the seeding of the ball fields, completion of the press boxes and concessions stand, paving of the bus loop and repair of some of the areas in the south parking lot. We are looking forward to the final phase coming to a close over the summer.

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Sinking Fund Update

Thanks to the use of sinking funds, the maintenance and FFA buildings are occupied and functional. We plan to invite the community to an FFA Open House in the fall when the site work is complete.



We have been talking to voters throughout the community about the sinking fund and greatly appreciate the feedback we have received.

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Sinking Fund

*Protecting the Aggie Family's
Facilities' Investment*

Due to the nature of the community's feedback, coupled with the impact the sinking fund has on our district's ability to operate and maintain our facilities, the Board of Education has chosen to put the sinking fund renewal back on the ballot in November.

Please note that the district is seeking a continuation of the same millage rate that has been in place for the sinking fund since the year 2000. The reason the ballot language says it will be an increase is because this option will expand the uses the sinking fund to include improving security and technology over the next ten years.

Adopting this new use of the funds legally requires the district to have ballot language that uses the word increase, even though the millage rate will stay the same. The district would also use these funds as we have for the past nearly 20 years, to improve and maintain the facilities.

Based on the feedback from the community, the district would initially focus on paving the parking lots, replacing the remaining aging roofs, and investing in safety and security, as well as technology. The district has an asset management plan and this plan prioritizes safety followed by improvements that impact students in the classroom.

Please don't hesitate to call, email or stop by if you have ANY questions at all about the district's sinking fund.

Dansville Schools' new facilities are filled with collaborative learning spaces including unique locker designs and wide corridors that serve as lobby, commons and cafeteria areas. Daylight has been maximized throughout this beautiful building which is beneficial to staff and students alike.

These spaces are outfitted with a variety of furniture to maximize opportunities for student group work. These corridor areas nicely complement our beautiful, modern classrooms featuring the latest in educational technology.

A shared middle and high school media center draws in our students as it was designed with them in mind to encourage a love for literacy and provide more spaces for collaborative work.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

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BUDGET UPDATE

For the first time in more than eight years, the district had to establish a budget for the next school year without having a clear answer from the legislature regarding what will be allocated for schools. This uncertainty, in addition to student enrollment and how the community responds to the sinking fund proposal in November, have left the district with a significant amount of uncertainty as we look forward.

SMALL BUT MIGHTY

Our district exemplified that we are small but mighty in many ways this year.

We opened a progressive, forward-thinking new high school that maximizes opportunities for student collaboration that has several features that have been copied by other schools for their future projects.

We had a record number of student-athletes earn opportunities to compete at the college level and earn athletic scholarships. We had strong tournament runs in football, soccer, basketball and baseball this year and celebrated a student who had a perfect score on the PSAT test! We launched one of the only Dream Flight Adventures STEAM programs in the country this winter and students are manning missions and solving real-world problems through teamwork, communication and collaboration.

SUMMER HOMEWORK FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

While this may seem like a short summer, it is long enough to cause an academic slip if we aren't intentional about preventing it!

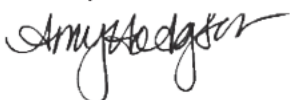
One of my favorite activities each summer is kicking it off by having each family member make a "Best Summer Ever" list. We write out what would happen for this to be our best summer ever — ranging from having friends over to reading to fitness-type goals. We do this to be intentional and to ensure the summer doesn't slip without at least attempting to reach our goals.

It is helpful to establish routines that include reading at least 30 minutes every day, doing some adventures away from screens (camping in your back yard or even your living room if it doesn't stop raining can be great adventures!), staying curious and for secondary students, using Khan Academy regularly throughout the summer.

Please contact me if you have any questions about anything happening with our district. I have appreciated the efforts several of you have made to share your concerns as well as positive feedback related to the many projects we have been tackling throughout our school district. Your patience and understanding throughout this huge undertaking have not gone unnoticed.

Thank you for your generosity in investing in the future of not only our school, but our state and our country, by choosing to invest on our students.

Sincerely,



Amy Hodgson, Superintendent
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REGISTRATION DAY 2019



August 13, 2019 | 7 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.

School pictures will also be taken this day.

Registration packets will be available for pickup in the superintendent's office (door 17 of Dansville Middle School) July 15-18 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Packets not picked up will be mailed on July 19.

Join Dansville Schools' Food Service Team!

Full-time positions available in food service, cashier and food prep.

Apply online at edustaff.org and send a letter of interest:
Chris Salmon, Dansville Schools, P.O. Box 187, Dansville, MI 48819

Congratulations to Aggie Retiree Pat Kauffman



Pat Kauffman has lovingly provided needed support to our students and teachers in a number of different roles over her 31 years of service to Dansville Schools and while we are very sorry to see her go, we are very happy for her as she retires and begins the next new chapter of her life.

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

Pat graduated from Holt High School and two years later married her husband Ken. In July they will celebrate their 49th anniversary! Pat shared that she always wanted to be a mom so she was thrilled to be blessed with four wonderful children, all who graduated from Dansville, and five grandchildren.

Pat shared that she loves to read, especially biographies and historical fiction. She also likes the Detroit Tigers, win or lose. She likes classic rock and am a huge fan of the Beatles and Paul McCartney.

"I've loved working here the past 30 years because I love children. I'm not sure what the future holds for me but I think I'm ready to take it on."

Dansville Seeks Superheros

Dansville Schools always needs capable and caring individuals to add to our teacher, paraprofessional and food service substitute pools!

If you are interested in ANY of these positions, please contact EDUStaff, the company that hires and trains our substitutes, at www.edustaff.org to start your applicatin today!

If you have any questions, would like more information or need help during the application process, please call 1-877-974-6338 and one of the EDUStaff representatives would be happy to help you!



Dansville Students Compete in Local Art Contest

Dansville students recently competed in Farmers State Bank's Student Art Contest. Winners had their artwork professionally framed by Wheaton's Framing and Art Gallery and it will be displayed in a Farmers State Bank branch. In addition, the winning students were awarded a cash prize.

The exhibition gives student artists a professional space in which to share their work with the community and aims to facilitate conversation about the value of the arts as an integral part of every student's educational experience.

Congratulations to Grand Prize winner Katelyn Post, High School winner Katelynn Karkau, Middle School winner Anastasia Couch, Upper Elementary Winner Carmen Miller, Lower Elementary Winner Liem Griffes and Honorable Mention Tucker Jolin.



Elementary Celebrations

CADL SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS FAR OUT

A big thank you to the Dansville branch of the Capital Area District Libraries for inspiring us to read all summer long with the help of Joel's AstroReader Magical Comedy Show.

A lot of fun and laughter was had by students and staff as Space Man Joel shared books with us about outer space that can be checked out at the local library this summer!

LITERACY BREAKFAST CELEBRATES STUDENT GROWTH

Mrs. Provencal's literacy students presented their reading skill growth at the annual end-of-year Literacy Breakfast with a full house of parents and grandparents in attendance. Kindergarten through fifth grade students enjoyed rehearsing and presenting short skits, while family members enjoyed breakfast.

Mrs. Provencal also presented student awards for excellence in reading achievement.

5TH GRADE GRADUATION 2019

On May 28, 2019, Dansville Elementary School's fifth grade students ceremonially graduated. Academic honors and awards were presented to recognize high achievement, in addition to personalized diplomas for all students.

A short musical presentation took place as well with students playing ukuleles led by music teacher Mrs. McNabb. Mrs. Service and Mrs. Salinas presented a touching slide show that captured the memories of fifth grade and included pictures from student's elementary years.

Fifth grade graduation heralds a brand new phase in kids' lives – middle school – and all the independence and change that goes along with it. Congratulations to Dansville's Class of 2026 as they celebrate this milestone!



Secondary Celebrations

2019 EIGHTH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

The Washington D.C. trip has been an amazing and time-honored tradition for the eighth grade class for more than 20 years and this year was no exception!

The trip began with a Ghost Tour of Gettysburg the night of arrival. The following day students visited the Gettysburg battlefield, museum and then ate lunch at the Dobbin House, a building used on the Underground Railroad. The group then headed for Washington DC, where the night ended with a boat ride on the Potomac River. Students began their third day by visiting Arlington National Cemetery. The group visited several grave sites and the Lee House. The tour ended with a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Eighth grade students Maddy West, Katelyn Post, Chase Goff and David Couch were able to take part in the ceremony. Students visited the Smithsonian Museums and National Archives. The third night ended with a beautiful night tour of the monuments. The group walked more than eight miles on the third day! The final day began at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Students toured the mansion and explored the expansion grounds of the historic home and plantation. The afternoon of the final day included a visit and lunch at the U.S. Capitol. Students visited the Museum of African American History, as well as the 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon and a stop at the White House.



Every place our Aggie Family went people commented on the students' respectful behavior. Several tour guides even asked us to request them upon our return! The class of 2023 truly represented our Aggie Family in the best way possible both in Gettysburg and Washington D.C.!

FFA CELEBRATIONS

Dansville FFA students earned many awards at the State Convention, which was held in March at Michigan State University.

State FFA Degree Recipients: Michael Malthaner, Gaby Ankney and Bethany Wilkins.

Outstanding Junior Award recipients: Jaden Dietz, Sybella Leverton and Levi Zeitz.

Academic Excellence Award winners: Gaby Ankney, Bethany Wilkins, Jaden Dietz and Sybella Leverton.



CALDERONE AWARDED RISING STAR AWARD

Congratulations to Dansville High School's Olivia Calderone, who was awarded National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing's Rising Star Award! Rising Stars represent students who are starting out in their pursuit and study of computing. They have expressed curiosity and interest in computing but may have relatively limited experience with technology.

Students in this category embody the idea of aspirations and are recognized in order to encourage their continuation in the field.

Secondary Celebrations

AGGIES PARTICIPATE MSBOA STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Five students from the Dansville High School Band participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Tyler Sutfin performed a trumpet solo, and Elizabeth Troia, Liz Wahl, Hugh Service and Logan Rodriguez-Robinson played a saxophone quartet.

DANSVILLE STUDENTS EARN CERTIFICATIONS

Several students in Mrs. Voss' Aggie Room have earned a Torch 180 Certificate of Completion and ServSafe Food Handler Certificates. Torch 180 came to Dansville over the course of the year and taught ServeSafe content and culinary, as well as soft, skills for employability. ServSafe is a food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association. The students have been working on learning these and other life skills throughout the year.

CELEBRATIONS FROM THE WILSON TALENT CENTER

Several Dansville High School students earned high awards for their outstanding work at the Wilson Talent Center this year.

- Paige Newkirk earned Bronze at the SkillsUSA Michigan competition for Cosmetology
- Julie Stoner-Gay earned Silver at the SkillsUSA Michigan competition and a \$8,000 scholarship to Sullivan University for Culinary Arts & Hospitality
- Mark Snow competed in Gas Metal Arc Welding, earning a welding helmet as well as a \$2,000 scholarship to Ohio Technical College
- Charles Foster earned bronze at the SkillsUSA Michigan competition for Job Skills
- Cierra Smith earned silver at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America state conference's Cupcake Battle



Top Row (l-r): Christian Lloyd, Nathan Mack, Hayden Voss, Nathan Soule

Bottom Row (l-r): Preston Graf, Elizabeth Wahl, Erin Mauk, Gabrielle Ankney, Bethany Wilkins, Caleb Hodgson

Class of 2019 Top Ten



Dansville High School Top Art Students

(l-r) Erin Mauk, Jordan Hill, MaKenzie Lytle, Brenden Pulver, Reanna Minnis, Carson Voss, High School Art Teacher Mark Hekman



Nick Vanvalkenburg, pictured with high school science teacher Adam Jorgensen, earned Dansville High School's Significant Growth Award.



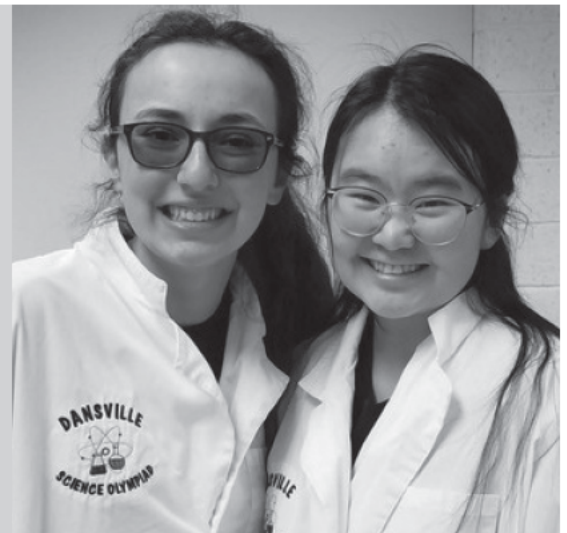
Nathan Mack, pictured with secondary special education teacher Krista Voss, earned Dansville High Schools' Aggie Inspiration Award.

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. 1105 for more information.



Community Day 2019

Each year, Dansville Schools dedicates time to give back to the community. Community Day encourages a spirit of giving and volunteerism in our students and in doing so, builds relationships between all Aggies.

Students helped community members by weeding, raking and painting. In addition to this, our younger Aggies paired up with some of our older Aggies to create care packages, thank our community members and spread positivity throughout our community.

It truly is an amazing day and something we hold dear to our hearts. Thank you Aggie Family for helping take care of our own!

As part of Community Day, we also organize Hat Days, a coin drive, a food drive and a scrap metal drive to help raise funds for our Many Hands Survival Bags.

2019 SERVICE PROJECT LOCATIONS

- C.H.U.M.
- Capital Area District Library, Dansville Branch
- Capital Area Humane Society
- Dansville Country Care
- Fairview Cemetery
- Green Acres Retirement Living
- Habitat for Humanity
- Howard Cemetery
- Ingham Conservation District
- Mason, Williamston and Ingham Township Fire Stations
- Meals on Wheels
- Multiple Community Members' Yards
- The Wooden Nickel II
- Vantown Community Church
- Various Preschools



Yard Cleanup at the Dansville Branch of the Capital Area District Library



Students worked to clean up Dansville's campus.



Students visited with care home residents.



Older students teamed up with younger students to accomplish tasks.



Food care packages for community families.

One out of every four children struggle with hunger outside of school, making them two times more likely to have to repeat a grade or need special education services. On average, these children are one to two grade levels behind their peers.

Aggie Weekend Survival Kits

The Aggie Weekend Survival Kit Program is used to serve the children that are food insecure during non-school hours, specifically the weekend. Food is organized into meals and Dansville Schools' families in need receive backpacks with three meals for all three days.

The program runs throughout the year and into the summer ensuring that no member of the Aggie Family struggles to have food.



Alumni Spotlight



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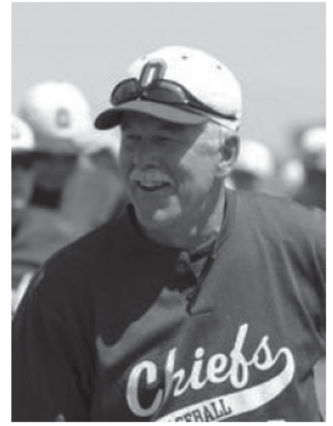
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MAGSIG JOINS ELITE CLUB AMONG LANSING AREA BASEBALL COACHES

2019 marked a big milestone for Phil Magsig (Class of 1977) as earned his 500th career victory as a head coach.

Magsig's baseball career started as a pitcher at Dansville High School. He went to Michigan State University and was part of the 1979 Big Ten championship team. After his playing career ended, Magsig made coaching stops at Haslett and Dansville, before spending five years as an assistant at Okemos High School, which eventually led to him being named the head coach in 1995.



HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT ALUMNI TO SHARE?
Please send to Becky Ames at amesb@dansville.org

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Aggie Athletics

BASEBALL

- Division 4 District Champions
- All-League First team - Nathan Mack
- All-League Second team - Riley Hawkins
- All-District - Riley Hawkins, Nathan Mack
- All-State Academic - Nathan Mack

SOCCER

- All District - Abby Broxholm, Avery Cook, Meghan Everts, Esther Launstein, Reanna Minnis, Sara Rist, Bethany Wilkins

SOFTBALL

- All-League First team - Elena Fajardo
- All-League Second team - Erin Sherwood
- All-League Honorable Mention - Sydney Hagelberger, Kelsey St. John

TRACK

- 1st Place All-State Long Jump - Carson Voss
- 2nd Place All-State High Jump - Jalen Nelson
- 1st Place All-League Long Jump Carson Voss
- 2nd Place All-League Long Jump Jalen Nelson
- 1st Place All-League High Jump - Jalen Nelson
- 2nd Place All-League 100 Meter Dash and 200 Meter Dash - Hayden Voss

CMAC SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Dansville High School had nine student-athletes recognized at the Central Michigan Athletic Conference Senior Scholar-Athlete awards dinner. Qualifying students participated in at least two varsity sports while maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA.

Dansville seniors honored include Preston Graf, Devin Patrick, Nathan Mack, Hayden Voss, Gordon Chattaway, Janna Wildermuth, Anna Bushard, MaKenzie Lytle and Elena Fajardo.



Caleb Hodgson, Preston Graf, Elena Fajardo, John Dell, Hayden Voss, Nathan Mack, Devin Patrick

Class of 2019 Collegiate Athletic Scholarship Winners

Hodgson Completes Record-Breaking High School Basketball Career



With a second straight regional final appearance, 2019 saw the culmination of the career of the most decorated basketball player in Dansville boys' basketball history.

Caleb Hodgson ended a stellar four-year varsity career as the school's all-time leading point scorer, shot blocker and rebounder. Hodgson tallied nearly 1,800 points scored, nearly 1,200 rebounds and was approaching 400 blocked shots for his career. He also finishes sixth all-time in Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) history for made free throws, fifth all-time for career rebounds, as well as fifth for blocked shots.

Hodgson helped guide the Aggies to three district championships, two regional finals and also maintained a 4.0 career GPA, helping the team earn honors for having the second-highest team GPA in the state.

Caleb was a four-time AP All-State selection, a McDonald's All-American nominee and Gatorade Player of the Year finalist for the state of Michigan.

Hodgson will continue his academic and basketball career with a full-ride scholarship to Central Michigan University, the first Aggie basketball player to earn a Division 1 scholarship since Lindsay Bowen.

Caleb's impact on and off the court will continue to be felt throughout Dansville for years to come.



BASKETBALL COACH EARNS HONORS

Dansville High School Varsity Basketball Coach Cole Feldpausch has been named the *Lansing State Journal* All-Area Basketball Coach of the Year.

Feldpausch completed his ninth year as varsity head coach and has led the Aggies to three district championships and two regional finals

Congratulations Coach Feldpausch!

BASEBALL COACH EARNS HONORS

Dansville High School Varsity Baseball Coach Mike Sykes has been named All-District Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Sykes completed his sixth year as varsity head coach and led the Aggies to a 2019 district championship.

Congratulations Coach Sykes!

DANSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TO OFFER MHSAA GYMNASTICS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

As part of a cooperative agreement with Holt Public Schools and Mason Public Schools, Dansville Schools is pleased to announce that gymnastics will be offered as a varsity sport starting in the 2019-2020 school year.

Interested athletes should contact Athletic Director Christy Minnis at minnismc@dansville.org or 517-623-6120, Ext. 1220 for more information.

Aggie Athletics

GOLF

O U T I N G

Saturday, July 27, 2019 | 8 am

Eagle View Golf Club


2602 Tomlinson Rd, Mason, MI 48854

\$300 per team

4 Person Scramble / Includes Cart

\$350 per team after July 17

Contact Christy Minnis
at minniscm@dansville.org
or 517-623-6120, Ext. 1220
for more information.


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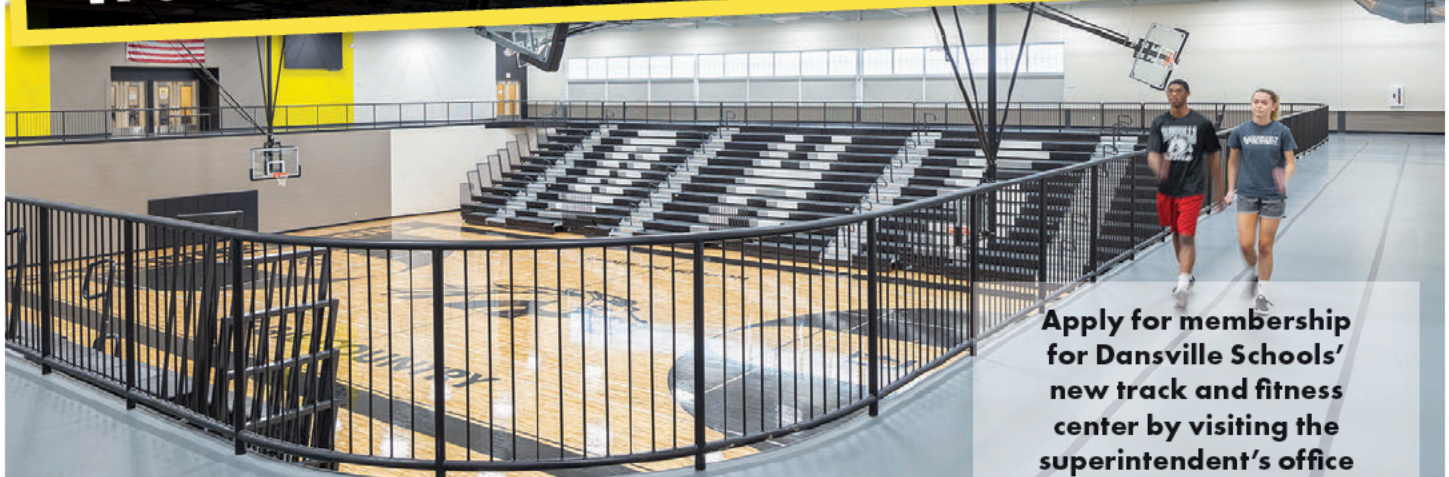
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Meetings monthly in Room 132 of
Dansville Middle School

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Track and Fitness Center at the DAC



SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

5 AM - 9 AM | 11 AM - 3 PM | 6 PM - 10 PM

SATURDAY

8 AM - 2 PM

SUNDAY

Noon - 4 PM

Apply for membership
for Dansville Schools'
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(located at door 17 of
the middle school)
Monday-Thursday
7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

For more information
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at www.dansville.org