

Aggie

NEWS



DANSVILLE SCHOOLS

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Winter Homecoming Court 2023



Kourtney Mack and Brian Root were crowned Queen and King.

SENIOR COURT

- Hayden Anderson
- David Couch
- Cara Grice
- John Kien
- Kourtney Mack
- Marisa Nottingham
- Brian Root
- Carly Rutledge

JUNIOR COURT

- Anna McDaniel
- Elijah Neal

SOPHOMORE COURT

- Jillian Fishback
- Theodore Davis

FRESHMAN COURT

- Hope Service
- Brodie O'Berry



WINTER 2023



AGGIE FAMILIES,

The holiday season is over, and it is easy to slide into the mid-winter blues. This time of the year the skies are perpetually gray; and—this is where I typically say, “We’re also tired of the snow,” but...alas, that’s a different story.

No matter how glum and cooped up we may be feeling, **amazing things are happening at Dansville Schools.**

As a staff, we’ve been **focusing on positivity**, and much of our professional learning the first half of the year has been dedicated to that. By October, we were diving deep into our school improvement plans to work on literacy, social studies, balanced assessments, and student engagement. Our elementary school is piloting new reading curricula and should have a new program in place next year. Our middle school student council spruced up the downtown area for the holidays and has sponsored several fun events for students in grades 6-8.

The new administrative team continues to build both their capacity as leaders and their relationships with families and community members. It will take time, but we’re committed to this. **We thank you for your grace and welcoming spirit** as we follow in the footsteps of our talented predecessors.

Dansville has a saying, “Small But Mighty,” and the longer I am in the community, this statement is proven over and over again. We do great things here. You do great things here. However, **we do amazing things together.** As we end this season of giving and gratitude, let me share just some of the “Small But Mighty” things for which I’m grateful. If I failed to mention an event or group, it’s not intentional. I’m just overwhelmed with all of the good humans in our community!

Gratitudes:

- Our local firefighters joined us in blessing several families at both Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- The Keith Family endured a terrifying incident. Our community rallied behind this family in both spirit and with financial gifts.
- We love the return of in-person events, such as the PTO Craft Show, Muffins and Moms, and Dads and Donuts.
- The Ladybugs are always incredibly generous. This fall, they were able to donate \$1500 to our band for the purchase of a new concert bass drum and stand.



- Farm Bureau Insurance Charitable Fund gave \$5000 to the Many Hands Project which helps ensure that families do not go hungry.
- We began a new preschool program for four-year-olds right here in our elementary school called the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). We were excited to see it filled to capacity during its inaugural year!
- On November 29, we inducted 30 students into the National Honors Society. What an accomplishment! On the same evening, our freshman students pledged their commitment to graduate.

And friends, this is just the tip of the iceberg. See what I mean? **Small but Mighty!**



January was Board Appreciation Month. Our board members give tirelessly of themselves. They are committed to ensuring our students are well-rounded, happy, and on a path where they will have a positive impact on our world. If you are out and about and happen to see Mrs. Cremer, Mrs. Graf, Mr. Kapp, Mr. Lilly, Mr. Minnis, Mr. Schmidt or Mrs. Sherwood, **please let them know that you appreciate their vision and commitment to our staff and students.** You can also learn more about each member in this edition of Aggie News.

Go Aggies!

Jennifer Wonnell, Superintendent
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Dansville Schools' Education Foundation **raised over \$47K** at the fall DSEF Dinner! New this year: they have implemented student-level mini-grants for innovative ideas.

Meet your Board of Education



Shelby Cremer

Trustee
Serving since 2020

Term expires: 12/31/2024

Profession: Preschool Director,
Little Aggies Preschool

Family: Married; Three Children

Email: cremers@dansville.org

"I wanted to serve on the board to be part of a team that works to provide the very best for our kids by creating a space that is safe, educationally enriching, and fun. It's an honor to serve on a board that strives to provide a place where each student feels loved and respected and an important part for our Aggie Family."



Erin Graf

Trustee
Serving since 2022

Term expires: 12/31/2026

Profession: Reading Specialist,
Howell Schools

Family: Married; Three Children

Email: erin.graf@dansville.org

"I became a board member because my passion for Dansville Schools and our community runs deep. I want our students to have all the opportunities they can in life and getting a solid education helps set them up for success! Our Aggies, students, staff, and families, truly are the heart of this community and I hope to be a part of that by serving on this Board and serving our community."



Mike Kapp

President
Serving since 2006

Term expires: 12/31/2026

Profession: Administrator,
Michigan Department
of Transportation

Family: Married; Three Children

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"Why be a Dansville Board Member? I believe strongly in public service and that the most important public policy issue is unlocking the full potential of every child. It is an honor to serve a group of administrators and teachers, and a community with that same commitment."



Dave Lilly

Trustee
Serving since 2004

Term expires: 12/31/2024

Profession: Machinist, CNC
Programmer and Mentor,
Pratt & Whitney

Family: Married; Six Children

Email: lillyd@dansville.org

"School was a tough journey for me. Being on the school board allows me to work with the Dansville educators that helped me succeed. The students at Dansville are a treasure!"



Chad Minnis

Trustee
Serving since 2012

Term expires: 12/31/2028

Profession: Owner, Car-Min-Vu Farm

Family: Married; Three Children

Email: minnisc@dansville.org

"I became a board member because I grew up here and my children were 4th generation in our family to attend Dansville. I care about the school and the community and hope that Dansville continues to thrive and do well."



Chris Schmidt

Vice President
Serving since 2011

Term expires: 12/31/2026

Profession: Senior Construction Manager, Fishbeck

Family: Married; Three Children

Email: schmidtc@dansville.org

"I was initially asked by a community member to apply for a then open seat. I continue, as a way to serve my community and support our amazing staff."



Candy Sherwood

Secretary
Serving since 2016

Term expires: 12/31/2028

Profession: Analyst, State of Michigan

Family: Married; Two Children

Email: sherwoodc@dansville.org

"I enjoy being able to support the Aggie Family; the children, the teachers and the administration."

2023 Board of Education Meetings

All meetings start at 6:00 p.m.

- February 27, 2023
- March 20, 2023
- April 24, 2023
- May 22, 2023
- June 26, 2023
- July 24, 2023
- August 28, 2023
- September 25, 2023
- October 23, 2023
- November 20, 2023
- December 11, 2023

High School Celebrations

This holiday season our students, staff, and community worked together to support 45 families with food at Thanksgiving and gifts at Christmas. Due to the generous donations of our students, families and community, Mrs. Braman and our NHS students collected, organized, and packaged food donations for 19 families at Thanksgiving. Mrs. Ryder, the Student Council, and many other staff members ran a very successful Snag-A-Tag event this year. Students and staff helped organize and wrap gifts for 19 different families and several community partners stepped up and helped six more families.

Our **Dansville FFA** members have been busy! This fall, our Animal Science Class competed in the broiler contest where they raised 75 chickens and learned about feed and nutrition. FFA members also traveled to Indianapolis, for the National FFA Convention. Since then, they have been busy getting prepared for our Leadership Contests, where we have students competing in Public Speaking and Demonstration. This year we will host the District Leadership Contests! Students from six schools will compete in eleven different contests where they will display their hard work and leadership skills. Students in our Natural Resources Class are also preparing for maple syrup season. Make sure to stop out at the agriscience barn if you see steam from our evaporator!

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 and it was quite fun to see what alternatives to backpacks students came up with. Mr. Bramlet hosted a dodge ball tournament all week with a bracket being run at lunch Monday through Thursday, culminating in a Championship match against the teachers at our pep assembly on Friday! We recognized our winter teams and our court members and then we opened the floor to lip sync battle! A few classes participated and then the teachers brought back some oldies with their performance.

This year we added to our existing testing prep efforts by **utilizing Dorm (Advisory) time to prepare for Spring Testing.** We took the students through different modules, practice tests, and sessions to help them feel more comfortable and ready for the tests they would take. Our Math classes also adopted Khan Academy activities for warm ups and mini lessons to help bolster our students confidence and abilities with the math tasks they would face.



Cinderella made it to the ball and landed the prince even with the help of a substitute fairy godmother! Drama club put on three great performances for the elementary, middle, and high school students. There were lot's of chuckles and laughs as the fumbling fairy attempted to help an almost impossible situation.

FFA Members





The Dansville High School **Symphonic Band, Aggie Jazz Band, 6th Grade Band and Middle School Concert Band** had fantastic winter concerts this past December and the high school band students enjoyed our annual tradition of spreading music and holiday cheer to our fellow Aggies with our holiday assembly and caroling of the halls. This past month, the high school band had 15 solos and small ensemble events representing Dansville at Solo & Ensemble. Coming up in the spring, the bands will be performing at band festival and middle school solo & ensemble and our next home concerts will be on **May 1 and May 8**. We hope to see you there!

The Flamazing Pond of Fame was created to encourage seniors to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student aid (FAFSA)** to receive scholarships, grants, work-study opportunities, and loans for college and trade schools. Once a student completes the application, they receive a flamingo that they get to write their name on and hang it on the **Flamazing Pond of Fame**. They are also given a flamingo-themed goodie bag. The pond helps motivate students to complete the FAFSA and introduces the application to juniors and underclassmen. We had the highest percentage complete in the county in mid January. In January, the school counselor and college and career advisor have been meeting with each high school student for one-minute meetings. The purpose of the meetings, is to continue building individual relationships with students, provide support where needed, and discuss their post-secondary plans. We are also continuing to support students as they complete the FAFSA, college and trade school applications, scholarship applications, and explore career options through Xello as students continue to build student's Education Development Plans (EDPs).



Zander, our district therapy dog, showed her Aggie Spirit for Homecoming!



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To be eligible for Kindergarten,
your child must turn five by Sept. 1, 2023.

To be eligible for Beginnergarten,
your child must turn five before Dec. 1, 2023.



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QUESTIONS?
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Aggie Athletics—Fall 2022 Stats

Cross Country

- MS - 14 total - 13 boys, 1 girl
- HS - 7 total - 6 boys, 1 girl
- CMAC - 4th place
- CMAC All-Conference - 1st team: Theo Davis & Sam Schmidt; 2nd team: Rebecca Hallock
- Runner-up finishes - boys team - Holly Invite, Stockbridge Invite, Gabriel Richard Invite
- 3rd place finishes - HS boys team - Ovid-Elsie Invite, PW Invite - MS boys team - CMAC, PW Invite, Stockbridge Invite
- 4th place at Division 3 Regionals in Brighton
- Boys Regional placers - Theo Davis (1st), Sam Schmidt (2nd), Calvin vanHartesvelt (14th), Gavin Vidito (20th), Ethan Root (49th)
- Girls Regionals placer - Rebekah Hallock (4th)
- State Finals - Boys finished 26th overall; Theo Davis (10th place - ALL-STATE), Sam Schmidt (39), Calvin vanHartesvelt (216), Gavin Vidito (253), Ethan Root (256); Rebekah Hallock (188)
- Theo Davis - Regional Champion, CMAC Champion
- School records - Theo Davis (1st place), Sam Schmidt (5th), Joe Kadluboski (9th); Rebekah Hallock (2nd)
- MS records - Grace Jolin (6th), Ayden Mayr (10th)
- MITCA Academic All-State - Boys TEAM; Theo Davis, Calvin vanHartesvelt, Rebekah Hallock
- Lansing State Journal Dream Team - Theo Davis
- Lansing State Journal All-Area - Sam Schmidt

Football

- MS - 15 players
- W/L Record was 5-0-1*
- HS - 27 players - Varsity only
- 3-6 overall record
- 2-4 CMAC record
- CMAC All-Conference 1st team - Zach Sykes (RB), Camden Graf (DL)
- CMAC All-Conference 2nd team - Camden Graf (OL), Zach Sykes (LB), Devin Ackerson (DB), Cody Ream (DB)
- CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention - Hunter Cowen (OL), Cody Ream (WR), Dylan Ream (WR), Quintton Burgett (DB), Alex Baker (DL), Trent Ackerson (LB)
- MHSFCA All-Region - Camden Graf
- MHSFCA Team Academic All-State Honorable Mention
- Lansing State Journal All Area - Camden Graf

Boys Soccer

- 18 players - Varsity only
- 13-8-1 overall record
- 7-2-1 CMAC/GLAC record - 3rd place
- CMAC/GLAC All-Conference 1st team - Drew Frantz, Chase Goff, Jessie Every
- CMAC/GLAC All-Conference 2nd team—Andrea' Magnani, Ethan Jones

- CMAC/GLAC All-Conference Honorable Mention - Gabe Schmidt
- All-District - Drew Frantz, Chase Goff, Andrea' Magnani, Gabe Schmidt, Jessie Every, Ethan Jones
- All-Region - Drew Frantz, Chase Goff
- All-State Honorable Mention - Drew Frantz, Chase Goff
- Lansing State Journal All Area - Jessie Every, Drew Frantz and Chase Goff

Volleyball

- MS - 22 players - 7th grade (12); 8th grade (10)
- HS - 28 players - Varsity (9), Jv (10), Freshmen (9)
- Fr - 10-9-3 overall record; 2-2 CMAC record
- JV - 14-18-2 overall record; 2-5 CMAC record
- Varsity - 32-17-2 overall record; 4-3 CMAC record (3rd place @ CMAC tournament; 2nd place tie overall)
- Perry Tournament Champions
- Webberville & Eaton Rapids Tournament Runners-up
- District Champions! (back2back)
- CMAC All-Conference 1st team - Kourtney Mack
- CMAC All-Conference 2nd team - Christina Williams, Megan Zeitz
- CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention — Reeghan Griffith and Gracie Taylor
- All-District - Faith Caroen, Reeghan Griffith, Kourtney Mack, Anna McDaniel, Ryan Simpson, Gracie Taylor, Claudia Thayer, Christina Williams, Megan Zeitz.
- All-Region - Kourtney Mack
- MIVCA Academic All-State TEAM (3.8 GPA)
- MIVCA Academic All-State - Kourtney Mack, Claudia Thayer
- MIVCA All-Region - Kourtney Mack
- MIVCA All State Honorable Mention - Kourtney Mack
- Lansing State Journal All Area - Reeghan Griffith, Kourtney Mack, Christina Williams and Megan Zeitz





Aggie Family

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