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## DANSVILLE SCHOOLS

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Anna McDaniel  
and Ethan Jones  
were crowned  
Queen and King!

### Winter Homecoming Court 2024

#### SENIOR COURT

- Kade Bristle
- Rozelle Brunger
- Marleana Farr
- Baliey Lytle
- Madison Kirkpatrick
- Tyler Ward
- Anna McDaniel
- Ethan Jones

#### JUNIOR COURT

- Alaina Broyles
- Haydon Tomlin

#### SOPHOMORE COURT

- Taylor Doerr
- Pedro de Oliveira

#### FRESHMAN COURT

- Mayson Burgett
- Allysianna Skanes





# SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dear Aggie Family,

The school community is blessed to be able to celebrate two new years: each August when students return from summer break and once more when our students return in January. We have two opportunities to reflect on the past and two opportunities to resolve to do even better than before. And while January is not the beginning of a new school year, it marks the beginning of a fresh chapter and a new semester, and I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and reflections with you.



First, I want to thank everyone for your grace and understanding as we navigate ongoing staffing issues. This is not unique to Dansville Schools. Districts in our region and across the state continue to have difficulty finding qualified candidates, especially for hard-to-fill positions such as foreign language and special education. Dansville Schools has partnered with several organizations whose mission is to recruit and certify nontraditional teachers. This could be individuals who have degrees in other majors (ie - general studies, marketing, business, etc.), but have since felt a calling to teach. We can often hire individuals, place them in classrooms, and mentor them while they are working toward their certification outside of the school day.

We are already in the process of planning for the 2024-25 school year. If you know someone who has thought about making a career change, let them know about this opportunity. Open positions could be posted as early as March.



## 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

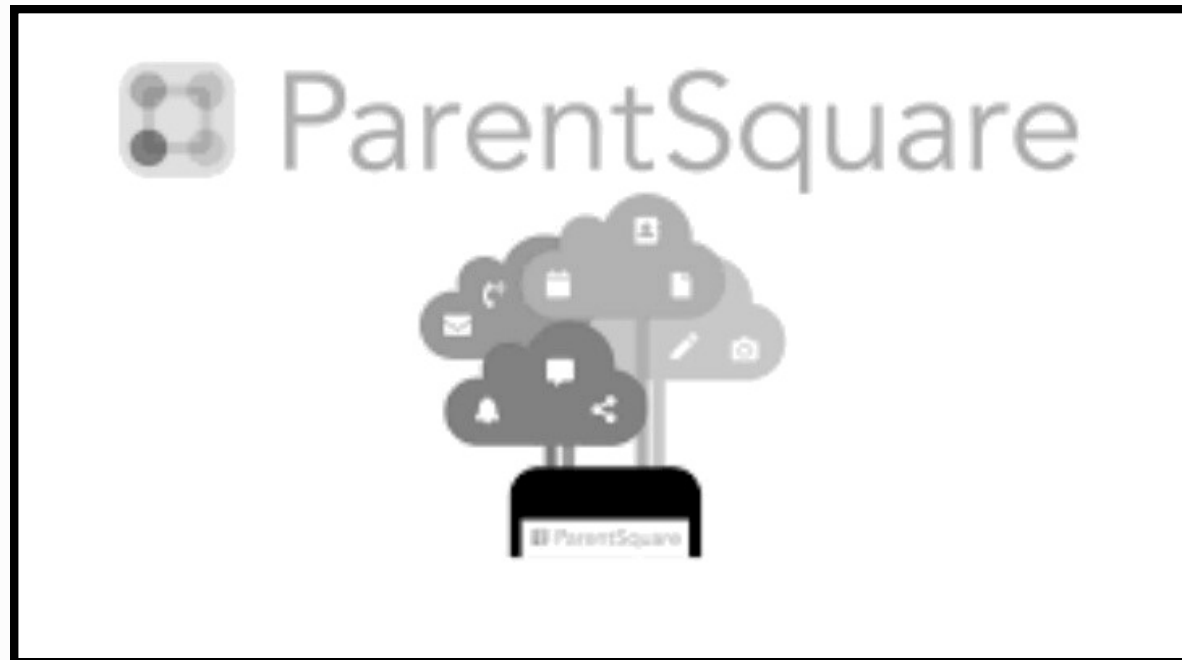
Advertising on our boards enables you to make a difference by:

- 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

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FOR MORE INFORMATION**

# COMING SOON!

Dansville Schools is the process of changing the platform in which we communicate with our families. We are phasing out SchoolMessenger which sends out our mass email communications and robocalls. We will be launching a new program called ParentSquare beginning this summer. Not only will this program send out emails and robocalls, but it will also utilize text messaging. Principals, teachers, advisors, and coaches will be using ParentSquare to send communications. Imagine that: All messages from the district will be through one app on your phone! No need to check Remind for one class, Heja for athletics, Seesaw for your younger child, and so on. This is exciting news!



ParentSquare will offer families other options as well, including the ability to report their child's absence via the app and the ability to add caregivers to school closing notifications.

We've targeted the middle school and spring athletic programs to pilot ParentSquare beginning in late February / early March, so those families should look for that information to come home soon. We will launch the full program district-wide in time for the 2024-2025 school year.

Great things are happening at Dansville Schools!

## School Improvement:

Our teachers continue to focus on these essential elements for the 2023-2024 school year:

- improving math proficiency
- ensuring our newest teachers are trained in best instructional and assessment practices
- supporting the “whole” Aggie through school safety initiatives, community engagement, and staff and student wellness
- increasing student proficiency in language arts through the implementation of a new elementary reading curriculum

If you would like to hear more about how we are engaging in this work, just let me know.

## Innovation in Education:

We are committed to embracing innovation in education. In the coming months, we will be looking deeply at technology integration. We have a small committee looking at current practices, studying technology standards, and helping to design a vision for technology integration moving forward. We absolutely know and understand that technology integration is not putting a device in front of students for hours everyday. At Dansville Schools, we value the importance of social interaction and hands-on opportunities while balancing the need to equip our students for an ever-changing, globally connected society. We are excited to partner with our friends at Dansville Schools Education Foundation who have devoted their past two fundraisers to financially support this endeavor.

## Looking Ahead:

I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and confident that, with our collective efforts, we will continue to embody the mission of Dansville Schools. Thank you for your unwavering support, and I am eager to see what we can accomplish together in the coming months.

Wishing you a joyful and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer".

Jennifer Wonnell, Superintendent  
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# HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

## Holiday Help:

This holiday season our students, staff, and community worked together to support 47 families with food at Thanksgiving, and gifts at Christmas. Due to the generous donations of our students, families, and community, Mrs. Nachazel and our NHS students collected, organized, and packaged a record amount of food donations this year. We also had a very successful Snag-A-Tag event where we were able to support several families for the holiday.

## Band:

It has been a great winter season for the Dansville Bands with the completion of two successful evening concerts, a concert assembly for the school, and our annual tradition of caroling through the classrooms. To kick off our 2024 band events, the high school band had 11 events representing Dansville at MSBOA District 8 Solo & Ensemble Festival, and the Aggie Jazz Band worked with MSU Jazz professors and performed at the District Jazz Festival in Mason. Looking forward to the spring season, the bands will be performing at District Concert Band Festival, Middle School Solo & Ensemble, and our Spring Band Concerts which will take place on Monday, April 29th for High School, and Monday, May 6th for Middle School. We are also excited to announce that the high school band will be taking our first overnight trip in many years to visit the U.S.S. Edson and play an evening concert on deck in mid-May. We hope to see you at our upcoming performances!

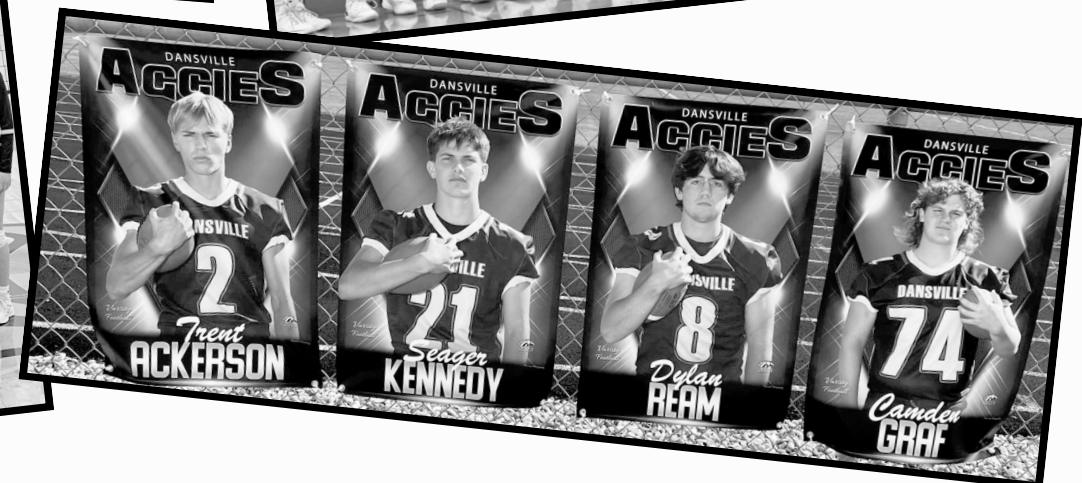


## VOLLEYBALL:

- District Champions
- CMAC All-Conference 1st Team - Christina Williams, Megan Zeitz
- CMAC All-Conference 2nd Team - Reeghan Griffith
- CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention - Anna McDaniel
- MIVCA All-Region - Christina Williams, Megan Zeitz
- MIVCA All-State 3rd Team - Christina Williams
- MIVCA All-State Honorable Mention - Megan Zeitz
- MIVCA Academic All-State TEAM
- MIVCA Academic All-State - Reeghan Griffith, Anna McDaniel, Christina Williams, Megan Zeitz
- LJS All-Area - Christina Williams, Megan Zeitz, Coach Megan Greenberg

## FOOTBALL:

- CMAC All-Conference 1st Team - Camden Graf (OL)
- CMAC All-Conference 2nd Team - Trent Ackerson (LB), Kade Bristle (WR), Camden Graf (DL)
- CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention - Trent Ackerson (QB), Dylan Ream (WR)
- LSJ All-Area - Camden Graf (OL)



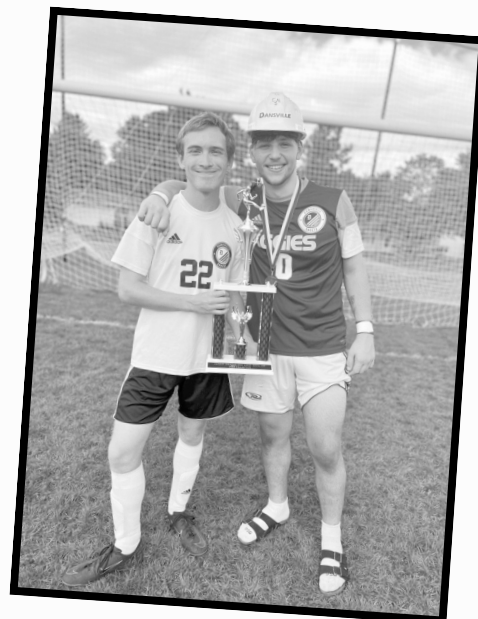


# AGGIE ATHLETICS

2023

## BOYS SOCCER:

- CMAC All-Conference 1st team - Jesse Every, Drew Frantz, Anthony Pawlowski
- CMAC All-Conference 2nd team - Elijah Neal, Gabe Schmidt, Tyler Ward
- CMAC All-Conference Honorable Mention - Max Gao, Cole Hagelberger, Ethan Jones
- MiHSSCA All-State Honorable Mention - Drew Frantz, Anthony Pawlowski
- LSJ All-Area - Jesse Every, Drew Frantz, Anthony Pawlowski



## CROSS COUNTRY:

- CMAC All-Conference
- 1st team - Theo Davis
- Team finished 3rd at Regionals and qualified for the State meet
- Theo Davis repeated as the Regional Champion
- State Qualifiers - Theo Davis, Everett Dysinger, Riley Graf, Ayden Mayr, Ethan Root, Calvin vanHartesvelt, Gavin Vidito
- Theo Davis finished 9th at the State meet
- All-State - Theo Davis
- Academic All-State - Theo Davis, Calvin vanHartesvelt, Riley Graf
- LSJ Dream Team - Theo Davis

## Drama:

Dansville High School Drama Club performed “Happily Forever After” on January 17! Students were entertained by the story of Snow White, Cinderella, and Goldilocks and their not-so-happy-happily-ever-after. It was just too happy with all the helpfulness, charm, and generosity of their adoring princes! Meanwhile, Princess Wallflower, (Halle Service), hoped to find her own happiness with the handsomest of them all, the scheming Bad Bart (Madelyn Stec). Even after being kidnapped, the princess was initially impressed by his handsomeness and agreed to marry him. Once she realized he was bad (after all, it's in his name), she began to hope a handsome prince will come to her rescue, but in an ironic twist with a nice message about not judging a book by its cover, it's Bernard the Beast (Christopher Matyas) to the rescue! Drama club cast and crew performed this hilarious show three times, one for each school, all before lunch! Bravo!



## FFA:

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, IN for a day at 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!

### Host Families Needed:

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. 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 call 517-623-6120 if you would like more information.

### SAT Prep:

This year we continued to add to our existing testing prep efforts by utilizing Dorm (Advisory) time to prepare for spring testing. We had weekly challenge problems, timed competitions, and continued our usual practice tests and sessions to help them feel more comfortable and ready for the tests they would take. We adopted Khan Academy activities for warm-ups and mini-lessons across the content areas and are encouraging students to use them when they have free time to help bolster their confidence and abilities.

### College and Career Prep:

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 then hang it in 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 has been met with each high school student for one-minute meetings. The purpose of the meetings was 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 Education Development Plans (EDPs).

## DANSVILLE ELEMENTARY UPDATE

- Students and Staff had a great time celebrating the holidays with elf mischief, class parties, visits from Auggie the Aggie, and our all-school sing along!
- 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.
- Kindergarten and Beginndergarten Round-Up will be held on February 22nd from 4:00-6:00 in the elementary school. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may have a student turning 5 by September 1 (for Kindergarten) or turning 5 before Dec. 1 (for Beginndergarten). If they are not old enough for Kindergarten or Beginndergarten, they may be eligible for our GSRP program.
- We continue to host Moms and Muffins or Dads and Donuts events monthly before school on the third Thursday of each month!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN!

