

Dear DMS students and families,

Our teachers and staff are working hard to get ready for the new year. We are excited to welcome new faces to our DMS community and look forward to catching up with those returning to us. Our school is stronger because of the support of our community, and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to support our students in their learning and extracurricular activities. We have a couple of changes coming for the 2022-2023 school year, so please read this newsletter closely to get more information about those changes and other important information. Our goal is to provide a safe and supportive school environment where our students can engage in meaningful learning and learn to **SOAR**. I know together we will have a productive and enriching 2022-2023 school year! I look forward to meeting you and working with you this academic year. Please contact our office if you have any questions or need additional information. **Go Eagles!** ~ Mrs. Primm

***PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY**

TO RECEIVE YOUR SCHEDULE BY EMAIL

The following three things must be completed:

1. **INFOSNAP: ALL students must be registered each year on InfoSnap.**

**THE CONTACT INFORMATION THAT YOU PUT IN INFOSNAP IS USED TO RECEIVE SCHOOL INFORMATION BY EMAIL, TEXT OR CALL OUT!
PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS CORRECT.**

The number and email used for this is the one you chose as **"PRIMARY"**. For your student to receive texts, see instructions pictured to the right. Any "Emergency Contacts" selected will receive texts and call outs.

InfoSnap must be completed before schedules can be sent. Your code was sent with your report card and has also been emailed. The InfoSnap link is located on our school website. www.duncanvillemiddle.tcss.net

Any documents you are asked for once InfoSnap is completed, for example, proof of residence or custody agreement, will need to be brought in or emailed to jmccaskill@tcss.net as soon as possible. Thank you.

2. **ALL REQUIRED FEES PAID (NEW PAYMENT METHOD):**

My School Bucks is the new method for paying fees online.

If you **HAVE** used My School Bucks for your student's lunch account in the past, you will sign in as usual. Once the schedules are ready, there will be invoices there that contain your student's fees for the 22-23 school year. Please do not pay for anything (except any past due fees) until we let you know schedules are ready and we are taking payments. Other items available will be visible as we work on the system, but we are asking that you wait. **We will do a call out and post online when we are ready to accept payments.**

If you **HAVE NOT** used MySchoolBucks for lunch payments before, you will need to either:

- Download the "My School Bucks – MSB Parent, USA" app on your smartphone and "sign up" or visit <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> and "SIGN UP FREE" to create an account.

Once registered, log in to your account and add your student by clicking the circle on the top right-hand corner – My Student – Add Student – Select "Duncanville Middle" from the drop-down box – add your student's first name, last name and birthdate – Find Student – ADD student – finish.

Once your student(s) have been added to your account, you will see open invoices on the home screen. Add all invoices to the cart and then be sure to check the "store" (third picture on the bottom) for any additional items available for purchase.

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3. **UPDATED IMMUNIZATION FORM**

All incoming 6th graders (age 11 and up) **MUST** have an additional TDap vaccination. Updated immunization forms can be dropped off at the school between 8am-3pm during the summer or you can scan and email them to tgray@tcss.net. If you have any questions please email our nurse, Kirsten Snead at kdsnead@tcss.net.

ONCE ALL 3 OF THE ABOVE ARE COMPLETED, YOUR SCHEDULE WILL BE EMAILED TO THE EMAIL ASSOCIATED TO YOUR "MY SCHOOL BUCKS" ACCOUNT.

SCHOOL STATUS

This is a communication method allowing teachers to communicate with parents individually. When you receive a text or call from a teacher you are able to save that number and can use it to communicate with a specific teacher all year.

Please don't "opt out" of these messages, as this is our main form of communication.

SCHEDULE PICK-UP

WE ARE OPEN – AUGUST 3rd

ALL GRADES: 2PM – 6PM

All payment types will be received at this time. Help with InfoSnap will also be provided in the library.

The same 3 requirements apply for schedule pick up on this day.

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE AT

SCHEDULE PICK-UP

PE Shirt \$12, DMS Shorts \$12
Yearbooks \$40, School T-shirts - \$20
Previous Years T-shirts \$8-\$18
**Requesting a \$10 donation for Library Books
\$10 Donation for Science labs**

For Grades 6th - 12th

You will need to add your child and their personal cell phone number as a contact on the **Contacts page** of their InfoSnap enrollment registration. Failure to include them as a contact on their enrollment will prevent District-wide notification software, i.e. school closures, communication from Coaches and other extra-curricular groups, from contacting your child directly.

Directions:

1. Add student as contact
2. For **relationship**, select **Other**.
3. Select **Yes** for **Emergency contact**.



REQUIRED FEES

General- \$50

We have a 7-period day at DMS. Your student could have 4 elective classes throughout the year. Not all electives have a fee. However, your students could have up to \$150 in fees.

Classes with \$25 fees:

Semester Electives: Art, Technology
2 Semester Electives: Band, Choral, Eagles TV, Hobbies, Photography and Weight Training

A \$25 donation is also requested for students in GATE.

NEW THIS YEAR – Standing i-Ready Assignment

All students will have access to a device and will be required to complete i-Ready assignments each week in Math and English. Students will have from Monday through Sunday night to complete the weekly assignments. There will be **NO** opportunity to “make-up” i-Ready assignments. If they fail to meet the requirement, they will receive a zero for the week.

The requirement is 30 minutes and one passed lesson in each subject.

Teachers will explain this to students in class.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

ALL GRADES

These items are for students to keep in locker
(Do not turn in to office)

Pens & Pencils/Mechanical – Constant need
(Please check need regularly)

1 - 2-inch binder (White/clear cover)
(1 for ALL classes - not each)

Paper 6th wide ruled/7th & 8th college ruled
(extra to keep in locker)

1 – 5-tab plastic dividers w/pockets - for binder

3-ring pencil pouch – for binder

Scientific Calculator TI-30/x IIS

Colored Pencils

Highlighters

Earbuds

We are also in need of the following
supply donations:

Tissues

Paper Towels

Disinfectant Wipes

Sanitary napkins

Deodorant (can be travel size)

ADDITIONAL REQUEST PER CLASS:

Science

\$10 Lab Donation

6TH Grade

Graph Paper

7TH Grade (English)

Composition Notebook

Variety Color Highlighter set

8th Grade (Math)

1.5-inch WHITE binder w/ graph paper

Band

1-inch Black binder

ALL Choral Students

1-inch Binder w/ 50 Page Protectors

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BE A PUBLIX PARTNER FOR DMS

Go to Publix.com and create an account. Then designate Duncanville Middle as your "**Publix Partner**" recipient. All you do is enter your phone number while checking out and a percentage will be given to DMS.

Thank you for your consideration.

PE ATTIRE

Students are required to have a DMS shirt & black/red bottoms.

If wearing biker shorts or leggings, shirt must meet dress code.

NEW BELL SCHEDULE

Students can be dropped off starting at 7:30am. All cars must come through the car rider line (no walking across parking lot).

First Bell rings at 7:45am

Students must be in 1st period by 7:50am

Any students dropped off after 7:50 must be checked in by an adult.

Dismissal Begins at 2:55pm

All students must be picked up by 3:15pm

STUDENT & PARENT HANDBOOK POLICIES

This will be sent home on the first day for you to sign.

It contains our county policies, including attendance, cell phones and dress code.

Students should turn in excuses to their 1st period teachers within 2 days of their absence.

After 4 unexcused check ins/check outs, disciplinary action will follow.

SNACK SHACK

We offer snack shack during 3rd period every day. Items range in price from \$.50 to \$2

We apologize, but due to higher costs we had to increase our prices from previous years.

WELCOME OUR NEW EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Candice Carlisle – 7th English
Ms. Tamara Dawson – Special Education
Ms. Jordan Kelley – Special Education
Ms. Allison Newton – 8th Science
Mr. Seth Pack – 7th Social Studies
Mrs. Christie Swinney - Librarian
Mrs. Erin Treadwell – 8th English
TBA – Special Education Teacher
TBA – 2 Para-Professional

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Bryan is getting married over the summer.

SUMMER READING

Visit the DMS website for info
www.duncanville.tcss.net

2022 – 2023

DMS Eagles Football

All games are scheduled for 6pm

08-30-22 DMS @ DEMS

09-06-22 DMS V Northside

09-13-22 DMS @ NSMS

09-20-22 DMS V ACA

09-27-22 DMS V SVMS

10-04-22 DMS @ HCMS

10-11-22 BYE WEEK

HOME GAMES ARE @ HILLCREST HS

10-19-22 Bowl Games TBD

2022 – 2023

Lady Eagles Volleyball

All games are at 4:30 unless stated

8-22-22 DMS V Tusc Acad A

8-27-22 SV Tourny @ SVHS A

8-31-22 DMS @ EWMS/GB A

9-01-22 DMS V ACA A/B

9-07-22 DMS V BWMS A/B

9-09-22 DMS @ NSMS (2:00) A/B

9-12-22 DMS @ HCMS A/B

9-14-22 DMS @ SVMS A/B

9-17-22 Tourny @ TCHS A

9-21-22 DMS V HMS A/B

9-23-22 DMS V NSMS (2:00) A/B

9-28-22 DMS @ EMS A/B

10-1-22 Tourny @ NSMS B

10-3/10-8

**City/County Tournament
A Team @ Sipsey Valley Middle**