



### **Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,**

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The start of a new school year is always a time of anticipation and possibility. As we prepare to welcome students back to Duanesburg Central School District, I am energized by the momentum we've built together and excited for all that lies ahead. Our community's spirit, dedication, and commitment to student success continue to inspire me, and I look forward to another year of learning, growth, and collaboration.

This year marks my second as Superintendent, and I am honored to continue serving this incredible community. Over the past year, I've had the privilege of building relationships with students, staff, and families, gaining a deeper appreciation for the values that make Duanesburg such a special place. Together, we have strengthened our commitment to fostering academic excellence, student well-being, and a strong sense of belonging.

I am also thrilled to welcome our new Elementary School Principal, Ms. LaBarge, to the Duanesburg family. She brings a wealth of experience, a passion for education, and a commitment to fostering a positive and engaging learning environment for our students. I know she will be a wonderful addition to our leadership team, and I encourage you to join me in giving her a warm welcome as she begins her journey with us.

As we move forward, we will continue to prioritize joy and engagement in learning, ensuring every student feels empowered to grow and succeed. Key initiatives this year include expanding our UPK and Kindergarten classrooms to provide more students with access to early learning opportunities, enhancing communication strategies to strengthen connections with families, and launching new student leadership opportunities like the Superintendent's Advisory Team.

Our dedicated educators and staff remain steadfast in their commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment for all students. We value open communication and collaboration, and we encourage you to stay connected through our district website, newsletters, and school events. Your partnership is vital to our shared success.

I am deeply grateful for your continued support and trust. Let's make this year one of learning, growth, and community—together!

Looking forward to another fantastic year ahead.

Warmest Regards,

Kimberly Ross, *Superintendent of Schools* #EaglePride





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# **SEPTEMBER** 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	2 Staff Return: Superintendent's Conference Day	<b>3</b> Staff Only: Superintendent's Conference Day UPK & K Family/Student Orientation	4 Students' First Day (PK-12)	5	6
7	8	9 DCS Hall of Fame Induction Meet & Greet with Inductees 5:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall) Induction Ceremony (beginning of BOE meeting) 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	<b>17</b> Picture Day (Grades 6-12)	<b>18</b> Picture Day (Grades 6-12) Back to School Night (Grades 6-12) 6:30 - 8 p.m.	<b>19</b> DES Picture Day	20
21	22	23	24	<b>25</b> DES Open House (PK-5) 6:30 p.m.	26	27
28	29	30			August 2025       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       3     4     5     6     7     8     9       10     11     12     13     14     15     16       17     18     19     20     21     22     23       24     25     26     27     28     29     30       31	October     2025       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     4       5     6     7     8     9     10     11       12     13     14     15     16     17     18       19     20     21     22     23     24     25       26     27     28     29     30     31









# **OCTOBER** 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 2025       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     4     5     6       7     8     9     10     11     12     13       14     15     16     17     18     19     20       21     22     23     24     25     26     27       28     29     30	November 2025       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       2     3     4     5     6     7     8       9     10     11     12     13     14     15       16     17     18     19     20     21     22       23     24     25     26     27     28     29       30		1	2	3	4
5	6	<b>7</b> Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)	8	9	<b>10</b> Emergency Early Release Drill (release staff & students 15 minutes early) 5 Week Interim Report (Grades 6-12)	11
12	13 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	14	15	16	<b>17</b> Picture Retake Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 DES 1st Trimester Progress Report	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	







# NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October     2025       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     4       5     6     7     8     9     10     11       12     13     14     15     16     17     18       19     20     21     22     23     24     25       26     27     28     29     30     31	December     V     T     F     S       1     2     3     4     5     6       7     8     9     10     11     12     13       14     15     16     17     18     19     20       21     22     23     24     25     26     27       28     29     30     31					1
2	3	<b>4</b> Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)	<b>5</b> Fall Sports Awards 6:30 p.m.	6	<b>7</b> DES Veterans Day Assembly	8
9	10 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL	12	<b>13</b> Parent Conferences Half Day for PK-12 Students (Dismissal: JrSr. HS @ 11:15 a.m., DES @ 11:30 a.m.)	<b>14</b> 1st Quarter Report Cards (Grades 6-12)	15
16	17	18	29	<b>20</b> Parent Conferences Half Day for PK-12 Students (Dismissal: JrSr. HS @ 11:15 a.m., DES @ 11:30 a.m.)	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30			NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	









# **DECEMBER** 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	DES Book Fair	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall) DES Book Fair	DES Book Fair	DES Book Fair	DES 1st Trimester Report Card DES Book Fair	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	<b>19</b> DES Holiday Sing Along 15 Week Interim Report (Grades 6-12)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Winter Recess	Winter Recess	Christmas	Winter Recess	Winter Recess	
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
28	29	30	31		November 2025	<b>January</b> 2026
	Winter Recess	Winter Recess	Winter Recess		<b>S M T W T F S</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3       4     5     6     7     8     9     10
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL		9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
					23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	25 26 27 28 29 30 31





# **JANUARY** 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 2025	February 2026			1	2	3
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14			New Year's Day	Winter Recess	
14     15     16     17     18     19     20       21     22     23     24     25     26     27       28     29     30     31	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28			NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	<b>20</b> Regents Exams	<b>21</b> Regents Exams	<b>22</b> Regents Exams	<b>23</b> Regents Exams	24
25	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b> DES 2nd Trimester Progress Reports 2nd Quarter Report Cards	31
					(Grades 6-12)	





# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Board of Education Meeting & Budget Workshop 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)	<b>4</b> Parent Conferences Half Day for PK-12 Students (Dismissal: JrSr. HS @ 11:15 a.m., DES @ 11:30 a.m.)	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 President's Day	17 Lunar New Year	18 February Recess	19 February Recess	20 February Recess	21
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Jaruary 2026       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     1     2     3       4     5     6     7     8     9     10       11     12     13     14     15     16     17       18     19     20     21     22     23     24       25     26     27     28     29     30     31	March 2026       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     4     5     6     7       8     9     10     11     12     13     14       15     16     17     18     19     20     21       22     23     24     25     26     27     28       29     30     31











# **MARCH** 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)			25 Week Interim Report (Grades 6-12)	
8	9	10	<b>11</b> Winter Sports Awards 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	19	20	<b>21</b> DES 2nd Trimester Report Card
22	23	24 Board of Education Meeting & Budget Workshop 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)	25	26	27	28
29	30	31			February 2026       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     4     5     6     7       8     9     10     11     12     13     14       15     16     17     18     19     20     21       22     23     24     25     26     27     28	April     2026       S     M     T     W     T     F     S       1     2     3     4       5     6     7     8     9     10     11       12     13     14     15     16     17     18       19     20     21     22     23     24     25       26     27     28     29     30





# **APRIL** 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 2026	May 2026		1	2	3	4
<b>S M T W T F S</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	<b>S M T W T F S</b> 1 2				Good Friday	
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	3     4     5     6     7     8     9       10     11     12     13     14     15     16				NO SCHOOL	
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	17     18     19     20     21     22     23       24     25     26     27     28     29     30       31					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		NYS ELA Test (Grades 6-8)				
		Board of Education Meeting & Budget Workshop 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)	NYS ELA Test (Grades 6-8)		3rd Quarter Report Cards (Grades 6-12)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
		NYS Math Test (Grades 6-8)	NYS Math Test (Grades 6-8) Board of Education Meeting & BOCES Administrative Budget/ Board Member Election 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)			











# **MAY** 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 2026 SMTWTFS	June 2026 SMTWTFS				1	2
1 2 3 4   5 6 7 8 9 10 11   12 13 14 15 16 17 18   19 20 21 22 23 24 25   26 27 28 29 30	1 2 3 4 5 6   7 8 9 10 11 12 13   14 15 16 17 18 19 20   21 22 23 24 25 26 27   28 29 30					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Board of Education Meeting & Public Budget Hearing 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)			DES 3rd Trimester Progress Report	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		DCPTA's "Meet the Candidates" Night 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)		National Honor Society Inductions (Joe Bena Hall)	35 Week Interim Report (Grades 6-12)	Prom
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Budget Vote & BOE Election 1-9 p.m.	Junior-Senior Awards 6:30 p.m.			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day			Elementary Team Day		
31	NO SCHOOL			Lementary ream Day		







# **JUNE** 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Spring Sports Awards 6:30 p.m.			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Regents Exams Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Joe Bena Hall)	Regents Exams		DES School Flag Day Celebration	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Scholar-Athlete Varsity Banquet 6:30 p.m.	Regents Exams	Juneteenth NO SCHOOL	Regents Exams	
21	22	23	24	25	<b>26</b> 4th Quarter Report Cards	27
	Regents Exams	Regents Exams	Regents Exams DES Half Day	Regents Exams DES Half Day (last day of classes for elementary)	(Grades 6-12) DES 3rd Trimester Report Card Graduation 4 p.m.	
28	29	30			May 2026 SMTWTFS	July 2026 S M T W T F S
					3   M   1   V   1   2     3   4   5   6   7   8   9     10   11   12   13   14   15   16     17   18   19   20   21   22   23     24   25   26   27   28   29   30     31   31   31   31   31   31   31   31	1 1 1 1 3   1 2 3 4   5 6 7 8 9 10 11   12 13 14 15 16 17 18   19 20 21 22 23 24 25   26 27 28 29 30 31



This printed calendar is designed to be a valuable planning tool for families, but changes to dates and events throughout the year are inevitable. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the district calendar, which can be found on the homepage of the district website (https://www.duanesburg.org/).

### FOLLOW THE DISTRICT:

- https://www.duanesburg.org/

- Duanesburg Central School District
- DCS Eagles

### **COMMUNICATION - PARENTSQUARE:**

### ParentSquare

### ParentSquare is the official platform used by the district to communicate information to families.

Families, caregivers, staff, and students will first be notified of any school delays, closings, or emergencies on ParentSquare.

ParentSquare is also used to relay important information like monthly menus, community events, school news and updates from building leaders.

Teachers and families can communicate directly, with the ability to send private messages back and forth.

Users can choose to receive notifications by text, email or through notifications on the mobile app (available for free download in both the Google and Apple stores).

Users can choose to receive notifications in "real time," or choose a daily "digest" to receive all notifications from the day in one message each evening. Emergency notifications will override the "digest" setting so that important information is not delayed.

ParentSquare automatically syncs caregiver contact information as it is listed in SchoolTool. This is why it is imperative that your emergency contact information on file at the school is up-to-date and current. If you need to update your contact information, contact the DCS Registrar Joanne Boyd at (518) 895-2580 ext. 243 or by email at jboyd@duanesburg.org.

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### IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY:

Parents and guardians will be alerted via ParentSquare when their child's school is managing an incident.

If parent action is needed, ParentSquare robocalls, texts, and emails with detailed information will be sent to all primary and emergency contact phone numbers and email addresses on file.

Wait for instructions and do not rush to a site. It is important that roadways and school grounds remain clear for first responders, and that phone lines stay clear for communication with emergency personnel.

Please note that students will not be released to caregivers while the district is managing an incident (shelter in place, lock down, etc). Families should wait for instructions from the district through ParentSquare.

### DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN?

Make sure your family has a plan, in the event of an unexpected early dismissal or other emergency. Be sure that you have an alternate childcare provider in place and listed as an emergency contact in your child's record. Students may only be released to a parent or emergency contact designated for student release. Photo identification is required.

### **TRANSPORTATION - BUSRIGHT APP:**

The district is now using a new bus routing management system called BusRight, which replaces the StopFinder app. BusRight provides families with real time GPS and transportation updates to let you know where your child's bus is at all times. Families can utilize the new app by downloading it to their smartphone. The app is available for free for both androids and Apple phones.



As always, we encourage you to call the Transportation Department if you have any questions or concerns:

### **Duanesburg Transportation Department**

9225 Duanesburg Road Delanson, NY 12053 518-895-2511 Fax: (518) 895-2018 Transportation Clerk Tina Cieszynski tcieszynski@duanesburg.org Head Bus Driver Tammy Bradt tbradt@duanesburg.org 25





### FOOD SERVICE - LINQ CONNECT / CEP DESIGNATION:

The Food Services department at Duanesburg Central School District uses the LINQ

Connect platform. Daily menus are listed on the LINQ Connect platform and are easily accessible from the "Quick Links" section on the homepage of the DCS website.



LINQ Connect allows you to set up one-time or recurring payments for your student's meals. You can also view previous transactions, set spending limits, transfer funds between students, set low-balance notifications, and more. It's an easy way to manage meal payments without the hassle of sending cash.

If you have any difficulties accessing your LINQ account, please contact LINQ support at support@linqconnect.com. Download and log in to the "LINQ Connect" app – available on Google Play or in the Apple Store – or visit https://linqconnect.com/ to get your account started.





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### DCS students in PK-12 receive FREE breakfast and lunch at school for 2025-2026

The Duanesburg Central School District qualified for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which means that ALL students in grades PK-12 will receive FREE breakfast and lunch meals at school for the 2025-26 school year. The district received this designation based on different factors that revealed the need for financial assistance for district families.

The CEP provision does NOT cover the costs of any additional a la carte items (milk, yogurt, ice cream, cookies, etc.) or additional entrees that your student may want to purchase in the cafeteria. Students can either pay for these items in cash, or pay through a digital Linq Connect account, which must have a positive account balance in order to use it.

No application is required for your student(s) to receive free meals at school this year.

However, in order for our district and our families to continue to be eligible for free school meals, ALL FAMILIES should complete a Household Income Eligibility Form (HHIE) on the Linq Connect platform:



The data gathered from this form can qualify students for additional benefits and allows the district to receive additional state and federal funding. The online form only requires an income range and is strictly confidential.

### For questions about CEP or the HHIE form, please contact:

Susan Frank Shared Food Service Program Specialist Capital Region BOCES 900 Watervliet-Shaker Road Albany, NY 12205 (518) 464-5133

If you have questions about Food Services at DCS, please contact the district's Food Services Director:

Daniel Sala Capital Region BOCES dsala@duanesburg.org (518) 895-3000 ext. 228



## **Board of Education Members** (2025-2026 school year)

Toni Amorosi (Term expires 6/30/26)

Alyssa Craig (Term expires 6/30/26)

Melissa Them Peterson (Term expires 6/30/27)

Francis Spor (Term expires 6/30/27)

Raye MacTiernan (Term expires 6/30/27)

Sarah Gwiazdowski (Term expires 6/30/28)

Michael Bailey (Term expires 6/30/28)



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### **CURRENT RESIDENT**