

# The Middle Zone

News From DMS - August / September 2024

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Welcome to the 2024-25 school year. As we embark on another exciting school year, we wanted to share some information with all of you so we can start the school year off in a positive way which allows ALL students to be successful. We have had some late changes this year

## **Bussing Changes This School Year**

**Drop Off-** For drop off in the morning this year we are going to take a similar approach to that which we have taken at the end of the day. All vehicles (buses and Student dropoff vehicles) will use the first lane nearest the building. You will pull up all the way to the end of the line by the baseball diamond and we will mass drop off students this year so drop off vehicles will not be backed up, restricting the flow of traffic. This way multiple students can be dropped off at once compared to one or two carloads at a time. It is important that buses and cars alike pull up to the very end of the drop off line.

**Pick up-** Any vehicles that are picking up students should not line up until 3:18. Blocking of traffic by turning left will no longer be permitted. The only waiting cars on the road should be pulled over on the right hand side, and should only be turning right into our parking lot so we don't block any flow of traffic.

## **Schedule**

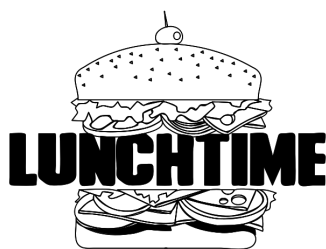
The big changes this year are for 6th-8th grade students who will have alternating A/B days this school year. They will have 40 or 80 minutes of instruction those days for Math and ELA Instruction. The total will average 60 minutes of ELA and Math instruction which is the same as last year with a different scheduling approach.

We also have a dedicated intervention block for all students. This time will be used to reteach essential standards that students haven't grasped yet or will be used to extend student learning if they have..

## **Open House**

Open house is a great opportunity to visit your children's classroom, put things in their lockers, meet their teachers for the school year, and orient themselves to room changes that have occurred for teachers over the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone again and getting the 2024-25 school year started out on the right foot.





## DMS OPEN HOUSE

**DMS Open House will be on Thursday, August 29th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Students and parents are encouraged to come in and meet the DMS teachers. Students may also bring supplies at this time to place in their lockers.

## SCHOOL FEES

It's that time of year again! The fees for students at DMS are:

- \$25.00 - Registration Fee \*
- \$35.00 - Chrome Care Insurance \* **must be paid by 9/30/24**
- \$50.00 - Instrumental Rental or Percussion \*
- \$30.00 - Athletic Fee (interscholastic sports, per sport) \*

Fees can be paid in the DMS office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or the money can be sent with your child once school starts or online payment options via Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

\* Waiver considerations are available to those that qualify, "Sharing of Information" document must be completed within the Free and Reduced Application and submitted to the food service director. If you qualified automatically for Free and Reduced program, the form can be obtained from the office

## DMS LUNCH

DMS students who take advantage of our hot lunch program have a choice of daily entre, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, or the ever popular prepared salad. Students will need to indicate their choice to their 1st period teacher so enough food can be ordered. It's always good to have a choice for lunch!

## BREAKFAST

### Regular:

Daily \$2.25

### Reduced:

Daily .30

## LUNCH

### Regular:

Monthly \$64.60

Weekly 17.00

Daily 3.40

### Reduced:

Monthly \$7.60

Weekly 2.00

Daily .40

### Milk:

Weekly \$2.50

Daily .50

## OUR WORKING HOURS

DMS classes will be in session each day from 7:50 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Our teachers are available to work with students in their classrooms before school, beginning at 7:30 a.m., and at the end of the day until 3:45 p.m. Students are encouraged to be in the classroom at the 7:50 a.m. warning bell.

## SMILE!

Picture will be on **Friday, September 6th.**

Mark this date on your calendar and remember to smile!

Retakes will be on **Thursday, October 3rd.**



## **DMS Updates School Start & End Times:**

- Doors open at 7:30am
- Breakfast will be served from 7:30am to 7:50am
- Students should be in Advisory by 7:50am
- Buses will be loaded at 3:15 p.m.
- Dismissal starts at 3:20pm for walkers and riders

## MORNING DROP OFF

Please follow these guidelines.

1. All vehicles (buses and Student dropoff vehicles) will use the first lane nearest the building.
2. Pull up all the way to the end of the line by the baseball diamond. This way multiple students can be dropped off at once compared to one or two carloads at a time.
3. Please park in the lot if you will be stopping for any length of time.



## AFTERNOON PICK-UP

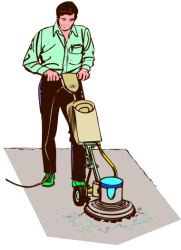
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## ABSENT or LEAVING EARLY

Parents - please remember to call the DMS office (608)935-3307 option 3 to let them know if your child is sick, has an appointment, or will be out of school for any reason, students may also bring a note to the office. Parents may also utilize the Contact Us link on the district website. If you bring a doctor's note following an appointment, your child's absence will be exempt. If you have any questions, please contact the DMS office staff.





### **THANKS, THANKS, AND MORE THANKS**

Desks have been moved, furniture cleaned, floors have been polished and waxed - we're ready for another school year!!

## **A BIG THANK YOU**

to Mrs. Forbes, Mr. Pittz, and Mr. Zauner, DMS custodians, who have worked hard to get our building ready. DMS looks great!!



**Reminder...Cell phone use at DMS is not permitted during the school day. Parents may call the office for messages for your student. Students may also use the office phone during the school day.**



# **DMS SPORTS**

### **INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS AT DMS!**

- ★ Cross Country - Grades 6th - 8th
- ★ Football - Grades 7th & 8th
- ★ Volleyball - Grades 7th & 8th
- ★ Boys' Basketball - Grades 7th & 8th
- ★ Girls' Basketball - Grades 7th & 8th
- ★ Wrestling - Grades 6th - 8th
- ★ Track - Grades 6th - 8th

### **DMS FALL SPORTS SIGN-UP**

Please contact the school office to have your student add to the participation list for Cross Country, Football or Volleyball.

### **TRAP SHOOTING TEAM**

The Dodgeville Trap Shooting Team is open to 6th-12th graders. Information packets are available at either the middle school or high school office.

## ATTENTION ATHLETES – GET READY TO PLAY!

Please see the list above for what grade levels are eligible to participate in the DMS interscholastic sports programs. If you are interested in being part of one of our athletic teams this year, you **must take care of the following items:**

- WIAA physical **or** alternate year card. You can pick up the required card at the DMS office; many clinics have these forms.
- Athletic Code Sheet and Concussion Agreement completed and signed.
- Upland Hills Hospital Consent to Treat.
- \$30.00 Sport Fee to participate, payable to the DMS office at the start of each sport.

**Students interested in participating in fall sports need to make sure these obligations are taken care of before practice begins. Feel free to stop in the office when you are in the area to get the necessary forms.**

### Practice Start Dates:

- Cross Country Practice Begins on August, 26th
- Football Practice Begins on August 19th
- Volleyball Practice Begins on August, 26th



## CROSS COUNTRY 2024

Subject to Change



Date	Opponent	Home / Away		Dismissal	Start Time
Saturday, Sept. 14	River Valley Invite	Away		9:00 a.m. (bus)	11:30 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Boscobel Invite	Away		5:15 p.m. (bus)	7:15 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23	Prairie du Chien Invite	Away		2:05 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Dodgeville Invite	Home		***	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Lancaster Invite	Away		2:40 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Monroe Invite	Away		2:10 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 5	Platteville Invite	Away		7:40 a.m. (bus)	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12	Albany Invite	Away		TBA	11:20 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Cuba City Invite	Away		2:35 p.m. (bus)	4:30 p.m.



**FOOTBALL 2024**  
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Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Dismissal Time	Start Time
Thursday, Sept. 5	Prairie du Chien	Home	***	7th 4:30 p.m. 8th 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	River Valley	Home	***	7th 4:30 p.m. 8th 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Viroqua	Away	2:50 p.m.	1 - 7th & 8th game @ 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Richland Center	Away	2:50 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Westby	Home	***	7th 4:30 p.m. 8th 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Platteville	Away	3:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct 17	Darlington	Home	***	7th 4:30 p.m. 8th 5:30 p.m.



**VOLLEYBALL 2024**  
**Subject to change**





Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Dismissal Time	Start Time
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Darlington	Away	2:35 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Lancaster	Home	***	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 14	Mineral Point	Away	2:55 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Iowa-Grant	Home	***	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Platteville	Away	2:40 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Iowa-Grant	Away	2:40 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1	Cuba City	Home	***	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	River Valley	Away	2:40 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	River Valley	Home	***	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Mineral Point	Home	***	4:00 p.m.

# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 DMS Football Practice Begins	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 DMS Volleyball & Cross Country Practice Begins	27	28	29 DMS Open House 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	30	31

# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 No School Labor Day 	3 First Day of School	4	5	6 Picture Day 	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Professional Development  No School	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



# September



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2. Labor Day	3. Personal Cheese Pizza Romaine Seasoned Carrots Peaches Sidekicks	4. Chicken Nugget Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn Mixed Fruit Whole Grain Roll	5. Walking Taco Tater Tots Refried Beans Diced Tomatoes Shredded Lettuce Applesauce WG Chips	6. Orange Chicken Seasoned Rice Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Orange Fortune Cookie WG Roll
9. Mozzarella Dippers Marinara Sauce Potato Wedge Romaine Salad Pears	10. Chicken Alfredo Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Peaches WG Breadstick	11. Chicken Strips Seasoned Rice Steamed Broccoli Mixed Fruit WG Dinner Roll	12. Hot Dog Potato Wedges Baked Beans Pickle-Onion Applesauce WG Bun	13. <b>*NEW MENU*</b> Pork Ramen noodles Diced carrots Peas Pineapple Fortune cookie Dinner Roll
16. Pizza Hut Romaine Salad Seasoned Carrots Pears Sidekicks	17. Spaghetti Romaine Salad Baby Carrots Peaches WG Garlic Bread	18. Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Buttery Corn Mixed Fruit WG Dinner Roll	19. Teriyaki Chicken Seasoned Rice Steamed Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie WG Roll	20. Cheese Omelet French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Applesauce Juice
23. No School PD day Dodger care Head Start	24. Italian Pasta Bake Lettuce Salad Green Beans Peaches Garlic Bread	25. Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn Mixed Fruit WG Bun	26. Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Bake Beans Pears WG Roll	27. Hamburger w/cheese French Fries Sliced Tomatoes Pickles Applesauce Whole Grain Bun
30. Pizza Hut Romaine Salad Seasoned Carrots Pears Sidekicks	<u>Choice of Milk</u> 1% White Fat Free Chocolate	WG - Whole Grain  Menu subject to change without notice.	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Entrée Choice</u> Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Required $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit or vegetable daily	This institution is an equal opportunity provider.