



Year in Review 2020-2021

It certainly has been a unique year for us all at Danville Community School Corporation! Despite the challenges we faced with the pandemic, our students, staff and families have shown that we can do anything when we work together. Just like everything else, our Year in Review looks a little different for the 2020-2021 school year. We are incredibly proud of the hurdles we overcame this year. Danville Warriors are in this together!

- All Danville Schools opened for in-person learning in August 2020! Throughout the summer before school began, a large group of administrators, teachers and support staff formed a committee and got to work creating a viable plan for our schools. Their work culminated in 50 pages of planning guides for our families.
- The DCSC Online program was formed to offer a virtual learning option for our families. About 9 percent of our student population began the school year online. As the year progressed, more students returned to in-person.
- DCSC became fully 1:1 this school year, meaning all students now have their own Chromebook to take home.
- Thanks to grant funding, all of our teachers were given cameras to make remote learning more efficient.
- The DCSC Police Department was established in the summer of 2020. Current School Resource Officer (SRO) Matthew Oliphant was appointed as the DCSCPD Chief of Police and SRO Robby Carter joined our team in 2021.
- We hosted our first Chicken & Noodles Fundraiser in October 2020. We were blown away by the show of support! Over 850 servings were purchased, raising over \$3,000 for the John Doe meal account to help students in need.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved a nationwide waiver for the School Nutrition Program allowing us to provide free breakfast and lunch meals for all Danville Community School Corporation students in 2020-2021.
- Our PACE before and after school program successfully opened in the summer of 2020 despite the pandemic. This helped us tremendously when it came to preparing for the 2020-2021 school year!

- The Little Warrior Learning Center Preschool continues to grow! Preschoolers that continue into kindergarten at North Elementary are transitioning smoothly thanks to the collaboration of the LWLC and North teams.
- Our maintenance and housekeeping teams have been vital in keeping our schools safe and open. From the installation of safety materials to the implementation of deep cleaning procedures, they worked extra hard this year.
- The National School Public Relations Association recognized DCSC Communications Coordinator Mrs. Brellenthin in the 35 Under 35 program. The award is given to emerging leaders across the country who are making a difference in school public relations. Mrs. Brellenthin was Indiana's only honoree for the 35 Under 35 Class of 2020-21.
- Renovations began at North Elementary in December 2020. The project's scope includes window replacement, LED lighting, ceiling grids, carpet, wall coverings, and mechanical systems upgrades, among other items. Importantly, the project will also include the installation of a secure vestibule to provide safe building entry and the addition of a multipurpose room to be used for childcare, group instruction, cafeteria overflow, and staff training. Renovations are scheduled to be completed in late 2021.
- During the College Football National Championship game, North art teacher Miss Pourcho was recognized as the Indiana Teacher of the Year along with other State Teachers of the Year representing playoff teams.
- South Elementary students have hearts of gold! This year, they participated in a food drive for the local food pantry, the Reuse a Shoe - Recycle Heart & Sole program, and the Kids Caring and Sharing for Riley Children's Hospital project.
- We said goodbye to a dear friend and colleague this year when third grade teacher Mrs. Russell ended her battle with cancer. She will be remembered through hundreds of books donated in her name to the South library and in the tree planted outside her classroom window.
- DCMS agriculture teacher Miss Crosby received the Hendricks County Soil and Water Conservation District's Donald Lawson Conservation Educator of the Year award.
- Our DCMS athletes had a great year! The 7th grade volleyball team had an undefeated season and were Hendricks County Champions. The 7th grade football team had an undefeated season. Our girls' and boys' cross-country teams were Sagamore Conference Champions and the girls' and boys' reserve teams were Cascade Jon Mitchell Champions. The girls' cross-country team was also named Cascade Jon Mitchell Invitational Champions. Our 8th grade boys' basketball team was named Cascade Holiday Shootout Champions.
- DCHS band students participated in Solo and Ensemble competitions, earning Gold in 13 separate events! The DCHS band also earned a Gold Rating at the Virtual ISSMA Organizational Festival.
- The Indiana Association of School Principals named DCHS Juniors Cassandra Dayharsh, Alec Means, Eli Phillips and Justine Vandenberg to their Rising Stars of Indiana Class of 2022 to honor their academic achievements.

- DCHS Mrs. Day and Mrs. Jackson were both awarded Hendricks County Farm Bureau STEM in Agriculture Grants. The grant provides a \$250 personal award stipend paid directly to the teacher along with a \$500 grant paid to the school for the teacher to use to cover the cost of equipment, resources, curriculum or training to continue to promote agriculture in the teacher's curriculum.
- DCHS students in Mr. Neilson's government class hosted another successful Meet the Candidates Night. This year, our five school board candidates were featured.
- This year, our DCHS FFA students worked to make 100 Thanksgiving food boxes for families in our community. Their annual food drive collected 861 food items and raised \$576.41! Combined with the food drive collection from our DCMS FFA students, our Warriors collected 1,532 food items and raised \$1,366 to purchase turkeys and additional food items. We also had generous donations from the Danville American Legion and the Hendricks County Farm Bureau.
- The DCHS Academic Super Bowl team and our DCHS Business Professionals of America students all performed well in their competitions this year.
- Despite the pandemic, our FFA students competed in multiple competitions throughout the year, regularly bringing home top honors.
- Our DCHS athletes rocked it this year! The DCHS football team racked up sectional champs, regional champs, semi-state champs and state finalist status. The boys' swimming team was named sectional runner-up at the state competition. Holden Higbie was named the sectional champion in diving and is a sectional record breaker in diving. Max Warner was named the sectional champion in the 100 freestyle and is a state qualifier in the 100 freestyle. Chase Burke, Luke Phillips, Max Warner and Hunter Eisele were all record breakers in the 200 medley relay. Boys' cross-country Alec Means became an individual conference champ, individual county champ and a semi-state qualifier. For girls' cross-country, Izzy Flick became a semi-state qualifier.