

March 2025

School Talk – March 2025

As winter activities come to a close, I want to thank all our student-athletes, coaches, and supporters for their dedication this season. Your hard work and commitment make our school and community proud. A special congratulations to Braxton Lange and Aiden Burns who represented Caledonia-Houston in the state Wrestling tournament. Aiden had an outstanding performance at the state wrestling tournament, where he earned a 5th place finish at 114 pounds. We had two Knowledge Bowl teams compete at the Regional Tournament on March 4th. One team qualified for state and will be competing in Brainerd in April. Congratulations Knowledge Bowl. I also want to acknowledge Gymnastics, One Act Play, Jazz Band, FFA, BPA and many year round activities such as student council, yearbook, and Robotics who are just getting started with their competitions. We have so many students who represent our communities well in academic and athletic competitions. We are proud of all representatives, coaches and advisors.

Best of luck to our boys and girls basketball teams as they continue tournament play. Your determination and teamwork have brought you this far, and we look forward to seeing you compete at the highest level. The girls won the Section 1AA tournament on 3/6/2024 and earned a trip to the State Tournament. Congratulations and Good Luck!

As we transition to spring, students are preparing for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs). These tests are an important measure of student learning and growth. To perform their best, students should get plenty of rest, eat well-balanced meals, and stay focused in the classroom. Parents and guardians can help by encouraging good study habits and maintaining a consistent routine at home.

Summer Food Service Announcement:

While summer seems to be a long way off, I wanted to take a moment and remind everyone that Caledonia Public Schools no longer qualifies for the Summer Food Service Program. In past years, students have been able to receive free meals in the summer months. That will not be the case this summer. I just wanted to make sure that people are not counting on this in the summer of 2025.

Thank you for your continued support of Caledonia Schools. Together, we create a strong foundation for our students' success.

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