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## Greetings!

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## Fees for Optional Intersession & Extra Curricular May be Delayed Until 1st Day of Activity

Are you interested in signing your child(ren) up for the Optional Intersession or Extra Curricular Session 3 but need to delay payment a bit? Please sign up by the deadlines indicated below and write on the form that payment will be sent by the first day of the activity.

	<b>Deadline to Sign-Up</b>	<b>Deadline to Pay Fees</b>
Optional Intersession	12/11/15	1/5/16
Extra-Curricular Session 3	12/18/15	1/11/16

All questions and inquiries about Intersession and Extra Curricular Activities can be directed to [Holly Fischer](#).

*If this Intersession is a financial burden for your family and you would like to discuss scholarship availability, please contact [Terry Moffatt](#).*

## School Links

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## Important Dates

12/14 Curriculum/Tech  
Com, 4:00 pm

12/14 Finance Com,  
6:00 pm

12/21 - 1/4 Winter Break  
No School

1/1 - 1/31 Open  
Application Period

1/5 - 1/8 Optional  
Intersession

1/11 HR/Comp Com, 4:30  
pm

1/11 School Dev Com,  
5:30 pm

1/13 Policy Com,  
3:30 pm

## Lunch Program

Current Lunch prices -

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## Optional Intersession 1/5-1/8

January 5th-8th is our Optional Intersession week. Teachers will be offering a variety of classes that highlight our arts and science pillar. Forms, videos and more information can be found [here](#)

**The DEADLINE for parents to turn in Registration Forms is FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.** Because of the winter break and the difficulty of making changes to plans during this time, NO EXCEPTIONS will be made to this deadline. **Remember, if you don't sign your child(ren) up for a class, they will not have school the week of January 4-8.**

All questions and inquiries about Intersession can be directed to [Holly Fischer](#).

*If this Intersession is a financial burden for your family and you would like to discuss scholarship availability, please contact [Terry Moffatt](#). Or, if you would like to defer payment until January 5th, please write that on your registration form.*

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## Extra Curricular Activities - Session 3

Extra Curricular Activities, session 3, starts on January 11. Print the attached [class descriptions](#) and [sign up form](#), or they can also be found at the front desk.

All questions and inquiries about Intersession can be directed to [Holly Fischer](#).

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including milk

Hot or Alt. Lunch:

- Full Pay = \$3.50;
- Free/Reduced = \$0.00

Vegetarian Lunch:

- Full-pay = \$4.50;
- Reduced-price = \$0.40;
- Free = \$0.00

A La Carte Items -  
charged to ALL  
students:

- Milk-only = \$0.50;
- Pre-Ordered  
Extra slice of  
pizza = \$1.50,
- Emergency  
meals = \$3.50
- Extra Entree  
(Grade 6-8 only)  
= \$1.50

Go [here](#) to apply for free  
or reduced-price meals.

**The deadline to sign up for session 3 is Friday, December 18.**

*However, if you would like to defer payment for your selected activity until January 11th, please write that on your registration form.*

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## View Lunch Transactions and Make Payments Online!

Starting immediately, you are now able to view lunch transactions, set payment reminders and fund your students' food service account using a credit card or ACH check transfers with [SchoolPaymentPortal.com](https://SchoolPaymentPortal.com)!

**Associated fees** - Parents/guardians choosing to use this service will pay a small transaction fee for each deposit made into their child's food service account using either a credit card or a bank account transfer. Those parents/guardians who do not wish to incur additional fees may continue to fund their children's meal account by delivering a check or cash to the school office.

- Credit Card Payments (Visa, MasterCard, Discover only) - 2.3% + \$1.00 per transaction
- ACH Payments (Transfer directly from your bank account) - \$1.00 per transaction

Example - Parent/Guardian deposits \$50

- Credit Card Payment: The parent/guardian would be charged the \$50 that is deposited to the school bank account as well as a \$2.15 convenience fee (\$1.15 + \$1.00) paid to the online processor to cover related expenses; total transaction of \$52.15 is charged to their credit card.
- ACH Payment: The parent would be charged the \$50 that is deposited to the school bank account as well as a \$1.00 convenience fee paid to the online processor to cover related expenses; total transaction of \$51.00 is charged to their bank account.

You can process online deposits for multiple students with one transaction thereby reducing your transaction fees.

At this time, online processing is only available for deposits related to the school nutrition program (breakfast and lunch payments).

We anticipate, however, that we will begin accepting activity fees before the end of this school year.

**For step by step directions** on setting

up your SchoolPaymentPortal.com account, please review the attached [handout](#).

If you have any questions about this or the school nutrition program, please contact [Lee Swearingen](#).

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## Pilot Breakfast Program Starting January 11

([Lee Swearingen](#))

DaVinci Academy will be pilot testing a cold breakfast option starting January 11. Please read below for program details:

- Parents will be required to pre-order a meal for their child in the same manner as lunch. **You will receive one email order link for breakfast and a separate email order link for lunch.**
- If you do not want to receive the breakfast order link, you can asked to be removed from the email list.
- If you previously removed your email for lunch ordering, but you would like to order breakfast, you must email [Lee Swearingen](#) to be added to the breakfast email list.
- Only students who have pre-ordered the breakfast meal will receive the breakfast meal. Emergency breakfast meals will **NOT** be available.
- Students will pick up and eat breakfast in their homerooms sometime before 9:00 a.m.
- The pilot program will be run from January 11 to February 29. At the end of February, the program will be evaluated based on participation and cost. It will be decided at that time if the price needs to be adjusted or if the program has enough participation to continue.

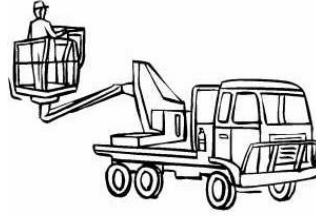
Breakfast pricing is as follows

Student Type	Breakfast Price
Kindergarten students	\$0.00
Students approved for Free or Reduced price meals	\$0.00
All other students	\$1.75

The January breakfast order email will be sent out before December 18. If you have any questions about the school nutrition program, please contact [Lee Swearingen](#).

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## Cherry Picker Needed



Do you have access to a cherry picker? The lights above our school sign are burned out and now that it is dark in the morning the lights are really needed. If you could help us for a quick job it would be much appreciated. Please contact [Holly Fischer](#).

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## Enrollment for the 2016-2017 School Year

Our Open Application Period for new students is coming up soon. Please note: current students do not need to re-apply.

Starting January 1st, we will be accepting Student Applications for the 2016-17 school year. All applications will need to be received by the school office no later than January 31. If you have a sibling who is not currently enrolled a Student Application (click [here](#)) must be completed. All completed applications will then be included in the enrollment lottery.

To enroll for kindergarten a student must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016.

Share with your friends or neighbors that we will be accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year for kindergarten through 8th grade. All Student Applications must be submitted by January 31 to be included in the enrollment lottery on February 23. Our next information session is December 17 at 6:00 pm.

For more information regarding enrollment please see our [Admission Policy](#) on our website. If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact [Nicole Hartfield](#).

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## DNR Fire Arms Safety Class

The DNR will be offering a fire arms safety class here at DaVinci

Academy. It includes 12 hours of classroom instruction and 5 hours of shooting practice at the range. Parents are encouraged to join their child - ages 11 and up - for the class.

It will be 2 evenings a week, probably in February. We can schedule the instructors once we have an indication of how many interested students we have. The DNR charges \$7.50 for the certification at the completion of the classes and Field Day practice.

Please email [Holly Fischer](mailto:Holly.Fischer) to express your interest in the class.

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## Get Back that Missing Coat AND Raise Money for School? What Could be Better Than That!

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The graphic features a colorful striped border at the top, a circular logo with four colored bubbles (green, blue, orange, pink) and the text 'name bubbles' in a lowercase font, and a circular inset showing various school supplies like pens, pencils, and a notebook.

Don't want to order special labels? That is fine too! But please, label ALL of your student's items. ALL of them. If you don't label their things, the Lost & Found looks like this:



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## Emergency & Attendance Alerts via



It is time to start thinking about winter weather and possible school closures. If you are not already signed up to receive emergency messages, please continue reading!



To obtain information regarding DaVinci Academy's emergency messaging system, please click [here](#). This is the most effective way to receive important emergency messages from our school. For now, we are reserving the SchoolMessenger communication system for these needs: a) emergency/immediate alerts, b) school closings, and c) attendance alerts.

(Families new to DaVinci will not be able to sign up for School Messenger alerts until they receive an email directly from [Mrs. Bacigalupo](#) providing their Parent Portal account information.)

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# PTO News

Link [here](#) to the PTO website or download the most recent [newsletter](#) (dated 9/24/15) for recent information.

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