

DaVinci Connection



DATES TO REMEMBER

NWEA Testing
August 13 - 29

Mandatory Intersession
August 26 - 29

Lunch Menus Due
August 28

Family Picnic
Aquatore Park
August 29
5:00 p.m.

PTO
August 27
6:00 p.m.

No School
August 30—September 3

Find more upcoming events
on the DaVinci Academy
home page, or go to the
"Calendar" page for future
important dates.

[http://dvincicharterschool.org/
Calendar.aspx](http://dvincicharterschool.org/Calendar.aspx)

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FAMILY PICNIC

Please join us to celebrate the new school year. The family picnic will take place at Aquatore Park, 9191 Lincoln St. Blaine, MN (turn on Cloverleaf Parkway off of Highway 65) on Thursday, August 29 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share, paper plates, cutlery and drinks for your own family.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SPARK

The first week of school started with a kick-off of our new PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program. The kids are learning the SPARK routines. You can help them practice at home by reminding them that:

S is for Success

PA is for Positive Attitude

R is for Responsibility

K is for Kindness

Students are earning rewards for exhibiting SPARK, and the student of the month awards for August will also focus on the SPARK routines.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION IMPORTANT

Most families have completed the on-line registration. Thanks for taking the time to update your information.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED THE ON-LINE REGISTRATION, IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The information you provide is used for emergency contacts, bus schedules, and other safety information.

Go to our [website](http://www.dvincicharterschool.org) to complete the process. You should have received an email with your student's sign-in access codes.

Once you complete your review and updates, you will receive an authorization form to print, sign and send to the front office of the school.

If you have any questions, please contact lswearingen@davincicharterschool.org

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

We understand that parking is a challenge throughout the day, and especially at drop-off and pick-up. We are continuing to fine-tune the drop-off and pick-up of students to insure that the process is as safe and efficient as possible.

If you are entering the school during the day or after school FOR ANY REASON, you must stop at the front desk and sign in at the computer and receive a badge. This is for the safety of all students.

There are new static-cling window decals we use to recognize cars in the pick-up line. Please place the cling on the front windshield of your vehicle (driver's side, lower corner). Decals are a different color for this year (blue). Please replace the decal from last year with the new one.

Please help us keep the drop-off and pick-up processes safe and efficient:

1. Students should be ready to leave the car as soon as you arrive at the curb in the morning
2. Driver should stay in the car both in the morning and in the afternoon
3. Students should always enter and exit on the right, passenger side of the vehicle
4. If you must come into the school to pick up your child in the afternoon, go to the front desk and tell them your student(s) name. The receptionist will type the student's name into the list for dismissal and your child will come to the front desk to meet you. Please do not enter the school to go to your child's classroom.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in improving the safety and efficiency of the drop-off and pick-up procedures while keeping students, staff and parents safe.



MANDATORY INTERSESSION

Our mandatory intersession is the week of August 26th.

Students will maintain their regular schedules when they are at school.

- ♦ 7-8th grade students will be at Eagle Bluff August 27-29
- ♦ 6th grades students will be at the Courage Retreat on August 29
- ♦ All classes will focus on Leonardo DaVinci for the week. Students from Kindergarten through 6th grade will learn about the life and works of DaVinci. They will be creating artwork, replicas of DaVinci's inventions, and other projects that help them understand the depth and breadth of Leonardo DaVinci's influence. We have fun contests and projects planned, including a **DaVinci Look-Alike Contest scheduled for Thursday, August 29th.**

NEW ATTENDANCE CALL-IN LINE

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please call our new attendance line at (763)754-6648. Leave the student's name, your name, and the reason for the absence. Please call before 8:00 a.m. if at all possible. Please call EACH day that the student will be absent, even if you know in advance that a student may be out for more than one day. In the case of an extended absence for surgery, etc. please call Terry Moffatt, Academic Director in advance at 763-754-6648 or complete the extended absence request form on the [website](#).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Extracurricular programs will begin the week of September 9th. Watch for information to come home soon.

7-8th GRADE STUDENTS EAGLE BLUFF:

August 27th - 29th the 7th and 8th grade students will be attending a three day retreat at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center located in Lanesboro, Minnesota. Buses will leave DaVinci Academy on Tuesday, August 27th at 8:45 A.M. on August 27th and will return to DaVinci Academy on Thursday, August 29th around 2:30 P.M., in time for students to catch their bus to ride home.

6th GRADE STUDENTS COURAGE RETREAT:

Thursday, August 29th, the 6th grade will be attending a Courage Retreat presented by Youth Frontiers. Students will be bused to Brookhall Banquet Center where the retreat will take place.

PTO

The PTO will be holding its first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, August 27 from 6:00-7:00.

Please join us to help generate ideas for the coming year.

SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENU

Lunch orders for September are due no later than end of school on Wednesday, August 28th. Late orders will no longer be accepted; if you miss the deadline, please remember to provide a lunch from home all month.

LUNCH REMINDERS

- ♦ Monthly lunch orders will only be accepted if you maintain a positive balance in your child's lunch account; you must bring your account current when paying for the upcoming months order.
- ♦ To ensure your children has a school lunch, all families must submit an order form even if you do not have to fund the lunch account at this time; we do not take "standing" lunch orders (in other words - the office staff will not remember to order your child's lunches each month).
- ♦ If you have not pre-ordered a lunch for your child and they forget to bring a lunch from home, we will provide them with an *emergency meal*. This meal usually consists of a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, a piece of fruit and a carton of milk; there is a \$1.50 charge for this meal.
- ♦ Students will be allowed to purchase milk alone only if their lunch account has a positive balance.
- ♦ Notes will be sent home with students when they incur a negative balance or they receive an *emergency meal*.
- ♦ You can set up your parent PowerSchool account to send you lunch balance reminders. Please contact the office if you have questions on how to do this.