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Greetings!

To the left, you will find helpful links to important pages on our website (School Links), and will provide a quick list of upcoming events (Important Dates.)

Back to School Basics



The first day of school is fast approaching! This email will provide you with some basic information to prepare for the new school year. Please keep watching your email closely for more details.

Keep checking our [Back to School webpage](#) for information.

Transportation & Busing

[\(Holly Fischer\)](#)

This summer we re-evaluated our bus stops to check for the following:

Are they fully meeting the needs of as many students as possible by being centrally located?

Are they located in areas where families can park their cars to wait for the bus?

Are we staying true to the original design of our transportation program by offering only satellite stops and not door to door busing?

What we found was that we needed to move some stops in order to affirmatively answer those questions as much as possible. So, with the help of our bus service provider, we have updated our bus stops and routes for the 2016-17 school year. We have located them all on a Google map so that families can more easily find the stop closest to them. Here is the link to the [Bus Route Map](#) (Bus stops are not published on the website. **Link disabled**, contact the school office for information).

If you click on a stop, it will include when the drop off and pick up times are and also let you know where parents may park their

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

Current Breakfast Price:

- Full-pay = \$1.75
- Kindergarten = \$0.00
- Reduced-price = \$0.00
- Free = \$0.00

Go [here](#) to apply for free or reduced-price meals or to find out more about the food service program.

PTO News

Link [here](#) to the PTO website or download the most recent [newsletter](#) (dated April 2016) for recent information.

Label All Apparel

Help reduce our lost and found! Please label all clothing, outwear and lunch boxes.

(Consider using [NameBubbles](#))

cars in order to safely wait for the bus.

We also spent a great deal of time clarifying our busing and drop off/pick up procedures. Whether this is your first or your eighth year at DaVinci Academy, please familiarize yourself with these procedures by checking out the new [Transportation Webpage](#). Many questions you may have will be addressed there.

If you still have questions after reviewing the webpage, or you need help finding the closest bus stop to your home, contact [Holly Fischer](#). She will be happy to assist you!

Action Required - Registration Envelope Arriving by Mail

Your local postal worker will soon be delivering an important envelope to your home. It will include the following documents:

- Silent Dismissal instructions and dashboard identification tags - prior to Monday, August 8, ALL families must set transportation specifications (bus riders and parent pickup/carpool).
- Online Registration instructions, including Infinite Campus Parent Portal access key and instructions. In order to complete back to school registration and to have access to your student's online information, you must set up a parent portal account on Infinite Campus. This replaces both Powerschool and K12Online.
- School Picture form - school picture day is Friday, August 12
- Fee Envelope - please complete the outside of the envelope according to the instructions provided and return all fees to school at the Open House (8/4) or the first day of school.

It is critical that all families (new and returning) complete the back to school registration process. This allows families the chance to:

- review and update all student, parent and emergency contact and medical information
- review important school policies and procedures
- review and update transportation elections
- plus receive other important documents and details

Watch your mailbox for more information!

Note for parents of new students: While you may have recently completed the online enrollment process, you will also need to complete the back to school registration step.

If you have any questions, please

All Families Open House (8/4, noon - 6 pm)

Returning families are invited to join us on **Thursday, August 4**

from noon to 6:00 pm for an Open House. Among other things, you will be able to:

- Complete required online back to school registration
- Complete required transportation elections
- Drop off school supplies
- Deliver student medication and required forms
- Pay school supply, food service and other fees
- Meet with available teachers
- Meet with a Schmitt Music Rental Representative (4-6 pm)
- Receive homeroom teacher assignments or class schedules

New Family Presentation (8/4, 6:30 pm)

Families that are new to DaVinci Academy are encouraged to come during Open House (see [above](#) for details) but then also stay for a presentation **6:30 pm to 7:00 pm**. This presentation will provide you with all the ins and outs of being a DaVinci Academy family and allow you a chance to ask the administration and staff any question you may have.

New kindergarten families should plan to attend this event in addition to the Kindergarten Family Conferences.

Carpool Matching Service

Interested in forming a carpool? A parent volunteer will work to connect interested families.



Send an email to DaVinciCarpoolers@gmail.com with the following information:

Subject: Interest in Carpool

Copy the following into the body of your email:

name

address

email address

phone number (if there are questions)

of children and grades

Volunteer Help Needed

(Lee Swearingen)

With the first day of school fast approaching, we are always looking for parents to help with small projects. If you have availability between 8/1 and 8/5, please email [Lee Swearingen](#)

with your availability. We will try to match you up with a staff member in need!

Kindergarten Family Conferences

Mrs. Creary and Mrs. Steinbruckner will be contacting all kindergarten families to schedule in-person conferences. The conferences will take place on Tuesday 8/9 or Wednesday 8/10. Families and students will have a chance to see the classroom, drop off school supplies (if not done on 8/4) and meet with their teacher to discuss the upcoming year.

Watch your inbox for more information!

School Supply List

[\(Lee Swearingen\)](#)

School supply lists can be found [here](#).

For new families, please note that the supply list is broken down into a left side and right side. Left side are primarily housekeeping supplies and pencils. In order to conserve storage space, we prefer that you pay the school for these items and then we order them as needed. The right side are items that you will need to purchase and bring to school during Open House (see [above](#)).

If any part of the school supply purchase is a financial burden to your family, please contact [Terry Moffatt](#) to make other arrangements.

Food Service

[\(Lee Swearingen\)](#)

All students that want to have school provided breakfast or lunch are **required** to order meals. Please see the food service [webpage](#) for details on ordering and paying for meals.

Emails were sent out on July 21 and July 22. If you did not get both the breakfast and the lunch order emails and would like to order meals for August, please send a request [here](#).

Meal prices have not increased from last year. See the left side bar or the food service webpage for details. If you want to apply for free or reduced price meals, please complete and return this [Application for Educational Benefits](#).

Note for new students/families: although we allow for online payments for food service accounts, new students will need to pay with check or cash for the first month's meals.

Does Your Child Have Health Insurance?

If not, help may be available. Click [here](#) for more information.

6th-8th Grade Retreat to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

We have scheduled a three day, two night retreat for our sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from August 29 to August 31. This required retreat is at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center located in Lanesboro, Minnesota.

The cost for this retreat is \$120 for the first student in your family; each additional student in your family will cost \$80. Scholarships will be available for families that qualify; contact [Terry Moffatt](#) to discuss.

For more information about the location and program, please see the Eagle Bluff [website](#).

More details and forms will be provided after the first day of school. If you have immediate questions or concerns about this trip, please contact [Mr. Eldred](#).
