



DaVinci Academy

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Important Dates

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[online calendar](#))

Food Service Program

Current Lunch prices -
including milk

Hot, Alt. or Emergency
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

Greetings!

To the left, you will find helpful links to important pages on our website (School Links).

NEED TO KNOW.....

Volunteer Background Checks

[\(Brenda Gerard\)](#)

Are you one of our awesome DaVinci Academy volunteers or would you like to be a volunteer?

Has it been two years or more since you completed a background check consent form?

If so, a background check consent form will need to be completed and turned into the school office along with payment of \$10.

As appropriate for the protection of our students, **volunteers who have contact with students will be asked to submit to and successfully complete a background check every two years, at their own expense.** If you cannot afford the processing fee at this time, do not let that stop you from volunteering, contact [Ms. Lach](#) to discuss.

Below you will find a copy of the criminal background check consent form. You may also find the form on the DaVinci Academy web site under the volunteering tab, pick one up at the back to school event on August 10th or at the school office at anytime.

Once we have your completed form and payment, you will be able to sign into the Helpcounter computer terminal and begin volunteering!

- 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.

Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers!

Article

Click [here](#) to download the background check form.

Back To School Information

If you are looking for information about next year or the open house, please go to the DaVinci Academy home page and click on the Back To School button.

At this time, you will find information about:

- Important Dates
- Supply Lists
- Food Service
- Student Medication & Immunization
- School Registration



Each year it is important for families to review the [Student Handbook](#) and the [School Policies](#) as these are to change as the School Board sees fit.

This page will be updated throughout the summer so check back often.

Kindergarten Family Conferences

Ms. Borg, Mrs. Creary, Mrs. Holle, Mrs. Metty, and Mrs. Steinbruckner, will be contacting all kindergarten families to schedule in-person conferences. The conferences will take place on Tuesday 8/15 or Wednesday 8/16. Families and students will have a chance to see the classroom, drop off school supplies (if not done on 8/10) and meet with their teacher to discuss the upcoming year.



Watch your inbox for more information

We Need YOU for the Big Move!

([Holly Fischer](#))



We are looking for volunteers to help us next Tuesday the 25th to get teachers settled into their rooms. The furniture has been moved into the new school but teachers need a hand unpacking boxes and arranging their rooms. **Because we are still a construction site, students will not be invited to help this day, but we can use all of the adult helpers we can get.** Mansetti's will be providing pizza that day and we have other volunteers who will be adding to the lunch - thank you for everyone who already signed up to bring something!

To review or sign up for activities, **you must be logged in to your HelpCounter account.**

If you already have a HelpCounter account, sign up using the [Home Access Link](#) and update your volunteer interest form.

If you do NOT have a HelpCounter account, please use the [New Volunteer Link](#) and you can indicate your interests during the sign up process.

HelpCounter School Volunteer Manager

Volunteer Log in

No user name?

[Create New User Name](#)

Otherwise, please log in using your user name and password.

User Name

Password

[Log in](#)

☐ Keep me logged in on this device
Do not check this box if you are on a public or shared computer

Priority Volunteer Activities

click on the links below to sign up for an individual activity**

[New School Set Up Day on 7/25](#)

[New School Set Up Day Meal Donation on 7/25](#)

[Playground Build on 8/4 & 8/5](#) (Two Day Commitment)

[Back to School Night Mentor Families on 8/10](#)

Thank you for your time and effort!

**If a link below does not get you directly to the sign up for the activity, please select "Volunteer Home" and the "Check for Upcoming Opportunities"

If you have any questions on these activities or using HelpCounter, please contact [Brenda Gerard](#).

Did You Already Sign Up to Volunteer?

Thank you! If you already signed up for a summer volunteer activity, but are concerned that you haven't heard from us yet, please know you are still needed. We will be connecting with volunteers approximately a week in advance of the activity.

NICE TO KNOW.....

2017-2018 Busing Contract - Action Required!

([Holly Fischer](#))

Every student who will be riding the bus to and from school next year needs to be signed up to do so. **The deadline for signing up is July 1, 2017.**

Contact the school office for more information.

Thank you to those families who have already submitted their contract.



Food Service

([Cassy Anderson](#))

Meal prices have not increased from last year. See the Food Service webpage for details. If you would like to apply for free or reduced price meals, please complete and return this [Application for Education Benefits](#).



Parents are required to order vegetarian meals 2 weeks in advance. Send the request to foodservice@davincicharterschool.org to be added to the vegetarian order email.

Vegetarian meals are the only meals that need to be ordered in advanced.

ONGOING NEWS.....

DaVinci Den is Full - Wait List Applications Accepted

([Julie Kresh](#))

The DaVinci Den extended care program is currently full and, at this time, **we do not plan to increase the size of the program**. We encourage you to contact Jam Hops regarding their after school program if your child(ren) require after school care, as the **deadline for their program is this Thursday, July 20**. You can find more information about the program at [Jam Hops](#).



DaVinci Den

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SIGN UP FOR THE WAIT LIST

Before You Throw it Away...

([Terry Moffatt](#))

At the new school, we will be adding a Makerspace. This is a space with lots of materials available for students to use to create. As you are doing your spring/summer cleaning and you come across old toys, scraps of fabric, pieces of wood, old tools, obsolete technology or almost anything else, think to yourself, "Could a child make something out of this?" If you didn't have to think very hard and the answer is yes, please put it aside and then when school starts in the fall, bring it in. We will be making a formal request for materials at a later date, but as you clean out that garage, keep an eye out for anything that could become something else!

My School Color Run for DaVinci Academy - 9/23



DaVinci Academy welcomes you to join us as we run, walk, and jog while raising funds for our school! This fun run/walk is open to EVERYONE in the community and we hope to see you there!

The My School Color Run is an un-timed fun run/walk featuring a 5K. Throughout the course participants will experience color splash zones where they'll be doused in color and end with a final color toss celebration!

- Check in starts at 9:00 a.m.
- Race Starts at 10:00 a.m.

REGISTER EARLY!

Registration includes a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt only if you sign up before 9/8/17.

Early Packet Pick Up will be available on Friday, September 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at DaVinci Academy.

You can pick up your items at the registration table the day of the event. Paper registration forms are available upon request.

SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS WHEN YOU REGISTER
#myschoolcolorrun #davinciacademy

Please be sure to register by 9/8/17 to guarantee that you'll receive a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt!

At a glance

WHAT: My School Color Run for DaVinci Academy

WHEN: Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: National Sports Center 1700 105th Avenue NE, Blaine, MN 55449

REGISTER: DaVinciMSCR.eventbrite.com

CONTACT: [Robyn Creary](mailto:Robyn.Creary@davincicharterschool.org) 763-754-6577

Area Summer Food Programs

- National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-Hungry or 1-877-8-HAMBRE. It's a free call, available in both English and Spanish, and is available from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Time.
 - Call the 2-1-1 Hotline or from cell phones - metro area: 651-291-0211, outstate: 800-543-7709, TTY: 651-291-8440.
 - go to the [National Hunger Hotline](http://NationalHungerHotline.org)
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End of the Year Food Service Balance

([Cassy Anderson](#))

Parents are expected to fund their child's food service account monthly to maintain a positive balance at all times.

However, all balances, positive and negative, will roll over to the next school year.

Parents of students who will not be returning next year will need to pay off all negative balances or, for a positive balance, request a refund or balance transfer to a remaining student.

If you have any questions, want to set purchase restrictions or discuss end of the year issues, please contact Mrs. Anderson. (foodservice@davincicharterschool.org).

Click [HERE](#) for monthly menus.

For more information on the food service program or to apply for free or reduced price meals, please see our [website](#). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Gently Used Toy Donations

([Holly Fischer](#))

Were you thinking of having a garage sale this summer but are feeling

overwhelmed by the task? Well, have we got an

opportunity for you! We are looking for craft items, board games, card games, puzzles and all other fun, gently used toys to be donated to our new after school program the DaVinci Den. If you have items that would keep our kiddos occupied after school and you would be willing to bring them in we would appreciate the gift.



Thank You!

Reminder - Middle School Uniform Change August 2017 to Navy Blue Polo Shirts

Starting next August, middle school students (grade 6-8) will be wearing navy blue polo shirts instead of the current red polo shirts. This will be one more way of giving middle school students their own identity and distinguish them from the K-5th students. Start shopping the sale racks now!



Sears is closing stores in Minnesota and deep discounts may be available.

The [uniform policy](#) has been updated, please take the time to read through it.