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Food Service Program

Current Lunch prices -
including milk

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.)

NEED TO KNOW.....

First Weeks of School

[\(Debra Lach\)](#)

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! A special welcome to the new students, new families, and new staff. And special thanks to the returning families and staff who have worked diligently to ensure that we were able to start the school year with a focus on students and learning.

This will be a year full of many wonderful opportunities - some known and some, as yet, unknown. Opening a new building, adding more than 300 additional students and more than 50 new staff members, and welcoming families back has been our pleasure and privilege.

These past few days have been an adventure for all of our students. They not only have a new building, but also have new schedules, new teachers, new procedures, new lockers (all are finally in) and a new campus. Through all of this, we have seen students and teachers, as well as parents and the rest of the staff, show patience and perseverance. While the bus, parking lot, pick-up line, recess, lunch, DaVinci Den and other programs are all new adventures, the learning that is going on in the classrooms is consistent with the high standards of education we have set at DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science. The teachers and students are jumping into cultivating curiosity and igniting excellence. The joy of learning and development of wonder and awe are obvious each day. Thank you for joining us with patience, perseverance and celebration as we kick off this year of

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 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.

growth, always watching for what is best for the students.

As you are surely aware, there is still work to be done both inside and outside of our beautiful new building. The soccer field is finally in, but we are still waiting for goal posts. The gym is on its way to completion in October and we hope the Performing Arts Center will be opened shortly thereafter.

Finishing touches are being added throughout the school.

The construction crews are here after school and on weekends and we maintain the safety of the students as our first priority. That may slow down a building project or two, but will remain our primary concern until this project is final.

Once again, thanks to the DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science Board of Directors, the staff, the parents and the community for helping us achieve and celebrate this achievement. We are very proud of our new campus, our staff, our students and our community.

Drop Off & Pick Up - ACTION REQUIRED

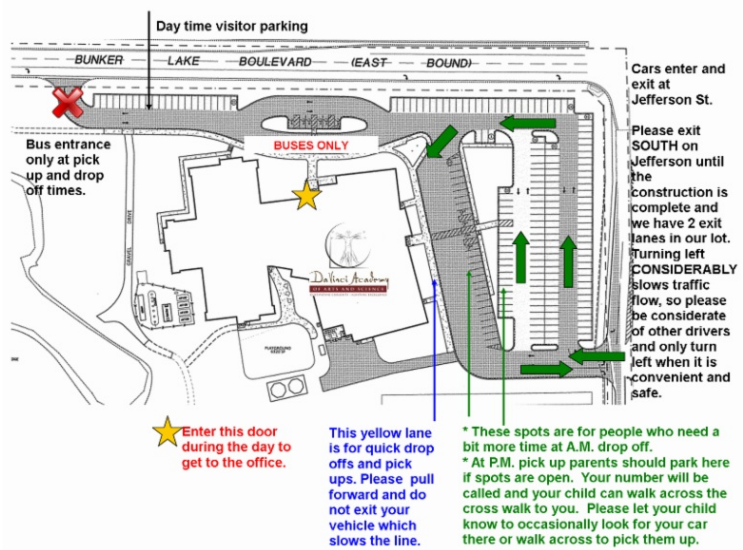
Thank you for your patience as we have been maneuvering in our new parking lot to find the most efficient and safe experience for the busiest times of the day. Finishing up the turn lane on Jefferson will be an enormous help so that we can be good neighbors and not clog up the access on that busy road. Until then, please follow these tips to keep cars from piling up at the entrance.

1. Use **BOTH** north bound parking lot lanes in order to merge into the pick up and drop off curb.

2. Take a right out of the parking lot onto Jefferson to keep that intersection safe.

3. Ideal arrival time in the morning is 7:35-7:40 a.m. and Ideal pick up time in the afternoon is after 3:05 p.m.

4. We will need to go to a staggered dismissal system if 250 parents continue to enter the parking lot between 2:45 and 3:00. PLEASE come after 3:05 so that we can get students safely to your cars. With so many people in the parking lot we are focusing more of our energy on getting cars through efficiently and we want to be focusing more of our energy on getting your child safely to you. You have plenty of time to pick up your child after school and they are being well cared for by their teachers while they are waiting. Please reference the updated map (click to enlarge) for precise parking procedures.



Lastly, remember to update you Silent Dismissal account WELL before the end of the day to insure your information gets to the teacher accurately. If you have questions or need assistance please contact [Nicde Hartfield](#).

Breakfast

If your 1st-8th grade child would like to eat breakfast in the morning it is very important that they get to school early so that they are not late to class. Busers arrive to school at 7:40 and so should any child who would like to eat in the morning.

We want the children to start good habits of arriving to class on time.

Thank you for your help with this.

New Attendance Line!

The Attendance Line number is (763) 252-6130.

If your child is going to be absent please remember to call the 24 hour attendance line. The message should state your student's name, grade and the reason for the absence.

If your child is going to miss 3 or more consecutive days, fill out an [Extended Absence Form](#). The form should be filled out and returned to the office four to six week prior to extended absence.

Bus Routes Adjustments Coming

Soon

[\(Holly Fischer\)](#)

Now that we have gotten some of the timings down on the bus routes we would like to do some stop time changes to reflect the new information. Additionally, we will likely be shifting some stops to different routes in order to balance numbers out a bit. Please watch your email for an important notice about these changes coming soon.

Help Wanted

[\(Holly Fischer\)](#)

We are still in need of 1 or more people to join the Lunch/Recess Monitor Team. We need you from 10-1:00 p.m. every school day. If you are interested please apply [here](#). AND, if you'd like to be a sub and come in once in a while you are welcome to apply as well!

My School Color Run for DaVinci Academy - 9/23



**Please be sure to register by
TODAY to guarantee that you'll receive a race bib, color
packet, and t-shirt!**



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

the [New Volunteer Link](#) and you can indicate your interests during the sign up process.

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

Priority Volunteer Activities

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

[Work Room Organization](#) - Go through both work rooms to make them functional.

[Curriculum Moving & Organization](#) - Help move the curriculum and organize it.

[Library Organization](#) - Help Mrs. Brown organize the library.

[General Furniture Moving](#) -Let's move some of this unusable furniture out the door and to the dumpster.

Thank you for your time and effort!

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

NICE TO KNOW.....

Carpenter Needed

Can you build this? We have lost the base to one of our library shelves in the move and would like to finish putting our shelves together. If you think you could help please contact our librarian, [Rachel Brown](#).



PTO

We will have our first [PTO](#) meeting of the 2017-18 school year on Tuesday September 19 at 6 p.m. Most meetings will fall on the third Tuesday of each month.

We will meet in the cafeteria.

Media Release - Opt Out Option

We no longer require families to do the Back to School Registration each year. However, if you do NOT give your permission for your child's image to be used in the different media, both internally and externally, you will need to opt out. This includes, but is not limited to, articles and photographs in a school newsletter, video of a student program shown in school or published to families via an online program, a news story by local media, or something on our web site.

Click [here](#) for the Media Release Form.

Review Our School Policies

Please review the [School Policies and Procedures](#) annually as they are subject to change. The policies and procedures can be found on our website under Our School.

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!

Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers!

Article

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

Picture Day

Picture Day was Friday August 18th.

Picture Retake Day is **September 18th**. This is a regular uniform day.

ON GOING.....

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.

If you would like to add money to your child's lunch account electronically. Please access [School Payment Portal](#).

Dropping Off Lunch For Your Student(s)

If you are dropping your student(s) lunch off there will be a cart in the front office. Office staff will deliver your child's lunch to the cafeteria so that learning is not interrupted.

Does Your Child Have Health Insurance?

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