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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.....

Session 1- After School Clubs & Activities - LOTS of Classes to Choose From

Registrations for Session 1 of the Extra-Curricular activities and clubs opens today. These classes begin October 2nd and the session runs 6 weeks to November 16th.

You will be able to register for classes online, but you will need to pay by cash or check at the office. Just print out the receipt you receive as a confirmation and submit it with your payment. If you do not receive a confirmation email please contact [Holly Fischer](#) to make sure you are, indeed, registered.

Click on the class title to get more information about the classes which run from 3:15-4:15. **The deadline for sign ups is WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.**

Click [here](#) to view the classes.

Please note, if you registered for external classes before this date please make sure those classes are still being offered.

There were some mystery early registrations that happened before we opened registrations up to parents, so please make sure to go through our website for the most accurate information.

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.

DaVinci Academy Athletics

[\(Mark Slechta\)](#)

[Athletics Flyer - The Fuse](#)

DaVinci Academy athletics is about to get underway for the 2017-2018 season! I am proud to announce that we are expanding the selections of sports here at DaVinci Academy. We are always looking for new athletic opportunities for our students.

Soccer

Soccer Registration starts today Wednesday, September 6th. The practices begin on September 18th, so registration will be fast. DaVinci Academy has joined the LIST (League of Independent Sports Teams) League and will be playing matches against other schools in the metro area. LIST soccer leagues are co-ed and have two separate age groups.



The following link will take you to the online [Athletic Waiver](#) which is due, with the registration fee, by TODAY, September 11th.

FEE: \$90 (Return Check to DaVinci Academy with a copy of the confirmation email sent after completing the Waiver)

5th -6th Grade

Practices: Mondays 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Games: Wednesdays Starting at 4:30 p.m.

7th-8th Grade

Practices: Tuesdays 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Games: Fridays starting at 4:30 p.m.

These leagues lean towards the recreational aspect of soccer and are the perfect chance for your child to play soccer, regardless of their current skill level. The LIST season will go for approximately 2 months and our teams will play between 7-10 games. Students will need to be transported by parents to the game sites. Games will be held at Fort Snelling, but we are working with LIST to host games at our school in the near future.

We will look at adding soccer for Grades K-4 NEXT YEAR in an intramural type of format since LIST does not offer games for kids of that age.

Basketball Parent Meeting: Thursday, September 14th

@ 5:30 PM Music Room.



Please join us on Thursday, September 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the music room at DaVinci Academy. DaVinci Academy has a strong basketball program that offers competitive basketball games in tournaments and leagues all around the metro area. We will discuss coaches, teams, games/tournaments. We are always looking for volunteer coaches that can help! If your child is interested in playing, PLEASE attend this meeting.

DaVinci Dynamite

Last year, we threw around the idea of creating a new mascot for our school sports teams. We had some great ideas given to us by each class! It was really fun to see kids being creative with their ideas and logos! After talking to the DaVinci Academy community, we came to the conclusion that the Dynamite is who we are and we are proud of that.

We are the Dynamite and we are lit for life!

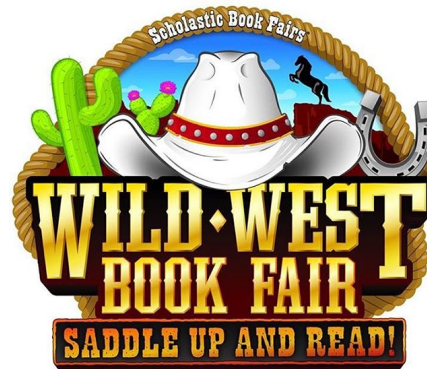


Book Fair

[\(Rachel Brown\)](#)

The book fair is coming! The book fair is coming!

This year the book fair will be during Parent Teacher Conferences on Oct. 16th & 17th. With a preview day for the kids to make a wish list on Oct. 13th.



Parents this is a great way for this beautiful new library to earn new books. When you purchase a book, the library earns Scholastic dollars to spend. And books always make great presents! Stay tuned for more details and a chance to sign up and volunteer in the next news letter.

School Picture Order Forms Have Arrived!

You should of received your picture order form if you student took their picture August 18.

If you are planning on purchasing pictures you may order online per instructions on the order form or turn in the detached envelope with payment and order to the school office. Payments can be made at the school office for exact change only. Checks must be written to Scherling Photography.

If you decide that you would like to have your child have a retake picture, please check the Retake box and turn the form into the school office. Please do not send money with retake order forms.

All retakes will get a new order form. All orders and retake forms must be turned into the office by Wednesday, September 27.

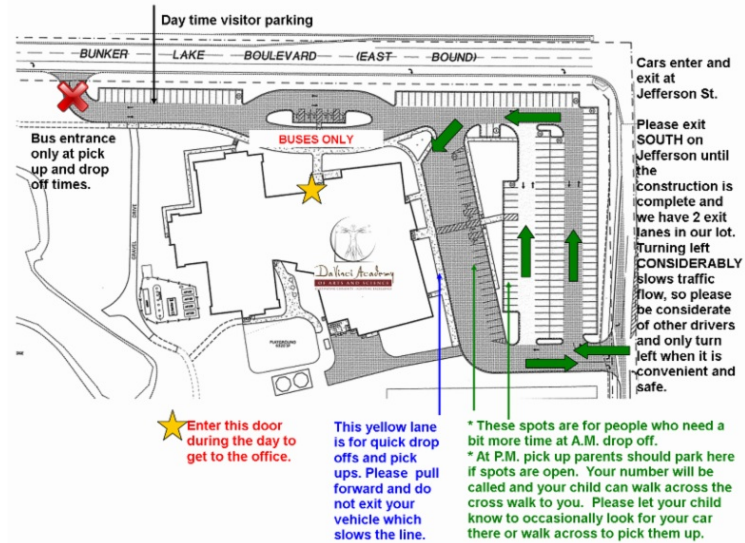
Students who were not here for pictures or would like to have a retake will have their picture taken on Friday, September 29.

Drop Off & Pick Up Tips

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. Please follow these tips to keep cars from piling up at the entrance to the parking lot.

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 [Nicole Hartfield](#).

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



There is still time to register, but we can not guarantee you will receive a t-shirt or a color packet.



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.

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

SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS WHEN YOU REGISTER
#myschoolcolorrn #davinciacademy

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](#) 763-754-6577

New Volunteer Opportunities

([Crystal Higgins](#))

We are looking for the following help at this time:

- Helping to hang white boards and bulletin boards
- Playground Additional Equipment Installation (Mid September)
- Lunch Room or Recess Substitute

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.

****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"**

Thank you for your time and effort!

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

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

Food Service

([Cassy Anderson](#))



As some of you are aware our School Payment Portal system has had some hiccups with the start of the new school year. We are working daily with our LunchTime network to solve any issues with your child's account. If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Cassy Anderson](#) Food Service lead.

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

NICE TO KNOW.....

Student Accomplishments

Congratulations to Tina, Jasmine and Jack on their great success at Encore Dance Nationals in June.

They were part of the highest scoring routine and received the title of Grand Slam Best in Show for their Production Clog routine.



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.

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.

ON GOING.....

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.

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.

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.

Does Your Child Have Health Insurance?

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