



DaVinci Academy

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Important Dates

(subject to change - see
[online calendar](#))

11/13 Curriculum (Tech)
Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

11/13 Finance Committee
Meeting,
6:30 p.m.

11/14 1st grade Music
Concert, 5:30 p.m.,
2nd grade Music
Concert, 6:30 p.m.

11/16 Last Day of
Trimester 1 & Last Day
of Session 1
Extracurricular

11/17 No School

11/20-11/24 No School

11/27 School Board
Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

11/28 PTO Meeting,
6:15 p.m.

12/5 3rd grade Music

Greetings!

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

NEED TO KNOW.....

End of Trimester 1

The last day of Trimester 1 is November 16. Reports cards will be mailed shortly thereafter. Please update your mailing address in Infinite Campus parent portal.



To update your household information log on to your parent portal account > household information > update.

If you need assistance, please contact [Mrs. Bacigalupo](#).

Ways to Get Involved With the DaVinci Academy Board

[\(Mr. Meisner\)](#)

Given the many new families at DaVinci, I imagine parents are curious about how they could get involved to support the school's success. Some of you may be able to spend time in the classroom, others may participate in the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization), and some may want to learn about school governance: the DaVinci Academy Board of Directors. Our school board is a group of nine volunteers - parents, teachers, and community members - that are responsible for setting the overall direction for DaVinci and ensuring we comply with all our legal, financial, and academic obligations. Each board member's term is for three years, with elections

Concert, 5:30 p.m., 4th grade & 4/5 Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.

**12/12 5th/6th grade Band/Orchestra Concert, 5:00 p.m.
7th/8th grade Band/Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m.**

12/18 School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

12/18-12/20 Middle School Eagle Bluff Trip

**12/21-1/2
No School - Winter Break**

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;
- 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.

each February (watch for an election announcement in early December).

If the idea of serving on the board interests you, there is also an excellent and important way that parents or guardians can start to engage with the board and "learn the ropes": it's by volunteering for a board committee. Our bylaws set up a committee-based board system, where a handful of committees are responsible for areas of operation, and those committees bring issues and recommendations to the board for final decisions by board vote. Our current committees are Finance, Policy, HR/Compensation, Tech/Curriculum, and Development (fundraising). Each committee needs a few volunteers to help research and consider issues, and develop recommendations. It's an easy and low-pressure way to get involved. Feel free to reach out to me (rmeisner@davincicharterschool.org) or any of the committee leaders listed on this page: <https://davincicharterschool.org/our-school/board-of-directors/#committees>.

And thank you for any way you choose to support our school.

Lunch Account Balances ([Mrs. Anderson](#))

Parents can always view their student's lunch balance at SchoolPaymentPortal.com. To keep the balance positive, one can pay by credit card on the website or bring cash or check to the school office. Please take the time to review your student's account.

If you have any questions contact [Cassandra Anderson](#), Food Service Lead.



Outdoor Classroom Fund!

We need outdoor learning spaces at our new Ham Lake campus. Fundraising is critical for charter schools, since they receive less public funding than non-charter public schools.

We would like to utilize the diverse environment on our

new 20-acre Ham Lake campus. We are looking forward to a variety of outdoor learning spaces.

[Here](#) is the link to donate on "Give to the Max Day". Please feel free to share the link with family and friends.

These are some of the ideas that have been suggested.



New Details for Eagle Bluff



The Eagle Bluff permission slips are due to your student's ELA teacher. The second payment is due Dec 1. If your child is not attending Eagle Bluff, please contact [Mrs. Severson](#). We will need to plan on staff to stay with those students who aren't attending. School is still in session for those days. If you are planning on an extended absence please fill out an [Extended Absence Request Form](#) and turn it in to the office ASAP.

Please be sure to consult the [packing list](#) to make sure you will have all the winter gear your student will need. From one parent to another – please have them try on last year's snow pants and boots to make sure they still fit. Middle school students seem to outgrow something right when they need it.

More details, including medication forms will come home with students in December.

HELP WANTED.....

DaVinci Den Teacher Wanted

[\(Mrs. Kresh\)](#)

The DaVinci Den is looking for a college age student or older to join the after school program team from 2:00-6:00



p.m. each day. If you, or someone you know, may be interested please contact Program Coordinator, [Julie Kresh](#). and/or apply on our [website](#).

NICE TO KNOW.....

Elementary Fall & Winter Music Concerts



Our elementary fall/winter music concerts are coming up! Please mark your calendar for the following concert(s):

1st Grade Fall Music Concert: Tuesday, November 14th at 5:30 p.m.

2nd Grade Fall Music Concert: Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m.

3rd Grade Winter Music Concert: Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m.

4th Grade & 4/5 Choir Winter Music Concert: Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Students should meet in their classrooms 30 minutes before the concert to line up and get ready. **Concert attire is nice dress clothing (any color) for students in grades 1-4 general music.**

Students in the 4/5 choir should wear a white shirt, black pants, black socks and black shoes. Girls can wear a dress with black tights as long as it is white on the top and black on the bottom half. All concerts take place in the auditorium.

The students are excited to perform in our new auditorium!

[Mrs. Ashley Fohrman](#) and [Mr. Ben Hanson](#)

Middle School Winter Choir Concert 12/14

6th Grade Choir, 7th & 8th Grade Choir & Chamber Choir will perform on Thursday, December 14th at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

Students should arrive 30 minutes before the concert (5:30 p.m.) in the choir room.

Concerts are required for all choir students. If you have a family emergency or other excused event (wedding, funeral, major sickness, etc.) please contact Mr. Hanson ASAP.

All students will need to wear a white dress top, black dress bottom, black socks and black shoes. Girls can wear a dress with black tights as long as it is white on the top and black on the bottom half. Yoga/athletic pants or leggings/jeggings are not acceptable.

Looking forward to sharing our music with you!

[-Mr. Hanson](#)

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

[\(Ms. Sallam\)](#)

SEAC (pronounced seek) is an acronym for Special Education Advisory Council, which is a group that provides input on special education issues to its local school district. Its purpose is to advise and advocate, not to decide policy.

DaVinci Academy will hold its first SEAC meeting of the 2017-2018 school year on Wednesday, November 15th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The discussion topic at SEAC this fall will be "Sensory Strategies at Home".

If you have a student at DaVinci Academy who is on an IEP and receives services, this meeting/seminar might be for you! Please contact your child's case manager if you are planning on attending or if you have any questions about these meetings.

2018-19 Enrollment is Now Open

We are now accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year for students who would like to attend DaVinci Academy for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

All new students who are interested and not currently enrolled at DaVinci Academy, **including siblings**, must complete an application. Applications are due by January 31, 2018 to be included in the enrollment

lottery for the 2018-19 school year.

To complete an application for the next school year click [here](#). Click on Online Application. Sign up through our online enrollment system and then complete and submit the application.

Our next Information session for prospective families is Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. Information sessions are for those who may be interested in attending DaVinci Academy.

Please feel free to share this information with your family or friends.

ONGOING NEWS.....

Outdoor Attire Reminder

([Mr. Eldred](#))

At this time of year, the temperature outside can really fluctuate. I have listed below what students should be wearing outside during recess depending on the temperature.



If there is snow on the playground/field and students want to play in it, all students need to wear snow pants and winter boots. If they do not have snow pants and winter boots, they will need to stay on the sidewalk.

- **60 degrees or higher - short/long sleeve shirts**
- **46 to 59 degrees - light jacket/hooded sweatshirts**
- **45 degrees or lower - winter coat, hats and gloves**
- **Snow pants and boots required when there is snow**

Free Silent Dismissal App



Have you ever been unsure about whether your number got put in to the system at the end of the day? Sometimes frozen fingers make errors. Using the Silent Dismissal app allows you to dismiss your child to your car when you are in the parking lot. We would love for all families who pick up students to download the app. When you do, please [email Nicole Hartfield](#) and let her know what kind of phone you have. That way, she can enable the app for you. **It will not work until this process has been completed.**

Thank you so much!
