

# DYNAMITE NEWS

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## School Stuff

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM

#### DRESS CODE REMINDER

Don't forget that students performing in the band, orchestra and choirs must wear white tops and black bottoms. Again, extra credit can be earned by girls wearing skirts that cover the entire knee, and by boys wearing ties.

### FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

We, the music staff, would like to thank the families for supporting their children in our music concerts last week. Our final concert, Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30 pm, will showcase the DaVinci Orchestra, Band, Green Choir, and Orange Choir. Orchestra and Band students should plan to arrive between 6:45 and 7:00 pm. Choir students should arrive between 7:10 and 7:20 pm. Remember, if you would like a copy of the audio recording of the performances, please send a blank CD labeled with your name and requested concerts to Mrs. Hunter. Thanks!

### NO MESSAGES AFTER 3:30 PM

The DaVinci Academy office will no longer accept calls for students after 3:30 pm. Any messages to be forwarded to students must be called in before 3:30 pm. The new student message policy will be strictly adhered to by the office staff.

### SNOW TUBING OVER WINTER BREAK PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

Bring your family and all your friends to enjoy world class snow tubing (with a conveyer that brings you back to the top of the hill) at Wild Mountain in Taylor's Falls on Tuesday, December 28th. Discounted rate with our group allows you to tube all day, from 10 am to 8 pm, for just 12.00. (Normal rate is \$15 for two hours of tubing.) We need a minimum of 50 people to commit to attend, so email your name and the number in your party to [JBurlowski@gmail.com](mailto:JBurlowski@gmail.com) by December 22nd. It's recommended that kids be 42" tall to ride down, but there is a small kiddie hill for younger ones. A warming house is available; please bring a potluck item to share for lunch or supper. Crockpot plug-ins available. Post this event on facebook! For more info visit [http://wildmountain.com/snowtubing/snowtubing\\_home.html](http://wildmountain.com/snowtubing/snowtubing_home.html)

### STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Elizabeth D. will be performing with her dance team on Saturday, December 18. We're cheering for you!

If your student is up to something that you would like to share with everyone (theatre, awards, etc.), let us know.

### LOST AND FOUND TO GOODWILL

All Lost and Found items will be taken to GoodWill during Winter Break. If families want to look through the items, they need to do so by December 17.

### SKI CLUB

The FIRST Davinci Ski Club outing is planned for Saturday, January 1 (yep, New Years Day) at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls. Time TBD, but definitely during daylight hours so that beginners can take lessons if they want to, and we can enjoy a group lunch.

Group rates:

Tickets: adults \$33 / students \$28  
Rental equip: \$20 You're on your own to schedule lessons (phone 651.465.6365).

**Important:** in order to get the group rate, we MUST make reservations. Because they accept only ONE payment, I have to require you to pay me in advance so that I'm not left holding the bag. I also have to let them know how many rentals we need. We will need all of this wrapped up no later than December 17 so this is your last chance to contact me. If you are interested, please e-mail me at [tcramerKelly@msn.com](mailto:tcramerKelly@msn.com).

### WEB PRESENCE

In our September 20 DaVinci Dynamite Newsletter we updated you on the reconstruction of the school website. That process is continuing and we expect to have a fully functional website in early January. However, in the absence of a fully functional website, we are pleased to advise you that a new informational page is available at [www.davinci-charterschool.org](http://www.davinci-charterschool.org). It includes links to enrollment information, the staff directory, our school calendar and Gradebook Wizard. Check it out!

## GOOD SHIRTS, GOOD PRICE

Though DaVinci Academy does not endorse clothing companies, several DaVinci families have said that they have been pleased with the quality and price of the shirts they purchased at a company called, Senavera, [www.senaverauniforms.com](http://www.senaverauniforms.com), 901-756-7854.

## CUB SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY

Winter is a fun time to be a Cub Scout!!! We have lots of activities coming up - Den Meeting 12/15, Sledding on 12/18, then in January we start making our Pinewood Derby Cars!! We then will race them on a professional track, the top three winners from our pack get to go to the District level races at Northtown. We also will have our Blue & Gold Celebration in February- this is to celebrate the anniversary of Cub Scouts. If your son is interested in scouting, have him check out a meeting!! It's never too late to join, contact [pack3180@q.com](mailto:pack3180@q.com) or Emma Kneeland 763-370-5692.

**REMINDER**  
**Families with the last name beginning with the letters M-Z**  
**Please bring in your school supplies after January 3**

## STUDENT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

Please remember that pick-up and drop-off is a busy time at DaVinci. The front lane at school is reserved for the buses before 9:10 am and from 3:45 - 4:15 pm. If you need to come into school during these times, please park in a designated parking spot. Please be patient and courteous to all those who are picking up or dropping off students.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Band, Orchestra and Choir Concert**  
Tuesday, December 14  
7:30 pm,

**NO SCHOOL**  
December 20 through January 31st  
Mandatory intersession begins January 3

The office and school will be closed during winter break from December 20 to January 2

PTO General Meeting  
The next PTO general meeting will be Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm

## PURELY P.T.O.

### CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

You can bring these items to the school to get recycled and for DaVinci to earn cash:

- Boxtops
- Campbell's Labels
- Kemps & Land 'o Lakes Milk Caps
- Juice Pouches

Please bring these items to the school and place them in the recycling bins next to the administrative desk. Any questions, please contact Rachael at [rdburesh@comcast.net](mailto:rdburesh@comcast.net).

### THANKS

A HUGE, "Thank you," to all the vendors and volunteers for your support and help with the 3rd annual Holiday Marketplace.

### GENERAL MEETING

The next General PTO meeting will be Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30 pm, with free childcare provided. This is an important meeting as we will discuss the procedure for the ending of the current officers' terms and the installation of new officers.

### GIVING TREE

Please bring a nonperishable food item until December 17 and place it under the DaVinci Giving Tree. The food items will be delivered to the local food shelf. The tree is located inside the entrance to the middle school.

"Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving, make every day a holiday and celebrate just living!"

-Amanda Bradley