



DaVinci Academy
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Important Dates

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

7/2-7/13 School
Office will be closed

8/9 Back to School
Night,
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

8/14 First Day of
School 1-8 grade

8/16 First Day of
Kindergarten

8/17 Picture Day

8/27-8/29 Middle
School Eagle Bluff
Trip

8/30, 8/31 NO
SCHOOL

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 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 this 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 Thursday, August 9th or at the school office at anytime.

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

Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers!

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

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.

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

2018-19 Back to School Information

[CLICK HERE](#)

Each year it is important for families to review [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.

Carpool Interest Form

If you are looking for other families who might be interested in carpooling, we have a solution for you. Just fill out this [Interest Form](#) and your information will be shared with others who are also looking for transportation solutions.

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 complete the Media Release form 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.

Classroom Placement Reminder

([Terry Moffatt](#))

It is school policy that **we do not accept parent requests for particular teachers or classmates.** Teachers work very diligently to place all students in a classroom which will be beneficial to their needs and learning styles.

The staff regards the annual assignment of students to classrooms to be a very important process and task. Many hours are spent weighing and considering a number of factors to create a classroom where each student can learn and thrive. Factors considered in recommending a classroom include:

- a balance of boys and girls
- a range of academic abilities
- special needs
- social and emotional development
- learning styles

Final approval of class lists rests with the Academic Director. Parents/students are informed who their child (ren)'s new teacher(s) will be at the annual Open House on Thursday, August 9.

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

NICE TO KNOW.....

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](#). Families will need to complete an application each year. Applications do not carry over year to year.

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.

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](#)

DaVinci Den Workers Needed!

Do you know a teenager who loves kids, is responsible, and needs a job? Julie Kresh, in the after school DaVinci Den program, is looking for staff. Most of her team graduated and are now going off to college, so it's time to train a new group of excited team members to keep kids active and engaged after school each day. The hours are from 2:45 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Please [apply](#) on our website if interested.

Lunch/Recess Monitors Needed!

Want to come to school and get to know the kids in your child's class? Consider joining our lunch/recess team. Help is needed from 10:00- a.m. - 1:00 p.m. starting in August when the year gets going again. Please [apply](#) on our website if interested.

Food Service Assistant Needed!

We are looking for two more person to join our kitchen team every school day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Please [apply](#) on our website if interested.

Wooden Frames?

We'd like to showcase our art in a fun way and could use some wooden picture frames of any size. We don't need the glass or the backing - just the frame. It doesn't even matter if it is ugly because we are going to jazz them up. If you'd like to donate, you can drop them in the office. Thank you in advance.

ONGOING.....

Community Opportunities

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we will be posting community events and opportunities on the boards just inside each of the main doors instead of sending home flyers.

So watch these boards to see community info or outside event information.



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