



DaVinci Academy

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7/23 Board Meeting,
6:00 p.m.

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3:00 pm - 7:00 p.m.

8/14 First Day of School
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8/16 First Day of School,
Kindergarten

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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.....

Action Required - Back to School Packet Arriving by Mail

We will be sending out the back to school packet the first week of August. It will include the following documents:

- 2018-19 Application for Educational Benefits
- Silent Dismissal instructions and dashboard identification tags - prior to Monday, August 13, ALL families must set transportation specifications (bus riders and parent pickup/carpool).
- Bus tags (please put on your child's backpack)
- Infinite Campus Parent Portal access key and instructions. **If you have already set up your parent portal account, you will not receive an access key.** In order to update household information and to have access to your student's online information, you must set up a parent portal account on Infinite Campus.

It is important for families to set up their Parent Portal. This allows families the chance to:

- review and update all student, parent and emergency contact and medical information
- view attendance, fees and grades
- receive messages from teachers (Middle School)

Watch your mailbox for more information!

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

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.

on the Back To School button.

At this time, you will find information about:

- Important Dates
- Supply Lists
- Food Service
- Student Medication & Immunization
- Receive Technology Help With Silent Dismissal Registration

2018-19 Back to School Information

[CLICK HERE](#)

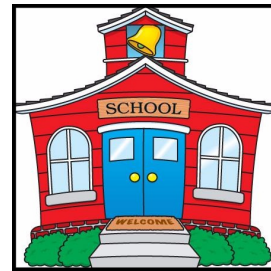
Each year it is important for families to review the [Student Handbook](#) and the [School Policies](#) since these change as the School Board sees fit.

This page will be updated throughout the summer so check back often.

Open House - 8/9, 3- 7 p.m.

Families are invited to join us on **Thursday, August 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for an Open House. Among other things, you will be able to:

- Complete required transportation elections
- Drop off school supplies
- Deliver student medication and required forms
- Pay food service and other fees - we accept cash or checks only
- Meet with available teachers
- Receive homeroom teacher assignments or class schedules



Final Bus Stop List

The final bus stop list was sent out over two weeks ago. All the information is on the [Transportation](#) page on our website. For the safety of our students the link for our bus stops is password protected. If you need the password, please call the office.

If you have made your bus stop choice and filled out the first Transportation Registration Form, you don't need to fill out the Updated Form; however, please reference the map to make sure you know the accurate stop times.

School Supply List

School supply lists can be found [here](#).

Middle School Students

Your child will need a supply of their own pencils. Personal responsibility is a key trait teachers work to instill during middle school. We will ask students to bring more pencils for their own locker supply.

If any part of the school supply purchase is a financial burden to your family, please contact [Terry Moffatt](#) to make other arrangements.

Attendance Line: 763-252-6130

Parents should call the attendance line (763-252-6130), before 9:00 a.m. of the day a student will be absent. This phone number is available 24 hours a day to leave a message. Please leave the following information on the recording:

- The date your student will be absent
- The first and last name of your student
- The reason for the absence
- The name of the parent/guardian who is calling

If you know your child(ren) will be gone more than 3 consecutive days, you will need to fill out an extended absence form four to six weeks in advance. Please send the extended absence form to [Ms. Moffatt](#).

Color Splash Run for DaVinci Academy - 9/29

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 Color Splash fundrun 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.

REGISTER EARLY!

Registration includes a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt only if you sign up before 9/15/18.

Early Packet Pick Up will be available on Friday, September 28th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at DaVinci Academy. Early packet pick up is strongly recommended.

You can pick up your items at the registration table the day of the event. Paper registration forms are available upon request.

SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS WHEN YOU REGISTER
#getactivefundraising

Please be sure to register by 9/15/18, to guarantee that you'll receive a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt!

At a glance

WHAT: Color Splash Run for DaVinci Academy

WHEN: Saturday, September 29th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: National Sports Center 1700 105th Avenue NE, Blaine, MN 55449

REGISTER: [Get Active Fundraising](#)

CONTACT: [Robyn Creary](#) 763-754-6577

Help Wanted.....

Employment Opportunities

DaVinci Academy has several licensed and non-licensed employment positions available for the upcoming school year. If you or someone you know would be interested, check out our [employment webpage](#).



Do you know a high school or college student who likes working with kids and is looking for after school employment? The DaVinci Den, our after school care program, needs several After School Program Teacher Assistants starting in August and this could be a perfect opportunity for them!

Interested individuals should apply online through our [employment application webpage](#).

Volunteers Need

There are many ways you can participate. Some activities are on specific days at specific times, others are flexible where you can set your own schedule. Some are during the week, others are on the weekend. Please check out the list below to review.

Most activities are in [HelpCounter](#) for you to sign up. 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.

- Data Entry - Call Office
- Seamstress to repair the frayed edges of our flags before the start of the school year. - Call Office
- [Playground - Peaceful Playground painting](#), Monday, July

30th, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

- [Playground - clean up](#) (redistribute mulch) Tuesday, July 31st, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- [List furniture](#) items on an online garage sale in order to sell them
- [Label electrical](#) boxes with classroom number

NICE TO KNOW.....

Uniform Donations

Have your children out grown their uniforms? If so, you could drop off your gently used uniforms at school any day before Thursday, August 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please do not donate uniforms with holes or stains.

The PTO will have a uniform donation table at the Open House for anyone in need of uniforms.

Food Service

([Cassy Anderson](#))

The [2018-19 Application for Educational Benefits](#) is now available. We encourage all of our families to apply.



2018-19 Household Income Guidelines. Click on the link or visit our [web page](#) for Application details.

We are currently working on August menus and will be posting them as soon as they are complete.

If your child has special dietary needs, please contact [Cassandra Anderson](#) before August 1st.



If you are interested in chaperoning for the middle school Eagle Bluff trip, here is the [chaperone application](#). This is a 3 day retreat for 6-8th graders.

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 8/14 or Wednesday 8/15. Families and students will have a chance to see the classroom, drop off school supplies (if not done on 8/9) and meet with their teacher to discuss the upcoming year.



Watch your inbox for more information

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.

ON GOING.....

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 9th 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!

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

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](#)