

DaVinci Connection

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Dear Lee,

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Back To School Registration Is Open and Required for All Students

All families must go online to complete or update information for the new school year.

To access the online registration program, go to the DaVinci Academy homepage or use this link:
<https://secure.k12online.us/davinci-academy-of-arts-and-science>

Online registration is completed through K-12 Online™. This is a school management software program that streamlines new student enrollment and simplifies returning student registration and updates information in Power School.

Note for students new to DaVinci Academy, although you may have recently completed the online enrollment through K12Online.com, you are still required to complete the online back to school registration process.

To begin the registration process, you will need a login and access code for at least one of your children. You will be able to access all siblings from one account.

Your child's login and access codes are as follows:

Login ID - student's last name

Access - student's birthdate (you will need to enter the "/" and no leading "0". For example, 2/1/2001 NOT 02/01/01, 02/01/2001, or 212001)

The registration process allows you to update any personal and emergency contact data, provide current medical information, review and acknowledge select school policies and obtain other important back to school notices.

Once you complete all forms, **please print, sign and return the Registration Form.** You should be able to complete the entire

School Links

DaVinci Academy

Staff Directory

Food & Nutrition Info

School Calendar

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Anti-Bullying Policy

Important Dates

8/6 - Drop In & Drop Off Day, noon to 6pm

8/6 - New Family Information Presentation, 6:30 pm

8/11 - First Day of School, Grades 1-8

8/11 & 8/12 - Kindergarten Conferences

8/13 - First Day of School, Kindergarten

8/14 - School Picture Day

9/18 - Picture Retake Day

process from home. However, if you need help in any way, feel free to contact the school office or come to school during Drop-In and Drop-off Day (Wednesday 8/6 between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm) and use an available registration computer. We will be happy to assist you.

Again, to access the online registration program, go to the DaVinci Academy homepage or use the link above.

You will find basic instructions once you get to the login page. If you have additional questions, please contact [Stephanie Bacigalupo](#) or [Lee Swearingen](#). You can also call the front office with questions at 763-754-6577.

Back To School Information

If you are already looking forward to returning to school, check out the [Back To School](#) webpage! This will give you much of the information you will need to get you ready for the 2015-2016 school year. You will find information about:

Important Dates
School supply lists
Back to School Checklist
Online Registration
School Lunch
Meet with Schmitt Music (see below)
Etc.

Lunch Program Reminders & Changes

This article highlights important reminders and changes to the school lunch program. To find out more information or to apply for Free or Reduced price meals, please use the [Food & Nutrition Info](#) link to go to our website.

Lunch prices for the 2015-2016 school year

- Lunch (including milk): Full Pay Students = \$3.50; Free/Reduced Program = \$0.00
- A La Carte Items (charged to ALL students): Milk alone = \$0.50; Extra slice of pizza = \$1.50, Emergency meals = \$3.50

Pre-ordering lunches

- DaVinci Academy provides school lunches through an outside vendor; we do not prepare meals on-site. In order to do this most efficiently, all families are required to pre-order school through an online ordering program. You

should receive a separate email with a personal family link by 5pm on Monday July 27. This link allows you to order lunch for each student in your family. If you do not receive this email, please contact [Lee. Swearingen](#). Newer families may need to complete a paper order form until their online lunch order account is established.

- Our new vendor accepts weekly orders instead of requiring one monthly order. Therefore, if you miss the stated monthly deadline you may still be able to order meals for the later weeks. Once you receive your order email with the family link, use that any time in the future to order or change meals throughout the month. As long as you can submit an order for a day, it will be accepted by us. However, please remember that if you don't order for a particular day, you will need to send a lunch from home.

Emergency meals

- If your child forgets to bring a lunch from home and you had not pre-ordered a meal for that day, they will be provided with an emergency meal. The emergency meal consists of the fruits and vegetables on the menu for the day, a Smuckers Crustable sandwich (PB&J) and a carton of milk. The charge for this will now be the same as a regular meal. If your child has a food allergy to peanuts, we will have an alternative sandwich available.

Vegetarian meals

- We had a great response to the vegetarian meals that were offered in June. Over 230 vegetarian meals were ordered in just 12 days.
- As indicated previously, there is an additional cost for vegetarian meals. The cost per vegetarian meal will be \$4.50; students who receive free or reduced-price meals will be charged accordingly.
- In order to provide these meals we must update our accounting software. Therefore, there will be a delay before we can offer vegetarian meals again. Continue to look for information!

If you have any questions regarding the school lunch program, please contact [Lee. Swearingen](#).

Schmitt Music Visit (8/6)

(By [Mike. Hebert](#))

Schmitt Music will be at school on Drop In & Drop Off Day between 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Band and orchestra families are highly encouraged to come during that time to get information on instrument rental programs.

Bus Routes

The 2015-2016 school year bus routes have been finalized. Please review this [schedule](#) to find locations and pickup and drop-off times. If you have any questions on the bus routes, please contact [Gregg Eldred](#).

Carpool Service

Several parents are working hard to find a solution which will assist in matching families who want to car pool to school. Please continue to look for information in an upcoming email or at Drop In & Drop Off day!

Volunteer Opportunities

School Clean-up Help Needed - We could use your assistance with the activities listed below. If you can help with any of them please contact Lee Swearingen or the person listed.

1. Deliver recyclable items to recycling center or Lowes - 2 televisions, halogen lamps and paint cans
2. Clean outside windows and window ledges
3. Pick up trash that has blown on to the school property
4. Rake up wood chips
5. Wash walls and door frames inside the school
6. Assist with painting the Peaceful Playground - contact Holly Fischer, if interested

Thank you for your consideration! Our summer is short and there are many tasks to do. Your help is always appreciated.

Uniform Donations

If you have any uniforms that your children no longer need, consider passing them on to other DaVinci Academy families. We are happy to take any uniforms that are in good condition (no holes, tears or stains) between now and August 3. We will make these uniforms available to all families, free of charge, during Drop-In & Drop-Off Day on August 6. Anything left over after August 6 will be donated to a local charity.

Please contact [Lee Swearingen](#) with questions.

Please Label All Apparel

Please label all apparel and items sent to school; this greatly improves the chances that misplaced items are returned to your student. Hundreds of items are discarded or donated every year because they are unlabeled and remain unclaimed for an extended period of time.

a. Label all coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, boots, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. Do NOT label school supplies unless instructed to do so on the supply list.

b. Consider using pre-made labels such as [Name Bubbles](#); they are dishwasher and laundry safe. Use code DAAS15 and 20% of your order will be donated to our school!



The graphic is a promotional banner for Name Bubbles. At the top left, it says "Name Bubbles Personalized Labels and Gifts". To the right is the Name Bubbles logo, which consists of four colored circles (green, blue, orange, pink) arranged in a cluster, with the text "name bubbles®" below them. In the center, there is a circular inset image showing various school supplies like pens, pencils, and a spiral notebook. To the right of this inset, the text reads "20% of your label order will be donated to your school". Below this, it says "During checkout, enter: **DAAS15** Click 'Submit' to activate the code*". A small footnote below that states "*Fundraising code cannot be applied to promotional or sale items". To the right of the 20% text, it says "Presented by DaVinci Academy of Arts & Science". At the bottom right, it says "Order online at www.NameBubbles.com". At the very bottom, there are five small text labels: "Durable", "Award Winning", "Dishwasher Safe", "Laundry Safe", and "Waterproof".

Fight Germs at School & Other Events

For helpful information on keeping kids healthy as activities and schools start, see this Health and Wellness [News You Can Use](#) from Associated Financial Group.

Emergency & Attendance Alerts via



To obtain information regarding DaVinci Academy's emergency messaging system, please click [here](#). This is the most effective way to receive important emergency messages from our school. For now, we are reserving the SchoolMessenger communication system for these two needs: a) emergency/immediate alerts, and b) attendance alerts.

(Families new to DaVinci will not be able to sign up for School Messenger alerts until they receive an email directly from [Mrs. Bacigalupo](#) providing their Parent Portal account information.)

PTO News

Link [here](#) to the PTO website or download the most recent [newsletter](#) for recent information.

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