

# DaVinci Connection

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## Dear Lee,

To the left, you will find helpful links that will take you directly to the articles you want to read (Table of Contents), to important pages on our website (School Links), and will provide a quick list of upcoming events (Important Dates.)

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## Important Reminders:

- **Registration** is required for all new and returning students - see [article below](#) for more information
  - **Lunch Order** Deadline is 8/4 - see [article below](#) for more information
  - **Drop In & Drop Off Day** is 8/6 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm - see [website](#) more information
  - **First day of school** is 8/11 for 1st through 8th grade and 8/13 for kindergartners.
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## Employment Opportunities

### Special Education Paraprofessional

- 35 - 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday on student contact days (174).
- Qualifications are a two-year Associate degree and/or criteria to meet Highly Qualified status.
- Assisting students with special needs in the classroom (behavioral, academic) Supervise special education students to ensure student safety. Lunch and recess duties.
- Assist with collecting and monitoring of student progress data
- This position begins August 3, 2015. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

## School Links

DaVinci Academy  
Staff Directory  
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### Lunch Room Assistant

- two hours each student contact day
- set up and clean up lunch room
- point-of-sale responsibilities

For more information on applying for either of these positions,

## 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

## Carpool Matching Service

Interested in forming a carpool? Parent coordinators are seeking initial interest from families. There will also be a table at the Drop In & Drop Off event on 8/6 from noon to 6 pm.

Or you can send an email to [DaVinciCarpoolers@gmail.com](mailto:DaVinciCarpoolers@gmail.com) with the following information:

Subject: Interest in Carpool

Copy the following into the body of your email:

name

address

email address

phone number (if there are questions)

# of children and grades

days or times you can drive

# of additional children you can drive

days or times you need others to drive

Parent coordinators will determine interested families in similar areas. They will then contact you with next steps.

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## From Minnesota Revenue

Helpful tax information [here](#).

*Save Receipts For Your Child's Education Expenses and K-12 Education Subtraction and K-12 Education Credit.*

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## Lunch Service - Welcome Letter

Read a [Welcome Back](#) letter from Lancer Dining Services

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## Back To School Registration Is Open and Required for All Students

All families (new and returning) 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™. 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.

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.

*Unless you reset or changed them, 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)

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

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## Back To School Information

Helpful information can be found on 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 including:

Important Dates  
School supply lists  
[Back to School Checklist](#)  
Online Registration  
School Lunch  
Etc.

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## Lunch Program Reminders & Changes

**Order deadline** - Lunch order emails went out on Tuesday, 7/25. The deadline for ordering lunches for the first week of school is

8/4. Any family that did not get the email should contact [Lee Swearingen](#) directly. **If you cannot order online, please complete this [order form](#) and return it to the school office by the deadline (8/4).**

To find out more information about the school lunch program 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
- See below for more information on vegetarian meals.

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 meals through an online ordering program. You will receive a reminder each month with a family-specific link that allows you to order lunch for each student in your family.
- 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 part of the month. Once you receive your order email with the family link, use that link every time you order or change meals throughout the month. Keep in mind that orders are submitted to Lancer a week in advance. For example, orders for the week of 8/24 will be submitted on 8/17. 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 for full pay students, \$0.40 for reduced-price meal students and \$0.00 for free-meal students
- 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](#).

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## 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.

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## 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](#).

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## 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.

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## 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!

A promotional graphic 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".

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## 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.)

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## PTO News

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

[Forward this email](#)



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