

DaVinci Connection

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Dear Lee,

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Experiencing Car-Line Blues?

Do you currently pick up your children at school at the end of the day? Have you noticed that the pick up line is longer this year? Now that we are over a month into the new school year, and many families (new and returning) are adjusting to their new routines, we would like you to revisit your end of day pick up plans.

Although the staff does their best every day to get kids on the bus and out the door as quickly as possible, there are things you can do to help us be even quicker.

Be sure your child knows how they are getting home before they leave home each day.

Please limit last minute transportation changes to emergency situations only. It is difficult and stressful for changes that are communicated late in the day. If you must make a last minute non-emergency change, please communicate it to the teacher and the front office before 12:00 pm.

Revisit the Bus Routes

Take a look at the current bus routes and see if any one of them might work for you. Some of our stops are close enough that coming to school will take more time. Suggested locations are:

Johnsville Library - yellow bus

Majestic Pizza - red bus

Blaine Baseball Complex - green bus

Important Dates

9/17 - Boy Scout Info
Mtg, 7 pm

9/18 - Picture Retake

Carpool Matching Service

Interested in forming a carpool? Parent coordinators are helping to match-up interested families. Send an email to DaVinciCarpoolers@gmail.com with the following information:

Day
9/21 - Curr/Tech Com
Mtg, 4pm
9/21 - Finance Com Mtg,
6 pm
9/22 - PTO Meeting,
6 pm
9/28 - School Board Mtg,
6 pm

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 contact you with next steps.

After-School Care & Transportation Offered by Outside Vendors*:

Learn & Grow (Red Bus)
Jam Hops (Red Bus)
Tutor Time (Green Bus)
Jefferson Kindercare (Green Bus)
Small World
New Horizon
Primrose
Jack & Jill

**This is not an exhaustive list nor is DaVinci Academy promoting any particular program.*

Picture Retake Day - 9/18

If your child was absent on or started after 8/14 or you would like them to retake their school picture, picture retake day is this Friday.

Last week, school picture proofs were sent home with students who had their picture taken on 8/14. If you are purchasing a picture package please turn in the form with payment to the front office by Friday, September 18. Checks may be written to Scherling Photography. If you would like your child to have their picture retaken, please return the proof and order form with the "Retake" box marked and a reason indicated no later than this Thursday, September 17.

(K-5) Boy Scouts Meeting



Special announcement for all the boys (grades K-5). September 17th 7pm here at this school you have the opportunity to join

Scouting! Do you like Rockets, Camping, Shooting Sports and getting to build your very own race cars?? Scouting does all those things and more! Join Scouting September 17th 7pm here!

Back-To-School Registration Required for All Students

Thank you to all families who have completed the Back-to-School Registration process! There are still many (50+) student's whose registration has not been completed as of today.

If you recently received an email recently asking you to complete this process, you can access the online registration program through the DaVinci Academy homepage or use this link: <https://secure.k12online.us/davinci-academy-of-arts-and-science>

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.

Lunch Program Reminders

October lunch order emails will be sent by Thursday of this week. 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

- Hot or Alternative Lunch (including milk):

- Full Pay Students = \$3.50;
- Free/Reduced Program = \$0.00
- Vegetarian Lunch (including milk):
 - Full-pay Students = \$4.50;
 - Student approved for reduced-price meals = \$0.40;
 - Students approved for free meals = \$0.00
- A La Carte Items (charged to ALL students):
 - Milk alone = \$0.50;
 - Pre-Ordered Extra slice of pizza = \$1.50,
 - Emergency meals = \$3.50
 - Extra Entree (Grade 6-8 only) = \$1.50

Pre-ordering lunches

- DaVinci Academy provides school lunches through an outside vendor; we do not prepare meals on-site. Therefore, 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.

Extra Entree Option

- Students in grades 6-8 have the opportunity to purchase an extra entree any day there is food remaining after all students who pre-ordered a meal have been served. Students can purchase an extra entree as long as they have a positive lunch balance at the time. If you do not want your child to be able to purchase the extra entree, please discuss this with them.

Vegetarian meals

- Vegetarian meals are non-halal

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

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!



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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.)

PTO News

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

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