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Greetings!

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.)

Give to the Max Day - It Gets Better Every Year!!



[School Supplies](#)
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Important Dates

11/23 - 11/27 -
No School

12/7 HR/Comp Com, 4:30
pm

12/7 School Dev Com,
5:30 pm

12/9 Policy Com,
3:30 pm

12/14 Curriculum/Tech
Com, 4:00 pm

12/14 Finance Com,
6:00 pm

12/21 - 1/4 Winter Break
No School

1/5 - 1/8 Optional
Intersession

Lunch Program

Current Lunch prices -
including milk

Hot or Alt. Lunch:

- Full Pay = \$3.50;
- Free/Reduced =



This year's Give to the Max fundraising campaign was even better than last year. We increased our number of donations by 23 and raised \$733 more dollars!

Thank you **very much** for all of your support; both sharing our story and donating to our school.

Have You Noticed Our New Sign?

It's pretty self-explanatory. Please do not turn left out of the DaVinci Academy driveway between 7:30 am and 8:00 am. Follow the directions, and the morning car line moves much, much faster.

\$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

Go [here](#) to apply for free
or reduced-price meals.



See below for directions around the block!



Optional Intersession 1/5-1/8!

January 5th-8th is our Optional Intersession week. Teachers will be offering a variety of classes that highlight our arts and science pillars. Forms and videos can be found below:

[Class Descriptions](#)

[Registration Form](#)

[Informational Class Videos](#)

Here are some other important things for you to know:

1. Classes are all day from 8:00-3:00 just like a regular school day, and it is a 4 day week (Tuesday through Thursday).
2. We will still offer cluster-stop busing as we do every day. Bus stop times will remain the same.
3. Lunch will be served during the school day and students can sign up online or bring their own bag lunch, as usual. Some students will eat lunch while on a field trip and that price is included in your registration fee for the class.
4. Students will be able to play with Mr. Slechta this week as each Intersession will spend some time in gym class.
5. Uniforms will NOT be required for Intersession week.
6. The cost of each class is \$100** per student.
7. A minimum number of students is required to run each class. If we don't get enough interest, a student may need to switch to a different class. Therefore, we are asking families to choose a first and second option at registration.
8. Families will be informed if a child does not get into his or her first choice class. If both the first and second choice options are not available, money will be refunded in the event that we cannot offer a suitable alternative class for your child.
9. Registration fees are due with the registration form.

The DEADLINE for parents to turn in Registration Forms is

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH. Because of the holiday break and the difficulty of making changes to plans during this time, NO EXCEPTIONS will be made to this deadline.

Lastly, all questions and inquiries about Intersession can be directed to [Holly Fischer](#).

**If this Intersession is a financial burden to your family and you would like to discuss scholarship availability, please contact [Terry](#)

Recess Clothing Reminders



It is getting to that time of year again. The temperature and precipitation is unpredictable and can change hourly. Please keep this in mind before sending your children off

to school. Review the guidelines listed below for recommended outerwear for recess:

- 60 degrees or higher - no jacket or sweatshirt required
- 46 to 59 degrees - light jacket or hooded sweatshirts suggested
- 45 degrees or lower - winter coat, hats and gloves are required
- Snow pants and boots required when there is snow
- If there is snow on the playground or field and students want to play in it, all students need to wear snow pants and winter boots. If they do not have snow pants and winter boots, they will be required to stay on the blacktop area.

Also - this is the time of year that our lost-and-found cabinet really fills up fast. **Please label ALL clothing** (sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, coats, boots, snow pants). If you do this, you have a better chance of getting these back if they are misplaced. We only keep items placed in the lost-and-found cabinet for short period of time before they are donated. See [below](#) for a great option for easy labels.

Honor Band!

([Mr. Hebert](#))

Natalie B., Janessa B., and Sierra S. have been selected to participate in the annual Central Minnesota Band Directors Association (CMBDA) 6th-8th grade Honor Band. Six students were nominated by Mr. Hebert to represent DaVinci Academy in this regional honor band.

40 different schools nominated outstanding students for this years honor band and our three finalists were chosen from a large pool of students. Worth mentioning are Sierra S. and Leah S. who were selected for last years CMBDA Honor Band.

This one-day festival will take place on Saturday, January 16th 2016 at Elk River High School in Elk River Minnesota. The guest conductor is Peter Guenther, Director of Bands at Owatonna High School.



Congratulations musicians! Thank you for leading by example!

Looking for a Fun Activity over Thanksgiving Break?

Play a rousing game of "seek and find the overdue library books"! Overdue notices are going home with students on Friday. Please take the time next week to find these books.

If you cannot find a book, please pay the lost book fee of \$15 (paid to the front office) or feel free to replace the



book yourself with a new copy.

Thank you for helping to keep our small but oh-so-important library fully stocked! If you have any questions regarding the library, please contact [Miranda TenNapel](#).

Get Back that Missing Coat AND Raise Money for School? What Could be Better Than That!

Easily label all clothing and outerwear using Name Bubbles and DaVinci Academy will receive 20% of your order total! See below for details.



Name Bubbles
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20%
of your label order
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your school

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enter: **DAAS15**
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activate the code*

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Don't want to order special labels? That is fine too! But please, label ALL of your student's items. ALL of them. Really. If you don't label their things, the Lost & Found looks like this:



Emergency & Attendance Alerts via



It is time to start thinking about winter weather and possible school closures. If you are not already signed up to receive emergency messages, please continue reading!



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](#) (dated 9/24/15) for recent information.

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