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Greetings!

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Upcoming Winter Concerts

MUSIC CONCERTS

JANUARY 19 / 21 / 26 / 28

ADMIT ONE

Our winter concerts are here and the musicians are ready to shine!

Block off your calendar for one or all of these four exciting
concerts:

Tuesday, January 19th

3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade Band, 5th Grade Orchestra

Thursday, January 21st

Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade

(Off-site parking available, information to follow)

Tuesday, January 26th

6th Grade Orchestra, 6th Grade Band, String Orchestra, Wind
Ensemble

Thursday, January 28th

5th and 6th Grade Choir, 7th and 8th Grade Choir

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Important Dates

1/1 - 1/31 Open
Application Period

1/11 HR/Comp Com, 4:30
pm

1/11 School Dev Com,
5:30 pm

1/13 Policy Com,
3:30 pm

1/18 Curriculum/Tech
Com, 4:00 pm

1/18 Finance Com,
6:00 pm

1/19 3-5 Grd Band & 5
Grd Orch Concert, 6:00
pm

1/21 K-2 Music Concert,
6:00 pm

1/26 6 Grd Orch &
Ban Concert, 6:00 pm

1/28 5-8 Grd
Choir Concert, 6:00 pm

Student report time is 5:30 pm and all concerts start at 6:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fohrman and Mr. Hebert

Board Election Update

([Ross Meisner](#), President, DaVinci Board of Directors)

The nomination period for board candidates has closed, and we received three nominations for three open board seats. The board thanks those individuals who are willing to serve on the board. It's an exciting time as we seek to bring our successful DaVinci Academy program to even more students by expanding the school. There is much work for the board to do in order to make this vision a reality. If you wish to be nominated for the election but missed the deadline, contact me (rmeisner@davinicharterschool.org) to discuss your options. At a minimum, a parent/guardian, staff member or community member can seek to be elected through a write-in campaign.

In mid-January, I will distribute information about the three nominees and their goals for serving on the board. Then on Monday January 25th at 6:30pm, at our board meeting, we will hold a public forum with the nominees. Please be sure to join us then to get to know the candidates. Starting Monday February 8th, the polls will open for two weeks of voting. On February 22nd the polls will close and we will hold our Annual Meeting at 6pm that same day to announce the election results. Obviously we encourage all

Lunch Program

Current Lunch prices -
including milk

Hot or Alt. 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

stakeholders to vote, and also to join us at the Annual Meeting for
an update on our school's recent performance and future plans.

2016-17 Enrollment Has Begun

Do you have a sibling who is interested in attending DaVinci Academy next fall? **All interested students who are not currently enrolled, including siblings, who would like to attend DaVinci Academy must submit an application no later than January 31, 2016.** Student applications may be mailed, [email](#), faxed or dropped off to the school office. All completed student applications will be included in the enrollment lottery.

To enroll for kindergarten, a student **must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016.**

Currently enrolled students do **NOT** need to re-apply, re-enroll or complete intent to return form.

Share with your friends and neighbors that we are accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year for kindergarten through eighth grade. **All applications must be submitted no later than January 31, 2016.** We have two information sessions coming up for prospective families on January 14 and January 27 at 6:00 pm.

All applications received by January 31 will be included in **our lottery that will be held on February 23 at 6:00 pm.** All families who have turned in the Student Application for the lottery will be notified of their placement after the lottery date by phone or letter.

If you have any questions regarding enrollment or the student application please contact [Nicole Hartfield](#).

Battle of the Books Competition

The Middle School Battle of the Books Competition will take place

after school on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 3:15-4:15.



8th Grade - High School Planning

If you have an 8th grade student at DaVinci Academy, this is your reminder that now is the time to contact the high school of your choice to enroll for 9th grade. [Ms. Moffatt](#) sent an email to all 8th grade parents/guardians regarding suggested steps and availability to discuss your student's particular needs and situation.

As your child currently attends DaVinci Academy and not his or her home district school, you will need to either get them on their home district school's list for 9th grade or open enroll them at an out-of-district school. Open enrollment applications are usually required to be submitted by mid-January. Check directly with your chosen school!

If you have additional questions on this transition, please contact [Ms. Moffatt](#) directly.

View Food Service Transactions and Make Payments Online!

You are now able to view lunch transactions, set payment

reminders and fund your students' food service account using a credit card or ACH check transfers with SchoolPaymentPortal.com!

Go to our [website](#) for more information.

Two Extra Curricular Classes Still Accepting Students - Register Now!

Young Rembrandts

This winter is the perfect time to register for Young Rembrandts! Artists will advance their skills using techniques in color pencil, marker and Sharpie. A fast food still life, emoticons and the statue of liberty will provide a lot of fun and many artistic challenges. Young Rembrandts students will emulate master artist Andy Warhol, create their own skateboard graphic and much more. Make this an unforgettable winter for learning and fun. Enroll today directly through Young Rembrandts using [this link](#) AND email [Holly Fischer](#) once you have registered.

Golf Squad

This class is for kids who are new to golf or more experienced and it is held at DaVinci. It is taught by PGA/LPGA professionals and all materials are provided (handbook, visors, equipment, training tools). Register directly through Golf Squad using this [link](#) AND email [Holly Fischer](#) once you have registered.

Pilot Breakfast Program Starts January 11

([Lee Swearingen](#))

Reminder - the pilot breakfast program starts on Monday, January 11. If you pre-order breakfast for your student, they will eat in their classroom prior to 9 am. For more information on the food service program, please see our [website](#) or contact [Lee Swearingen](#).

DNR Fire Arms Safety Class

The DNR will be offering a fire arms safety class here at DaVinci Academy. It includes 12 hours of classroom instruction and 5 hours of shooting practice at the range. Parents are encouraged to join their child - ages 11 and up - for the class.

Classes will be held February 22nd and 25th, and March 1st and 3rd at the school from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The range day will be held on Saturday, March 5, starting at 9:00 a.m. There will be more information to follow. The DNR charges \$7.50 for the certification at the completion of the classes and Field Day practice.

If you have previously contacted Holly Fischer with your interest, you will be receiving further information. If you are interested in the class but have not contacted [Holly Fischer](#), please do so.

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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 needs: a) emergency/immediate alerts, b) school closings, and c) 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.

Box Tops Blizzard is coming right at us!



[Print Form Here](#)

Contest ends on January 29th, so don't forget to ask your family and friends for their help when you see them. Collection sheets were sent home with your child before the break and extras will be at the front desk or you can print it above. Thank you for supporting our school!

1st Prize: \$75 AMC gift card ~ 2nd Prize: \$25 AMC gift card

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