



DaVinci Academy

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Important Dates

8/9 Open House,
3 pm - 7 p.m.

8/13 Curriculum/Tech
Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

8/14 First Day of School
1st-8th Grade

8/16 First Day of School,
Kindergarten

8/17 Picture Day
(uniforms must be worn)

8/20 Finance Meeting,
6:00 p.m.

8/27 Board Meeting,
6:00 p.m.

8/30 No School

8/31 No School

Greetings!

To the left, you will find helpful links to important pages on our website (School Links), and will provide a quick list of upcoming events (Important Dates.)

NEED TO KNOW.....

Dean of Students

Please welcome Mr. Jack Shields to DaVinci Academy as our Dean of Students.



Mr. Shields has extensive experience working with students in grades K-8, having taught in grades 4-8 and serving as a principal of a local K-8 school for the last 18 years.

We have a lot of new staff and teacher faces to get to know this year as this has been another year of growth for the school. Check out our [faculty web page](#) to see who has joined our DaVinci Academy community.



Families are invited to join us on **Thursday, August 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for an Open House. Among other things, you will be able to:

- Complete required transportation elections
- Drop off school supplies

Food Service Program

Current Lunch prices - including milk

Hot, Alt. or Emergency 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 the food service program.

- Deliver student medication and required forms
- Pay food service and other fees
- Meet with available teachers
- Receive homeroom teacher assignments or class schedules
- Get your questions answered about Silent Dismissal or Infinite Campus
- Register and pay for extracurricular activities

Who is your child's teacher?!

This is the question of the hour. Thursday, August 9th, you should be able to log on to your Infinite Campus parent portal and see your child's teacher, and if you have a middle school student, your child's schedule.

Class rosters will also be posted at the main entrance and east doors during Open House.

Middle school schedules will also be available at open house night so please be sure to check your child's locker.

Action Required - Back to School Packet Arriving by Mail

Packets were mailed on Wednesday, August 1st. It included the following documents:

- Silent Dismissal instructions and dashboard identification tags - prior to Monday, August 13, ALL families must set transportation specifications (bus riders and parent pickup/carpool).
- Bus tags (please put on your child's backpack)
- Infinite Campus Parent Portal access key and instructions for those who have not set up their parent portal. In order to update household information and to have access to your student's online information, you must set up a parent portal account on Infinite Campus.

It is important for families to set up their Parent Portal. This allows families to:

- review and update all student, parent and emergency contact and medical information
- view attendance, fees and grades
- receive messages from teachers (Middle School)

Watch your mailbox for more information, and if you don't receive this mailing come to Open House.

If your child's bus tag was not included in the mailing, please visit the Transportation table at Open House.

Final Bus Stop List

The final bus stop list was sent out a few weeks ago. All the information is on the [Transportation](#) page on our website. For the

safety of our students the link for our bus stops is password protected. If you need the password, please call the office.

If you have made your bus stop choice and filled out the first Transportation Registration Form, you don't need to fill out the Updated Form; however, please reference the map to make sure you know the accurate stop times.

Extracurricular Activities

Session one extracurricular activities will be posted Thursday, August 9th. **Registration deadline is Monday, August 20th.** Plan for sign ups right away to ensure your child's spot.

This year dates for the classes are as follows:

- Session 1 (6 weeks) Sept. 4- Oct. 12
Registration Deadline August 20th
- Session 2 (7 Weeks) Oct. 22 - Dec. 14
Registration Deadline Sept. 20th
- Session 3 (6 weeks) Jan.7 - Feb.15
Registration Deadline December 20th
- Session 4 (7 Weeks) Mar.18 - May 3
Registration Deadline February 20th

Attendance Line: 763-252-6130

Parents should call the attendance line (763-252-6130), before 9:00 a.m. of the day a student will be absent. This phone number is available 24 hours a day to leave a message. Please leave the following information on the recording:

- The date your student will be absent
- The first and last name of your student
- The reason for the absence
- The name of the parent/guardian who is calling

If you know your child(ren) will be gone more than 3 consecutive days, you will need to fill out an [extended absence form](#) four to six weeks in advance. Please send the extended absence form to [Ms. Moffatt](#).

Chaperones Needed!

The middle school field trip to Eagle Bluff is scheduled for Monday, August 27- Wednesday 29 and we are in need of chaperones.

Please consider applying to attend with your middle school child. [Here](#) is the online application for chaperoning.

School policy requires a criminal background check of all adults accompanying students to Eagle Bluff. [Here](#) is a background check form, please complete the form and return it to the office with the \$10 fee.



Back To School Information

If you are looking for information about the start of the school year, please go to the DaVinci Academy home page and click on the Back To School button.

At this time, you will find information about:

- Important Dates
- Supply Lists
- Food Service
- Student Medication & Immunization Forms
- Receive Technology Help With Silent Dismissal Registration

2018-19 Back to
School
Information

[CLICK HERE](#)

Each year it is important for families to review the [Student Handbook](#) and the [School Policies](#) as these are to change as the School Board sees fit.

Kindergarten Family Conferences

Ms. Borg, Mrs. Creary, Mrs. Holle, Mrs. Metty, and Mrs. Steinbruckner, will contact the kindergarten families to schedule in-person conferences.

The conferences will take place on Tuesday 8/14 or Wednesday 8/15. Families and students will have a chance to see the classroom, drop off school supplies (if not done on 8/9) and meet with their teacher to discuss the upcoming year.



HELP WANTED.....

Mentor Families Needed for Open House

([Holly Fischer](#))

Easy Tasks:

- Greet new and returning families
- Help point people in the right direction
- Answer new families questions

To review or sign up for activities, **you must be logged in to your HelpCounter account.**

HelpCounter School Volunteer Manager

Volunteer Log in

If you already have a HelpCounter account, sign up using the [Home Access Link](#) and update your volunteer interest form.

No user name?

Create New User Name

Otherwise, please log in using your user name and password.

User Name

Password

Log In

☐ Keep me logged in on this device
Do not check this box if you are on a public or shared computer

If you do NOT have a HelpCounter account, please use the [New Volunteer Link](#) and you can indicate your interests during the sign up process.

**If a link below does not get you directly to the sign up for the activity, please select "Volunteer Home" and the "Check for Upcoming Opportunities"

Priority Volunteer Activities

click on the links below to sign up for an individual activity**

[Back to School Night Mentor Families on 8/9](#)

[Parking Lot Safety - keep cars out of the bus lane](#) - Needed for the first couple days of school.

[School Bus Monitor](#) - Ride the bus for the first 2 weeks of school to make sure the little ones get off on the correct stop.

Thank you for your time and effort!

If you have any questions on these activities or using HelpCounter, please contact [Kathy Falkowski](#).

Employment Opportunities



Do you know a high school or college student who likes working with kids and is looking for after school employment? The DaVinci Den, our after school care program, needs several After School Program Teacher Assistants starting in August and this could be a perfect opportunity for them!

Interested individuals should apply online through our [employment application webpage](#).

NICE TO KNOW.....

Building Striping

If you have driven past the school this summer you may have noticed the lines around the facade and wondered, "What is happening with our school?" Here's the scoop. This is the time that our builder does their 1 year punch list to address any outstanding issues with the construction. As with any new structure there were a few cracks that could use sealing for aesthetic purposes. A field technician was sent out to fill in those cracks. Fortunately for us, and unfortunately for our builder, it was that field technician's first day on the job and he got a little over zealous with the patching of minor inconsistencies. Most of our building will get a fresh coat of stain to cover those patches. The building is structurally sound, and there are no concerns about major cracking, but now we need to wait until the stain company has time to re-do such a large project.



Uniform Donations

Have your children out grown their uniforms? If so, donations of gently used uniforms could be dropped off at school any day before, August 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please do not donate uniforms with holes or stains.

The PTO will have a uniform donation table at the Open House for anyone in need of uniforms.

Picture Day

Picture Day is Friday, August 17th. This is a regular uniform day, uniforms must be worn.

Picture Retake Day is September 21st.

An information flyer will be sent home with your child on the first day of school.

Color Splash Run for DaVinci Academy - 9/29

DaVinci Academy welcomes you to join us as we run, walk, and jog while raising funds for our school! This fun run/walk is open to



EVERYONE in the community, and we hope to see you there!

The Color Splash fundrun is an un-timed fun run/walk featuring a 5K. Throughout the course participants will experience color splash zones where they'll be doused in color and end with a final color toss celebration!

- Check in starts at 9:00 a.m.

- Race Starts at 10:00 a.m.

REGISTER EARLY!

Registration includes a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt only if you sign up before 9/15/18.

Early Packet Pick Up will be available on Friday, September 28th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at DaVinci Academy. [Early packet pick up is strongly recommended.](#)

You can pick up your items at the registration table the day of the event. Paper registration forms are available upon request.

SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS WHEN YOU REGISTER
#getactivefundraising

Please be sure to register by 9/15/18, to guarantee that you'll receive a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt!

At a glance

WHAT: Color Splash Run for DaVinci Academy

WHEN: Saturday, September 29th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: National Sports Center 1700 105th Avenue NE, Blaine, MN 55449

REGISTER: [Get Active Fundraising](#)

CONTACT: [Robyn Creary](#) 763-754-6577

ON GOING.....

School Supply List

School supply lists can be found [here](#).

Middle School Students

Your child will need a supply of their own pencils. Personal responsibility is a key trait teachers work to instill during middle school. We will ask students to bring more pencils for their own locker supply.

If any part of the school supply purchase is a financial burden to your family, please contact [Terry Moffatt](#) to make other arrangements.

Media Release - Opt Out Option

We no longer require families to do the Back to School Registration each year. However, if you do NOT give your permission for your child's image to be used in the different media, both internally and externally, you will need to opt out. This includes, but is not limited to, articles and photographs in a school newsletter, video of a student program shown in school or published to families via an online program, a news story by local media, or something on our web site.

Click [here](#) for the Media Release Form.

Volunteer Background Checks

[\(Brenda Gerard\)](#)

Are you one of our awesome DaVinci Academy volunteers or would you like to be a volunteer?

Has it been two years or more since you completed a background check consent form?

If so, a background check consent form will need to be completed and turned into the school office along with payment of \$10.

As appropriate for the protection of our students, **volunteers who have contact with students will be asked to submit to and successfully complete a background check every two years, at their own expense.** If you cannot afford the processing fee at this time, do not let that stop you from volunteering, contact [Ms. Lach](#) to discuss.

Below you will find a copy of the criminal background check consent form. You may also find the form on the DaVinci Academy web site under the volunteering tab, pick one up at the back to school event on August 9th or at the school office at anytime.

Once we have your completed form and payment, you will be able to sign into the Helpcounter computer terminal and begin volunteering!

Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers!

Click [here](#) to download the background check form.

Food Service

([Cassy Anderson](#))



The [2018-19 Application for Educational Benefits](#) is now available. We encourage all of our families to apply.

2018-19 Household Income Guidelines. Click on the link or visit our [web page](#) for Application details.

We are currently working on August menus and will be posting them as soon as they are complete.

If your child has special dietary needs, please contact [Cassandra Anderson](#) before August 1st.

Area Summer Food Programs

- National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-Hungry or 1-877-8-HAMBRE. It's a free call, available in both English and Spanish, and is available from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Time.
 - Call the 2-1-1 Hotline or from cell phones - metro area: 651-291-0211, outstate: 800-543-7709, TTY: 651-291-8440.
 - go to the [National Hunger Hotline](#)
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