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## Greetings!

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## New DaVinci Academy Website

([Holly Fischer](#))

Our DaVinci Academy [website](#) has been revamped in order to anticipate the increased traffic from interested parents as we are expanding. Check out the new look at [www.davincicharterschool.org](http://www.davincicharterschool.org). You will still be able to find all of the information that you need including the calendar, links to [PowerSchool](#) and [Silent Dismissal](#) and contact information for teachers and staff members. You will also have access to prior newsletters, news items from the school and important documents like Board minutes and the student handbook. Thanks to Christine Hehre at [Junebird Creative](#) for her work on this great new site. Please contact [Holly Fischer](#) if you have questions about the new website.

## Volunteer Information Anti-Bullying Policy

### Important Dates

5/16 School Board Meeting,  
6 pm

5/18 Grades 6-8 Art Show,  
5:30 pm

5/19 Instrumental Concert,  
5:00 pm

5/22-5/30 No School

6/3 No School

6/6 Field Day

6/10 No School

6/16 Last Day of School

### Food Service Program

Current Lunch prices -  
including milk

Hot, Alt. or Emergency  
Lunch:

- Full Pay = \$3.50;
- Free/Reduced =  
\$0.00

Vegetarian Lunch:



## Open Choice Park After School Activity - K through 5th Grade

Need an extra hour on Mondays and Thursdays? Ms. Dix will be walking kids to the park and having a blast playing games the kids choose. They will have the whole hour to enjoy playing in the sand, on the play ground equipment, climbing the dome, playing tennis, baseball, and more! Pick up is at school at 4:15 pm.

Classes are \$7.00 each and the dates are June 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th and 16th. Please register by Friday, May 20th by emailing [Holly Fischer](mailto:Holly.Fischer@davincicharterschool.org).

## New DaVinci Academy Logo!

On our website you will also see our new logo and tagline which has been designed to communicate the essence of what our school is about. We have also designed a new sports logo that will be used on the Spirit wear. Thanks to [Curly Creative Communications](#) for their help with this project!



- 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.

Emergency & Attendance Alerts via



To sign up for emergency messaging, [click here](#) . This program is used for:  
a) emergency/immediate alerts, b) school closings, and c) attendance alerts.

Contact [Mrs. Bacigalupo](#) for information

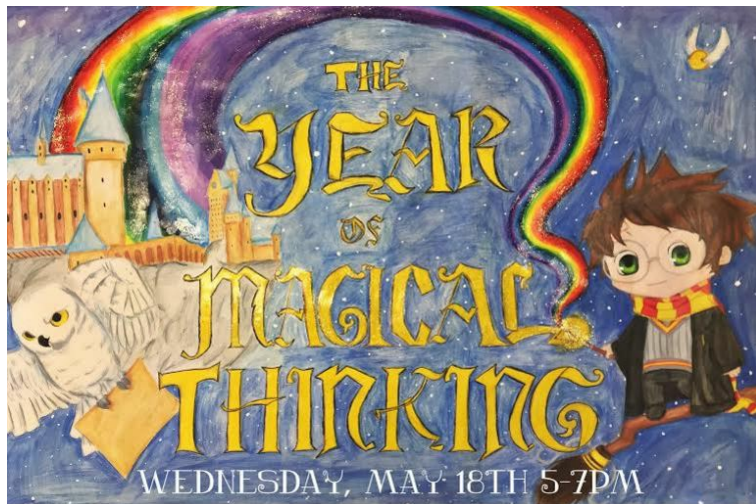
PTO News

Link [here](#) to the PTO



## Middle School Art Show - 5/18

Mark your calendars for the Middle School Art Show. It is going to be magical!



Poster art by Boatemaa A, grade 8

## Spring Instrumental Concert

([Mike Hebert](#))

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

5/6TH @ 5:00PM & 7/8TH @ 7:00PM

THURSDAY, MAY 19TH

When is the concert?

Our spring band/orchestra concert is on Thursday, May 19th. 5th

website or download the most recent [newsletter](#) (dated April 2016) for recent information.

### Label All Apparel

Help reduce our lost and found! Please label all clothing, outwear and lunch boxes.

(Consider using [NameBubbles](#) - enter code DAAS15 and 20% of your order will be donated to DaVinci Academy).

and 6th grade students will perform starting at 5:00 pm. 7th, 8th, Jazz Band, and Chamber Orchestra will start at 7:00 pm.

### How long will my child need to stay?

All students will be expected to stay for the entire concert in order to complete a listening assignment of the other groups performing. This will count as half of their concert participation score.

### What is the dress code?

5th and 6th grade will wear white dress tops (boys need a button up shirt) and black dress bottoms with black dress shoes.

\*\*\*7th and 8th grade will wear ALL BLACK with black dress shoes. Boys need a black button up shirt. Girls need long skirts or dress pants. Leggings/yoga pants are NOT acceptable.\*\*\*

### How will I help at home?

Our musicians need to learn their music at home. Rehearsals are used for learning everything that's happening around them. We cannot use rehearsal time to only figure out individual parts. Require your child to put in the hours at home so they come prepared and confident to class.

### Where can I find more information?

I have posted our concert songs and lesson assignments on my classroom website listed below. Feel free to contact me with ANY questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, fun stories, etc.

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## Dismissal Improvements

Those of you picking up at the end of the day may have noticed an increase in the efficiency of our pick up procedure now that we have worked out the kinks of the new Silent Dismissal system. Parents now know that dismissal is usually finished by 3:10. Thank you Ms. Kaiser and Mrs. Severson for your efficiency!

Now we need to address the **safety issue** that continues to be a problem at the front of the school. Parents parking at Aldi and walking across the parking lot at 3:00 and after are creating a dangerous situation. The hedges at the side of the school can obscure people from being seen by cars and drivers often need to stop quite suddenly as students and parents don't always wait for a break in traffic. It is for this reason that we are again requesting that parents stay in their cars for back pick up unless

they have a meeting with a teacher or other reason to be in the school at the end of the day. We do not have a spacious area for parents to wait and, in addition to the traffic issue it creates outside, there is congestion at the front door of the school as kids are exiting for the buses as well.

If you need an additional window tag with your student number on it please contact [Holly Fischer](#) and thank you for helping us to keep our families safe at dismissal time.

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## Middle School Online Class Selection for 2016/2017 School Year - Parent Action Required

Next week we will be sending a form home with your child which highlights the many enrichment classes we will be offering daily next year. Your child will work with his/her teachers at school to select the appropriate Spanish and, potentially, math classes that he/she will be taking.

When you receive the form, please assist your child as they choose the music and enrichment classes that interest them and send the form back to school to be used as a guide during online class registration in June. As in the past, remaining mandatory classes will be added to your child's schedule by the office.

Please contact [Holly Fischer](#) or your child's teacher with any questions.

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## The 5th annual DaVinci Academy Golf Tournament is quickly approaching!

Please consider joining us for a fun filled, community building experience while helping out DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science. The golf tournament is for golfer and non-golfers alike supporting a great cause.

Bring your family, and bring your friends.

The event is held at Majestic Oaks Golf Club in Ham Lake on Friday, June 10th. Individual golfers are \$100 or a foursome is \$360. The fee includes green fees and cart, access to the driving range, golfer goodie bag, dinner, program, and awards.

Not a golfer? No problem! Join us for a social hour, dinner, program, and a raffle. The social hour begins at 5:30pm with dinner served at 6:30pm followed by a program, awards and a raffle. The cost for the steak dinner (a vegetarian option is also available) is \$40 per guest.

Please submit your registration by June 1st. (see our [website](#) for information and forms) If you have any questions regarding the golf or the dinner only option, please contact our Golf Coordinator, Jacob Sheck, at (612) 384-2111 or the Golf Committee Chairperson, Kadar Ibrahim, at (612) 231-6030.

Thank you for continually supporting the Arts and Science Enrichment Fund of DaVinci Academy!

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## Golf Tournament Fundraising

Hey Parents! Thank you so much for your efforts in getting your kids to help bring in Dollars for DaVinci this year! It was a huge success. We are still in need of some high quality, fabulous prizes for our raffle which brings in a lot of money for our school. Does your family hold season tickets for the Minnesota Vikings, or Minnesota Twins? Would you be willing to donate one of the games to the Golf Tournament? We are also looking for new golf apparel, and gift cards (suggested minimum retail value of \$20-25). Please contact [Lindsey Altermatt](#) if you have an item that you think would be a great fit for the Golf Tournament. Thank you in advance for making the 5th annual Golf tournament such a success!

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# Individualized/Group Basketball Instruction

Coach Slechta is offering individualized and group basketball instruction for interested children and adults, kindergarten on up. Please print and complete the attached [sign-up form](#).

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