



# The Dragon's Tale

Weekly School Newsletter

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## 8th Grade Pictures

Families of 8th grade students - we are asking that all of our 8th grade students provide 3 photos for 8th Grade Recognition: a current year picture, an elementary aged picture, and a baby picture. Pictures can be scanned and emailed to Ms. Erika at the front office at [eafieldhammer@gbaps.org](mailto:eafieldhammer@gbaps.org). Thank you!

## 6th-8th Grade Course Selections

If your student will be a 6th-8th grade student during the 2024-2025 school year, **please remember to make course selections ASAP.**

5th graders in the 2023-24 school year who will be 6th graders in the 2024-25 school year, please fill out [THIS FORM](#).

6th graders in the 2023-24 school year who will be 7th graders in the 2024-25 school year, please fill out [THIS FORM](#).

7th graders in the 2023-24 school year who will be 8th graders in the 2024-25 school year, please fill out [THIS FORM](#).

**If your student will not be attending da Vinci** for the 2024-25 school year, please let Ms. Erika in the front office know by emailing [eafieldhammer@gbaps.org](mailto:eafieldhammer@gbaps.org).

## Early Release

Keep in mind that April 19th, 2024 will be an early release! School will begin at 7:30 for middle school students and 7:45 for elementary school students and will end at 12:35 for all students. Buses will run 2 hours early as well so students can get to their hub locations like a normal dismissal day (just 2 hours earlier than usual). Elementary students will follow an afternoon schedule.

## Lunchroom Expectations

Here at da Vinci, we strive to create an environment that exemplifies our school wide expectations - We Are Learners, We Are Leaders. This extends to all aspects of the school day, including the lunch room. To that end, we ask that our students practice being Respectful and Safe in the lunchroom by doing the following:

- Keeping hands friendly - don't touch other people or food that isn't theirs
- No throwing food
- Keeping lanyards around their necks and using them appropriately
- Using toys or fidgets as they are meant to be used and not throwing them
- No crawling under tables
- No shouting or raising voices unnecessarily
- Students may sit four to a bench

Lunchroom behavior is monitored, addressed, and corrected by our monitors. For the safety of the students, assigned seating may be arranged as a group if behaviors can't be addressed individually.

Students who continue to follow the directions will be acknowledged with leader loot or coupons to sit at our new Reward Table!

## Drop Off and Dismissal Reminders

Please keep in mind that all vehicles MUST TURN RIGHT onto Monroe at drop off and dismissal every day. This is to help the flow of traffic and allow our students to get in and out of cars, buses, and across the road safely and efficiently. Thank you for doing your part!

## School Attendance

There have been many students arriving to school late recently. Please remember that school begins at 7:30 AM for students in grades 6-8 and 7:45 AM for students in grades K-5. This means that students are expected to be in their classrooms by these times. Please make sure your child is arriving in time to get to their locker, put away their personal items, and get to their classroom by this time each day. Students who are not in their classroom by their start time are marked tardy. While it may seem insignificant for a child to be several minutes late, students entering the classroom after instruction has begun is disruptive to learning for all students. As little as ten minutes of missed school per day adds up to one and a half weeks of missed instruction in a school year, which accumulates to nearly half of a school year throughout their school career. If you need help developing a plan to get your child to school on time, please reach out to our school social worker, Amanda Moriearty-Mleziva, at (920)272-7633 or [armorieartymleziva@gbaps.org](mailto:armorieartymleziva@gbaps.org) for support.

## Church Parking Lot

The St. Francis Xavier Cathedral across the street from da Vinci has notified us that they will no longer have parking available for anyone that does not hold a parking pass or have prior authorization to park in their lot. Please keep this in mind as you are parking for events at school. Thank you for helping us maintain a positive relationship with our neighbors!

## Enrollment Assessment

The Spring Enrollment Assessment date is coming quickly! May 4th will be the testing date for all students within and outside of the Green Bay Area Public School District. If you know anyone who would like to have their student tested at da Vinci, please refer them to the Leonardo da Vinci 2024-25 Enrollment Information webpage linked [HERE](#).

## PTO Meeting Update

Please note that today's PTO Meeting has been changed to a Virtual Zoom meeting today.

## Bathroom Vandalism

There has been a drastic increase in vandalism in the school bathrooms as of late. Please speak with your students about using the bathroom respectfully and responsibly and encourage them to report any damage or vandalism to their teachers right away when they see it. Unfortunately, we have impending damage from flooding toilets and even parts missing from drains and pipes and will need to set up systems that help us keep track of who is using which bathroom and when in order to stop this from continuing to happen.

## 8th Grade Celebration

Save the date! The 8th Grade Celebration will take place on June 3rd this year. More details to come as the date approaches.

## Chess Tournament

Please congratulate Eric Huang for winning 3rd place in the K-8 section and the da Vinci team for winning 3rd place in the K-8 section at the Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Tournament in Oshkosh a few weeks ago. We're proud of you!



# Calendar Notes



## April

- 10 Grade 3-8 Forward Testing
- 11 Grade 3-8 Forward Testing
- 15 Grade 4&8 Forward Testing
- 16 Grade 4&8 Forward Testing
- 17 Grade 4&8 Forward Testing
- 18 Grade 4&8 Forward Testing
- 19 K-12 Early Release
- 19 5th Grade Internet Safety Presentation
- 22 2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
- 23 Popcorn Day!
- 23 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club
- 30 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club

## May

- 4 New Student Testing
- 6 2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
- 7 Popcorn Day!
- 7 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club
- 10 No School (unless needed for weather make-up)
- 13 2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
- 14 6:30-7:30 Middle Level Concert
- 14 6:30-7:30 Virtual PTO
- 21 Popcorn Day!
- 21 8:15-9:15 K-5 Concert
- 21 1:15-2:15 K-5 Concert
- 21 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club
- 24 No School
- 27 No School
- 28 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club

### **Our Mission:**

Educating world leaders... one child at a time.

### **Our Vision:**

Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners provides the appropriate level of challenge for academically gifted students in a rigorous, student-centered and diverse learning environment that prepares them to be world leaders.

We are learners. We are leaders.

### **LEARNERS**

**Excel** – We excel academically.

**Altruistic** – We are altruistic; we give back to our community.

**Determined** – We are determined to accomplish our goals.

**Engaged** – We are engaged in all that we do.

**Respectful** – We are respectful of our learning, our school community and ourselves.

**Safe** – We put safety first.

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