

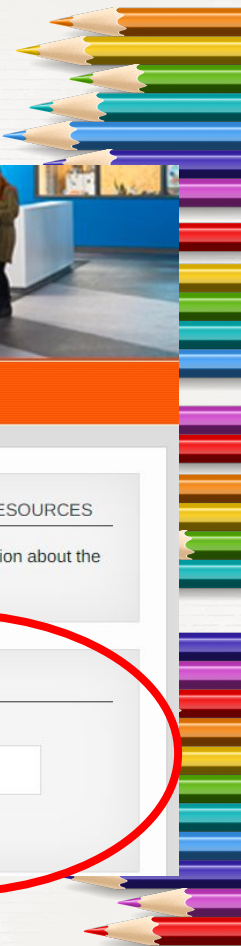
Welcome 9th Grade Families!



Da Vinci Design Back to School Night: Thursday Sept. 2nd, 2021

9th Grade Families: 5:30pm-6:30pm		10th Grade Families: 6:00pm-7:00pm		11th & 12th Grade Families: 6:30pm-7:30pm	
5:15-5:30	9th Gr. Families Arrive				
5:30-6:00	Welcome Presentation from Admin & Team 9	5:45-6:00	10th Gr. Families Arrive		
6:00-6:30	Tour of Grade 9	6:00-6:30	Welcome Presentation from Admin & Team 10	6:15-6:30	11th/12th Gr. Families Arrive
6:30-7:00		6:30-7:00	Tour of Grade 10	6:30-7:00	Welcome Presentation from Admin & Team 11 & 12
7:00-7:30				7:00-7:30	Tour of Grade 11 & 12

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And follow us on Instagram!

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DVD 2021-2022 School Calendar & New Family Info

Posted on June 23, 2021 | by Russell Stoll

Greetings New & Returning DVD Families!

For your convenience, here is a version of the [DVD 2021-2022 School Calendar](#) via Google Doc. Families can refer to this calendar for key dates and events; please note that the school calendar is subject to revision as needed.

For our New DVD Families: Welcome! A message will be sent via email soon that includes information for families of incoming DVD students, including dates and times for a welcome webinar and for in-

COVID-19 RESPONSE & RESOURCES

Please visit [here](#) for information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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you@example.com

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Upcoming Dates

- x First “Coffee with Admin” on Sept. 9th**
 - Stop by either in the morning or in the afternoon for an opportunity to hear updates and news from the Principal and/or Asst. Principal
 - The agenda will be announced ahead of time on the blog
- x DV Club Fair Sept. 16th**
 - Does your child have an interest in starting or joining an on campus club? Clubs will be starting up soon!



Introductions: Front Office Team!





DVD Admin and Office Team



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Russell Stoll

Principal

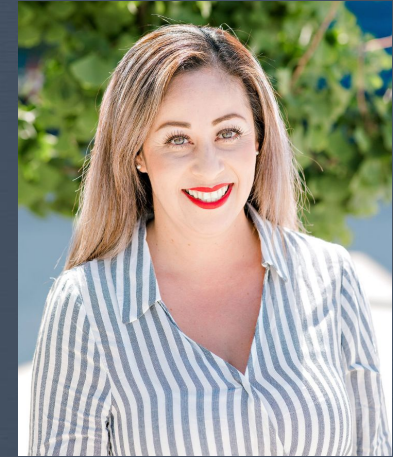
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Meet the Counseling Team!



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What to expect at DVD for Fall 2021: Safety



COVID Safety Reminders

When there is a potential COVID exposure:

We will “contact trace” and find out who is a close contact. If you are a close contact, the nurse will discuss quarantine options (different for vaccinated vs unvaccinated, different if you choose to test during quarantine or not).

- ✗ If they are a close contact, staff and families will be notified.
- ✗ If there was a case in the classroom, but they are NOT a close contact, staff and families will still receive a general notice.

Remember: Health information is confidential.

The school will share all information possible to help keep everyone safe.

We must not make assumptions or spread rumors.

What can we do to stay safe?

Self-Screening. All students and staff will be required to self-screen at home and stay off campus if experiencing any COVID symptoms or if there was a close contact with a COVID positive person in the past 10 days.

- If you are unable to come to campus due to your self-screen, please contact principal and school nurse for next steps including testing options and return to school timelines.

Wear your mask, and wear it correctly (over nose and mouth).

Keep your distance, especially during lunch while unmasked/eating.



Going Home Sick / If you are sick at home

Students who have COVID-like symptoms (fever, new cough, vomit/diarrhea, loss taste/smell) at any point during the school day are given a medical grade mask and accompanied to a preselected isolation space where they can remain while arrangements are made for their immediate return home.

To return to school (or if you have symptoms at home) you need to:

- ✗ Be symptom free for 24 hours PLUS
- ✗ A doctor's note saying your symptoms were NOT COVID OR a negative COVID test

Free COVID testing is available on campus M-F.

**If you choose not to see doctor or get tested you must stay home for 10 days*



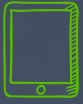
Introductions: Your Grade Level Team!





Grade 9

Meet the 9th Grade Team!



Eryn Walsh
Physics



Rogelio Flores
Integrated Math I



April Strawn
English & Composition



Jason White
English & Composition



Cari Maconochie
Fundamentals of Design I



Ivan Villanueva
Spanish I



Nieema Peyrefitte
SAI English/RSP

Mastery-Based Grading

- ▶ **Mastery based grading** is a system that provides meaningful feedback to students and parents so that excellence can be achieved.
- ▶ As it is our goal for students to show improvement toward mastery, students will have **multiple opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.**

Mastery-Based Grading

80% Essential Skills & 20% Habits of Mind

- ▶ A, B, C, I (Incomplete)
- ▶ **Allow for revisions/retakes**
- ▶ **Formative vs. Summative Assessments**
 - Provide feedback for formative assessment and grade book marks for summative

Mastery-Based Grading

- ▶ Meaningful feedback
- ▶ Identify strengths and weaknesses
- ▶ Separate academic struggles from behavioral ones

GRADE SCALE AND MEANING

Points	Meaning	Letter Grade Equivalent
0.0	No evidence. Mark as <u>Missing</u> in the grade book.	I
1.0	Evidence demonstrates partial understanding.	I
2.0	Evidence demonstrates basic understanding.	C
3.0	Evidence demonstrates understanding.	B
4.0	Evidence demonstrates detailed understanding.	A


5.0	Evidence demonstrates detailed understanding and connections that go beyond the scope of teacher instruction.	A+ (or Honors designation)
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Provides an option for designating honors credit...



MASTERY COLUMNS...

Remember –
focus on the
letter grade; this
is the accurate
representation



For understanding mastery columns...

If you enter a letter grade in a mastery column...	This is the percentage that will show to students...
A+	103%
A	96%
A-	87%
B+	79%
B	71%
B-	63%
C+	55%
C	46%
C-	38%
I	0%

Presentations of Learning (POL) Logistics

- POLs replace traditional exams
- Students defend the skill, knowledge, and application of skills they have acquired of the course of the semester in all classes excluding advisory and seminar.
- POLs help student show mastery in a specific skill they struggled with earlier in the semester.
- The new POL grade replaces that ESK average



POL Logistics



- Professional Attire
- You must pass 4 out of 5 POLs to pass your “POL class”.
- It will be listed in a separate column on your report card.



Student Led Conferences (SLC)

- Parents / guardians are required to attend your child's SLC.
- It may be virtual and or in person this year.



Exhibition

What is it?

You dress professional and present a cross-curricular project(s) to the public.

When is it?

At the end of each semester after school on campus, sometimes off campus as well 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Why do we do it?

To show off your hard work, and talk about the process, growth, and results

Exhibition



Parent Volunteers

1. Provide feedback for projects, classwork.
2. Help on field trips
3. Help during project work time
4. Be a guest speaker (contact teachers by subject)



Google Classroom Invitation & Forms

Every parent will be invited to your child's Google Classroom. Keep an eye out for the email.



[Grade 9 General](#)

Remind 101 for parents: @dvd2025





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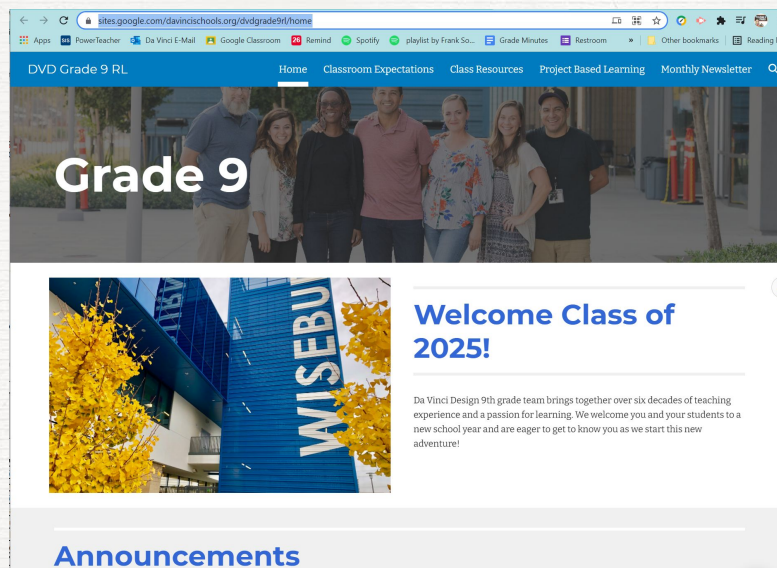
All teachers post their grades on PowerSchool.

Students and Parents should be checking regularly in order to stay updated.

- [Davincischools.powerschool.com](https://davincischools.powerschool.com)
- PowerSchool App
- District Code: **GSTN**

Grade 9 Newsletter & Website

Keep up to date with what is going on in each class.



DVD Grade 9 RL

Home Classroom Expectations Class Resources Project Based Learning Monthly Newsletter

Grade 9

Welcome Class of 2025!

Da Vinci Design 9th grade team brings together over six decades of teaching experience and a passion for learning. We welcome you and your students to a new school year and are eager to get to know you as we start this new adventure!

Announcements

<https://sites.google.com/davincischools.org/dvdgrade9rl>



Let's take a tour!

Reminders:
Thank you in advance for...

- ✓ Wearing your mask at all times while on campus
- ✓ Respecting social distancing, and maintaining 3ft space
- ✓ Limiting time in classrooms (no more than 5 minutes) to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to check-in
- ✓ Asking great questions and having fun!

