

Summer Greetings from Minnehaha Academy!

I hope that this email finds you well and enjoying a slower, summer lifestyle. The North Campus continues to be a hub of activity with summer programs and captain's practice for fall sports. Final work is being done on the South Campus renovations and chapel and the dedication for the new facility will take on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> over Homecoming weekend. The beginning of school always brings about some alumni activities which I hope you will be able to attend!

**Alumni Soccer Tournament** - Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon on the Guido Kauls field at North Campus. The soccer tournament draws players from a wide-range of class years - Don't let this opportunity to play with former teammates pass you up! All ages and abilities welcome! For more soccer action, be sure to come and cheer for the current boys and girls teams at **Super Soccer Saturday** on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Boys play at 3:00pm and the Girls play at 4:30pm.

**Alumni Cross-Country 5K** – The Cross Country team will be hosting their annual 5K relay and potluck on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at Battle Creek Park in St. Paul. If you are interested in running with one of the teams, please contact Christian Zimmerman at: ChermesZ@yahoo.com

**Young Alumni Focus Group (Class of 2000-2007)** – The Spiritual Life Committee of the Board of Education is interested in hearing how MA impacted your life spiritually while a student at MA and how that affected decisions while in college and beyond. If you are interested in participating in an informal focus group, please contact the Alumni Office. The focus group will be held on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Davanni's on Riverside.

**Arena Sale**- Cleaning out your closets? Looking for the best bargain in town? The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnehaha Arena Sale will be September 12-13<sup>th</sup>. Drop off days will begin this Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> - for more details please visit:

<http://minnehahaacademy.net/development/events/arenasale.php>

**Homecoming 2008 – October 3-5<sup>th</sup>** The alumni event of the year! There will be activities for everyone including the Alumni Art Show (featuring **Ray “Padre” Johnson '52**), the Alumni Brunch, Family picnic, athletic games and Redhawk Run 5k. The 1998 Girls Soccer Team, winners of the 1998 State Tournament, will be honored at the girl's soccer game at 1:00pm. Alumni Band players are invited to play with the pep band during the football game at 3:30pm. Tours of the new South Campus will be given from 2:00-4:00pm on Saturday and the dedication service will take place on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Classes celebrating their reunions at Homecoming this year include: 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2003. For more details on the Homecoming and Reunion events, please visit:

<http://minnehahaacademy.net/alumni/events/homecoming.php>

**MA Tots** - Minnehaha Academy South Campus is excited to offer a new opportunity to Bond and Build with your young child. **Minnehaha Tots** is a fun, creative, and

professionally led interactive program to assist you with parenting. The sessions that are offered will be **“First Steps”** (16 to 24 months) on Tuesdays from 9:00am – 10:00am or **“Tremendous Twos”** (24 to 36 months) on Thursdays from 9:00am – 10:00am The cost of the 9 week one-hour sessions is \$150. Classes begin Tuesday, September 23. For more information and to register, call (612) 728-7758.

**Reunion Planning Meeting for 2009 Reunions** – Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00pm If your class is planning a reunion for 2009, you won’t want to miss this important gathering! Meet with other classmates interested in planning your reunion, get reunion planning tips and enjoy a fun evening of reminiscing! The 2009 reunion classes are: 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004.

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the 2007/2008 Annual fund. Your gifts ensure that MA will continue to be one of the top Christian schools. The 2008/2009 Annual Fund Campaign has just begun! If you would like to make a gift online, please visit: <http://minnehahaacademy.net/development/>

May you continue to have a safe and relaxing summer!

In Him,

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