

Dear Minnehaha Academy Alumni,

There is a definite chill in the air, and the oak leaves along the parkway have all fallen. Skis and hockey sticks have replaced the tennis raquets and soccer balls. The Upper School Theatre Department just wrapped up their production of *Proof!* and the Lower School students are getting ready for Grand People Day. As we enter into this busy holiday season, my prayer is that you will be able to truly experience God's peace and spend time with loved ones. God is good and there is so much for which to be thankful. May you find peace in this "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:5

The Alumni Office has been busy preparing for various Christmas and winter events! I hope that you can join us!

- Get into the Christmas spirit by attending the **Minnehaha Academy Christmas Festival** on Saturday, December 13th. Find unique Christmas gifts at the Christmas market, which will feature 60 local artists. A hearty Scandinavian dinner will be served in the evening and then enjoy the sounds of the seasons from the Minnesota Boy Choir. For a list of vendors and to order tickets for the dinner or show please visit:
www.minnehahaacademy.net/development/events/holidayfestival.php
- The **Alumni Hockey Tournament** will take place on Saturday, December 20th. The men will play at 10:00 am and the women play at noon. Lunch will be served between the games. Please signup through the Alumni Office by December 17th.
- Enjoy some fresh air and beautiful scenery at the Alumni and Family **Nordic Ski** outing on Sunday, December 21st at Hyland Lake Park Reserve in Bloomington from 2-6pm. Please meet at Jan's Place/Edgewood where you can warm-up and grab a bowl of chili.
- The **Young Alumni Holiday Party** will be on Monday, December 22nd at Kopplin's Coffee from 5-7pm. Grab a cup of coffee and some appetizers and hang out with your friends! (For classes 2000-2008)
- Catch up with other Florida Alumni at the **Ft. Myers/Naples Gathering** on January 17th, 2009. A luncheon hosted by Linda and Paul Wicklund will take place at the La Playa. Check the Alumni website or call the Alumni Office for more details.
- We feel blessed to announce that the 2008/2009 Annual Fund, **Helping Every Student, Every Day**, is off to a great start! If you would like to make a gift to the school to support the Annual Fund, please visit:
www.MinnehahaAcademy.net/giving Gifts made to the United Way or through your Target credit card, can be directed to Minnehaha Academy.
- Do you know a student who would like to learn more about attending Minnehaha Academy? Encourage them to attend an Admissions Open House on January 26th (Upper School), January 22nd or February 26th (Lower and Middle School) or February 5th (Bloomington Campus). Please contact the Admissions Office at (612) 728- 7758 with questions.

- Exciting Alumni trips have been planned for 2009!
ALASKAN CRUISE – Early September, 2009
Join fellow Minnehaha Alumni for a relaxing and educational cruise aboard the Coral Princess in early September, 2009! We will fly to Vancouver and board the ship for scenic cruising through Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Whittier. We will end the trip with a few days on land, staying at wilderness lodges while we tour Denali National Park and Talkeetna before we depart for home from Anchorage. The price for the above cruise is approximately \$7,000 per couple for a balcony cabin (other options are available). This includes round trip airfare, airport/pier round trip transfers, and the cruise including all meals on board the ship (meals on the land portion are not included).
ARCTIC DOG SLEDDING - Early April, 2009
Join Arctic Explorer Paul Schurke on a dogsled camping trek along Hudson Bay to Churchill, Manitoba, through Canada's Wapusk (Polar Bear) National Park. Approximate cost: about \$3-\$4,000 for everything including travel to/from Hudson Bay, 2 nights stay/tour of Churchill and return trip on the Arctic Explorer Train. A 16 day adventure!
Contact Alumni Office for more information about either of these trips at (612) 728-7733 or email: alumninews@MinnehahaAcademy.net

For more details on upcoming alumni events, visit our website at:
www.MinnehahaAcademy.net or call the Alumni Office at (612) 728-7723.

Warmly,
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