

*Challenging Minds*



*Nurturing Souls*

PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE TWELVE

February 2012

Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about transportation for the 2012-2013 school year at Minnehaha Academy. Transportation registration is included in the Enrollment Contract; please select an AM and PM transportation method. The Transportation section of the Enrollment Contract must be filled out for all students, regardless of whether or not they use bussing. This is not binding; transportation method can be changed at a later date. If unsure, select the method the student will most likely be using.

Please note that there will again be a shuttle bus between the North and South campuses before and after school at no charge.

**Students living in Minneapolis School District #1 and attending either North or South campus** may utilize the Minnehaha routes operated by the Monarch Bus Company. The cost of Minneapolis bus transportation for 2012-2013 has been set at \$520 per student. As this service is being provided at a greatly reduced rate, we cannot offer any further reductions for one-way service, multiple student discounts, or any other considerations. Monarch Bus Company will mail schedules directly to parents, about a week before school starts.

**Students living in suburban areas or St. Paul and attending either North or South campus** may utilize the Minnehaha routes operated by the First Student Bus Company. In order to provide the safest, quickest and most economical service, St. Paul and suburban bus service will be provided as follows:

- 1) The charge for round-trip bus service has been set at \$1,550.00 per student. Please keep in mind that Minnehaha subsidizes a substantial portion of the total bussing cost. Also remember that many local school districts pay you a partial reimbursement for this transportation. Minnehaha handles the processing of the reimbursement requests for most school districts. For information, please contact Janelle Saville-O'Mara at (612) 728-7774.
- 2) The program will again be area, express bus service. This means that four to five buses will service St. Paul and suburban areas. Each bus will have approximately 4-6 stops. Students must get to the area stop by their own means. St. Paul and suburban area schedules will be included in the "Back To School Information" found on the Minnehaha Academy website at the end of August.
- 3) There will be a discount of \$300.00 from the full fare for the second and \$540.00 for the third and each additional family member riding the bus.
- 4) There will again be the option of one-way ridership. The charge for this service will be \$1,110.00 per student.
- 5) There will be the opportunity to purchase one-time, one-way ride tickets in the school office for \$7.00 each.

Requests for bussing, if received by June 1<sup>st</sup>, will appear on the new schedules for 2012-2013.

Regardless of whether or not you wish transportation, please complete the Transportation section included in the 2012-2013 Enrollment Contract. If you have questions regarding bus transportation, please contact me at (612) 728-7788 or [peterson-bruce@minnehahaacademy.net](mailto:peterson-bruce@minnehahaacademy.net).

Sincerely,

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