



February 2018

Dear Parents,

Please take note of the following transportation information for the 2018-2019 school year at Minnehaha Academy. Transportation registration is included in the Enrollment Contract; please select an AM and PM transportation method when enrolling. *The Transportation section of the Enrollment Contract must be filled out for all students, regardless of whether or not they use busing.* This is not binding; your transportation method can be changed at a later date. If unsure, select the method your child will most likely be using.

We will continue to provide a free shuttle bus between the Upper School and Lower/Middle School Campuses before and after school.

Minnehaha students who live in Minneapolis School District # 1 may utilize the Minnehaha routes operated by the Monarch Bus Company. The cost of Minneapolis bus transportation for 2018-2019 has been set at \$710.00 per student. **You may also purchase one-time, one-way ride tickets in the school office for \$5.00/ride.** 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 approximately one week before school starts.

Minnehaha students living in St. Paul or suburban areas may utilize the Minnehaha routes operated by WATS. You can find more information about WATS at www.WATS.us. This new service will include house pick up and drop off, shorter travel times, and in most cases, smaller vehicles. In order to provide the safest, quickest and most economical service, St. Paul and suburban transportation service will be provided as follows:

- 1) Round-trip bus service has been set at \$2,210.00 per student. Please keep in mind that Minnehaha subsidizes a substantial portion of the total transportation cost. Several school districts provide a partial transportation reimbursement for students attending private school. Minnehaha handles the processing of the reimbursement requests for most school districts. For more information, please contact our Student Accounts Office at (612) 728-7774 or StudentAccounts@MinnehahaAcademy.net.
- 2) We will continue to provide multiple rider discounts for round-trip service for families with multiple students who ride St. Paul or suburban routes.
- 3) One-way ridership is also available. The charge for this service will be \$1,525.00 per student.

All busing requests received by June 1, 2018 will be considered in determining **initial** routes for 2018-2019.

Regardless of whether or not you wish to use busing services, please complete the Transportation section of your 2018-2019 Enrollment Contract. If you have questions regarding bus transportation, please contact me at 612-728-7788 or by email at glennscott@MinnehahaAcademy.net.

Sincerely,

Scott Glenn
Transportation Coordinator