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Good Things to Know

BILLING – WE'RE ALL ONLINE!

Credit cards are still the preferred method of payment for the Kick Off party.

This offers a more efficient check-in/check-out process and allows you to enjoy the party all night long...no waiting in line!

- If you buy your admission ticket for the Kick Off Party through [our online system](#), you are good to go. All Gathering and Grapes of Math purchases will be charged to your account with Revtrak.
- If you do not, you can still have your Kick Off purchase billed to your credit card by checking in at the desk on your way in or out of the Kick Off to set up your online billing account.
- The data from the sign-up sheets will be compiled the day after the kick-off party, a charge will be made to your account and a receipt will be emailed to you with an itemized list of your charges within 72 hours.

If you choose to pay by check, you still may do so.

- Advance tickets for the Kick Off may also be paid for by check by using our online ticketing system. Choose “pay by check” as your payment option, print out your confirmation page and return it to the main office with your check for the NPTO before **Friday, October 30th**.
- If your advance ticket payment is not received prior to the deadline, you will need to purchase your ticket at the door and forfeit the advance ticket pricing.
- Before **Wednesday, November 11th** you will receive an itemized list of your gatherings via email and you will have until **Wednesday, November 18th** to turn in your payment. If payment is not received by that deadline, your “spot” will be released to the people on the waiting list for those parties.

GENERAL

- There will be no early admittance to the Kick Off Party. Doors open at 7:00pm.
- Admission includes food trucks, desserts & non-alcoholic beverages. Cash bar is available.
- Party status will be updated on the Nova website by **Wednesday, November 11th**, indicating whether they have sold-out or not. The website will be updated regularly.
- If you are unable to attend the Kick Off Party, you may sign up for events that did not sell out **starting Friday, November 13th**. Gathering sales following the Kick Off, through the balance of the school year, will be handled ONLY through our online payment system as outlined above.
- We are not able to accommodate proxy sign-ups. If you are unable to attend the Kick Off, someone else **cannot** purchase Gatherings for you.
- **The Grapes of Math** returns! \$10 buys a randomly numbered cork matching a bottle from our fabulous donated collection of wine for you to take home and enjoy.
- These purchases will all be tracked by your bidder number the night of the Kick Off Party and billed through your Revtrak account.

2015-2016 Gatherings

Holiday Shopping at Goodthings

November 19, 6-8pm

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping and help raise money for Nova Classical Academy!

Goodthings, one of the Twin Cities best gift and clothing stores, is hosting a shopping night for Nova.

Goodthings will donate 20% of the purchase that you make that evening back to Nova.

Shop, sip and savor your way through Goodthings Gift and Clothing stores Downtown White Bear Lake Thursday, November 19th from 6pm to 8pm.

Enjoy a Goodthings specialty cocktail, wine or a local hometown brewski from BigWood Brewery as you browse through the brand new multilevel clothing boutique that is filled with the hottest fashions for the holidays. Nibble on hors d'oeuvres and sweet treats in the gift store and let the Goodthings staff demonstrate the top gifts for the season from every department; Kitchen, Bath, Bar, Home, Baby and Kids.

Enjoy a night out in beautiful downtown White Bear Lake and experience Goodthings for the holidays. We look forward to seeing you at Goodthings: A "SHOP - GIVE - LOCAL" Event for Nova Classical Academy.

Sincerely,
Tyler & Michelle Conrad

Goodthings
2184 4th Street
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
651-426-8006
www.Shopgoodthings.com

Hosts: Tyler and Michelle Conrad

Cost: \$10 per person. Adults only. Maximum 100

Kindergarten Movie Night

November 20, 6-8pm

Please come and join us for the Kindergarten event of the season! All of the kindergarteners have heard the story. Now it is time to experience "Stuart Little" up on the silver screen. Bring your sleeping bag and pillow. Wear your most stylish p.j. set. Snuggle right in to the Great Hall to watch Stuart Little with one of the world's best Kindergarten teams... Ms. Knudsen, Ms. Corletto, Ms. Zelinka and Ms. Rogge!

Hosts: Nova's fabulous Kindergarten team!

Cost: \$15 per student. K students only. No parents, no siblings. Maximum 80

Sensible Upscale Fashion at Elite Repeat

November 20, 7:00-9:30pm

An Evening of Fashion with our style experts at Elite Repeat. Not your typical consignment store, au contraire!! In addition to finding amazing deals from name brands and enjoying lovely refreshments, bring your own items to consign, without an appointment. 10% of profits from the evening's sales will be donated to Nova. A permanent account will also be opened for Nova, accepting consignment items throughout the year with 50% of all profits going to the school. So don't miss out, come on over and refresh your wardrobe, the sensible way. Purchase a fashion buddy pass at the door for \$10 for that one friend you love to shop with!

Hosts: Karina Crockett, Jennifer Bateman Grover, Jane Lagerquist, Josephine Chung

Cost: \$15 per person. Adults only. Maximum 30

Holiday Gifting Preview – Handmade Glass Pendant Necklaces

November 22, 6:30pm

Perfect for holiday gifting! We'll show you how to make a silver glass pendant necklace. We will also have a variety of paper options, material options, or bring your own artwork to create 2 additional pendants. We'll have hot drinks and snacks. This will be the same class as the one in February, though at your host's home rather than the coffee shop.

Hosts: Jane Lagerquist and Jennifer Bateman Grover

Cost: \$25 per person. Adults only. Maximum 9

~~**Revolutionary War Camp / Parents' Night Out** **December 5, 5:00 – 8:00pm**~~

~~Parents' Night Out/Get your Christmas shopping done while your student serves in the Revolutionary War! Soldiers/Students will be assigned an allegiance and Commanding Officer once they arrive. Come dressed prepared to train outside through obstacle course challenges and Capture the Flag. Food rations will be served (Bread, rice, meat and cider) to all soldiers for dinner. The evening's entertainment provided by Liberty's Kids Revolutionary War movies. Costumes/appropriate dress are optional. All soldiers will receive a mini leather journal and be paid for their service upon leaving. 3rd-5th grade only.~~

~~**Hosts:** Jennifer and Hazel Grover, Leslie and Hazel Stoy, Anne and Thomas O'Keefe~~

~~**Cost:** \$25 per student. Students 3rd – 5th grade only. Maximum 15~~

Moxie Hair Salon – Ladies Night Out

December 6, 6-9pm

Looking for a fun night out with the girls or just looking to get a new do?

Come join us for Ladies Night Out!

Professional Moxie Stylists will be offering Blowouts or Haircuts for the cost of admission.

There will also be presentations on styling and discounts on products.

Hors d'Oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Due to the timing for services, Moxie will be assigning times ahead of the event for each participant.

Host: John and Jennifer Fearing & Sovanneary Phann Sweere

Cost: \$40 per person. Adults only. Maximum 24

Poppy Party

December 10, 6-9pm

Poppy-Saint Paul store will be open from 6-9pm on Tuesday December 10th for an exclusive Nova party. We will have appetizers and beverages to promote an easy-going shopping and gathering atmosphere. In addition, you will receive 10% off all of your purchases. For the uninitiated, Poppy is a unique women's clothing and accessories store located on Snelling and St. Clair. It is a great boutique where you can find what will soon become your favorite pieces. Check out their website for more information. <http://www.poppytogsandclogs.com>

Sign up for a fun, relaxed, holiday shopping evening!

To respect the commitment of the business owners, the event will not be held unless a minimum of 10 sign up during the KickOff party.

Host: Jennifer Abuzzahab & Ken Schlosser

Cost: \$25 per person. Adults only. Maximum 40

Bingo! with Mrs. Tousignant

December 11, 4-5pm

Join Mrs. Tousignant for snacks and bingo! This promises to be a great time with lots of fun prizes to be won! This gathering will be on a Friday after school from 4pm-5pm.

Hosts: Mrs. Tousignant

Cost: \$10 per student. Children in grades 4-5. Maximum 25

Vietnamese Egg Rolls

December 12, 11:30am-1:30pm

Learn how to make authentic Vietnamese egg rolls from scratch while being introduced to new ingredients and sauces. We will sample the fruits of our labor with various sauces. Participants will be able to take some egg rolls home to enjoy later. *note: pork, egg, glutenous egg roll wrappers, sesame oil in ingredient list

Host: Jenny Mason

Cost: \$20 per person. Adults and Children in 6th grade or older. Maximum 10

4th Annual Nut-Free Cookie Exchange

December 12, 3pm

Join us for a festive cookie exchange for Adults only, with focus on nut-free cookies. The relaxed afternoon event will be full of friendly Nova faces, winter wine sangria, hot cider, and appetizers. Go home with a stash of nut-free holiday treats to share. Expect to bring 4-6 dozen treats, depending on how many families participate.

Hosts: Jane Lagerquist and Beth Hawley

Cost: \$15 per person. Adults only. Maximum 10

Art to Go

Session 1: December 14, 3:50-5:15pm

Session 2: December 15, 3:50-5:15pm

Make 4 - 5 different "modern" art projects that can go anywhere with you. The best part about these projects is they can either be made with anything you have around the house or, once you've made a few pieces, you can use them make new artistic creations over and over again. Once you get started, you'll want to keep creating new masterpieces everywhere you go!

A small snack will be provided to keep the creative juices flowing.

Host: Ms. Lund

Cost: \$20 per person. Students in 1st – 5th grade. Maximum 15 per session.

Downton Abbey Season 6--Opening Night Party**January 3, 7pm**

Are you a Downton Abbey fan? Eager to return to a more classic time with the dark secrets, budding romances, and dramatic turns? You are cordially invited to the television event of the season: the premiere of long awaited Season Six! We will toast the first episode during our own private giant screen viewing party in the "Cabaret" at Camp Bar in downtown Saint Paul. Please arrive at 7 pm for pre-show socializing, British treats, Downton trivia, prizes and a cash bar. Dressing the part is encouraged, but not required.

Hosts: Beth and Steve Magistad, Char and Paul Mason

Cost: \$25 per person. Adults only. Maximum 40

Feed My Starving Children Food Packing**January 8, 6:00-7:30pm**

Participate in a fun and fast paced food packing session at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. Adults and children work in teams to hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. These meals are shipped to distribution partners and have reached nearly 70 countries. The atmosphere during packing is upbeat, with music and talking with your team, while bulk food is packaged into meal sized portions and boxed. Participants will be entered into a raffle to win a gift basket.

Hosts: Christine Eastman and Tammy Krause-Cruz

Cost: \$10 per person. Children and adults. Maximum 100

Northwoods Getaway Weekend for Moms**January 8-10, 5pm Friday through Sunday**

Join us for a weekend (January 8th-10th) of relaxation in the north woods of MN with other moms from Nova, staying in a comfortable, 5 bedroom, 5 bathroom cabin. Sit and read by the fire, go snow shoeing or cross country skiing, catch up on projects or crafts, watch movies, play games, play "Just Dance," take walks, soak in a hot tub and eat food you didn't have to make yourself!

Hosts: Suzanne Anderson & Sara Watson

Cost: \$150 per person. Moms only. Maximum 14

Snowtober Fest**January 9, 7-10pm**

Join us for Oktoberfest in the depths of snow season! The weather may just be frightful, but the fire, assorted brats, beverages and various accompaniments are guaranteed to be delightful. Sausages will be handmade, brews will be of local origin, and accompaniments will please all.

Hosts: Julie/Steve Christensen, Dawn/Jeff Ellerd, Kate/Andy Tetmeyer, Jennifer/David Solon

Cost: \$30 per person. Adults only. Maximum 60 with NO WAITLIST this year!

Learn to Home Brew**January 10, 1-4pm**

Have you ever wanted to brew your own beer? If so, please join us for our Great Gathering event. We will be brewing using a partial mash kit, and I will have another batch ready to bottle. We will go through all steps from boiling the water to bottling the finished product. The entire process takes roughly three hours, so we will provide some snacks to enjoy while we go through the process. When we are finished we will have about 48 bottles to split among the attendees.

Hosts: Cory Ehlebracht and Todd Grover

Cost: \$30 per person. Adults only. Maximum 8

Introduction to Kiteboarding

January 16, 12pm

~~This clinic will introduce you to the basics of one of the coolest extreme sports. Learn how to handle and fly the kites that will pull you over the snow, across the water, or into the air. No experience is required, all equipment is provided, and everyone is encouraged to enroll.~~

~~Host: Mike Winter~~

~~Cost: \$30 per person. Adults and children. Maximum 14~~

Learn to Curl (Or Give it Another Go!!)

January 23, 12-3pm

Join us at the historic St. Paul Curling Club for an afternoon of curling! Whether you and your child are new curlers, or returning curlers looking for more ice time, we are excited to have you learn the game (or improve on what you already know). In the true spirit of the game we will spend two hours curling followed by refreshments, snacks and socializing.

Hosts: Liz & Zac Owens, Jennifer Abuzzahab & Ken Schlosser, Tara & Reuben Harris

Cost: \$60 per student/parent pair. Children 4th grade or higher with adult. Maximum 12 student/parent pairs

Ladies Night Book Swap

January 23, 7 - 9pm

Minnesota winters are long and difficult but can be somewhat tolerable with a pile of great books. Join us for a book swap to replenish your shelves and spirits. Bring four GREAT books that you are ready to pass on and you will return home with four new reads as part of your survival arsenal.

Wine and nibbles will be served.

Hosts: Heather Brownell, Karen Henke, and Kari Walker

Cost: \$15 per person. Adults only. Maximum 15

Tape Your Pain Away!

January 24, 2 – 4pm

Tape Your Pain Away! Note: NOT just for athletes! KinesioTape is a special elastic, non-latex tape used by athletes all over the world to improve function, decrease pain, and decrease swelling. However, it was originally designed by a Japanese Chiropractor as a lay person's tool to help decrease muscle spasms and help hold adjustments longer. YOU can tape yourself and get some great pain-relieving results too! Learn basic KinesioTape concepts and techniques. Demonstrations will be given for simplified taping protocols for: low back pain, knee pain, tennis elbow, and other areas requested by the group. Bring a pair of scissors to class and wear loose, comfortable clothing if you'd like to receive a taping as a demonstration. Cost includes some samples of tape to work with. Supplies will be on hand for sale. Coffee, tea, cocoa, and cookies will be provided. The coffee is made by Jen, a former professional barista, and the cookies are made by Jean, a home gourmet cook. Class is taught by Gigi Decker, LMT, BCTMB, BA, a formerly Certified KinesioTaping Practitioner with 28 years' experience in pain relief through massage therapy. She has taught this class through various community education offerings for approximately 5 years.

Host: Gigi Decker, LMT, BCTMB, BA, Jean Thompson, and Jen Narvosen

Cost: \$20 per person. Adults and SoR students only. Maximum 12

Good Old Fashioned Winter Fun

January 31, 2016, 1-4pm

Join us for an afternoon of winter games, skating, broom ball, snow fort building, and a bonfire. We will provide hot drinks and treats.

Hosts: Bridget Borell, Anne O'Keefe, and Leslie Stoy

Cost: \$15 per person. 3rd grade students. Maximum 78

Family Service Day

February 6, 9-11:30am

Join other Nova families to help in the community! We will work with coordinators at Second Harvest Heartland in Golden Valley to repackage bulk foods such as pasta or cereal into consumer size packages, sort and salvage damaged products or food items, sort food from food drives and donations, or label cans. These items go to food shelves and feeding programs that serve our hungry neighbors.

*Kids must be at least 8 years old to attend.

Hosts: Graeve Family

Cost: \$10 per family. Children and Adults. Maximum 40

Daddy-Daughter Dance

February 6, 6-8pm

Make memories that will last a lifetime during this special semi-formal event for Fathers and Daughters (Kindergarten- 3rd Grade). Enjoy dancing, decadent bar, desserts, candy, handcrafting mementos and a photo booth so you will never forget this extraordinary evening with your sweet girl.

Hosts: The Knudsens (Sara & Jeff)

Cost: \$25 per couple. *Special male adults may take a Nova lady to the dance. (i.e. Grandpa or Uncle). Children in grades K-3 and Adults. Maximum 40 couples

Ethiopian Cooking Class

February 7, 3-5pm

Join Chef Wessee Zewdu for an introductory Ethiopian cooking class. Nova parents and kids who have tasted Wessee's meals give her rave reviews. Ethiopian cuisine is healthy, flavorful and satisfying. Together we'll prepare 4 delicious dishes - some with berbere (hot!), some without. Then we'll eat! Dinner, served with plenty of homemade injera (flatbread), will be followed by a traditional Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony. Class will be held at Mississippi Market on West 7th. Everyone is welcome. Students in the lower school must be accompanied by an adult.

Hosts: Wessee Zewdu and Kristin Lerstrom

Cost: \$25 per person. Adults and children. Maximum 20

Kuk Sool Won - A Family Event

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February 7, 4-5pm

Kuk Sool Won™ of St. Paul is a family-owned, family-centered martial arts school that emphasizes health, safety and respect for oneself and others. We'll be offering an hour-long class to children ages 6 and older and any interested parents or adult care-givers. Get ready to kick, jump, yell, and play games while getting introduced to this traditional Korean martial art! Snacks will be served afterward.

Hosts: Carmen and Jeffrey Hupf

Cost: \$20 per family. Ages 6+ with adult. Maximum 40

Nova Moms Rock

February 8, 10am-1pm

Have you always wanted to try rock climbing? Are you already an experienced climber? Either way, come join other Nova moms for some 'Classic' rock climbing at Vertical Endeavors in Saint Paul. With 3 belayers, access to 15 auto-belay courses and unlimited bouldering you'll have a blast climbing the 'stairway to heaven.' Enjoy 2 hours of rock climbing as we lift each other up and spew positive beta at each other. Then we will relax our rock hard muscles in the party room over virgin drinks 'on the rocks' and a light lunch and of appropriately pun-inducing good.

Hosts: Leslie Stoy, Jennifer Bateman Grover, Abby Grantham, Debbie Heim

Cost: \$40 per person. Adults only. Maximum 8

Chinese New Year Party

February 13, 6pm

Come help us celebrate and welcome the year of the Monkey. We will have lots of Chinese food including Grandma Chu's famous potstickers. We've got your Valentine's Day covered! Plenty of beer & wine included.

Hosts: Julie Chu and Eugene Crawshaw

Cost: \$30 per person. Adults only. Maximum 12

Create a Terrarium

February 19, 7pm

We'll give you all the tools, soil, plants and knowledge you need to build your own miniature indoor garden. Snacks, and adult and all-ages beverages provided.

Host: Karen O'Conner and Nadia Higgins

Cost: \$40 per person. Adults only. Maximum 12

Handmade Glass Pendant Necklaces

February 20, 9:30am

We'll show you how to make a silver glass pendant necklace. We will also have a variety of paper options, material options, or bring your own artwork to create 2 additional pendants. You can keep the creations for yourself or gift to another. We will gather in the event room at Fresh Grounds Coffee Shop (right by Nova). Treats provided to pair with your morning coffee.

Hosts: Jane Lagerquist and Jennnifer Bateman Grover

Cost: \$25 per person. Adults only. Maximum 19

Handmade Pendant Necklaces for Teens and Tweens

February 20, 1pm

Learn how to make 3 pendants, including scrabble tile, wood and glass. We'll provide the scrapbook and illustration options, or you can bring your own designs. Make it a mother/daughter activity or friends get together. We will gather in the event room at Fresh Grounds Coffee Shop (right by Nova). Treats and punch provided.

Hosts: Jane Lagerquist and Jennifer Bateman Grover

Cost: \$20 per person. Adults and students 4th – 12th grade. Maximum 19

Prairie Restoration at Victoria Park

February 21, 2:00-4:30pm

Join in to help create the new Victoria Park across the street from Nova by clearing invasive species from the woodland overlooking the river. Staff from Great River Greening will be on hand to give an inside scoop on plans for the new park and to explain why removing invasive species is an important first step. We will have snacks as well as hot chocolate and bonfires by which to keep warm. Bring the whole family and dress for winter fun.

Hosts: Ken Graeve and Flannery Delaney

Cost: \$30 per family. Adults and children. Maximum 30 families.

Vegetarian Cooking and Recipe Exchange

February 26, 6-8pm

Whether you are a long-time vegetarian looking for some new ideas or are thinking of incorporating more meat-free dishes into your diet, this is the gathering for you. We will demonstrate and share several hearty and delicious dishes (including a starter, soup, casserole, and "classic" made vegetarian). We will also collect your favorite vegetarian recipes ahead of time to put into a booklet to share. Food will be served. Please note: this as at the beautiful NEW Mississippi Market on East 7th Street!

Hosts: Robin Cerio and Maria Marchand

Cost: \$35 per person. Adults only. Maximum 20 people

Night out at the Orchestra!

February 26, 7pm

We will gather at a downtown St Paul location for a before-show drink and appetizer, and then head over to the new Ordway Concert Hall for a St Paul Chamber Orchestra performance of Copland's Appalachian Spring and a Mozart Clarinet Concerto with Martin Frost.

Hosts: Matt and Jenny Wilson

Cost: \$65 per person. Adults only. Maximum 6

Wine and Cheese Social

February 27, 7-10pm

Join friends and meet new ones at a casual wine and cheese evening, hosted by parents of 4th – 10th grade students.

Hosts: Kelly MacGregor & Justin Revenaugh; Flannery Delaney & Paul McCormick; Barbara Guth & Tom Wedes

Cost: \$25 per person. Adults only. Maximum 60 people

Moxie Hair Salon – Oscar Pre-Party

February 28, 3-6pm

Are you ready to walk down the red carpet for Hollywood's biggest night?

Come join us for our Oscar Pre-Party!

Professional Moxie Stylists will be offering Blowouts or Haircuts for the cost of admission and of course a swag bag!

There will also be presentations on styling and discounts on products.

Hors d'Oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Due to the timing for services, Moxie will be assigning times ahead of the event for each participant.

Host: John and Jennifer Fearing & Sovanneary Phann Sweere

Cost: \$50 per person. Adults only. Maximum 24

Cupcakes 101

March 4, 5:30-7:30pm

Your child can learn how to bake and decorate tasty and beautiful cupcakes from a budding expert baker. Participants will learn the secret to fool-proof batter and frosting recipes. Students will get an opportunity to decorate and take home their cupcakes.

Please note: This class is not food allergen free (there may be exposure to nuts and eggs)!

Hosts: Zoe Marchand (9th Grader)

Cost: \$20 per person. 3rd graders through 6th graders. Maximum 20

~~**Favorite Things Party**~~

~~**March 4, 7-9:30pm**~~

~~Enjoy a ladies night out with wine, coffee drinks and desserts while exchanging a few of your favorite things. Please pick one item that is your favorite thing and bring three of that same item. When you leave, you'll have three new favorites! Each item must be \$10 or less.~~

~~**Hosts:** Jennifer Bateman Grover, Leslie Stoy, Emily Ehlebracht and Lisa Keljik~~

~~**Cost:** \$20 per person. Ladies only. Maximum 20~~

Sushi and Sake

March 5, 6-9pm

Enjoy some kid-free grown up food and conversation!

Sip on sake while master chef from Saji Ya on Grand Ave. in St. Paul will be making sushi fresh on site for us all to enjoy. There will be plenty of sushi and sake along with other Japanese fare!

Hosts: Dani & Dave Treiber

Cost: \$75 per couple. Adults only. Maximum 10 couples.

Wine and Canvas Party

March 5, 7-9pm

Discover your inner artist where creativity and wine flow simultaneously. It will be a fun and relaxing setting with an artist to guide you from start to finish. By the end of the evening you will create an amazing piece of art that your family can enjoy and appreciate. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages, appetizers and dessert will be served while budding artists paint their masterpieces. Must be 21 years or older to participate.

Hosts: Abby Grantham, Erika Roberts, Laura Heidemann, Missy Dykstra

Cost: \$40 per person. Adults only. Maximum 10 people.

Euro Game Night

March 12, 6pm

Come spend the evening learning and/or playing some of the best Euro/strategy games. Sample selection includes Terra Mystica, Agricola, Stone Age, and Pandemic. Appetizers, dessert and drinks provided.

Hosts: Susan and David Olshanski

Cost: \$10 per person. Adults only. Maximum 10

~~**Mother-Daughter Tea**~~

~~**March 13, 3-5pm**~~

~~Mothers and daughters of all ages can spend an afternoon socializing, sipping tea and nibbling on English tea time classics (finger sandwiches, scones, cookies, etc.). Appropriate for ages 5-105.~~

~~**Hosts:** Liberty and Allison Belter, Mary Ann Bunczak-Reeh and Stephanie Reeh~~

~~**Cost:** \$10 per family. Students K+ w/ adult. Maximum 20 families~~

Play with the spices – Cook Indian food

March 20, 3:30-6:00pm

Learn to cook easy and healthy recipes from India. Dine with the hosts to see how to serve Indian food. Take home the leftovers!

Hosts: Lakshmi Narayanankutty and Jay Mathilakath

Cost: \$25 per person. Adults only. Maximum 10

Sew your own Fabric Tote Bag Party

April 2, 9am-12pm

SoL girls are invited to a morning of sewing your own fabric tote bag! Don't know how to sew!

Perfect.....you're going to learn. Don't have a sewing machine....no worries. Just bring a couple yards of your favorite fabric (Hobby Lobby has a great selection for this project), and I'll provide all the embellishments and know how.

Hosts: Maria Gonko

Cost: \$20 per student. SoL Girls only. Maximum 10 students. Girls can bring a parent if they wish.

¡Tapas y Sangría!

April 2, 7-9pm

Learn to make tortilla española!

Come join us for an evening of Spanish Tapas, Sangria, and conversation (in English or Spanish). No Spanish language required, only an interest in delicious Spanish cuisine.

Hosts: Cole Conlin and Elizabeth LaRusso

Cost: \$40 per couple. Adults only. Maximum 3 couples

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

April 16, 7-10pm

Enjoy some snacks and beverages as we all read through one of the funniest plays ever written - The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged). Whether you've seen it performed at Brit's Pub and want to try the frivolities yourself, you love Shakespeare and want to embrace the challenge of performing all of his great works in one evening, or you have no idea what this might entail but you enjoy laughing at inappropriate jokes, this is the Gathering for you! Roles will be assigned as we read, but if you don't feel comfortable playing a fool, come and laugh as an audience member. Copies of the play will be provided for the gathering.

Hosts: Ms. Marchand and Ms. Lund

Cost: \$50 per person. Adults only. Maximum 10

Wood-fired Pizza Party

April 23, 3pm

Join us for a backyard pizza party! Enjoy delicious Neapolitan-style pizza baked in the Thompson family's wood fired oven, featuring artisanal pizza crust. Dinner includes salad, pizza, wine or beer for adults, soft beverages for the kids, and dessert.

Hosts: Jean Thompson, Connie Jandrich, Gigi Decker

Cost: \$20 per person. Children and adults. Maximum 30

~~Family Hike~~

~~April 30, 2:30-4:30pm~~

~~Join us for a walk in the woods! With any luck, spring will be springing with all its delights :)~~

~~The family hike will be at Lebanon Hills in Eagan. We'll meet at the visitor center and have trail mix following the walk.~~

~~**Hosts:** Graeve and Bateman-Grover Families~~

~~**Cost:** \$10 per family. Children and Adults. Maximum 45~~

~~Sleepover at Nova~~

~~May 6, 4:30pm-9:00am~~

~~Join Mrs. Tousignant and some of your favorite teachers at a sleepover at Nova! We will have a pizza dinner, gym games, arts and crafts, flashlight hide and seek in the dark hallways, a scavenger hunt, a movie with popcorn, and a delicious breakfast in the morning. Get ready for some fun!~~

~~**Hosts:** Mrs. Tousignant and Fabulous Teachers!~~

~~**Cost:** \$50 per person. Children in grades 1-5. Maximum 50~~

Warrior Dash Training

Training Starts May 21, 7:30-8:30am

Hey, team - let's do the Warrior Dash! Training will be 7-8 weeks long (depending on the date of the race). Let's get ready to face and overcome all obstacles at this unique 5K race. We will train together and register as a team. We will begin training on May 21st and will train every Saturday up until the weekend of the race. Details about the Warrior Dash to come, but it is normally held on a Saturday in mid-July at Afton Alps. Cost to register is \$40-\$60 and will be your responsibility.

Hosts: Maria Marchand and Theresa Nelson

Cost: \$20 per person (includes team training T-shirt). Adults and children 14 years and older. Maximum 12

Learn to Row! May 21, 11am-2pm

~~Have you seen the crews rowing on the Mississippi and thought to yourself “I’d like to try that!”? Now is your chance! This three-hour event is designed to give you a feel for rowing team boats. You’ll tour the Minneapolis Rowing Club’s boathouse, learn proper rowing technique, and head out on the water to practice in a safe and stable rowing “barge.”~~

~~**Please note the date and time may change as water temperature and river current dictate.**~~

~~**Hosts:** Heather Isernhagen~~

~~**Cost:** \$70 per person. Adults only. Maximum 8~~

Dinner Cruise on the St. Croix! June 4, 5:00-7:30pm

~~Join us for an exclusive, intimate sailing expedition along the St. Croix River while we enjoy a light meal and beverages. During our time you will have the opportunity to learn, one-on-one, what it takes to be a co-captain in perhaps your first – and hopefully not last – river sailing lesson. This is a good opportunity to get to know Lower School Principal, Brooke Tousignant, as she will be joining us. Space is limited on this lovely sailing vessel owned by Ellen and Russell Luepker, who have generously donated its use for this special event. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to grow in experience and community as you support Nova Classical Academy.~~

~~**Hosts:** Carl and Heather Luepker~~

~~**Cost:** \$100 per person. Adults only. Maximum 4~~

“A Boys Life” Outdoor Adventure Games, gr 4-7 June 10, 6-9pm

Nostalgic for the hours spent playing in nature, playing games, and roasting marshmallows? This fun, active, outdoor event may include games such as Capture the Flag game, Dodge Ball, Medic, Snipe & Foursquare. Includes roasting hot dogs, marshmallows, donut holes over an open fire, drinks and healthy snacks too. Held at a Nova family's few acres partially wooded land near Stillwater.

Hosts: Lagerquist, Reeh and Gallagher families

Cost: \$20 per person. Boy students in grades 4-7 only. Maximum 22

School’s Out! Architecture and Bars Bike Tour June 11, 7-10pm

School's out! Breathe a sigh of relief and come out for an evening bike tour replete with lights, music, AND architecture. Fun and cultural edification – it’s like Pizza Hut and Taco Bell but 10 times better! It WILL be a rolling party: we will proceed at a stately pace from the Highland area toward Selby/Dale and back. A bike headlight and tail light are included (MSRP \$30). Riding can be thirsty work, so we are including a few stops where you will have the opportunity to purchase beer flavored recovery beverages. This is a no-drop ride – nobody will be off the back looking for everyone else. Adults only.

Hosts: Andy Tetmeyer & Todd Grover

Cost: \$30 per person. Adults only. Maximum 16

How to Raise Monarch Butterflies

August 4, 2016

Session 1: 9:30-11:00am

Session 2: 1:00-2:30pm

Come to my home and learn the following:

- 1.) How to plant a monarch butterfly garden
- 2.) The life cycle of monarch butterflies
- 3.) How to raise monarchs in your home from eggs!

This event is designed for one student and a significant adult in their life.

Host: Diane Rudé

Cost: \$20 per pair (one student and one adult). Students in grade 3, 4, or 5 with one adult. Maximum 5 students with 5 adults per session.

Bikes and Bloodies

September 17, 1:00pm

Come experience all our Nova community has to offer! Bike to classic rock with Andy Tetmeyer (Mrs. Tetmeyer's other half) alongside our special guest stars Brooke Tousignant and Mari Bergerson. If you didn't join us last year but live in Minneapolis or Saint Paul, you probably heard us! Andy, along with his biking boombox, will lead us along a tour of the Mississippi River bluff taking off from the Bateman-Grover house on Saunders Avenue in Saint Paul. We'll ride up the Saint Paul side of the river and return through Minneapolis with a possible halfway-point shortcut for those ready to return home. We will return to Saunders Avenue where a stellar Bloody Mary bar and delicious snacks will be awaiting our return. Micah Taylor will provide amazing bread from his fabulous bike bread delivery service, Brake Bread. Leslie and Tony Stoy will provide hot sauce for the bloodies from their own 'Isabel Heat Street' label. Don't miss the first kick-off to GG 2016!

Hosts: Jennifer & Todd Bateman Grover, Dawn & Jeff Ellerd, Kate & Andy Tetmeyer, Micah Taylor, Leslie & Tony Stoy

Cost: \$30 per person. Adults only. Maximum 30

Wine and Tapas on the Patio

September 24, 5-8pm

Spend an evening celebrating the survival of another start to the school year on the patio at the Wine Company, the premier wine wholesaler in Minnesota. Carefully hidden behind the warehouse is a beautiful Tuscan Villa patio complete with several grills, a wood fired pizza oven and a bocce court. There will be more great wine than is good for you, an amazing selection of tapas (including wood fired pizzas from the oven on the patio!) and a bocce tournament so be sure to bring a partner!

Hosts: Kate and John Kielkopf, Kate and Andy Tetmeyer, and Kim and Josh Landy

Cost: \$50 per person. Adults only. Maximum 50



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