



# greatgatherings

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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 28th**.
- 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 9th** you will receive an itemized list of your gatherings via email and you will have until **Wednesday, November 16th** 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 9th**, 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 11th**. Gathering sales following the Kick Off, through the balance of the school year, will be handled **ONLY** through our online payment system 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.

## 2016-2017 Gatherings

### **A Lesson in Lefse**

**November 12, 2 pm**

Learn how to make traditional Norwegian lefse from a Nova grandmother just in time for the holidays. Everyone will hopefully be able to take some home, as long as we can all keep the sampling to a minimum! Light refreshments will also be served.

**Hosts:** Stefanie Herschbach

**Cost:** \$20 per person. Adults only. Maximum 10

### **Kindergarten Movie Night**

**November 18, 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

### **Essential Oil Make & Take**

**November 19, 1-3pm**

Come for an afternoon of "Progeny's Potion Kit" Make-and-Take:Essential Oils for Kids! This fun, "fairy tale" themed gathering addresses a variety of common wellness concerns associated with children 3 months and older (e.g. "Nose Concoction", "Happy Brew," "Focus Power", "Dream Spell"). With recipes developed by a Certified Aromatherapist, attendees can provide safe rollerball blends designed with specific recipes adapted for: 3-24 months, 2-6 years and 6-12 years. Recipes listed all fall within the safe 0.5 - 2% dilution ratios as recommended by top Certified Aromatherapists throughout the world. Each family will leave with 10 "potions."

**Hosts:** Andrea Bode

**Cost:** \$20 per family. Adults are welcome to bring their child(ren). Maximum 10 families.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Game Night December 2, 2016, 5:30-7:30 pm**

Join fellow 3rd graders for an old fashioned evening of games and good times with Nova classmates. Pizza will be served for dinner.

**Hosts:** Liza Halverson & Stefanie Herschbach

**Cost:** \$15 per student. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders only. Maximum 20

**Family Service Day    December 3, 2016, 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 35

**Revolutionary War Camp / Parents' Night Out    December 3, 5:30 – 8:30pm**

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 & 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade only.

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

**Cost:** \$15 per student. Students 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade only. Maximum 15

**First Class Second Hand Fashion @ Elite Repeat    December 4, 6-8 pm**

A super fun and affordable Evening of Fashion with the style experts at Elite Repeat. Not your typical consignment store, au contraire!! Lots of NEW accessories, Minnesota themed & Spirit gifts too! Come find amazing deals from name brands and enjoy lovely refreshments. 10% of profits from the evening's sales will be donated to Nova. In the mood for a closet purge? Bring your own items to consign, without an appointment \* a permanent account is opened at Elite Repeat for Nova, accepting consignment items throughout the year with 50% of all profits going to the school. Don't miss out, come on over December 4th and UPscale your wardrobe, the sensible way! Have a friend you love to shop with? Buy two spots or get them a buddy pass at the door the day of the event!

**Hosts:** Karina Crockett, Kimberly Dumitrica, Jane Lagerquist, Jennifer Bateman Grover

**Cost:** \$15 per person. Adults only. Maximum 40

**Bingo! with Mrs. Tousignant    December 9, 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 3-5. Maximum 25

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Nut-Free Cookie Exchange****December 11, 2:00-4:30 pm**

Join us for a festive cookie exchange for Adults and crafting kids, with focus on nut-free cookies. The afternoon event will be full of friendly Nova faces, winter wine sangria, hot cider, and snacks. 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. We'll have crafting space, but no running or playing space, so bring kids ready to craft an ornament or two and play board games.

**Hosts:** Jane Lagerquist and Beth Hawley**Cost:** \$20 per family. Maximum 8 families**Yellow Polka-Dotted Ping Pong Ball Party (Morning Option)****December 19, 9:30- 11:30**

After hearing the legendary tale of The Yellow Polka-Dotted Ping Pong Ball, we'll play several games, each improved by adding at least one yellow polka-dotted ping pong ball. Students will make a few of their own sunny orbs and assemble the equipment to play games like Pingittles or Yellow Polka-Dotted Ping Pong Ball Spoon Race (now with more obstacles!). To top off this celebration of the most exciting piece of sporting equipment never invented, we'll have yellow polka-dotted cupcakes and lemonade. Don't miss this chance to learn more about the story that has been told in Ms. Lund's family for tens of years!

**Hosts:** Ms. Lund**Cost:** \$20 per student. 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Maximum 15**Yellow Polka-Dotted Ping Pong Ball Party (Afternoon Option)****December 19, 1-3 pm**

After hearing the legendary tale of The Yellow Polka-Dotted Ping Pong Ball, we'll play several games, each improved by adding at least one yellow polka-dotted ping pong ball. Students will make a few of their own sunny orbs and assemble the equipment to play games like Pingittles or Yellow Polka-Dotted Ping Pong Ball Spoon Race (now with more obstacles!). To top off this celebration of the most exciting piece of sporting equipment never invented, we'll have yellow polka-dotted cupcakes and lemonade. Don't miss this chance to learn more about the story that has been told in Ms. Lund's family for tens of years!

**Hosts:** Ms. Lund**Cost:** \$20 per student. 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Maximum 15**Feed My Starving Children Food Packing****January 7, 2-4 pm**

Participate in a fun and fast paced food packing session at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. Adults and children (5 years and older) 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 family. Children ages 5+ and adults. Maximum 90

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Minute to Win It**                      **January 13, 7-9 pm**

Join us for a Friday night Minute To Win It game night! Test your skills and concentration as you challenge your classmates to win some great prizes! Snacks and fun provided!

**Hosts:** Maria Gonko

**Cost:** \$15 per person. 4<sup>th</sup> Graders only. Maximum 15

**Introduction to Kiteboarding**                      **January 14, 12 pm**

This clinic will introduce you to the basics of kiteboarding on snow. We will begin with basic kite handling and progress to getting pulled on skis or a snowboard.

**Hosts:** Mike Winter

**Cost:** \$35 per person. Adults and Children. Maximum 10

**Salt Cave Hatha Yoga**                      **January 14, 2-3 pm**                      **SOLD OUT**

Join us for a 50 minute yoga class in the Salt Cave Minneapolis. The foundation of this yoga class is the connection of breath and motion, rooted in Hatha Yoga. It will encompass movement throughout your entire being with a gentle yet steady flow and time for relaxation. After class, you'll receive hydration, nutrition and a small gift to remember your time in the cave.

**Hosts:** Adam & Abby Grantham

**Cost:** \$40 per person. Adults only. Maximum 6 adults.

**Hot Yoga Class**                      **January 21, 2:30-3:30 pm**

Whether you are a first-timer, experienced yogi, or somewhere in between, this yoga class is for you! Join Kristina Ralston, local yoga instructor and Nova parent, at Modo Yoga Minneapolis for a private hot yoga class. In this hour-long class, you will build balance, flexibility, and strength, sweat a lot, and feel amazing afterwards! Please come dressed to sweat, and bring a yoga mat, towel, and water bottle.

**Hosts:** Kristina Ralston

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

**Snowtober Fest**    **January 21, 7-10pm**                      **SOLD OUT**

Join us for Octoberfest 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!



**Third Grade Skating, S'mores, and More****January 22, 12- 2 pm**

Have your third grader bring their own ice skates and join us for Skating, S'mores, and More! We will have an afternoon of ice skating on a pond, sledding, s'mores around the fire pit, and fun, fun, fun. You must bring your own ice skates and wear your winter gear; sleds will be available.

**Hosts:** Jamie Baker, Liza Halverson, Robin Cerio, and Kimberly Dumitrica

**Cost:** \$20 per student. 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders only. Maximum 20

**Fifth Grade Skating, S'mores, and More****January 22, 2:30- 4:30 pm**

Have your fifth grader bring their own ice skates and join us for Skating, S'mores, and More! We will have an afternoon of ice skating on a pond, sledding, s'mores around the fire pit, and fun, fun, fun. You must bring your own ice skates and wear your winter gear; sleds will be available.

**Hosts:** Robin Cerio, Liza Halverson, Kristi McNellis

**Cost:** \$20 per student. 5<sup>rd</sup> Graders only. Maximum 15

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Minute to Win It****January 27, 7-9 pm**

Join us for a Friday night Minute To Win It game night! Test your skills and concentration as you challenge your classmates to win some great prizes! Snacks and fun provided!

**Hosts:** Maria Gonko

**Cost:** \$15 per person. 5<sup>th</sup> Graders only. Maximum 15

**Sixth Grade Skating and Star Wars****January 28, 5:30-8:30 pm**

Sixth graders, skating and watching Star Wars...the perfect combination! Come skate on our huge backyard rink while watching Star Wars IV: A New Hope projected on our outside screen. We will provide pizza, snow and perfectly Zambonied ice. Inside Warming house options include Air Hockey and Video Games. Must bring your own skates.

**Hosts:** Hazel & Jennifer Bateman Grover, Lydia & Kimberly Dumitrica and Nora & Catherine Graeve

**Cost:** \$20 per student. 6<sup>th</sup> graders only. Maximum 40

**Pure Barre January 31, 6:45 pm**

Pure Barre is a total body workout that lifts your seat, tones your thighs, abs, and arms and burns fat in record-breaking time. Join us at the barre for 55 minutes of high intensity, low impact isometric movements set to fantastic music! Located on Grand Ave between Lexington and Oxford, it's just 15 minutes from Nova. Stay after for drinks and snacks where you'll have time to ask our instructor questions and learn more about Pure Barre.

**Hosts:** Jessica Faulken

**Cost:** \$20 per person. Adults and children 16+. Maximum 17

**Ladies Night Book Swap      February 3, 7 - 10pm**

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, Char Mason, Hope Schwartz, Lisa Kiljik

**Cost:** \$15 per person. Adults only. Maximum 20

**Soup Swap      February 4, 4-5:30 pm**

Ingredients: 6 quarts of frozen soup, the recipe, & you!

Directions: Gather a group of soup enthusiasts. Draw numbers to determine order for the Soup Draft. Enjoy an evening of strategy, suspense, sipping, snacking, & swapping soups!

**\*\*Due to an encouraged variety of chefs and kitchens, dietary restrictions cannot be accommodated.\*\***

**Hosts:** Stefanie Hershbach & Liz Owens

**Cost:** \$20 per person. Adults only. Maximum 15

**Good Old Fashioned Winter Fun      February 5, 2017, 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:** \$20 per person. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Maximum 20

**Nova Moms Rock      February 6, 10am-12pm**

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 of appropriately pun-inducing good.

**Hosts:** Jennifer Bateman Grover, Abby Grantham, Debbie Heim

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

**Morning Makeovers      February 11, 2017 9:30- 11:30 am**

If you're a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl, please join us for Saturday morning makeovers. Have you ever tried a homemade face scrub? Well at this party you get to make your own to bring home! We will also be learning how to choose and apply makeup that is perfect for young ladies taught by a former makeup artist. In addition to pretty skin and makeup, you will also leave with some fun, styled hair and nails!

**Hosts:** Maria Gonko

**Cost:** \$25 per person. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls only. Maximum 8

**Handmade Glass Pendant Necklaces      February 11, 2017 9:30am- 12:00 p.m.**

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 18

**Handmade Pendant Necklaces for Teens and Tweens, February 11, 2017 1- 3pm**

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 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Maximum 19

**Wine and Cheese Social      February 11, 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

**Valentine's Day Card Making Extravaganza      February 12, 1:00-3:00pm**

Calling all 1st graders! February 14 is as much about handmade valentine cards as it is a celebration of friendship. This year, we would like to host a group of 1st grade friends at NOVA's mezzanine for an afternoon of delectable treats and creative crafting.

**Hosts:** Jamie Baker, Danielle Treiber, Sara Knudsen, Sovanneary Phann Sweere

**Cost:** \$10 per student. 1st Graders Only. Maximum 20

**Hip Hop Workout      February 12, 2:30-3:30 pm**

Toss your mom jeans to the side and get ready to be hip again! This hour long dance class incorporates old school dance moves like the Running Man and Roger Rabbit combined with new moves your kids will be jealous of. Get ready for a fun time and a great workout! Snacks and water will be added after the workout.

**Hosts:** Abby Grantham, Erika Roberts and Missy Dykstra

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

**A Sri Lankan Delight!      February 25, 6-9:30pm      SOLD OUT**  
Enjoy an evening of Asian style street food, craft cocktails and wine, and decadent deserts, cooked and prepared for you in my kitchen.  
**Hosts:** Tyler and Michelle Conrad  
**Cost:** \$45 per person. Adults only. Maximum 10 people

**Favorite Things Party      March 3, 7:00-9:30pm      SOLD OUT**  
Enjoy a ladies night out with wine and appetizers 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 30

**Hot Chocolate and Canvas      March 4, 10 am -12 pm      SOLD OUT**  
Kindergarten through 2nd grade girls can come join us as we create a canvas and enjoy hot chocolate. Your daughter can choose between a blank or traceable canvas to make her own personal creation. We'll have hot chocolate and treats as well.  
**Hosts:** Suzanne Anderson and Kara Rieke  
**Cost:** \$15 per person. K- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls Only. Maximum 15

**Euro Game Night      March 4, 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:** \$15 per person. Adults only. Maximum 10

**Family Cross Fit Session      March 4, 4-5 pm**  
Come to the Power House at Highland, a great cross fit gym in Highland Park! This will be a fun family-friendly introduction to Cross Fit session. Cross Fit is an exciting, fun and challenging exercise and workout discipline that brings together stretching, cardio, weights, gymnastics, and other movements. It focuses on improving strength, mobility, cardiovascular, and balance, with the main goal of improving your health, well-being and happiness. A certified Cross Fit trainer will lead the group through an introductory Cross Fit workout that will guarantee to be a new and fun experience. This event is open to ages 8 and above. Attendees should be in relatively good health, but don't let inexperience, or previous lack of exercise, stop you! The workout will be tailored to all skill levels and abilities. A key tenet of Cross Fit is that all are welcome and encouraged to join, in a supportive and encouraging environment. It will be fun, and who knows, you might like it so much you get hooked! Many others have!  
**Hosts:** David and Debbie Heim  
**Cost:** \$30 per family. Open to ages 8 and above. Maximum 20 guests.

**Learn to Play an Olympic Sport     March 5, 12-3pm**

Please join us in our 114th season at the historic St. Paul Curling Club for an afternoon of curling! Whether you and your child are new curlers, or returning curlers, we are excited to have you learn the game (or improve your skills). In the true spirit of the game, we will spend two hours on the ice followed by refreshments, snacks, and socializing.

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

**Cost:** \$50 per student/parent pair. Children 4<sup>th</sup> grade or higher with adult. Maximum 12 student/parent pairs

**A Night of Fun, Fashion and Friends     March 11, 7 pm**

**CANCELLED**

Hey Ladies! Join some other women in the Nova community and be inspired by an evening with professional fashion consultant Amy Lindquist of Lindquist Fashion & Image Consulting! Hear how to dress different body types, gain tips on cleaning out and organizing your closet, and learn about some upcoming fashion trends among other topics. You are welcome to bring your own questions and fashion quandaries and there will be a drawing for a brief personal consultation with Amy. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

**Hosts:** Suzanne Anderson and Marie Wang

**Cost:** \$20 per person. Ladies only. Maximum 10

**Mother-Daughter Tea     March 12, 3-5pm**

**SOLD OUT**

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, Jane Lagerquist

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

**Dungeons and Dragons One Shot     April 1, 1-5 pm**

Spend an afternoon battling monsters and eating mounds of snacks in this single day 4th edition D&D adventure. Host will provide pre-made mid-level characters ready to seek honor, glory, and riches. No experience necessary, but plan to come at noon if you need to go over the rules.

**Hosts:** Ed Burke

**Cost:** \$15 per person. School of Rhetoric students only. Maximum 8

**Sushi and Sake     April 8, 6:00 pm**

**SOLD OUT**

Enjoy some kid-free grown up food and conversation!

Master chef, Noe Frausto, 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:** \$35 per person. Adults only. Maximum 30

**Salon: Music, Food, Conversation    April 8, 6:30 pm**

Parisians had their "Salons" with Chopin, Liszt & Satie. We have our living room with acclaimed pianist (and Nova mom), Ora Itkin. Ora will be previewing some pieces from her upcoming European tour. She'll be joined by other Nova musicians. This informal gathering will include dinner and libations reflecting the musical selections. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and join in. Mama Chu's world famous potstickers will definitely be on the menu. If you have an appetite for interesting food, conversation and music, please don't miss this opportunity.

**Hosts:** Julie Chu & Gene Crawshaw

**Cost:** \$30 per person. Adults and School of Rhetoric students only. Maximum 12

**Family Hike    April 22, 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 30

**Games, Girls and the Great Outdoors    April 29, 1:00-3:30pm**

Calling all first grade girls! Join us for an afternoon of silliness, exploration, and friendship. We will be playing games, singing camp songs, making a craft, roasting s'mores, and having a scavenger hunt. Dress for the weather, but if it is raining we will change the date to May 6, 2017 from 1-3:30pm.

**Hosts:** Catherine Graeve and Emily Hierlmaier

**Cost:** \$15 per child. 1<sup>st</sup> grade girls only. Maximum 12

**Orienteering Class at Tamarack Nature Center    April 29, 2-5 pm**

Attention all 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders, join us for an afternoon of adventure at Tamarack Nature Center! Students will have an opportunity to attend an orienteering class, explore in Discovery Hollow and have some snacks! The orienteering class will teach the skills needed to successfully navigate a beginning orienteering course: reading a map, using a compass, judging distance/travel time, orienting a map and matching features on the ground to map symbols. Students will have an opportunity to do both a group and beginner course! After the class we will have more time for snacks and to play, climb and explore Discovery Hollow.

**Hosts:** Jamie & Corey Baker, Kimberly & Traian Dumitrica, Kelly O'Rourke & Paul Huelskamp

**Cost:** \$20 per child. 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students. Maximum 17

**Sleepover at Nova May 5, 6:00pm-9:00am**

**SOLD OUT**

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

**Ladies Only- Garden Cocktail Party May 5, 7-10:30 pm**

Join us for a night of signature cocktails, beverages, appetizers and scrumptuous desserts, all inspired by Ina Garten, the Barefoot Contessa. Meet other Nova Ladies and have great food. It's the same night as the SoG slumber party, sign up for both and enjoy yourself!

**Hosts:** Michelle Granberg, Jane Lagerquist, Angela Penniman and Catherine Graeve

**Cost:** \$25 per person. Ladies only. Maximum 44

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Toga Party May 20, 2:00- 4:30 pm**

Wear a toga (a white t-shirt tied at the waist works fine, too) and join us for some ancient Greek-inspired activities, crafts, and snacks!

**Hosts:** Suzanne Anderson, Lindsay Taylor & Stefanie Herschbach

**Cost:** \$15 per person. 1<sup>st</sup> Graders only. Maximum 20

**School's Out for the Summer Celebration June 4, 11:30 am- 2:30 pm**

Join us at Minnehaha Falls Regional Park (Wabun Picnic Area) for a family BBQ to celebrate another fantastic school year and welcome in summer vacation! This is an opportunity for NOVA families to gather, relax and celebrate all they have accomplished this year. There will be a BBQ lunch with drinks, a playground and plenty of lawn games. If the weather gods are shining down on us there is even a splash pad. Grab a picnic blanket or lawn chairs and join us for an afternoon of fun!

**Hosts:** Jamie Baker, Danielle Treiber, Sara Knudsen, Sovanneary Phann Sweere, Miriam Gerber

**Cost:** \$25 per family. School of Grammar Families. Maximum 25 families

**Bikes! Architecture! Action!**

**June 10, July 8 and August 12, 6 pm**

A three event series of enlightening bicycle tours - 10 or so miles each. We'll roll on Saturdays: June 10, July 8, August 12 from the Highland area and view architectural highlights as well as notable watering holes. (Hydration is of utmost importance). The pace will be stately, in biker parlance these are "no drop" rides. We'll have music. If you have not experienced a Great Gatherings bike tour you truly don't know what you're missing - Barchitecture Tours~ are fun and enlightening.

These are evening rides, bring head lights and tail lights please. We'll have a limited number of loaners if you don't have your own.

**Hosts:** Andy Tetmeyer and Todd Grover

**Cost:** \$30 per person for the series. Adults only. Maximum 30

**Outdoor Adventure Games, gr 3-8 with a Parent Patio Party June 22, 6 pm**

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. For parents, we have wine, beer, heavy hor'duerves, healthy salads and desserts. Relaxing time - while kids are busy having fun. A perfect start to the summer. If severe weather, we will have June 9th as our rain date.

**Hosts:** Reeh, Lagerquist, and Marker Johnson families

**Cost:** \$15 per person. 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students with a parent. Maximum 22 students and 22 parents

**Bikes and Bloodies September 9, 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 2017!

**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 23, 2017 6-9 pm**

Please join us in celebrating a new school year on the patio at the Wine Company, the premier wine wholesaler in Minnesota. Carefully hidden behind the state of the art warehouse is a beautiful, secluded Mediterranean style patio. There will be loads of great wine, an incredible selection of tapas, and engaging conversation. Come meet some fun people from the Nova community and maybe even play a game of bocce ball on the tournament style court for what is sure to be a fantastic evening.

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

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





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