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introducing the sps field house

Our new 850+ seat Field House has opened its doors.

The \$5 million, 23,380-square-foot facility replaces the School's original gymnasium built in the 1950s and will officially be unveiled at the **Field House Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony & Alumni Brick Entrance Unveiling** on Sunday, August 17, 2008.

To learn more about Sandia Prep's new Field House, [click here](#).



Save the date
Field House Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony & Alumni Brick Entrance Unveiling
Sunday, August 17th

Join us as we officially reveal Sandia Prep's newest campus addition, the SPS Field House! During the campus-wide celebration we'll unveil the alumni brick entrance and campus tours will be available.

sneak peek- alumni brick entrance unveiled

The first section of the Field House alumni brick entrance was installed in late May.

The engraved pieces of history are not only a fun way to memorialize your time at SPS, but a great way to say thank you to your alma mater. All profits from the alumni brick campaign go to help offset the cost of the new Field House.

How you can help

Bricks can be purchased for a one-time fee or can be broken up into monthly payments. Limited-edition pavers are tax-deductible if you itemize and are just:

- \$10 a month (\$120 total) for 2008-1997 graduates
- \$12.50 a month (\$150 total) for 1996-1969 graduates

Have your name etched in history, [reserve your brick now!](#)

Questions?

Contact your Alumni Affairs Office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.



It's not too late to have your name etched in history
Reserve a limited-edition brick for just dollars a month.
[Click here](#) to learn more.



class reunion announcements

Class of 1999 Reunion

Planning is underway for the Class of 1999's ten-year reunion. **Heather (Barr) Marot '99** has offered to start gauging interest for this anniversary event and is looking for classmates who would like to help plan a reunion. If you're interested in helping or just want to send Heather your contact information for future updates, please email Heathaba@gmail.com or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1998 Reunion

When: September 19 & 20

Plan now to join your former classmates for your ten-year reunion! Your reunion committee is hard at work determining the event specifics, but we hope everyone can plan now to attend one or all of the following:

Happy Hour - Friday, September 19 - Location to be determined
Stop by for a drink and some appetizers with your former classmates and teachers.

Family Picnic - Saturday, September 20 - SPS campus and fields
Bring your family and/or friends for a trip down memory lane! The soccer, volleyball and tennis teams will play in some heated tournaments + the SPS Alumni Association will host a complimentary picnic and a variety of family-friendly activities for the kiddos.

Evening Party - Saturday, September 20 - Russell Student Center Mezzanine
The party will be catered and will include a complementary bar. Dress will be casual and spouses and significant others are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Help is still needed to pull off this weekend of fun. If you're interested in volunteering in any capacity, please email **Drea (Brue) Kendall** at akendall@unm.edu, **John Fernandez** at John.Fernandez@HILL.af.mil, **Lisa Duncan** at mydaisymountain@yahoo.com or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1993 Reunion

When: August 8 - 10

Don't miss your 15-year reunion! **Richie Ramos '93** is working on event specifics, but is still searching for several missing classmates. Additional details regarding the weekend will be posted as available. To learn more, please email Richie at ramosric@msu.edu or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1988 Reunion

When: Independence Day Weekend

Save the weekend of July 4, 2008 for your 20-year reunion! The Class of '88 reunion committee has planned the following events for this anniversary celebration:

Dinner & Drinks - Friday, July 4 @ 6pm - Flying Star at Paseo del Norte & Wyoming

Breakfast - Saturday, July 5 @ 9am - The Frontier Restaurant

SPS Campus Tour with Dick Heath - Saturday, July 5 @ 1pm - Meet in the SPS Quad

Dinner & Drinks - Saturday, July 5 @ 6:30pm - Santiago's Mexican Grill

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congratulations class of 2008!

On Saturday, May 31, 2008, the SPS Alumni Association welcomed 91 new graduates into the fold.

Check out our collection of [photos](#) from the Class of 2008's last official school day, the alumni induction breakfast and graduation. It'll be quite a trip down memory lane!





class reunion announcements

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The class of 1988 reunion committee co-chairs **Chris White '88** and **Adena Brumer '88**, are searching for updated contact information for members of this class. If you're interested in helping or want to learn more, please email **Chris** at chriswhite88@comcast.net, **Adena** at adenas@yahoo.com or our SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1978 Reunion

When: Columbus Day Weekend – October 11 & 12
Plan now to celebrate your 30th reunion during the second week of October. **Tina Sparks Duncan '78**, is putting together the event specifics for your anniversary celebration now, and members of '77 and '79 are invited to join in on the fun!

A message from Tina:

Hello Fellow Classmates!

Now is the time to put your 2 cents worth into the planning for our 30th reunion. I have heard from Ted, Bob, Elizabeth, Ethan, Steve, Sheila, Jennifer, Phill, Alfred, Teri, Chris, Ann, Tamela and a couple of people from other classes. I am still hoping to hear from Noela, Renee and Karl. Jennifer reported seeing Braden. We have had suggestions from dinner at Sadie's to a picnic at the river. I will be working on finalizing plans over the next month or so. I would love to hear everyone's ideas so please contact me.

Members of '77 and '79 are invited to join in on the fun!

—Tina Sparks Duncan '78

To learn more, please email Tina at cduncan4@optonline.net or contact the SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.



field house fitness center open to alumni

All members of the SPS community, ages 13+ are welcome to use the School's new fitness center and weight room this summer at no charge.

The fitness center is open on weekdays from 4:00pm to 9:00pm from now until July 31st and will be staffed by Brian Arndt, who is CPR-certified.



Questions?
Contact your Alumni Affairs Office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

425 and counting!

425 SPS alumni and faculty are enrolled in Sandia Prep's online community, <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org>. Similar to Facebook and MySpace, the Connection site is only available to the SPS community and is free of all the ads and spam you'll encounter on other connection sites. Through the Connection site you can:

- Search for and network with fellow alums
- Create your own profile page and upload personal photos
- Learn more about the latest SPS events and volunteer opportunities
- Make online gifts
- And much more!

Enroll now





alumni notes

Please note, this is just a sampling of submitted alumni notes. We're in the process of collecting more and will publish the complete list in the September 2008 edition of PrepPost. If you'd like to submit your news, please email alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Susan Symmes Westbrook '73 was named Top Interior Designer in the State of New Mexico by the *NM Business Journal* for the fourth year in a row. The '73 grad was also featured on the cover of *Phoenix Home and Garden's* "Best of the Southwest" issue.



On May 2, 2008, Sandia Prep's Alumni Affairs Coordinator, **Melissa Besante Dineen '97** and her husband Michael welcomed Elliott Besante Dineen into the world. The 7lb 15oz and 22 inch, baby boy joins two-year-old big sister Sophia.

The May 2008 edition of *PrepPost* was mailed in late May. If you didn't receive your copy, email alumni@sandiaprep.org.

volunteer opportunity

Your SPS Alumni Affairs office is looking for volunteers to help with our 2008 Homecoming festivities. If you'd like to help plan this fun-filled event, donate a door prize to the raffle, address invitations or simply spend a couple of hours with the set-up or clean-up, please email alumni@sandiaprep.org.

"pack the post"- send us your news!

We're gathering updates for the September issue of *PrepPost*. Being that this is typically everyone's favorite section, we're working hard to include as many alumni notes as possible. If you've started a new hobby or job, got married, have a new addition to the family or just have something fun you want to share, send your news and photos to alumni@sandiaprep.org. Help us Pack the Post!

Nick Lerner '97 and wife Jessica welcomed baby boy Logan into their family in early May. "I can't believe how excited I am," said Nick. "This is the best thing that's ever happened to me!" The '97 grad is working as a Realtor in Lawrence, KS and is on the Lawrence Board of Realtors. Nick is also a vice-president for Lawrence's longest standing civic organization, The Social Service League of Lawrence - with whom he recently helped start an endowment fund - as well as the Kaw Valley Kickball Board of Directors, an adult kickball league. Nick reports that his brother, **Zachary Lerner '99** recently graduated at the top of his class from the University of Kansas School of Law. Zach "has been diligently working towards his degree while serving as an editor on the Law Review," said Nick. "This fall, he and his girlfriend are moving to San Francisco where he has a job with a law firm."



In May, **Gretchen Heath '00** received a Master's Degree in Social Work from Newman University in Colorado Springs. Just a few weeks later, the new grad accepted a position with Colorado's Department of Human Services in the Child Protective unit.

On May 16th, **Ellen Madden '04** served as one of two Marshalls in Washington University's graduation promenade. The Wash U grad was ranked first in her class and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. While at Wash U, Ellen started a herb and vegetable garden near the alumni house and is said to be a leader in sustainability efforts on campus. She also spent her junior spring semester in Florence and was recently featured in St. Louis' Des Lee Gallery.

photos! photos!

Visit <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org> for photos and recaps from all our Alumni Association events. We have fun shots from our:

- Class of 2008 Alumni Induction
- Graduation
- And more!





calendar markings



Your alma mater has several fun events planned for the near future. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend one or all of our advertised events. Full details will be available closer to the scheduled activities — visit <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org> for the most up-to-date details.

WANTED:

Class of '89 & '79
Reunion Reps

We're looking for volunteers to help plan upcoming class reunions. Your SPS Alumni Affairs Office is committed to making this process as simple as possible and is available to help in a variety of ways. If you'd like to learn more, email alumni@sandiaprep.org.

have you moved?

Your Alumni Affairs office is constantly working to keep our database up-to-date, but we realize that our alumni move and don't always send us their new contact info. We have some exciting activities planned for this year (individual class reunions, out-of-state 'Meet & Greet' visits and more!) — so send us your contact information and we'll be sure to send you all the details.

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Homecoming

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