



the alumni Insider

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headmaster dick heath announces retirement



Headmaster Dick Heath with his grandson, Declan Heath Kilbride

After nearly 25 of years at SPS, Headmaster Dick Heath has announced that he will retire following the 2009-2010 school year.

Sandia Prep's Board of Trustees has established a search committee and employed a search firm to find candidates from within and nationally. We will keep you posted on their progress.

[Click here](#) to read Mr. Heath's official announcement.

we're headed to chicago!

When: Saturday, February 28, 2009 • 6-8pm

Where: Goose Island Brew Pub - Clybourn • 1800 N Clybourn Ave
Chicago, IL • 60614 (At N Sheffield & W Willow Ave)

Join Headmaster Dick Heath, Assistant Headmaster Ron Briley and Alumni Affairs Coordinator Melissa Besante Dineen '97 for complimentary drinks and appetizers at Goose Island Brew Pub - Clybourn.

Have Questions? Want to RSVP?

Email: alumni@sandiaprep.org

Phone: 505.338.3021



your annual fund dollars at work

From the classroom to the playing fields to the Outdoor Program, all SPS students have benefited from the generosity of alumni over the years. Help ensure that today's students enjoy the same advantages.

Participation Matters

Every gift to SPS is significant – no matter what amount. Last year gifts from alumni and their families ranged from \$10 to \$10,000.

How You Can Help

[Click here](#) to learn more or to make your tax-deductible gift.



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class reunion updates

Class of 1999 Reunion

When: June 19-20, 2009

Campus Tour – Friday, June 19th – Meet in the Quad @ 5pm

SPS has changed a lot since you graduated and if you haven't stopped by campus lately, you'll be amazed at the new buildings and campus layout.

Drinks & Appetizers – Friday, June 19th – Lydia (Jones) Pizzonia Residence

Join us for the kick-off to reunion weekend! Additional details will be posted soon.

Reunion Party – Saturday, June 20th – Location TBD

Heather (Barr) Marot '99 has developed a **Facebook Reunion Group** and is collecting suggestions, as well as contact information. If you'd like to learn more, please email Heathaba@gmail.com or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1994 Reunion

When: July 24-26, 2009

Plan now to join your former classmates for your 15-year reunion! Joanna Clarke '94 and Sally Heath Kilbride '94 are trying to collect up-to-date contact information for everyone and need your help. To verify your information, please email Sally at sallykilbride@yahoo.com, Joanna at joannaclarke@gmail.com or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1989 Reunion

Is it hard to believe that it has been nearly 20 years since you graduated? Chandra (Burnell) Packham '89 is interested in joining a reunion committee and is looking for classmates to join her. If you're interested in joining Chandra, please contact your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

Class of 1984 Reunion

Celebrate your 25th reunion! Erika (Logan) Ninneman '84 is working to put together a reunion committee. If you're interested in helping, please email Erika at eninneman@q.com or contact your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1974 Reunion

Interested in getting together for a 35-year reunion? Julie (Serna) Steplowski '74 is putting together a committee to help select a date, location, etc.. If you're interested in helping, please email Julie at happystep0101@msn.com or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

submit your favorite kivitiz "bemory"

Liz Hayman '05 and **Mickey Kivitiz '02** have started a Facebook group to collect quotes, pictures and stories of Ben Kivitiz '05 who passed away in December 2008 after a strong fight with cancer.

To submit your favorite "Bemory," [click here](#) or email alumni@sandiaprep.org.



denver meet & greet recap

Our first Meet & Greet was a hit! More than 30 alums met Dick Heath and Ron Briley at Wynkoop Brewing Company on Sunday, January 11th for drinks, appetizers and fun. [Click here](#) for additional photos.

recent grad lunch & discussion recap

Recent grads came back to campus in early January for our annual Recent Graduate Lunch & Discussion Panel.

The fajita bar and green chile stew feast was sponsored by the SPS Alumni Association, along with Sandia Prep's College Counseling Team. The New Mexican favorites lunch was followed by an informal panel discussion where alumni gave first-hand experience as what to expect during the first year of college.





alumni notes

Please note, this is just a sampling of submitted alumni notes. We'll have the complete list in the May 2009 edition of PrepPost. If you are not currently receiving PrepPost, please contact your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

senior looking for nyc nanny position

Grace Isner '09 is moving to Manhattan in April and is looking to be a live-in nanny. The soon-to-be grad has 2 years of experience as a nanny and has references available. If you are interested in learning more, please contact graceisner@yahoo.com

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.

Meredith Phipps '93 helped plan our successful **Denver Meet & Greet** – thank you Meredith! The mother of two reports that she enjoys working part-time running her own spa business while her husband trains to become an Army Chaplain.

Rachel Davis '96 married Alex Rankin in Estes Park, CO on September 20, 2008. The couple lives in Denver where Rachel is an intern in the Family Practice Residency at St. Joseph's Hospital.



Jason Wall '97 and wife Brooke, welcomed daughter McKenley Jane Wall into their family on December 15, 2008 at 2:21pm. The '97 grad reports that McKenley's big brothers, Ethan, 3, and Tommy, 2, are excited to have a new sister.



Kathryn Lenberg '98 married Michael Petty in Ouray, Colorado on September 27, 2008. The newlyweds visited Puerto Vallarta for their honeymoon.

In November, **Carl (Chip) Conlee '01** was featured in the *New York Times Magazine* for his work on a first-generation mock-up of a new rover for NASA. The crew is working to devise, "the interior of the module so that two people will be able to sleep, prepare and eat meals, exercise, use the facilities, drive around and conduct scientific research on missions lasting from two days to two weeks — all in about 380 cubic feet." [Click here](#) to read the full article.

In December, **Michael Schranz '07** enlisted in the Army and reports that he will begin basic training in late May. The '07 grad said he is participating in the Split Membership Program (SMP) in which he will enter the Army as enlisted personnel. Following his graduation as an officer, Michael plans to resume his studies at Colorado State University.

make your mom proud, have your name in PrepPost!

If you'd like to submit your news for future issues of PrepPost or the alumni insider, please email alumni@sandiaprep.org.

performing arts center...by the numbers

Sandia Prep's Performing Arts Center is slated to open in August. Here's a breakdown of the new space in numbers:

- **\$5.1 million** campus addition
- **40** music stands in Instrumental Music classroom
- **23,000**-square-feet
- **1** elevator
- **12** electric keyboards for chorus piano room
- **7** middle school classrooms

And this is just a sample! [Click here](#) to learn more.



SPS Performing Arts Center
from the south, 2.3.09



SPS Performing Arts Center
from the northwest, 2.3.09



calendar markings

Your high school 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.

Chicago Meet & Greet

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Financial Literacy Seminar

April 2009 • Russell Student Center Mezzanine
Seniors will participate in a money management seminar to help our soon-to-be graduates learn the basics of general financial planning: how to create and maintain a budget; read and obtain a credit report; protect themselves against identity theft and predatory lending; and more.

Alumni Induction Breakfast

Friday, May 22, 2009 • Russell Student Center Mezzanine
Sandia Prep's Class of 2009 will be officially welcomed into the SPS Alumni Association!

Class of 1999 Reunion

June 19-20, 2009 • Details listed above in Class Reunion Updates

Alumni Induction Breakfast

Friday, May 22, 2009 • Russell Student Center Mezzanine

Alumni Boys Soccer Game & BBQ

Friday, July 10, 2009 • East Soccer Field - Field House
All former SPS Boys Soccer players are invited to dust off their cleats and join Coach Tommy Smith and his team for our first annual Alumni Boys Soccer Game & BBQ.

The game will begin at 6pm on the east soccer field. A barbeque will follow immediately after in the entrance-area/parking lot of the new Field House. Family and friends are encouraged to join us in the stands and at the following barbeque.

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pack the 'Post' – send us your news!

We're gathering updates for the May 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!'

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Choose from more than 80 outdoor, academic, arts and sports camps for students entering grades K-12.

Register your student during **Open Registration** on **Saturday, February 28** – at Sandia Prep from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, or online at www.sandiaprep.org

