



Dear Grandparents of Nova Classical Academy Students:

We wish you a happy and health 2012! The year in school is shaping up to be an exciting one for our students, families, and community. At nearly halfway into the school year, students are well established in their routines, are impressing their teachers and families with their prudence and temperance, and using fortitude to overcome challenges. All of these are part of the virtues built into a Nova education, as Nova's motto is "We learn not for school but for life."

We would like to tell you a little bit about this exceptional public school. First, Nova's mission is:

*"In a nurturing, small school environment, and through the use of an academically accelerated and enriched curriculum, Nova Classical Academy will offer its learners a rigorous, thorough, systematic, challenging K-12 college-preparatory education in the classical tradition."*

This mission is being successfully implemented and fulfilled by a highly talented and devoted community of faculty, administration and families. As a public charter school, it operates at roughly half of the cost per student of wealthy suburban school districts, and yet Nova consistently **ranks among the top schools in the state of Minnesota**. We believe that Nova offers ALL students the quality of education previously thought possible only in an exclusive private school setting.

We know that Nova families place a high value on education, a value surely passed down from Nova grandparents to Nova parents who are now passing it on to Nova students, and we thank you for that. It is because of the educational value and commitment of the entire Nova community that it is such a successful school. For example, Nova has a waiting list of over 500 students (entry into the school is by lottery), is building a new school to open in the Fall of 2012 that will house the entire school on one campus, and is fiscally sound enough to qualify for the highest possible bond rating to finance the new building. Nova continues to move forward in ***Building. Excellence.***

Being involved at Nova is a rewarding experience and makes a difference for students. Here are some ways you can become involved:

1. **Sign up to receive the weekly school newsletter (*Nova News*) and classroom updates** from your grandchildren's teachers. Learn about the exciting topics they are exploring at school, and keep abreast of upcoming events. This provides you with a window into their school lives as well as great material for conversation. *To receive the newsletter and other*

*Nova communications, please complete the form at the end of this letter. Alternatively you can send an email to Linda LaFrombois at [llafrombois@novaclassical.org](mailto:llafrombois@novaclassical.org) with “Add me to the Nova News Distribution” in the subject line of the email. Please include the following information in the body: your name, address, email address, and your grandchildren’s names and grades. You can also note if you’d like their teachers notified to include you on their classroom newsletter distribution (please note that not all teachers have a newsletter).*

2. **Check the Nova website [www.novaclassical.org](http://www.novaclassical.org) to keep abreast of your grandchildren’s school events** such as athletics, musical concerts, plays, and school social events.
3. **Volunteer at Nova:** There are many volunteer opportunities – helping students with reading, serving lunches, leading or assisting extra-curricular activities, sharing your talents and expertise with Nova by serving on a school committee (Development, Marketing, Finance, Curriculum, Governance, to name a few). Please contact Liz Palmer ([lpalmer@novaclassical.org](mailto:lpalmer@novaclassical.org) or call 651-227-8622) for more information.
4. **PLEASE come to Grandparents Day on Friday, May 11, 2012, which coincides with Mother’s Day.** Spend time in your grandchildren’s classrooms and experience the joy of their learning. Students love to see their grandparents at their school!
5. **Consider making a financial donation to Nova.** There are a multitude of ways to do this, including one time donations or GEM (Give Every Month). For more information, please visit <http://www.novaclassical.org/giving/how-to-donate/>. You may also contact [novaclassical.development@gmail.com](mailto:novaclassical.development@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We hope to see you around Nova!

Best regards,



Lisa Kleingarn and Sue Abrams

Parent and grandparent of Nova Kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students

Please fill out and return to Nova at: 1) Nova Classical Academy, Attn: Jessica Vaughan, 1668 Montreal Ave; St. Paul, MN 55116 or 2) fax to: 651-699-5959 or 3) scan and email to: [contact@novaclassical.org](mailto:contact@novaclassical.org)

<b>Your Name(s)</b>	
<b>Address</b>	Street:
	City: State Zip
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Grandchild(ren)'s Names and Grades</b>	1. _____ Grade _____ 2. _____ Grade _____ 3. _____ Grade _____ 4. _____ Grade _____ 5. _____ Grade _____ 6. _____ Grade _____
<b>I would like to receive</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Nova News</i> (weekly newsletter) <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Newsletters
<b>I am interested in volunteering at Nova (check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Room volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on a School Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting with School Events <input type="checkbox"/> Leading an Extra-Curricular Activity