



Alumni Pulse

The Winter Festival

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Alumni and the Winter Festival

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"Coming back to the RSSAA Winter Festival, especially after being in college is a breath of fresh air. Here I can reconnect to nature and to the people around me. I love it." – Sarah Weissman '12

Imagine a warm, welcoming place where children race around in gnome caps and capes. A place where soft melodies drift throughout the halls and sweet and spicy scents fill the air. A place where those who once called it home are reminded of past joys and those who still do are shown what lies ahead. If you were to freeze a moment of the RSSAA Winter Festival this is exactly what you would experience.

The Winter Festival is one of our school's most beloved traditions. It is a great way for our community to come together in celebration, shop for holiday gifts, listen to good music, eat delicious food, and support our school. This year many new activities were added for children, including their own rooms where they can build independence with no adults allowed. The new Middle School building also was used for vendors and dining, which was perfect for our growing community. The Winter Festival is always a wonderful experience, but part of

its prosperity comes from Alumni.



Alumni breathe life into this festival in many different ways. Some, like Halii Walters '10 and Haniel Grosshuesch '12 come as vendors, and put out their goods for sale that they once purchased when they were young. Others such as Ashlea Walton '01, Knut Hill '89, and Elizaveta McFall '04 are now parents and let their children race through the halls bringing more joy and excitement to the festival. And more alumni than you can count come back from college just to see the changes and development their old school has made. Billy Becker '14 remarkably noted, "I remember when I was a child I would run around the school during the festival looking up at all the big kids I would be one day. Now, coming back I wish I could be that child again, but now it's my place to be the role model that I looked up to." As seniors graduate and spread out into the world they may forget the importance of their role as alumni. At RSSAA we want to engage each alumnus in the activity of the school. The success of our school is not possible without you!



The *Inspire. Create. Lead. Capital Campaign* is raising funds for the next phase to create a High School campus expansion. This expansion is not possible without contributions from our wonderful alumni, parents, extended families and wider community who support our school. You can be a part of the next phase of our campaign. Contact Katrina Klaphake, Development Director at kklaphake@steinerschool.org or 734-669-9394.

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Upcoming Events:

Wed, January 25: HS Winter Instrumental Concert *7pm*

Sat, January 28: Solo and Ensemble Competition

Thur, March 30: Grade 10 Greek Play *7pm*



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