



Foundation plans all-year reunion

Members of graduating classes invited to attend festivities



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Reunion 2.0: The mural in the foyer of St. Louis Park High School was painted by the class of 1990, when the first all-year reunion took place. Now, 22 years later, SLPPSF is bringing it back.

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Ordinarily, a St. Louis Park graduate of 1955 would not be found talking to a recent 2012 grad. However, this will all change on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012.

The St. Louis Park Public Schools Foundation (SLPPSF) is planning an all-year high school reunion for this date.

The reunion will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Louis Park Senior High. Rain-or-shine festivities will include performances in the auditorium by returning classmates, a track meet for all ages, affinity group tables to reunite with teams and clubs in the old gym, a chance to tour the school and meet some staff, and a silent auction by the District Office.

Graduates from all years (and from both the old and new school building) are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Reunion organizer Joan Brinkman said this event will provide an opportunity for Park grads of all ages to reconnect with former classmates and enjoy a day in the Park with friends and their families.

"Plans are being made for hotels and restaurants to offer specials to Park alums during the weekend of the reunion," Brinkman said. "We hope to see hundreds of SLP supporters at the reunion."

The activities offered at the reunion are meant to be both fun and meaningful. For example, all graduates will have the opportunity to sign a large banner that will go on display in the high school.

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E-Network manager Melissa Worthington said she thinks the talent show will be especially entertaining and hopes alums will volunteer to perform in the auditorium.

"We're hoping for a variety of performances showcasing as many grad classes as time allows," Worthington said.

For those interested in participating in the talent show, Janice Feinberg is organizing the event, which can be signed up for on the SLPPSF website <http://www.slppsf.org>.

Both Brinkman and Worthington are working on arranging the event and distributing information to possible attendees. Brinkman hopes to get some help from members of each class.

"We need to secure reunion organizers from as many classes as we can to spread the word," Brinkman said. "If we can get information to 50 class chairs, then they in turn can alert their classmates. Facebook groups have been an amazing way to spread the word about this event."

Worthington, who herself is not a Park alumna, said she hopes the reunion will offer activities for all ages of the community and not just those who attended the school.

"I'm looking to see everyone from preschool to retirement out and enjoying the events," she said.

Because the reunion is still months away, Worthington and Brinkman can only speculate as to how many will attend. However, Worthington, who is leading the efforts to publicize the event, hopes to see as many as 500 Park residents for the first reunion.

Those interested in attending the celebration can visit <http://www.slppsf.org> for more information, ticket purchases, and volunteering at the reunion.