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-- After a two-year absence, the **Burnsville High School store** has returned. Students, parents and alumni can buy sweatshirts, T-shirts and other school gear from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

-- West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan schools are looking for parents to serve on **three advisory councils**: curriculum, gifted and talented, and Title 1. Applications and more information are at www.isd197.org (<http://www.isd197.org>).

-- Inver Hills Community College will host the **Minnesota Cyber Aces** competition. The program is part of an effort by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to recruit students with computer skills. The first round of the competition is Oct. 15. More information is at www.cyberaces.org (<http://www.cyberaces.org>).

-- The Burnsville Blazettes will host a **dance clinic** from 2 to 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at Burnsville High School. The clinic is for students in kindergarten through eighth grade and costs \$39.

RAMSEY COUNTY

-- The **Indian Education Program** of St. Paul Public Schools is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a powwow for students and families from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 3 at Creative Arts High School. Dennis Olson Jr., the state's director of Indian education, will give a keynote address. The event also will feature dinner, music and children's activities.

-- **Liberty Classical Academy** in Maplewood will host a tour of its lower-school campus in White Bear Lake on Sept. 26. Participants will attend the Salve Deus morning assembly, observe students in the classroom and hear a brief presentation by the Christian school's headmaster, Rebekah Hagstrom. To attend, contact Bethany Zenner at 651-955-4082 or bzenner@libertyclassicalacademy.org (<mailto:bzenner@libertyclassicalacademy.org>).

-- More than 100 volunteers from the Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx staff partnered with the nonprofit Rebuilding Together Twin Cities to repair **Farnsworth Aerospace Magnet School** in St. Paul. They installed basketball hoops, resurfaced the basketball court, renovated the library, restored the playground and more.

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-- St. Paul's **Central High School** held its annual Freshman retreat at Camp Kiwanis on the St. Croix River. About 125 freshmen and 20 upper-grade student leaders took part in a day of team-building activities, a two-decades-old tradition.

-- St. Paul Public Schools audiologist **Diana van Deusen** will receive a High Five Award from Minnesota Hands & Voices. Van Deusen provides services for children with hearing loss and education for their families.

-- More than 100 **St. Paul Public Schools** staff members celebrated their 25th anniversary in the district at a recognition luncheon. Employees heard from Superintendent Valeria Silva and received clocks with their names engraved on them.

-- Two Twin Cities education nonprofits will be recognized at the 2013 Minnesota Nonprofit Mission and Excellence Awards next month: St. Paul-based **College Possible**, which helps low-income students get into college, and the **Joyce Preschool** in Minneapolis, which provides early-childhood education to low-income families.

-- A **Tutu Two-Mile Fun Run/Walk** will be held Sept. 22 at North High School, North St. Paul. The event benefits CHILD Inc., a North St. Paul nonprofit that helps sexually abused children and promotes awareness of childhood sexual abuse. Participants are encouraged to make their own tutus and compete for prizes for best pair of tutus, biggest tutu, best male tutu, best female tutu and best child tutu. Registration is \$25 for ages 18 and older, \$10 for youth. The event will begin at 2:22 p.m. and is sponsored by the high school's CARE (Creating Awareness, Respect and Equality) group. For more information, to register or to donate online, visit MNchild.org/events (<http://MNchild.org/events>).

-- **Otter Lake Elementary in White Bear Lake** will mark its 25th birthday with an "All-Star Birthday Bash" from 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 26. Current and former students, parents, teachers and staff are invited to attend.

-- **Merrily Wolters**, a first-grade teacher at Lakeaires Elementary, White Bear Lake, was chosen to participate in the Minnesota Writing Project. She attended a summer institute and will continue her involvement with the project through the year.

-- **Luke Gion** and **Emma Perreira**, members of the South Campus Mariner's Choir at White Bear Lake Area High School, participated in a choir camp at St. John's University in Collegeville as members of the Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Mixed Choir. The camp culminated in a choral performance at St. John's Abbey. The association's three all-state choirs also will perform in February at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

-- **Matthew Ickstadt** and **Eaman Shire**, seniors at East Ridge High School, Woodbury, each achieved a perfect composite score of 36 on the ACT, a college-admissions exam. On average, fewer than one-tenth of 1 percent of ACT test-takers get a perfect score.

-- Superintendent Keith Jacobus will provide information at four sessions this fall about **South Washington County Schools'** request for more tax money. The district will have three questions on the ballot Nov. 5, seeking more operating funds and money to buy land for future schools. The sessions are at 6 p.m. Sept. 23 at East Ridge High School, Woodbury; 10 a.m. Sept. 25 at the District Service Center, Cottage Grove; 6 p.m. Sept. 30 at Woodbury High School; and 6 p.m. Oct. 2 at Park High School, Cottage Grove. More information is available at www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/Election2013 (<http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/Election2013>).

-- A grant of \$60,000 has been provided to South Washington County Schools to help make walking and biking to school safer. The money from the federal **Safe Routes to School** program will be used at Cottage Grove Middle School and at six elementary schools: Cottage Grove; Grey Cloud; Pullman in St. Paul Park; and Liberty Ridge, Red Rock and Royal Oaks in Woodbury.

-- A landscape display created by members of **FFA at Forest Lake Area High School**, "Mediate With Nature," received Grand Champion honors at the Minnesota State Fair. The display was judged on artistic design, plant identification and construction quality.

-- **Tutors** in math, reading, writing and science are needed at Forest Lake Area High School. Tutoring is offered between 3:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Potential tutors can contact Heather Karstens, the career resource assistant, at hkarstens@flaschools.org (<mailto:hkarstens@flaschools.org>) or Wendy Schroeder at wshroeder@flaschools.org (<mailto:wshroeder@flaschools.org>).

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-- One hundred and fifty international students representing 19 countries are enrolled at the **University of Wisconsin-River Falls** this fall, the most in the university's history. Fifty students from Brazil and 22 from China make up almost half of the record number. The Brazilian students received scholarships to study abroad as part of their country's Scientific Mobility Program. The Chinese students are elementary-education majors from Zhejiang International Studies University in Hangzhou. They will be in elementary classrooms in the River Falls School District on Fridays, learning from and being mentored by River Falls teachers.

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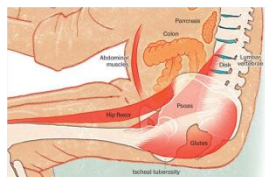
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