



Alumni News

40th Anniversary

Class of 2010

Fall/Winter Alumni Newsletter 2010

Jim Harris ('84-'94) is a Park City, Utah-based adventurer. In May he went on an exploratory trip to the Revelation Mountains in Alaska with pro skiers and mountaineers Andrew McLean and Noah Howell. In between personal trips, Jim instructs Outward Bound and American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE) Avalanche courses in Utah and Colorado. Jim's photography and his web blog can be found at www.perpetualweekend.com.

Kyle Harris ('88-'97) lives in Park City, Utah. After leaving the music business in Nashville, Kyle came to Park City for a wedding and never left. He ski-bummed all winter riding the deep snow of Utah and traveling to Canada for a backcountry ski trip. He has accepted a full time position with Outdoor-Gear-Online.

Joretha and son, Jelani Johnson, dropped by TNSM this summer for a visit and caught us up on the happenings in their lives. Jelani ('94-'00) graduated from Columbia this spring and will work as an agent in LA with a firm he interned with last summer. **Omari** ('95-'03), an accomplished violinist and pianist, graduated from high school and will attend Washington U. to study biomedical engineering. **Kobina** ('01-'03) completed the 6th grade; he and **Sydney Nelson** ('01-'10) are still the best of friends. The Johnson's are living in Wake Forest, NC., with Willie commuting back and forth for P&G, while Joretha's work is there. Joretha is beginning work on a new Master's degree at Case Western.

Mary Bailey ('95-'01) and **Charlie Bailey** ('95-'01) are at the University of Vermont.

Samuel James ('94-'97) is teaching English in Medellin, Columbia.

In June 2010, **Ian Powers** ('94-'03) qualified to participate in the US Rowing National Championship regatta. His Men's Lightweight 8-man boat placed 11th in the nation. Also, in the fall he will be going to Indiana University as a direct-admit student to the Kelley School of Business.

Gerry Kaminski wrote a note to let us know that **Brian** ('78-'87) married Christina Chen Aug. 22, 2009 in a

beautiful outdoor ceremony in San Francisco where they live. Brian is an ER physician at a couple of hospitals in the Bay area and Christina is a lawyer. On Aug. 1, 2010 Brian and Christina brought first grandchild, Arlo Chen Kaminski into the world. **Becky** ('81-'90) is living in San Diego and just got engaged to Ezra Miksic. They will be married July 31, 2011. Becky is working as an Occupational Therapist in an early intervention program and also sees private clients. Ezra is an engineer.

Corinne Druffel-Peters ('89-'97) received a full scholarship to Baylor University where she is working on her Ph.D. in political science.

Chelsea Borgman ('93-'02), who attends Kenyon College, and **Maya Amoils** ('93-'02), who attends Stanford, ran into each other by surprise on the streets of Florence, Italy as they each were spending a semester abroad.



Haleigh Miller ('97-'06) pictured on the left with two friends from Cincinnati Country Day School have set a tremendous goal for themselves. Inspired by Greg Mortenson's book, *Three Cups of Tea*, the girls plan to raise \$16,000 to build a new school in Central Asia before graduating in 2012. So far the girls have raised \$5,500 and are hosting an event open to the public on Nov 21 from 2-4 at their school.

Class of 2010 Shares Experiences from 7th Grade

Name	What surprised you most about your new school?	What do you like best about it?	What was your favorite thing about TNSM?
Keziah Barker Cincinnati Hills	I was surprised to find out how boring sitting in desks in a traditional classroom can be.	I like having lockers instead of cubbies.	Long recess, human biology, and calling teachers by their first names. I love The New School, and sooo much about it!!!!
Jack Daston Seven Hills	Lunch wasn't free.	We get to use high-tech appliances.	Everyone at TNSM is friends.
Marcella Domka Wyoming Middle	It was surprising how many people there were.	How many new people to meet and changing classes every hour.	Knowing everyone in the building and being close with everybody.
Molly Giglia Walnut Hills	It was surprisingly easy to find my way around on the first day.	Having the same schedule every day and finding out that Latin is actually fun.	I knew everyone well, and if I had a problem the teachers were ready to help at any time.
Astrid-Gross-Hutton Cinti Country Day	Having different classes in different rooms and having letter grades was a surprise.	I like all my friends I've met at my new school.	Knowing my teachers really well and getting to talk to them.
Bela Hounshell Clark Montessori	How fun junior high is. You get to make new friends and encounter a lot of new possibilities.	If you're having trouble with something, the teachers will help you learn it.	The friendships with classmates and teachers and all the fun activities. I will never forget the memories I made at The New School Montessori.
Tobin Kashdan-Combs Walnut Hills	The amount of homework and studying, and the number of quizzes and tests during the first quarter.	I like making new friends (and seeing old friends).	The lunches, recess and the small amount of work (relative to now).
Paul Kellar Sycamore	The transition was easier than I expected.	I like making new friends and I've met many new people.	I miss my friends and teachers at TNSM. I liked knowing everyone and the attention I received from teachers.
Charlie Krejsa Seven Hills	How everyone was so friendly and how they welcomed me and showed me what to do.	How they don't have a bunch of class periods in a row; there are breaks.	How it was so small and everyone knew each other and were best friends and everyone trusted each other a lot.
Gabe Lamba Walnut Hills	It's stricter than TNSM but not as strict as I imagined.	Socializing and friend-making.	TNSM was laid back and I enjoyed hanging out with friends and talking.
Luc Moser Summit Country Day	It's more accepting than people said it would be.	The sports - especially the football program.	The friendly and accepting community.
Sydney Nelson Clark Montessori	Homework b/c you get a lot more than you get at TNSM.	How the classes are in community so you get to know more people.	Having the younger kids look up to me was really nice and I miss that.
Molly Sayles Walnut Hills	How huge it is.	How you get to have all your classes in one day.	I liked how you could have a personal relationship with the teachers.
Samantha Schwartz Walnut Hills	I knew it was going to be bigger, but it was A LOT bigger.	My new friends and meeting new people.	Knowing pretty much everybody.
Jake Tucker-Sullivan Walnut Hills	The amount of homework and the large number of kids.	My friends are what I like best.	The awesome teachers, the long recess and my friends.



“What a wonderful reunion we had! I was terribly pleased and amazed at how many of the early families were there and it was good to reconnect with the Soul Sisters again.” ~ *Patric Leedom*



Excerpts and Comments

- What I learned at TNS has carried me through my entire life - influencing my parenting, my communication, and my lifelong work. Thank you to all the people who have worked to sustain and renew the school over the years so it can continue to change the lives of people. ~ Claudia L'Amoreaux
- What a wonderful gathering filled with connecting the memories, stories, bits and pieces together. Just plain soul dancing for me in soooo many ways. ~ Judy [Bissmeyer] Moore
- I really enjoyed coming back to The New School and thinking about how the school has shaped me as a person. ~ Nora Sweeney ('90- '97) Videographer.
- If starting The New School and working toward its success for ten years, was my only accomplishment in life, it would be enough! ~ Carol French-Corbett



Special thanks to all who planned and participated in the anniversary event. We hope you'll look at the photos, videos and comments at the 40th Anniversary link on our website www.thenewschool.cc. If you have photos, comments of information to share, email ann.b@thenewschool.cc.

**Next Up: Join us for the March 5, 2011 "Free to Be" Auction
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