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Greetings Edward,

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YIKES, ONLY SEVEN DAYS UNTIL ANNUAL PICNIC  
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It's only seven days until our tenth annual picnic on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Here are the 2024 updated picnic links.

<http://www.mplsvocational.com/about/all-alumni-annual-picnic/next-alumni-picnic.html>

[http://www.mplsvocational.com/files/picnic\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.mplsvocational.com/files/picnic_flyer.pdf)

<http://www.mplsvocational.com/registration.html> (USE this link to register for the picnic).

<http://www.mplsvocational.com/FAQ.html>

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SOME PICNIC REMINDERS  
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1. This is a potluck picnic, so bring something to share with a few people. Easy of the cookies. We've been delivering cookies to various groups for the last few years. Instead, bring some more fruit or vegetables. Of course, hot dishes are very welcome, and we have electricity available.
2. Avoid dishes with mayonnaise as they spoil too quickly and can create health issues.
3. The suggested picnic donation is \$10 per person. Yes, additional contributions are welcome.
4. We can always use additional help to organize the picnic area. If this is you, we will start at 9:30 a.m., although some picnic committee members might arrive earlier.
5. The newer Richfield picnic tables lack full benches and now have provisions for wheelchairs or folding chairs at one end. As a result, we can use some extra folding chairs like those used on card tables.
6. If you bring chairs, dishes, memorabilia, or other items, put your name on the items. We will have some markers and masking tape at the picnic if needed.
7. Don't bring food that needs to be prepared, like large salad bowls. Our food service volunteers organize the food for serving. They do not mix food or wash any dishes or utensils.
8. Bring your drinks, including water. No alcohol is allowed by the City of Richfield. We will provide coffee, and the city will have a refreshment stand adjacent to the picnic shelter to purchase water, pop, etc.

9. stay home if you are sick or don't feel well.
10. Bathrooms are in the building adjacent to the shelter.
11. The shelter area is a non-smoking area.
12. Additional parking is at the Ice Arena on 66th Street, about 1 1/2 blocks south. A walking path exists back to the picnic area.

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\*\* YOUR RESERVATION HELPS \*\*  
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On this tenth picnic anniversary, adding your name to the REGISTRATION LIST will help our picnic committee by letting us know you plan to attend. I will be printing a name tag for you using your REGISTRATION information. I have already updated our website and REGISTRATION FORM. Having Vocational alums register for the annual picnic event will speed up our sign-in process. Registered alums and guests will have preprinted name tags and bypass the regular sign-in line.

Remember, we need a list of attendees to the picnic for safety purposes. If you cannot REGISTER online for the event, contact Kathy at 952-818-0677 or Bonnie at 952-432-3947. They will enter your registration information into the RESERVATION database or contact me with your name and class information.

The Picnic Registration form only has four fields: class year, first name, last name, and the number of attendees. No personal information, like phone numbers, emails, addresses, etc., is collected. Thank you for registering to attend the picnic on behalf of the entire picnic committee. However, if you still need to register, do not let that stop you from attending the picnic and meeting alum friends from your class or other classes.

The PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM allows us to print name tags before the picnic and get a better alum count to prepare for the picnic. The form requires one name at a time to be entered. Enter one name and the number attending as one (1), then submit the registration. It will return a success page with a red button to return to the registration form to add additional names. You can use this cycle until you enter all the names of the people coming with you. You will use the form twice for an alum and their spouse. Instructions are also listed on the registration form.

PLEASE REGISTER ASAP if you are planning to attend. THANK YOU!

HERE IS THE PICNIC REGISTRATION LINK - <http://www.mpls vocational.com/registration.html>

If you have registered and find you cannot attend the picnic, don't worry. Stuff happens in life, and the Picnic Committee understands.

We have now received more reservations than last year. As a result, attendance will be in the 200 to 250 range this year.

I will print off the name tags next Tuesday, July 30. Register by Monday, July 29, to get the TENTH-anniversary name tag. It will make it easier for all of us to register.

OUR MEMORIES FROM 50 TO 70 YEARS AND COUNTING!

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74 CLASS 50th REUNION  
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A 50th class reunion for 1974 is planned. Details are on the Vocational 74-75-76 Facebook page.

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69 CLASS 55th REUNION  
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It's another time to renew old friendships and make new ones for the class of 1969. Les Huie is the class database administrator at our all-alum website. Les recently announced on our website, "Events Forum," that the Class of 1969 will hold a 55th Reunion on August 24, 2024. If you are in the class of 1969, Les asks that you join the Facebook Group "Votech69" to stay informed. Please spread the word to classmates.

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64 CLASS 60th REUNION  
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After our 50th, the class of 64 established the annual picnic. This year would be our 60th. I hope to see more alums from 64 show up this year.

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59 CLASS 65th REUNION  
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The class of 59 has always had a strong showing at the annual picnic. For those who can make it, this will be the 65th.

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54 CLASS 70th REUNION  
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The class of 54 has always had a strong showing at the annual picnic. For those who can make it, this will be the 70th.

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OUR PRESS RELEASE  
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I have attached the press release sent out to national and Minnesota media. We hope to get press coverage for this Tenth Annual Alum picnic. Take some time to share it on your social media accounts if you use them. It is the first year we've sent a paid press release out. We wanted to cover all the media in Minnesota to make all our scattered alums aware.

I hope to see you at Vocational's Tenth Annual all-alum picnic. It will be a lot of fun, and I know you'll enjoy meeting old friends and making some new ones.

May God Bless your continued health,  
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I sent this email to Edward Palmer at the email address of edwardgpalmer@gmail.com. Our all-alumni newsletter list indicates that you were in or are associated with the Minneapolis Vocational's Class of 1964. To get removed from Vocational's All-Alumni Email List, respond with remove in the subject line. Alternatively, call my cell phone and let me know you want to get removed from this email list. No action is required if you wish to remain on Vocational's all-alumni newsletter list. If your name or class-year is incorrect, please email me the correct information.



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