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## From the Director...

We are looking forward to another Blossom Weekend with classmates coming from near and far. Their will be nine class reunions over the weekend and these annual events: the All-Class reunion, the CFHS Mollie Macknin Choral Concert, alumni baseball game, and alumni soccer game.

We are hoping to gather more information on previous events held down Grove Hill before the Pumpkin Roll in 1969. We have heard how some members of the Class of '56 rolled pumpkins and slid down the hill on a cookie sheet or "borrowed" cafeteria tray. If you took part in this or other pre-1969 event, then please reach out to us so we can further fill in the story.

We would like to thank John Tillotson '72 for his continued efforts for the CFAA. He has been invaluable in his time to build our historical room and has taken photos at alumni events for several years now. However,

his passion to properly honor Michael Kashkoush '01 should not go unnoticed. Michael died in service to our country during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2008, the Post Office was named in honor of Michael. Over the years John has organized, planted and tended to the flowers by the ceremonial rock by the flagpole. After three years of pestering and through assistance with our mayor, John was able to get a plaque placed inside of the post office so those can not only view a picture of him, but read a short biography on him.

We have been making changes from the newsletter, social media, events, and in variety of ways to hopefully position ourselves well for the future and reach more alumni. If you want to get more involved or have suggestions yourself, then please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Brian McKenna '88  
Alumni Director

## Intermediate School Construction



New construction additions to the new intermediate school building on E. Washington St.



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*Designed by Alison Brown, Brett Rodusky and William Bazzone*

## Dates to Remember

Friday, May 24  
All-School Reunion Party for Alumni, Teachers & Friends  
7:30 - 11:00 p.m.  
Chagrin Falls Township Hall  
The "icebreaker" for the Blossom Weekend.  
\$10

Saturday, May 26  
CFHS Mollie Macknin Alumni Chorus Concert  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center - CFHS

Alumni Athletic Games  
BASEBALL:  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Lenny May Field (Front of CFHS)

MENS SOCCER:  
10:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Stadium

Sunday, May 26  
Blossom Parade  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27  
Memorial Day Parade  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Triangle Park to Evergreen Cemetery

Dave Kirk recently had a chance to visit his former student **Stephan Ruppel-Lee '93** at Camp Pendleton. After retiring from CFHS, Dave jumped back in the classroom as an English teacher at Galion High School. The 2017 Chagrin Schools Athletic Hall of Fame member also has made his way back to coaching where he is overseeing the Northmor Track and Field team.

## Retired Teacher Spotlight



Dave is a veteran of the United States Air Force and has also served as the Ohio coaches' liaison to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Warrior Games for disabled veterans. Stephan is a State Training Officer with the Virginia Army National Guard. He is also a senior military science instructor at Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College.

## Cross Country Coach Earns NEOIAAA Award

A Chagrin Falls High School alumnus and cross country coach and assistant track and field coach, Clay Burnett, has brought a proud accomplishment to his alma mater. Burnett, who owns a business called Final Forms, has won the Northeast Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association (NEOIAAA) Ralph Quisenberry Service Award. Burnett is being recognized because of his company's contributions to interscholastic athletics.

"I can say as one of the first schools to use Final Forms it was great when he first created the company, and each year it keeps on getting better," said Athletic Director Charlie Barch, Chagrin Falls High School. "Final Forms has

saved so many hours for the athletic department and every student-athlete and parent," said Barch. "Previously all parents/student athletes had to fill out over 12 pages of paperwork before each season

which they competed. Then each team had to make copies of the paperwork and give them to each coach. Now everything is electronic and prepopulated for each student-athlete and

family so filling out information is very quick and easy. Physicals are easily tracked and communicated when they expire.

The Quisenberry Service Award recognizes special contributions, leadership and service to interscholastic athletes.

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Clay Burnett is a member of the Chagrin Falls High School **Class of 2000**. He has previously earned the News Herald Cross Country Coach of the Year in 2018. He recently attend the annual NEOIAAA Annual Awards Banquet to accept the honor. NEOIAAA works to foster high standards of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity; provide opportunities for professional growth; recognize outstanding contributions to athletics; and encourage unity and fellowship to promote stronger relationships.



Final Forms has also helped with communication to parents and student-athletes as well. There are new features being added every month."

ics on the local and state level. It is presented to an individual from outside the profession of athletic administration who has made powerful improvements and offered quality service

# In the News

We enjoy highlighting individuals in this section with how one is doing in their profession, retirement, or making a difference in their community. If you have some news to share on you or your classmates, then we would enjoy sharing it in the next newsletter.

**John "Jack" Buchanan '49**, former chief registrar of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, is the author of *The Road to Valley Forge: How Washington Built the Army that Won the Revolution* and *The Road to Guilford Courthouse*:

The American Revolution in the Carolinas. In *THE ROAD TO GUILFORD COURTHOUSE*, one of the most acclaimed military histories of the Revolutionary War ever written, Jack explored the first half of the critical Southern Campaign and introduced readers to its brilliant architect, Major General Nathanael Greene. In his long-awaited sequel, *THE ROAD TO CHARLESTON*, Buchanan brings this story to its dramatic conclusion.

**Janet Heaps Huffman '58**,

although in Arizona for the past 40 years, has enjoyed staying in contact with her friends from CFHS and the Chagrin Falls Methodist Church. Her biggest pride is her family. In 41 years of marriage, she has been able to see all 12 of her grandkids graduate from college and now enjoys her 4 great grandchildren.

**Gary Palmer '58** will have his fifth book, *"The Five-Percent Majority"* released in June. It will be available first at Amazon and Barnes and Noble, and later, through other sources. The proceeds from my book will be donated to charity, including the CFAA. Much of the setting for his book, takes place in Chagrin Falls. It's kind of a documentary of his life, beginning with the foundation that was laid in Chagrin Falls, and his return home, later in life, to find the truth about who he really is. Gary started in 2003 with his first published book, *"Chagrin Falls,"* a memoir.

**Jim Vittek '68**, a retired psychologist, recently earned a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree from the Ashland Theo-

logical Seminary.

Although he technically retired in 2016 after 30 years of public service to Geauga County and a dozen of those years as a judge, the Honorable **David Fuhry '69** is still sitting by assignment of the Ohio Supreme Court.

**Richard D'Ardenne '76** was recently promoted to Senior Vice President of Development at Oil Search Alaska LLC.

**Scott Hageman '76** is Senior Director at c5mi. c5mi builds world class manufacturing and supply chain processes for various firms. Scott is based out of Chagrin Falls.

**Rod Davis '77** is a program manager at Thales Avionics in Irvine, California.

Detective **Mike Kramer '82** has recently retired from the South Russell Police Department. Mike was influential in starting the village bike patrol program. Mike and his wife Connie live in Bainbridge and have a son and daughter. He is looking forward to hiking the Grand Canyon in the near future.

**Jeff Bryan '83** was selected by the Range of Mo-

tion Project to Attempt Cotopaxi in Ecuador. Cotopaxi is a 19,326 foot Volcano. 10 of the top Amputee Athletes in the US were selected. 4 Athletes from Ecuador were also selected. 11 of them submitted on Sept. 28. This was submitted to the Guinness Book of World Records for most Amputees on the summit of Cotopaxi. Jeff was the oldest on the trip. In March of 2015 he became the first career amputee firefighter in Colorado. He is still a career firefighter and possibly the oldest amputee front line firefighter in the nation. In 2017, Jeff became the first amputee to climb the 600' Water Ice 5 Mixed 6 Ames Ice Hose located outside Telluride, Colorado. To his knowledge this has not even been attempted by another amputee. When he was released from the hospital in 2014, which was on his 50th birthday, he was offered early retirement. Instead of accepting the offer, he returned to active duty 11 months after a grueling process of therapy. and I said I am going to return to Active duty. 11 months later I returned to work. Jeff is also involved with The

Range of Motion Project, which is on a mission to provide prosthetics to amputees across the globe.

**Jeff Kleinman '83** originally was an entertainment lawyer when he turned his talents to being a literary agent. He is a founding partner of the literary agency Folio in Manhattan, New York. His best known projects are New York Times best sellers *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, *The \$80 Champion*, *The Snow Child* (Pulitzer finalist), *Mockingbird*, and *The Widow of the South*.

**Ken Koprowski '85** is the Area Sales Manager in Southern California for Performance Food Group.

**Roger Bly '88** is Director of Engineering Platform Management at Daimler Trucks North America. Roger is based out of Portland, Oregon.

**Tim Leroux '88** is Director, Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, California. Tim is overseeing Kaiser Permanente's national security strategy. Tim spent 20 years serving in the U.S. Army rising to the ranks of

Lieutenant Colonel and completing his last position of Operations Officer and Chief of Staff at Fort Hood, Texas.

**Marianne Llewellyn '88** is involved in Product Strategy at Adobe. Marianne recently moved back to Chagrin enjoying the opportunity to walk into town and experience what makes our town so special. In addition, she is the founder of Hunt For Decor, a buyer driven solution for finding farmhouse – cottage – rustic – industrial decor ([www.huntforddecor.com](http://www.huntforddecor.com)).

**Jennifer Teeft Bauer '88** is a Sr. SAP Business Analyst at InterPublic Group (IPG) in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Kathleen Holtz Low '95** is a forensics and physics teacher at Hanahan High School, which is outside of Charleston, South Carolina.

**Julianne McCall '02** is a Science Officer in the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research. She works closely with Dr. Elizabeth Baca, Deputy Director, to lead the California Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine. The research program

# In the News (continued)

gram supports world-class, multi-year projects that cut across scientific proteomics, and environmental health and engages experts and leaders from academia, industry, and government agencies to accelerate medical breakthroughs and amplify access to effective therapeutic interventions.

**Adam Ripley '02** is a Senior Buyer Global Procurement at Sherwin Williams in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Dyan Durachinsky Tirbaso '04** is an Operations Director at First American Title Insurance Company in Cleveland.

**Jenna Berris '05** is a product marketing specialist at OnShift in Cleveland. OnShift provides compa-

nies solutions to workforce issues in healthcare.

**Gideon Clark '05** is the Sports Client Director of Mailman in Shanghai, China. Gideon has been working closely with the New England Patriots to promote their growth in China and is now the most popular team in the country.

**Brad Binder '06** is an Analytics Manager of Data Insights at Hulu in Los Angeles.

**Drew Shiplett '06** is an Orthopedic Trauma Consultant in Dallas, Texas.

**Tyler Terhune '06** is the Leasing Director at SITE Centers in Beachwood, Ohio.

**Brittany Young '06** is a Communications Specialist at Duke University Health System in Durham, North

Carolina.

**Katie Kostura '07** is Human Resources & Membership Management at Beechmont Country Club in Orange, Ohio.

**Jantzen McLellan '07** and **Rachael Press McLellan '07** live in Austin, Texas. Jantzen is a Manager M&A at Upland Software. He is also an MBA Candidate at McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas in Austin. Rachael is a registered and licensed dietitian.

**Melissa Davis '08** has been a second grade teacher at Chengdu Meishi International School, Chengdu, Sichuan China, since 2016. She was also a TFA in Kipp Memphis and obtained a Masters of Education from Johns Hopkins University.

**Megan Hazelton**

**Bernard '08** is the Community Engagement Manager at The Sherwin-Williams Company in Cleveland, Ohio.

With the rise in popularity of food trucks, **Lydia Johnson '08** has found success throughout Northeast Ohio with her smoothie truck called Smooth Rider. Last year she opened her first storefront down in Ohio City next to St. Ignatius High School. Lydia will also team up with a fellow food truck, Sweet Mobile Cupcakery. It doesn't get much better than a smoothie and cupcake!

**Captain Ryan Kochert '10** recently earned a bronze star while serving in Afghanistan. Ryan and his wife Katie are both with the United States Marine Corps stationed in Camp Lejeune

in North Carolina. He has been deployed twice, once to Europe and Africa and the other time to Afghanistan. Ryan is II MEF Targeting Intelligence Officer and Executive Officer for Operations Company.

**Cam McLellan '10** is a senior associate of GRC Technology at KPMG in Columbus, Ohio. Cam also is a campus pastor intern at Rock City Church, which has locations throughout the city.

**Susannah Shelley '10** is a Marketing Associate at Nestlé in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Lucy Cikra '11** for starting a new position as Business Development Manager at the ideas and innovation company AKQA in London, England.

**Natalie Davis '12**

is currently a Fulbright Lecturer at the Universitatea De Vest Timisoara, Timisoara Romania. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Chisinau, Moldova prior to accepting this position.

**John Sullivan '12** is a Customer Service Account Representative at Prime Woodcraft Inc in Solon, Ohio.

**Virginia Turner McClure '12** is a teacher at Solon City Schools.

**Danny Spain '13** is a Sales Support Representative at Mutual of America in Denver, Colorado.

**Cam Peavy '13** is General Manager at Fitness Together in Auburn, Alabama.

**Ed Shelley '14** is a Surgical Trauma Consultant at DePuy Synthes Companies in Cleveland.

## Wedding News

Ryan Praskievicz & **Jane Leary '02**, June 23, 2018.

Bryan Kranek & **Meggi Howard '05**, Dec. 27, 2018.

Pete Scully & **Janie Stricker '07**, Feb. 16, 2019.

Kalin Dreyer & **Chelsea Dworak '08**, March 23, 2019.

Carl Duncan & **Amanda King '11**, June 23, 2018.

To **Matt Gary '87** & Erin McNamara, a son, Lucas James, Feb. 13, 2019.

To Jaclyn & **Dave Derecskey '97**, a son, Cameron Adrian, Feb. 14, 2019.

To **Scott Gebler '00** & **Rachel Conti Gebler '00**, a daughter, Bree Scarlett, Jan. 21, 2019.



## Little Tigers



To Kelsey & **Ryan Eshelman '00**, a son, Boden Michael, Feb. 15, 2019.

To Colin & **Carolyn Macey Shea '04**, a daughter, Riley Jane, March 8, 2019.

To **Leah Osborn Wallenhorst '04** & **Marty Wallenhorst '04**, a daughter, Isabel Marie, April 4, 2019.

To David & **Caitlin Hebble Crockett '06**, a son, David Dolan, Feb. 23, 2019.

To Rachel & **Mike Herman-son '06**, a son, David James, March 22, 2019.

To Kyle & **Samantha Ehrenbeith Bidwell '07**, a daughter, Emerson Claire,

March 21, 2019.

To Josh & **Melissa Grubich Hunter '09**, a daughter, Allie Marie, March 19, 2019.

To David & **Samantha Gebler Evers '10**, twins - daughter, Mary Catherine, and son, John Edward, Feb. 15, 2019.

## Do You Remember?

B & E Restaurant, Fall's Way Bar, Mug Shot Tavern, Cahill's Restaurant, sledding in the MetroParks, completing unknowns in chemistry class, Mr. Battles & Mr. Hurst's bio notebooks, Miss Carroll's green pen, running the Village for a day in Mr. Richmond's government class, the marriage unit in Mr. Lerch's so-

ciology class, the 8th grade social studies project with Mr. Mattern '55 and Mr. Ehrenbeit, watching the Carol Burnett Show to get a laugh from our very own **Tim Conway '52**, the first day of school, graduation, the Gurney holiday show, Taggart's Toy Store, getting an ice cream cone at the Popcorn Shop, swimming at the Rec Cen-

ter, running up Grove Hill during a practice, Coach Q making you take a lap, locker tags, clap outs, & pep rallies. Sugar Bush hike in the spring to watch the farmers tap the trees and collect the sap for maple syrup; competing and winning an East Cuyahoga County or Chagrin Valley Conference title; pep rallies led by our Tiger cheerlead-

ers; sock hops after Friday night athletic events; English teacher Miss Elsa Jane Carroll and her green ink that she famously used; the Radio Club, nicknamed the Audio Aces; final exams; Safety Patrol; the Blossom Run; running up Grove Hill training for a sport or sliding down it on a pumpkin; Driver's Ed Class

## Donations

**Janet Heaps Huffman '58** has made a donation to the CFAA Scholarship Fund in honor of Alumni Director Emeritus **Tom Mattern '55**.

**Connie Bridges Miralia '83 & Mark Miralia '83** have made a donation in memory of retired CFHS English teacher, coach, and Athletic Director Lenny May.

**Natalie Gross Remington '86** made a donation to honor business entrepreneur field trips. She also made a donation of memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

**Ryan Eshelman '00** has made a donation in

memory of his brother **Michael Eshelman '96**.

Shirley Ashby has made a donation in honor and memory of her four children, who all graduated from Chagrin Falls High School: **Kathleen Lynn Ashby Atkins '69, Linda Suzanne Ashby Stanchfield '72, William Joel Ashby '74, & Robert Jason Ashby '77** (deceased).

The All Class Reunion that was held this past March in Florida made a donation to the CFAA and the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room from the proceeds of the event.

## In Memoriam

**Don Evans '51**

**George Greenway '55**

**Susy Keal Wimmer '64**

**Don Stallknecht '66**

**Cynthia Patton Jahn '70**

**Tom Hyde '81**

Retired CFHS French teacher Virginia Colignon  
Retired CFHS English teacher Frances Jenkins  
Retired CFHS Guidance Counselor & Assistant Football Coach Don Chadwick

## SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Name (incl. Maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to CFAA if not an alumnus (circle): Parent Faculty/Staff Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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News About You:

My Donation Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Tiger Pride membership (\$250 or \$100 if you are over 70) will go to the Scholarship Fund and Due to the General Fund.

Other donations will go to the General Fund unless you specify a different fund. Make checks payable to: Chagrin Falls Alumni Association.

Mail to: **Brian McKenna '88**, Alumni Director, Chagrin Falls School, 400 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

# Class Reunion Notes

For those coming to town for Blossom Time, The Hotel Indigo Beachwood is offering rooms at \$99 including breakfast (2 per room). Their free shuttle will be running to Blossom from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. They can be reached at 216-454-8000.

**Class of 1952** - The class is trying to update their contact information. Class members please reach out to your classmate Pat Stoneman Root at either 914-793-0246 or pats-root@gmail.com.

August is right around the corner, will you be here??? **Class of '64** will have their 55th Class Reunion the weekend of August 9th and 10th, 2019. We will need your "reservation" and checks no later than July 15th. If you haven't received details or have questions, contact Monette at weiss.monette@gmail.com. If your contact info has changed, contact Marcia at mpmcclain@cox.net.

The **Class of '69** is planning their 50th reunion weekend for Blossom Time weekend in May! Activities could include a round of golf on Friday, an informal

get together at the Chagrin Eagles Club on Friday night and of course the all class reunion at the Township Hall. The main event will be held on Saturday May 25th at the Village Martini Bar and Restaurant on E. Washington St., just east of the high school, beginning at 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$75.00 per person and will include heavy appetizers and an open bar. Please make your checks payable to the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association, 400 E. Washington St. Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022. Please write '69 Reunion in the memo line of your check. It is important that all checks be received PRIOR to April 31st to reserve your spot! One can also pay online at <https://chagrinalumni.org/donations/>. Spouses / significant others welcome as well! More details to follow but please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Co-Chairs for this are Vicki Sutcliffe (Vince) and Mark Schroeder. Committee members include Mark Spesser, Bobby Thomas, Mike Solether, Bob Bailey, Mary Ellen Schron (Dodridge) and Skip Regan. Come and see your

"old" classmates!

## **Class of 1974**

Our 45th reunion is fast approaching! Our reunion party will be held on Saturday, May 25th, from 6-10PM at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club on Washington Street. Cost is \$25 per person with a cash bar. We are working with the CFAA to collect advance payments and they can be made by visiting the Alumni Association web page Donate tab. Look for the Class of 1974 listing. You can also send a check to the CFAA, 400 E. Washington Street, CF, OH 44022. Pls. note on the check that it is for the Class of 74 reunion. We have a block of hotel rooms for classmates attending from out of town and reservations can be made by calling the Town Place Suites, 6040 Enterprise Parkway, Solon, Ohio 44139 at 440-394-1270. When calling press 0 to speak with the front desk and give our code "CFHS" to make your reservation. King rooms are \$104 per night and rooms with two queen beds are \$114 per night plus tax. Rooms are blocked for Friday through Sunday nights. We are looking

for volunteers to help on a few committees. If you are interested please text Pam Fischley Hermanson at 440-667-9117 or email PEMM222@aol.com or Ted Kagy at 201-519-2373 or email TedKagy@aol.com. Please spread the word! We look forward to seeing you there.

The **Class of '79** will be celebrating their 40th reunion with an event Saturday, May 25 of Blossom Time weekend at the Bainbridge Town Hall. Please make sure that the committee has your most recent contact information: Jeff Baker (bake38@gmail.com), Sue Daniels (Susan.daniels@medmutual.com), and Cary Gluf (cjpgdesigns@earthlink.net). You can also get updates at the class Facebook group, CFHS Class of 1979 Reunion-40th.

**Class of 1984**, aka "Greatest Class Ever" according to Greg Gamm circa 1996.

We have decided to go rogue for our 35th year Reunion and try something new!! After all, 35 years is kind of an awkward reunion number. We will be holding our 35th reunion on Homecoming Weekend

this fall. It'll start with an optional gathering for all those who can arrive early on Thursday evening October 3, 2019 at a fine establishment in Chagrin Falls. Friday, assuming a fine Autumn Day, will be a grillout at the Metroparks and we can enjoy the amazing fall colors near their peak, with DJ Jazzy Tim Piai, and play Dodgeball, softball, Hide and Seek, Kick the Can, Cornhole, or any other game we can think of. We may ask Dave Quisenberry to be our honorary referee. All old CFHS Gym uniforms including the orange shorts and striped gym socks are permitted.

Friday Night will be the big game in CFHS Harris Stadium. We expect to have huge signs and multiple announcements at the game for our Class Reunion. I'm sure we can work out a group ticket discount for that game. Post-game chow down likely at Burntwood Tap or Paninis up the street from CFHS. I'd suggest Violante's but due to CFHS teacher boycotts from the 90s, they closed down.

Saturday will be a free day for all to

catch up or power walk through Randall Mall to see the apocalyptic ruins of the former World's Largest Mall or endure a College Football Marathon at a local sports bar. Saturday Evening will be a more formal, but still California Casual night to reunite and just have fun as a class and remember our great classmates who are no longer with us. We celebrate in their honor.

Sunday is an optional "Rake the Leaves" charity at Dan "Bubba" Badal's old home across the street from the high school. I still have to check that with Bubba. He likes to save up for Kegs as he hosts the Blossom time parade every year.

Anyway, we want all classmates to join us who can. That includes all of you who may not have made it to graduation and moved or went to US/ Hawken/ Gilmoure before you could graduate. We have a Facebook Group - please join us for further updates. Search for Group "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1984" and request to join.

# Class Reunion Notes (continued)

As always, you can text/call me at (805) 340-0005, email me at matthewhanley@verizon.net, or send a letter via snail mail to 5351 Via Dolores, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320. Please do contact me and let

Hey CFHS **Class of 1989** - We are planning a really fun 30th reunion for Memorial Day weekend!

To kick off the reunion weekend on Friday night (6-8 pm), Laurel Worley Heater has offered to host classmates to her house from 6-8pm. Light appetizers and beverages will be provided. Her address is 42 Church St. Chagrin Falls, OH. On Saturday the class reunion get together will be

held at the Katydid Pavilion at Frohring Meadows located at 16780 Savage Rd. Bainbridge, OH 44023 (just off of E. Washington St). The event will take place from 5pm – 8pm, rain or shine. Please bring your own beverages (BYOB). Modest appetizers will be provided. Casual attire.

Following Frohring Meadows on Saturday night, classmates are invited to Cowboy Food & Drink 8586 E. Washington St. Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. Beverages and food can be purchased a la carte.

Cost \$25 per person. Please register for the reunion before May 6th at <https://chagrinalumni.org/donations/>.

Scroll down to **Class of 1989** to pay. Please list the names of those attending the reunion. You can also pay by check made out to "CFAA" and note Class of '89 reunion.

If you have any questions, please call Megan Thomas Robinson at 610-283-9615, Rachel Oler Franco 203-249-3891 or Jodie Lerz Huddleson 303-981-9730.

**The Class of 1994** is planning a casual 25th reunion in Chagrin Falls – Saturday, May, 25th. The event will be held at Yours Truly from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cost is \$35/person and will be a cash bar. Includes prime location, casual food and fun! Please

pay by April 25. Venmo: Clay-Bar-tel. Paypal: PayPal.me/CFHS94. Check: 5 Munroe Ct. Annapolis, MD 21401. Please visit our Facebook Page Chagrin Falls NinetyFour for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/chagrinfalls.ninetyfour>. For questions, please contact Dana Matta at [themattas@icloud.com](mailto:themattas@icloud.com). Be ready to party like its 1999!

**The Class of '99** is planning their 20 year reunion for Saturday May 25th 2019 at 6:30pm at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. Make sure you are a member of the Facebook group "Chagrin Falls Class of 1999" to get further information. You can also reach out to the planning committee Carrie

Crawford, Jessica Giebel and Michelle Okuley at [chagrinfalls1999@gmail.com](mailto:chagrinfalls1999@gmail.com).

**The Class of 2004** is looking forward to gathering for the 15 year reunion on the Saturday, May 25, 2019 of Blossom Weekend. The reunion will be held at Paninis Bar and Grill (540 E Washington Street) at 7:00 pm. To keep in the loop join the class Facebook group "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 2004". Please reach out to Chelsea Bacher at [chelseabacher@gmail.com](mailto:chelseabacher@gmail.com) with any questions!

**The Class of 2009** will be gathering on Saturday of Blossom Weekend (Sat., May 25th) for their 10 year reunion

at the Pine Lake Trout Club from 6:00 - 11:30. If interested in helping to organize, then please reach out to Kara Hoyer ([khoye09@gmail.com](mailto:khoye09@gmail.com)) or Courtney Lynch ([courtlynch@gmail.com](mailto:courtlynch@gmail.com)) The class Facebook group is titled CFHS Class of 2009.

**The Class of 2014** will be having their 5-year reunion the Saturday following Thanksgiving, November 30th. A location and time will be determined. If interested in assisting on this or future reunions, reach out to Tommy Collins at [t3collins.14@gmail.com](mailto:t3collins.14@gmail.com) or Dan Herbener [danielherbener@gmail.com](mailto:danielherbener@gmail.com). You can also visit the class Facebook group Class of 2014 to keep updated.



CFHS Day in Florida...March 5, 2019...Lakeland, Florida

- Standing** • Rick Munn '67 • Mark Laderer '62 • Reed Carpenter '62 • Ron Brooks '62 • Robert Chapman '56 • Jim Pierce '62 • Pat Hodges '64 • Don Rood '62 • David Munn '64 • Doug Thomas '65 • Bill Szitar '59 • Bob Huber (Carolyn Groth) • Ken Laterer '56 • Jim Fitz '58 • **Seated** • Virginia Pierce '60 • Janet Carpenter (Reed) • Stacey Laderer (Mark) • Karen Latuk '62 • Rita Boslaugh '64 • Suzie Sutton '62 • Kathy Rood (Don) • Carolyn Groth '59 • Carolyn Benner '60 • Jane Phend '83 •

# Florida Class Reunion

Not even a sprinkle of liquid Florida sunshine could put a damper on the 2019 Florida all class reunion.. Under cloudy skies 27 Chagrin graduates and friends gathered at the Colonnades Clubhouse in Lakeland, Florida to go back in time and laugh like teenagers as they recalled the events of their childhood days in Chagrin Falls. Classmates rarely remember the weather but always remember how they

felt seeing old friends. The program content for this 2019 reunion included drone aerials of many projects and events taking place in the village provided by Jeff Holbury Sr of Drone Ohio. These images provide valuable updates on projects especially the renovation of the Philomethian Street school. **Jim Fitz '58** presented a compelling overview of the career and accomplishments

of **Tom Mat-tern '55** former teacher,coach,-director of the CFHS Alumni Association and curator of the Tom Mat-tern historical room located at the Chagrin Falls High School. Jim shared the history of the man who has led the CFAA and maintained the historical room for over thirty years. The reunion committee presented Tom a vintage tiger plate to show their appreciation for all his efforts

and achievements. Through the use of technology **Janice Hill '62** and **John (Buzzy) Bourisseau '64** arranged for a live stream video from the historical room at the high school and with the help of Jeff Holbury Sr. everyone was able to tour the room and view all the amazing memorabilia stored in this amazing room. **Karen Latuk Forsyth '62** presented the historical room with a cross stitch quilt which her sister

**Evelyn Latuk Haskins '65** made for her in 1992 depicting all the historical buildings in the village. Special thanks to **Carolyn Groth Huber '59** and her husband Bob for hosting the reunion and to **Reed Carpenter '62** and **Suzie Sutton Wright '62** and Jim Fitz, who serve as members of the reunion committee. Preserve your memories, keep them

well, what you forget you can never retell.. Please join us next year on Tuesday March 3, 2020, Watch for details in the Tiger Tales and other Chagrin related Facebook pages. If anyone is interested in helping preserve the memories of CFHS in the state of Florida please contact Reed Carpenter cfhs1962atplay@gmail.com or Suzie Sutton Wright at wsuzannebg@yahoo.com TIGER PRIDE

# Winter Sports Review

Once again we saw a large number of student athletes compete for the orange and black during the winter season. The hockey team faced several injuries but was able to win their first round playoff game against Orange, which they had lost to twice during the regular season. Our wrestlers had smaller numbers, but were able to send two on the squad to districts. The

boys basketball team finished the season with a record of 12-12. The team finished in fifth place in the CVC conference. The girls basketball team had a 17-6 record this year and came in 3rd place in the CVC. Bella Dalessandro earned All-Ohio honors in girls basketball. Joe Monroe, our girls' assistant basketball coach, was named Ohio Greater Cleveland Basketball

Coaches Association Division Two Assistant Coach of the Year. The girls swimming team came in 2nd place in the CVC and 6 Girls qualified for states. Kate LaMonica finished in 10th Place in Diving, and the 200 Medley Relay team, which consisted of Catherine Coffey, Libby Bare, Ellen Guddy and Shannon Staley, finished in 13th place. Our 400 Free Relay Team (Is-

abella Klug, Coffey, Staley, and Bare) also qualified for states. The boys team came in 2nd place at the CVC meet and also sent 6 to the state meet and finished in 12th place in the State. The boys who qualified were the 200 Medley Relay that finished in 13th place, which consisted of Josh Rooney, Michael Tropf, Clark Reboul and Zach Goodwin. Our

200 Free Relay team that finished 6th consisted of Nick Angelino, Reboul, John Cashy, and Tropf. The 400 Free relay earned an 11th place finish. That relay included Angelino, Reboul, Cashy and Tropf. Also, Michael Tropf qualified in the 100 breaststroke, Clark Reboul finished in 11th in the 50 free, and John Cashy finished in 11th in the 100 butterfly

and 10th in the 100 back. Not only was it a successful season on the field of play but also in the classroom. There were 24 student athletes named to the CVC All-Academic Team. In order to be named to the CVC All-Academic Team, you must be a senior, have a 3.25 cumulative GPA, and lettered twice in the sport.



# School News

All signals point to a July 31 substantial completion date for the Intermediate School project. Plans for a Saturday, August 17 dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony are in the works. Homecoming weekend will provide another opportunity to tour the school during a Community Open House in the morning of Saturday, September 14.

The Chagrin Falls High Schools Speech and Debate Team ended their season on March 2 with the State Finals at Jackson High School. Mikey King and Eli Shall placed second in Duo Interpretation; Margaux Augier and Livi Andersen were Semifinalists (top 12) in Duo Interpretation; Mary Mahoney and Claire Lordan were Quarterfinalists (top 24) in Duo Interpretation; Molly Miller was a Semifinalist (top 12) in Original Oratory; and Maggie Mills and Sasha Haines were Double Octafinalists (top 24)

in Public Forum Debate. Additionally, Chagrin Falls High School placed top 10 among the more than 90 schools in attendance in Interpretation, including Duo, Humor and Drama, and received an award for this at the state award ceremony. Maggie Mills and Sasha Haines who just received an at-large bid to the Tournament of Champions in Lexington, KY.

This will mark the second straight year the ladies qualified. They will be joining Eli Shall, Mikey King, and Robert Snider, which comprises the largest group Chagrin has sent to the Tournament of Champions. Earlier in the year King and Shall won the Sunvitational Tournament in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for Duo Interpretation, which earned them their bid to the TOC as well as the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions in Omaha, Nebraska.

The CFMS

Speech and Debate team also completed their season with 11 of their 25 members competing at the middle school state finals. Kate Stephenson won state champion in Original Oratory and Ella Snyder placed fifth. Up until the second to last round at States, Kate had swept every round this year earning a first place ranking by every judge in each competition! Avery Polcar & Elizabeth Rankin took 3rd and Mira Haines & Anna Campbell took 5th in Public Debate. The squad is coached by CFMS English teacher **Courtney See Polcar '89**.

This past month four CFHS seniors decided to continue their athletic and academic careers. Girls cross country/track runner Catherine Coffey has decided to attend the University of Notre Dame. Catherine has lettered all 11 seasons so far that she has participated.

She has also made it to the state meet in all 11 seasons (Cross Country, Swimming, and Track). Catherine was the state champion in the 800M last season and part of the 4x800M relay team that won the state championship the past 3 years. Catherine plans on majoring in Biology. Boy's soccer player Zach Martin has decided to sign with Mercyhurst University. Zach has lettered the past two years. Zach plans on majoring in Pre-Physical Therapy/Sports Medicine.

Football player and wrestler Henry Woofter has decided to continue his career at the University of Mt Union. Henry has lettered the past two years in football and the past four years in wrestling. He was first team all-conference and all Northeast Lakes District this past season. Henry plans on majoring in Criminal Justice. Boys' soccer player Zach Hoover will be attending Baldwin Wallace University.

Zach has lettered the past three years. He was first team all-conference and Greater Cleveland Coaches Association this past season along with being selected All Ohio. Zach plans on majoring in Accounting.

In February, five eighth-grade students attended the first ever CVC Robotics Symposium at Beachwood Middle School. Jacob Borger, Ben Broz, Marsel Gataulin, Max Klug and Ryan Waldman did a phenomenal job of representing Chagrin Falls Middle School, along with Michael Wujnovich, Project Lead the Way teacher and David Kimball, Makerspace Implementer of Technology.

The Chagrin Falls High School Orchestra performed at the OMEA State Orchestra Contest at Brunswick High School in March. The orchestra performed three pieces in front of three dif-

ferent judges and then had to sight-read a piece of music in front of a fourth judge. The orchestra received straight Superior Ratings from all four judges. There were 35 different orchestras that performed at this event and only 13 received straight superior ratings.

This past January, Alexandra (Ali) Holtz, freshman at Chagrin Falls High School, made history at the 2019 Winter International Children's Games in Lake Placid, New York. Holtz competed in the first female hockey competition of the Games with her fellow teammates from the Cleveland Lady Barons U14 hockey team. The team won the first ever bronze medal for women's hockey. The team is made up of girls aged 13 to 15 who come from different cities in Northeast Ohio.

# Chagrin Falls Schools Promotes the Arts with Literary Publication

This year marked the 60th anniversary of the Chagrin Falls High School (CFHS) literary publication, "PRISM." First published in 1959, PRISM displays students' creative work including written pieces and visual arts. It is designed by CFHS students and is distributed once a year, free-of-charge to all high school students and staff at the end of the school year.

Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) created "REALM" or the Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines Award. This publicly recognizes excellent student-produced literary magazines and encourages schools to develop magazines that celebrate the art and craft of writing. The 2018 edition of CFHS's "PRISM" was just rated "Excellent" and recognized with this award.

The staff adviser, Jean Kanzinger, is in her second

year but has been in the literary magazine business for

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alized that there is no culture of submitting creative work at the middle school level, so she decided to make a literary magazine for Chagrin Falls Middle School students as well. This year will be the first year for the middle school magazine called, "HORIZONS." This will be a simple comb-bound publication of only creative writing as the art students have their work featured at the school art show.



year overseeing the publication

many years. "The combination of budgetary sup-

port and a strong art department makes our book visually spectacular," said Kanzinger.

Though she believes the rating is worth celebrating, Kanzinger wants to continue to grow the CFHS publication to include more genres of creative writing. The top-rated publications for REALM have at least five genres, while currently, CFHS has mostly poetry.

Kanzinger also re-

The National

## Chagrin Falls High School Students Climbing Their Way to the App Store

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The Honors Advanced Data Structures class at Chagrin Falls High School recently published their new app, "Climb it: Tiger Edition," to the Apple App Store. The now-published app is a game featuring 24 levels and passed the tedious process of publication including adjustment for 16 different devices, beta testing, a creation of app record, and finally a review by Apple for quality and adherence to its standards.

"We really just set out to make a fun game that people would play on their phone, and I really think that

we did that. It's so cool to see all of our hard work pay off," said programmer senior Drew Beckwith.

Programming the app proved no simple task for the 24 students in the HADS class. However, their persistence and teamwork allowed them to publish a complete and entertaining app before the end of the semester. "This app represents over 1000 hours of work by the class and me. It contains hundreds of lines of code written by 24 different people, merged into a working product. This app is the result of intense collaboration by the class, and the amount of creativity in the app is a testament to the

amazing intellectual talent present in the HADS class," said HADS teacher, Carolyn Petite.

The student coders also attest to Petite's comments, as they speak to hard work and collaboration as the reason for overcoming obstacles and producing a great app. "There were definitely some roadblocks that we faced when programming the app, but everyone was always willing to help each other out which really helped us produce a great app. Our collaboration not only allowed for a great app but also great creativity to allow the app to reach full potential," said HADS student senior Daniel Newell.

Despite some roadblocks, the app proved very successful through help from the tech department, creativity, and perseverance. "This year Apple put a few new requirements in the publication process which caused some headaches, but with the help of our amazing tech director and the support of the administration and the board of education we were able to overcome those hurdles. [Students] also dealt with major design issues as we brought the game to life. Each student created a level in the game, and they created the art and music themselves," said Petite.

Although the largest project for the HADS

class is a collaborative app, which each class has been doing since 2016, the class also teaches students advanced computer science abilities while fine-tuning other real-world skills. "The class helps students who are planning on studying computer science in college get a lot of experience with some of the challenging material they will need to learn in order to master a coding interview. It also helps students who may not major in computer science learn how to think and problem solve on a very high level," said Petite.

The prospect of having something in the App Store for all to download proved motivational for

many students in the HADS class, and now with their work completed they can bask in the glory of their publishing.

"It just feels great to be able to go on the app store and see something that I helped make, it's a really rewarding experience that I can put on my resume and have for the rest of my life," said Newell.

Overall, the app is gaining popularity among students, and the class is thrilled with the triumph of the app. "I am proud of the fact that every student in the HADS class has code that has been published in the App Store for worldwide distribution," said Petite.

# Betcha Didn't Know

Here was the platter menu at Chagrin for the week of Dec. 16 - 20, 1974. Cost was 60 cents for high school students, 75 cents for teachers, while Gurney, Sands, & Middle School students were 50 cents.

Excerpts from History of the Chagrin Falls Schools, 1833 - 1960 by Tom Mattern '55: Famed American actor and singer Pat Boone performed at the Chagrin Falls Auditorium (now the Chagrin Falls Intermediate School) back in the 1950s.

The Varsity Club began in 1947 and was composed entirely of CFHS lettermen. Its purpose was the promotion and betterment of all school

sports. The CFHS Key Club was formed in 1950 with the support of the local Kiwanis Club. Boys in grades 10 - 12 were selected to be members based on scholarship and participation in extracurricular activities.

Schools today are asked to do more and more things that were once done by the home and/or community. There was a time, however, when the Chagrin Falls Schools and a local doctor went beyond the call of duty.

One tidbit from the 1920s dealt with schools and tonsils. Beginning in 1925 and for the next 15 years, a local doctor, Chauncey Wycoff '00,

would arrange to spend a day each year at the old Philomethian Street School, the one torn down in 1940. He was there to take out students' tonsils at a cost of \$7.50 per student in the old building's Assembly Hall. With their parents' permission, students would line up and wait to be called.

Once called, they would be given a little ether and have their tonsils removed. The tonsils were then thrown into buckets and the youngsters placed on cots and given ice cream and pieces of ice to chew. Once recovered, the children were sent home.....

What happened to the buckets of tonsils remains a mystery. One

probability is that they ended up at the old village dump on Solon Road, which is known as River Run Park.

Coach Ralph Quesinberry directed the annual boxing tournament from 1947 - 50. Each match was three one-minute rounds. The first-round matches were fought in the boys' gym classes. The finals took place in the evening. In 1948, there were a 102 boys that participated. The tournament ended due to concerns for the participants' safety.

Norm Fry came to Chagrin Falls in 1937 to teach industrial arts (shop). Through the years he had many "firsts" to

his credit. For example, during World War II, he worked evenings in the school with a group of juniors and seniors who built, to specification, model airplanes -- replicas of the fighter planes and bombers that were being used in the war. These models were then used by the United States government to teach soldiers identification of planes.

What many remember him for was the use of his famous paddle. Norm retired in 1977 after "forty years of fun!" In the late 1930s, and into the 1940s the senior class had a Kid Day at the end of the school year where the class would dress up as little children and

just "act silly." The class of 1942 was informed by the school administration that Kid Day was cancelled due to the seriousness of World War II which had just begun. Disappointed, the class decided to have a different kind of day and to cut school and "play hooky" at the shelter house in the Metropolitan Park. With the military draft looming ahead for the senior boys, one last fling seemed appropriate. Margaret Manley Batchelor '42 remembered that the class was punished with three additional days of school. The teachers were not amused. It remains a cherished memory for the class of 1942.

## 2019 Alumni Chorus Blossom Time Memorial Weekend Patriotic Sing-Along Concert

This will be the 10th annual alumni choral concert will be held Saturday, May 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Chagrin Falls High School Performing Arts Center. The event will allow those participating or attending the opportunity to rekindle friendships and their passion for music and honoring our country. Once again the audience will be invited to join with the chorus in

singing all of our favorite patriotic songs. The Colors will be posted by Chagrin Falls American Legion Post 383 followed by the Patrick Henry "Liberty or Death" speech, our National Anthem and our Pledge of Allegiance. In addition, we will present The Get-

tysburg Address, the folding of the American Flag, Echo Taps, and the tribute to our audience members who are military veterans from

the five branches of the armed forces. The concert is offered to our audience at no charge but we do have expenses. We also sponsor

an annual scholarship through the alumni association and we make an annual donation to the Wounded Warrior Project. Those interested may make tax deductible donations to the chorus through the CFAA. Please mark Alumni Chorus in the address

line and on the memo line of your check. This concert was established to provide an opportunity for those unable to "make the trek" up Franklin Street on Monday morning the observe the holiday there. The members of our "cast" look forward each year to a reunion with high school friends and to the opportunity to serve the greater Chagrin Falls community.



# Throwback Photos



*1968 Zenith*

*The yearbook's foreword was written by Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes and the dedication was to English teacher Mrs. Francis Jenkins.*

*Science Department*

*Mr. Hensel, Mr. Wheatcraft, Mr. Battles, Mr. Hurst*



*Music Department*

*Mrs. Macknin, Mr. Foley*