



CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Greeting Alumni! As we navigate through a new normal, we are hopeful conditions continue to improve to allow all of us to gather and celebrate again as the CFAA. We do expect to recognize a select group of alumni over Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 21 - 24) with a Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Details on the event will be in our August/Summer newsletter. On Feb. 12th, 2022, we will host our 2nd CFAA Euchre Tournament, which is open to alumni and non-alumni. If conditions permit, then we hope to enjoy additional social events.

I did want to pass along to all of you how the CFAA will handle the many roles that **Tom Mattern '55** oversaw for us even in his final years. Without a doubt one of Tom's greatest passions was maintaining and sharing the memorabilia we have been so fortunate to collect over the years. Before his passing Tom made clear that his wishes were for **John Tillotson '72** to take the role of overseeing the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room. John has been there from the beginning with the room and was responsible for all the physical work in making it into a tremendous location to share our rich history with alumni and students. John will be working with other fellow alumni so we can expand the level that we exhibit and catalog all that we have. We will continue to have guided tours for individuals, groups, and class reunions once they are permitted again. If interested in a tour of the room and/or 7-12 building, then please contact him at johnbtillotson@gmail.com. We are fortunate for all that John has done for the CFAA over the years and appreciate his willingness to take on these roles in the future.

Earlier this year we lost one of our past Achievement Hall of Fame inductees, **Helen VerDuin Palit '66**. Hers was a remarkable story. While managing a soup kitchen near Yale University, she designed a system in which unused food in the community could be distributed to soup kitchens and other similar services such as shelters and food pantries. Mayor Koch had her expand the program to New York City. Eventually the City Harvest program would sprout up throughout this country and in Japan, Germany, Australia, and Canada. Currently the program's many chapters feed 2 million people on a daily basis. In 1989, President George Bush Sr. would announce his 1000 Points of Light program promoting community service and naming Helen as the fourth point of light. In 2012, she would be the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which honors Americans that have shown an outstanding commitment to serving our nation. This honor has been awarded to American presidents and other distinguished Americans, including another social entrepreneur, fellow CFHS graduate **Wendy Diamond '88**. I had the privilege of having Helen come to my classroom a few years ago to share her stories with our current Chagrin students. Her story is inspiring and gives me pause to realize how special we are to be a part of Chagrin.

We hope that all of our fellow alumni are doing well this spring and will be able to enjoy a summer filled with family and friends.

Keep the Tiger Pride Alive!
Brian McKenna '88

Alumni Director

CHAGRIN WELCOMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Chagrin Falls Schools Board of Education has named Dr. Jennifer Penczarski as the next superintendent of Chagrin Falls Schools. The Board approved her three-year contract during a special meeting on April 14. Dr. Penczarski is currently the superintendent of Kenton City Schools in Kenton, Ohio. She will officially begin her role on July 1, 2021. Dr. Penczarski succeeds Dr. Robert Hunt, who is leaving the District to become the superintendent of the Barrington 220 School District in Chicago.

Dr. Penczarski has been superintendent of Kenton City Schools since 2010. Prior to her superintendency, she worked at Tri-Valley Local Schools in Dresden, Ohio from 2005-2010 as the principal of Tri-Valley Middle School, principal of Frazeyburg Intermediate School, and assistant principal of Tri-Valley High School. From 1997-2005, Dr. Penczarski was the director of instrumental music, grades 5-12, for Tuslaw Local School District in Massillon, Ohio. She was the managing director of the Miami University Marching Band in Oxford, Ohio from 1994-1996. The CFAA would like to give Dr. Penczarski a warm Tiger welcome!

HISTORY OF CHAGRIN FALLS

We are fortunate in our community to have the Chagrin Falls Historical Society, which has done an exemplary job of chronicling our history. Their exhibits continue to grow and their efforts to educate our current Chagrin students need to be applauded. Below is one of the many fascinating stories that you can find on their website, chagrinhistorical.org.

In the winter Tiger Tales, we shared a Chagrin Falls Historical Society article on the abolitionist movement in Chagrin Falls. We would like to properly credit **Laura Gorretta '68** for she was the one that not only did the research, but also wrote the article.

Did You Know...

....that there was a murder and bank robbery in downtown Chagrin Falls?

On Friday, June 19, 1920, Aaron R. 'A.R.' Chance was gunned down in Chagrin Falls during a daring daylight armed bank robbery.



Scene outside the First National Bank of Chagrin Falls, June 19, 1920 at 5 N. Franklin St (where Step-in is today)

The robbery happened at 9:15 a.m. at the First National Bank of Chagrin Falls. The bank was located at 5 N. Franklin St. where Step-in is today. There were 3 or 4 men, depending on accounts, armed with guns. 2 or 3 were in the bank, 1 stood watch. The gunmen inside fired twice, one of the shots almost hit teller, A. R. Mountjoy. Mr. Mountjoy had started for a revolver he had under the counter, but had to duck from the shot fired at him. The robbers emptied 2 cash boxes and the teller's pocketbook. All told, they pocketed \$2,500 dollars (about \$30,000 in 2015 dollars). They also got \$5,000 in Liberty Bonds.

Mr. Chance lived in the apartment above the bank. Hearing the noise, he went downstairs and was met by one of the gunmen who told Mr. Chance to go back upstairs. Mr. Chance turned to go back up. The gunman decided to fire anyways and shot up at Mr. Chance, hitting him in the ankle. The bullet continued up his shin and left his leg at his kneecap.



Interior of the First National Bank of Chagrin Falls - 1920

The robbers made their escape with gun wielding villagers in pursuit. Airplanes were even used to try and find the culprits. Their car, which had been stolen from Public Square on June 6, was recovered the next day at E. 55th and Whittier Ave. The car was the property of John Connors of 3126 W. 86th St. We have not been able to find any record of the robbers being captured.

Mr. Chance was rushed to Carnegie Hospital in a delivery wagon. He was bleeding heavily. He eventually died on June 25th. Mr. Chance is buried in Evergreen Hill Cemetery (Section 14, lot 37, grave 6).

His grave was originally unmarked, but a Kenston High school senior, Scott Stoner, Rob Arnold and the Tichys from Sheffield Monuments were instrumental in getting the gravestone marker that is there today.



Grave marker for A.R. Chance

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS NEEDED

While doing research on the girls basketball program, I found that there were some years with missing programs. Typically the coach will turn one in at the end of the season to our athletic department. Unfortunately that was not always the case. It would be greatly appreciated if you still had your sports program when you were in high school and no longer wanted it, to send it in to us. We would also be happy to accept it being sent to us as a PDF. It is terrific for our current athletes to learn about the history of their sport at Chagrin. It also gives them motivation to make it on an all-time list whether individually or as a team.

CLASS & REUNION NOTES

The **Class of 1960** is considering an event for Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 22 - 24. Classmates that are interested please contact Karen Hurst Johns at 440-725-0380 or leekarenjohns@gmail.com.

Class of 1961 60th anniversary celebration? Well, maybe. Nothing this summer, but maybe a gathering in September. If Covid has calmed down. If we all get vaccinated. If everyone feels safe travelling. If, if, if. We will keep classmates advised as we get closer. While we are waiting, how about a Zoom video conference? If you have expressed interest, you will be contacted. If not, but you would like to participate...let me know. Stay tuned. As usual, PLEASE BE SURE I HAVE YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL and/or POSTAL ADDRESS! Please note that MY address has changed. Bill Meyer 114 Hamlin T Ln Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. e-mail remains: parlin_bill@yahoo.com cell: 207-691-9842.

The CFHS **Class of 1970** is still meeting to reschedule their 50th Class Reunion that had been postponed due to the Covid-19 situation in 2020. The 50 + 1 Reunion is being planned for this fall and the tentative dates being considered are for the weekend of October 8th, 9th and 10th., 2021. We will be contacting our venues that we have deposits with to confirm their availability for these dates once the committee has agreed. Yes, we are still planning events for all three days! Local classmates will still continue to meet throughout 2021 until our reunion weekend. We will continue to be contacting classmates via email and making postings on our [Facebook](#) page with a date confirmation as soon as we can. Classmates, please stay in contact with us and we are still requesting your help. We want any up to date/current email address for you and any other classmates you are in contact with. We will be sending out and posting a "Missing List" of those we have no contact information for. Please send any updated information to [Darrell](#) Johnson at commish94@aol.com. Please don't think that another classmate has sent their contact information. We want to hear from you. Stay tuned!

The **Class of '71** is going to plan on a 50th Reunion weekend for Blossom Time, 2022. Hoping for a better year! Ruth ruthcav@cebridge.net & Gail.

Regrettably, the Class of 1975 has had to cancel plans for our 45th reunion which was scheduled for May 2020. With safety a concern and vaccination rates still low, the plans to celebrate a reunion in May 2021 have been cancelled as well. As a way to stay in touch, the reunion planning committee has decided to hold a 'mini' reunion over Labor Day weekend for those who are in the area or who might be visiting from out of town. The shelter at Frohring Meadow (part of the Geauga Park District on Savage Rd. in Bainbridge) has been

reserved on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 6-10pm. This event is free! Please join us! Bring your own picnic and beverage and take this opportunity to catch up with classmates. Details will be posted on the class Facebook page. Looking ahead even further, the reunion committee has already started to plan our 50th reunion in 2025!! Let's hope that nothing disrupts those plans. We hope to see you over Labor Day and at our 50th!!

The **Class of 1979** will be having their 42nd Reunion on Friday, October 15th to coincide with the plans the Jaycees have to do a Blossom event over that weekend. As always, please go to our class website at: <https://sites.google.com/view/chagrin-falls-class-79/home> for information on the event. Contact Jeff Baker - bakej38@gmail.com or Betsy Towns - Btowns79@gmail.com for any questions.

Hello, **Class of '80**. In the last edition of Tiger Tales, the reunion committee was kicking around the idea of a casual gathering at Lake Louise to mark our 41st. After some deliberation, we've decided to hold off ONE more year, as there are still some hurdles to clear with larger group gatherings. We look forward to 2022 -a time to mark, with great fanfare, our 42nd year reunion.

The **Class of 1981** will be holding a Zoom Reunion the weekend of May 28-29. Please update your contact information with Abby Town Wilson Cementgardens@gmail.com and watch the Private Class of 81 Facebook group for details. Stay Healthy! The class has also started a scholarship in memory of their lost classmates. Those that would like to give can send checks directly to the CFAA or visit <https://www.chagrinalumni.org/donations/> to give online. Please put "Class of '81 Scholarship Fund" in the memo for those sending in a check.

Class of 1985 - Unfortunately we are not going to be able to have our rescheduled 35th reunion this May. Since it is an "off" year, attendance would probably be down anyway. So we will shoot for our 40th {gulp} in May of 2025. Thank you for your understanding and please either email Kristin Mapes Wood (kandjwood@sbcglobal.net) with your updated contact information and/or join our Facebook group 'CFHS - class of 1985' to reconnect with classmates and get up-to-date info.

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The **Class of 1986** is trying to determine when and how best to celebrate their 35 year reunion. Anyone interested in joining the reunion committee is welcome to participate. We can use your help even if you are not local. Please contact Tom Williams at tj_williams@sbcglobal.net or call at his cell at (440) 552-7011 if you want to help and to make sure we have your correct contact information. Please visit our class Facebook group at "CF Class of 86" for more information. We are looking forward to seeing everyone when we can gather together at the reunion!

The **Class of 1991** have their 30th reunion plans on hold for now. Please reach out to one of the reunion committee members with your contact information so you can be reached once plans are finalized in the future (Laura Wurster Jones joneslau@windstream.net, Sally Florkiewicz Gallik sflork@hotmail.com, Jeremy Fow jtfow@earthlink.net or John Meyer john@johncharlesmeyer.com) One can also join the Facebook group CFHS Class of 1991.

The **Class of 1996** will not be celebrating their 25th reunion this year, which will make our 30th reunion in 2026 even better! Perhaps we'll have an informal reunion gathering during Blossom Time 2022. Email or text Julie @ julie.dimatteo@gmail.com or 312-218-5600. Cheers to the Class of 1996!

Class of 2000 - The Jaycees announced Blossom Time was canceled for Memorial Weekend. Therefore, save the date for Memorial Weekend 2025 when we will get together and

celebrate our 25th reunion. If the CF Alumni Association plans an All-Class reunion, details will be included on our class Facebook page, CFHS Class of 2000.

The **Class of 2001** is looking forward to a 20 year reunion in the near future. Make sure that PJ Glass has your updated contact information. You can email her at pjglass2010@gmail.com. You can also be kept in the loop by joining the class Facebook group, Chagrin Falls High School Class of 2001.

The **Class of 2005** have postponed their 15 year reunion plans for now. To keep in the loop on class and reunion news join the class Facebook group "Chagrin Falls High School: Class of 2005 Alumni Group". Please reach out to Kim Leary (kimberly.leary@gmail.com) or Lindsay Street Kepreos (lstreet212@gmail.com) with any questions.

The **Class of 2006** is tentatively planning for a 15 year reunion in the near future. Please email Grant Monda (grant.monda@gmail.com) or Michael Hermanson (mhermanson4@gmail.com) with your latest contact information. They are also looking for classmates to join in on the planning if you are interested.

The **Class of 2011** is looking forward to having their 10 year reunion hopefully next year (May 2022). For those that would like to help in the planning, please reach out to Thomas Donley. Also, classmates pass along your recent contact information to him at thomasmdonley@gmail.com.

FLORIDA ALL-CLASS REUNION

2021 was the year of mini reunions for Alumni living or visiting Florida. The "quaranteam" organized two outside venues; one in February and one in March to navigate this pandemic world safely and stay connected to our Alma Mater. The motto of the organizers was "if plan A doesn't work the alphabet has 25 more letters". The mini reunions were well received and well attended. In the spirit of Dr. Seuss..."Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one". The All Class Reunion Florida Chagrin Falls High School committee is planning a reunion in 2022 and announcements will appear in the Tiger Tales and on our Facebook page. All interested Alumni are encouraged to follow us on social media. Be safe and well all you Tigers and see you in 2022.

DENVER ALL-CLASS REUNION

Efforts are just beginning to plan a Chagrin reunion in the Denver area. We have seen a steady rise of Chagrin graduates make their way to Colorado. **Don Brown '80** is taking the lead on this and is in the early stages of planning. We know we have many more graduates in that area compared to what we have listed in our database. Please update your contact information with us at alumni@chagrinschools.org. If you would like to be part of the planning or want to make sure that you are contacted regarding the event, then you can reach Don at donpbrown2@gmail.com.

DO YOU REMEMBER

Breakfast at Dinks; Greenaway’s Grocery; working for **Mr. Jack Stanton ’52** at the Polo Field in the summers; Barron’s Drug Store; Hough Bakeries; Florsheim Shoes; White Stallion; junior & senior class caravans; Woolworth’s Luncheonette; the smoking johns; Spinners; Valley Tavern; Coachman; Hole in the Wall Bar; Gamekeeper’s; Greenville Inn; Sunshine Falls; OABR; getting the paddle; the blue bench at Gurney; Coach Wem’s Vitamin C tablets; Convenient Food Mart; Bell & Bridge Barber Shop; Husel’s Village Rambler; Chagrin Dairy Bar; Travelon; Valley Drive-In Theatre; Chagrin Falls Music Center; Chagrin Valley Atlantic; Chagrin Department Store; Town & Country Cleaners; Chagrin Hardware and Supply; Chase Bag Co.; Hancock Lumber Co.; The Valley Tavern and Restaurant; Smith & Chester Insurance; Barron’s Rexall Drug; Bill’s Bainbridge Hair Dressers; Chagrin Pet; Lowe’s Electronics; Reed Hardware; Channon’s Office Supplies; Nall’s Drug Store; Taggart’s Toys and Hobbies; Cochran Paint; Davis Decorating Center; Suburban Window Cleaning; Reed Nichols Funeral Home; Nash’s Bainbridger; Sportsman West; James Jewelry; Valley Hardware; Barker’s Camera Shop; Cuyahoga Savings Association; Speice Leader Drug Store; Havre’s; Studio Boris Photography; Chagrin Falls Bakery; Falls Theatre; Falls Advertising Co.; Chagrin Oil & Gas Co.; Brewster & Stroud Co.; Stroud Funeral Home; Valley Pharmacy; Fireside Book Shop; Miller Plumbing and Heating Co.; Falls Mower & Garden Center; D.E. Williams Electric; The Fife & Drum; Louis Hair Salon; Western Reserve Lightning Rod Co.; Capitol Painting; Paul’s Men’s & Boys Shop; The Persimmon Tree; Ugite Gas, Inc.; Chuck’s Beverage Store; Zucker Marine; Punderson Golf Course; Cary & Solether Realty; Chagrin Valley Ford; Reitz Plumbing & Heating; Lester Heck & Son Insurance; Lyndall Hughes Realtors

WINTER ATHLETICS

by Charlie Barch, Athletic Director, Chagrin Falls Schools

This winter season was another terrific season for the Tigers. We had nine student athletes make it to the state swimming and diving meet. From our girls’ team, Kate LaMonica finished in second place and Samantha Holtz finished third in diving. They were the first Chagrin girls divers to crack top 4 at state in school history. Madi Machado finished 18th in the 200IM and 23rd in the 100 back. The boys swimming and diving team had Keanu Sherman finish 16th in diving. The 200 Medley Relay team which consisted of Josh Rooney, Michael Tropf, Zach Muckle, and Bobby Munz finished in sixth place in the state. The 200 Free Relay team which had Michael Tropf, Zach Muckle, Bobby Munz and Benjamin Broz finished in ninth place. The 400 Free Relay team with Michael Tropf, Zach Muckle, Bobby Munz and Benjamin Broz finished in 11th place in the state. Josh Rooney finished in 24th place in the 200IM and 15th place in the 100 back. Michael Trop finished in sixth place in the 100 breast, and Bobby Munz finished in 23rd in the 50 free. Wrestler, Sam Partain, qualified for the state wrestling tournament at the 152 weight class as an alternate. Our hockey team won the Baron Cup 3 tournament. The girls’ basketball team, boys’ basketball team, wrestling team, and gymnastics team had good seasons. We had 10 student athletes make first team all-conference, 20 make second team all-conference, and 12 make honorable mention all-league. Thank you to the 41 winter seniors who have dedicated themselves to their winter sport the past four years. Not only was it a successful season on the field of play, but also in the classroom. There were 33 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 Cum GPA, and lettered twice in your sport.

BETCHA’ DIDN’T KNOW

- **Lee Crawford ’59**, a CFAA Achievement Hall of Fame member in the induction class of 1994, was the recipient of Mexico’s highest humanitarian award, the Aguila Azteca, in recognition of his many philanthropic works in Mexico.
- 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.
- 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 102 boys that participated. The tournament ended due to concerns for the participants’ safety.
- In April 1852, the school board voted to raise teacher salaries to \$2 a week.
- In 1870 there were 10 manufacturing companies using the water power of the Chagrin River. The Ivex Paper Mill, formerly Chase Bag, was the last remaining mill in Chagrin Falls, closing in 2004.
- In 1898 Mrs. E. T. Robens became the first woman elected to the Chagrin Falls Board of Education. This was four years after the Ohio legislature passed a bill that would allow women to vote in school board elections.
- In 1937 the Ohio State Department of Education declared the Chagrin Falls Public Schools to be exempt from supervision of the Cuyahoga County Board of Education.
- In 1938 the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) paved Grove Hill.
- The Class of 1940 was the first to hold graduation ceremonies in the Philomethian Street School. The first outdoor graduation at Harris Stadium would be held in 1959.
- The Chagrin Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce, the “Jaycees”, began in 1954 and would stage their first Blossom Time in 1956.
- The Class of 1960 was the first to graduate from the new high school. They were also the class that gave us the original Tiger mascot, Mortimer.
- The first motorized fire engine in Chagrin Falls was in 1923. Before that, fire equipment was hauled by horses.

CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI IN CHAGRIN SCHOOLS

We are proud to have 40 graduates in various positions in Chagrin Schools this school year.

- Dave Quesinberry ‘67** - H.S. Basketball
- Mike Solether '69** - Transportation
- Jill Pugsley Koval ‘75** - Assistant Treasurer
- Sherrie Takacs Wooden ‘75** - H.S. Administrative Assistant
- Anne McGinnis Wallenhorst ‘77** - I.S. Math & Reading Intervention Teacher
- Julia Phend O’Neill ‘78** - M.S. Administrative Assistant
- Anne Bierman Caja ‘81** - H.S. Golf
- Jana Boysen Young ‘82** - H.S. Cheerleading
- Mike Kramer ‘82** - Gurney Aide
- Connie Bridges Miralia ‘83** - M.S. Administrative Assistant
- Mark Miralia ‘83** - H.S. Basketball
- Shelly Toth Zdolshek ‘83** - Gurney 2nd Grade Teacher
- Cathy Clegg Cusack ‘85** - H.S. Library Aide
- Chris D’Amato ‘85** - Transportation
- Heidi Exline Stapulionis ‘85** - I.S. Spanish Teacher
- Dave Bargar ‘85** - Ass’t. A.D. & H.S. Basketball
- Heather Kessell Reeder ‘87** - I.S. 4th Grade Teacher
- Jamie Scolaro Briggs ‘87** - H.S. Aide
- Kristin Clark Reboul ‘88** - H.S. Golf
- Heather Heartz ‘88** - I.S. 6th GradeTeacher

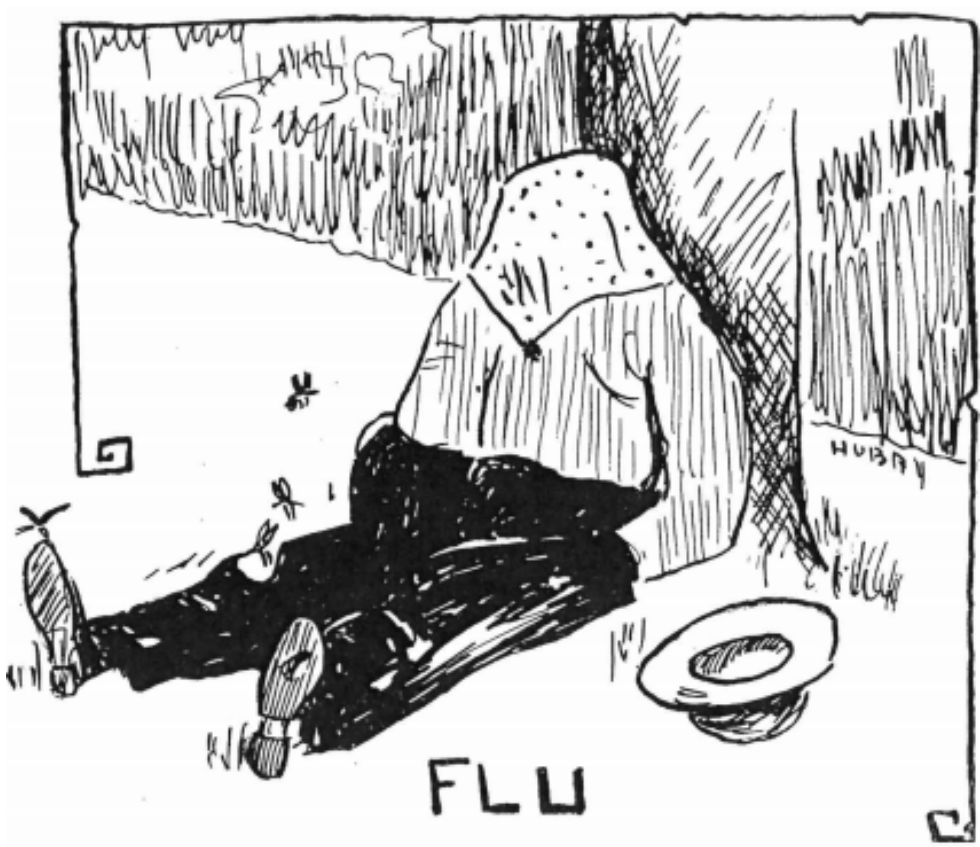
- Brian McKenna ‘88** - H.S. Social Studies Teacher
- Courtney See Polcar ‘89** - M.S. English Teacher
- Mike Salyers ‘90** - H.S. Social Studies Teacher
- Shawn Conley Bottcher ‘91** - M.S. Track & Cross Country
- Sally Florkiewicz Gallik ‘91** - Gurney STEM Teacher
- Amy Weatherhead Belew ‘91** - Gurney 3rd Grade Intervention Specialist
- Tom Pyle ‘92** - I.S. Custodian
- Allison Baker Kaas ‘93** - Gurney Aide
- Amanda Patton Heintzelman ‘97** - CFMS & CFHS Learning Center Coordinator
- Clay Burnett ‘00** - H.S. Cross Country & Track
- Rachel Conti Gebler ‘00** - Gurney Kindergarten Teacher
- Vicky Epprecht Pelsozy ‘00** - Gurney 1st Grade Teacher
- Kristine Hageman Leffler ‘01** - M.S. Volleyball & Track
- Sarah Wilson Meikle ‘02** - Gurney Speech & Language Pathologist
- Brittany Anderson ‘04** - H.S. Science Teacher
- Zak Gebler ‘05** - H.S. Lacrosse
- Justin Wise ‘05** - Gurney Kindergarten Teacher
- Libby Harold ‘10** - H.S. Art Teacher
- Justin Bargar ‘16** - H.S. Basketball & Baseball
- Ricky Renton ‘16** - H.S. Wrestling

CHAGRIN SCHOOLS - A CENTURY AGO WITH OUR 1ST PANDEMIC

Early in the 2020 pandemic there were stories sharing our country’s reaction to the influenza pandemic that happened in 1919. The predecessor of our Zenith was the Annual and the yearbook had many mentions of how it impacted Chagrin Schools.

Due to the severity of the flu the School was shut down on Oct. 17th. Before it reopened on Nov. 11th, some students did go “crusading” on Halloween in spite of the “flu” ban. World War I would also come to an end. The return to classes was short lived when on Nov. 20th another vacation would begin lasting until Dec. 30th. The Tigers’ football season was shortened and basketball would not take to the courts until January. To make sure that seniors would be able to graduate on June 5th, the school decided to lengthen the school day starting in early January for the remainder of the year.

Five years later the school would face another challenge. In March of 1924 the Schools were closed for three weeks due to the spread of smallpox in the community.



IN THE NEWS

We had a terrific number of submissions from the Class of 1959 in the last issue. Apologies on my end, for missing one of the emails to include more on a terrific Tiger couple.

Dick '57 and **Loretta Rufener Pinkett '59** became reps for a local Chagrin business called The National Directory for Morticians twenty years ago. They spent 3 1/2 months traveling the beautiful states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania in the fall and northern Florida and Mississippi in Winter selling ads and directories. They were Florida Snow Birds between Aurora, Ohio and Bonita Springs so this worked out perfectly. Over the years they have slowly cut back on time spent traveling and are now down to just Florida. They enjoyed being able to visit so many beautiful parts of our country. Their family consists of our married son, daughter, 7 grandchild AND 2 Great-Grandchildren, who were both recently born. Everyone is still in Ohio except for our daughter and her husband who live nearby.

Harold Schultz '43 recently passed away at the age of 95. He had taught junior high science at Mentor Schools for 30 years and was married for 72 years to **Anna May Wittig Schultz '46**. Anna May continues to live in Urbana.

Jay Picking '49 is retired from Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co, which is now Vectren and CenterPoint Energy,, where he held the position of Vice President. Jay lives in Evansville, Indiana.

In the Fall of 1958, **Bill Cutshaw '58** joined the U.S. Navy with classmate **Gary Palmer**. After 4 years including Dwight Eisenhower's goodwill around the world cruise on the U.S.S. Canberra, he started his business career as a salesman with Smith-Corona. After becoming a division manager he accepted the position of National Sales Manager for GTE, now known as Verizon. He then moved to Pactel as a Regional Vice President. Bill is now retired with his wife Louise, who was a school teacher. They enjoy their golden years living in the sunny south in Roswell, Georgia. Bill would like to acknowledge the influence of Coach Ralph had on him. He was tough, however, kind hearted. He taught Bill to be the best he could be and gave him a strong sense of good character.

Bruce '67 and **Karen Anderson Molineaux '67** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this June.

Jim Greer '70 is retired as a chemist at Bayer Corporation after 30 years of service. Jim currently has a home repair business in St. Marys, Georgia.

Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71, RN, has retired after 30

years, beginning at Cleveland Clinic and ending at the closure of Newbury Schools, last June. Ruth has found to be true her mother's (Betty Moody, CF, 1934) words, 'I'm so busy, I don't know how I ever got work done before'. Ruth's current project is compiling the 100 year history of the Paw Paw Lake neighborhood, 1921-2021. Prodding her along with invaluable help is Phil Barress of Fireside Bookstore, also a Paw Paw neighbor. A booklet will be published later this year. To that end, Ruth would LOVE to hear stories back from all who lived at Paw Paw, at any time. There have been multiple (tame) reports of teenage skinny-dipping. Ruth remains active as a CF Alumni Trustee and a Paw Paw Lake Trustee. She is most vigilant regarding protecting the beautiful lake from excess runoff/silt, and has approached South Russell Village with her continued concerns. Ruth's son, **David Cavanagh '18**, has earned his Associate of Science, Biology, from Ohio State and is currently pursuing his Bachelor's degree. David recently completed basic training and AIT (paralegal) for Ohio National Guard, at Ft. Jackson, SC & Ft. Lee, VA. Contact Ruth at ruthcavanagh10@gmail.com or at 15 Paw Paw Lake.

Donna Rogers Frazier '71 retired in 2018 and relocated to SW Oklahoma where she can provide childcare to her 3 granddaughters, which she has been enjoying each day.

Dan Miller '72 was recently elected President of the Cleveland Plumbing Contractors Association and also serves on several committees working with contractors and union workers throughout the Cleveland area. Dan is the third generation President and owner of the Miller Plumbing and Heating Company of Chagrin Falls, an 82-year old family owned business that specializes in hospital work. Recent projects include Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse, Brown's Training Center, Jack Casinos, Nestle Innovation Center, Chagrin Falls Intermediate School, Swagelok World Headquarters, and additions to the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals.

Mark Horan '79 is keeping busy in retirement as the publisher photographer for All Music magazine.

Shannon McCarthy '83 recently retired after 20 years in human resources from 3M. Shannon is heading west to Arizona to meet up with her sister and mom, who both live there.

Chris Viland '82 was sworn in as the Cuyahoga County Sheriff in March. Chris has over a 30 year history in law enforcement including being the Police Chief of Solon .

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Mike Clark '85 is CEO of Memphis based Dobbs Truck Group.

Chris McFadden Bushnell '86 and her sister **Dawn McFadden '88** are partners in the law firm McFadden Bushnell, LLC. The Cleveland based firm specializes in elder law planning, special needs planning, general estate planning and probate matters. Dawn and her husband Andre live in Shaker Hts., while Chris and husband Mike also live in Shaker with their sons Sean and Declan.

Carolyn "Caz" Bare Cronje '87 lives in Fairland, South Africa. She is involved in the South African music scene hosting a weekly radio hosting band interviews and local rock music. She even manages the alternative rock band - The Color Blew. She can be heard on <http://mixfm.co.za/> on Sundays from noon to 3 (EST). She is an active member of the South African music scene, managing the Springs based alternative rock band – The Color Blew. She enjoys hosting band interviews on the show and local rock music is a passion of hers that she loves to share.

Eric Burnett '89 is the Chief Commercial Officer and Partner of Arrowstreet Capital, LP, an investment firm that manages Global Equity portfolios for institutional investors. Eric lives in Hingham outside of Boston.

Sara Leikin '91 successfully defended her doctoral dissertation and is graduating this spring with an Ed.D in Educational Program Design from the University of South Florida.

Tyler Davidson '93 was a producer on the film Crypto Zoo, which had its world premiere at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival where it won a jury award.

Jon Day '97 was recently promoted to the rank of Captain with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Jon is also a freight relocation specialist at Cowan Systems outside of Baltimore.

Mary Bruce '99 was sworn in by President Biden, joining the Biden Harris Administration as an Associate Director of the Peace Corps. On a zoom call with appointees from across the federal government, President Biden shared "Very few times does an individual get to do something that can fundamentally positively impact other people's lives, not only here but around the world." As a presidential appointee, Mary Bruce will be helping to rebuild the pipeline of 7,000 volunteers annually in 60+ countries, as Peace Corps relaunches its work after evacuating all volunteers in 2020 due to COVID. Mary began her path to service at the pancake breakfasts at the Rec Center in

Chagrin, and joined AmeriCorps (the domestic Peace Corps) immediately following her graduation from CFHS. Joining AmeriCorps was the best decision I could have made. It informed my world view and every step I've taken since. It also made me a more competitive candidate for college -- which I was able to graduate from debt free as a result. AmeriCorps, and later my Peace Corps service, were foundational aspects of my career. I encourage all CFHS grads -- including alumnae -- to consider serving." Mary is a proud Peace Corps (Morocco) and AmeriCorps (Washington DC) alum, and received her BA from the University of Virginia and MPA from Princeton.

Sara Steines Newstead '00 and her family (including husband, Mike, and kids, Jack and Henry) have moved home to Chagrin. They are looking forward to catching up with old friends as soon as it's safe to do so!

Tim Meaney '01 is Vice President at the Cleveland banking firm of Brown Gibbons Lang and Company.

Matt Wagner '02 is a Senior Director of Investments at The Meritex Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Kevin Consolo '03 is co-founder of SneakERASERS, GolfERASERS, & AutoERASERS. The brands are the first instant sneaker cleaners. Kevin will be presenting the product on Shark Tank on ABC on May 7th at 8:00p.m.

Jimmy Wiencek '03 is Assistant General Counsel at the FBI in Washington, D.C.

Dyan Durachinsky Tirbaso '04 is Vice President and Division Area Manager at First American Title in Cleveland.

Caitie McCaffrey '04 joined the Chief Technology Office at Microsoft as a Technical Advisor.

Jenna Berris '05 is the Content Marketing Marketing Manager at OnShift in Cleveland.

Zach Dworak '05 is a major account manager at CyberArk in Pittsburgh.

RJ Meyer '05 is Director of Supply Chain Transformation & CoE at The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company in Greenville, South Carolina.

Ryan Kostura '06 is the Director of Health & Fitness at the Duquesne Club in Pittsburgh.

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Emily O'Connor Vaisa '06 is a Realtor for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Professional Realty in Chagrin.

Hannah Seligson '06 is a software engineer at AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. in Cleveland.

Drew Shiplett '06 is a sales representative for the medical technologies corporation Stryker in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Maggie Karlovec Baumgartner '07 and her husband Andrew recently opened Savage Craft Ale Works in West Columbia, South Carolina. They chose to renovate a police station, fire department, and jail to house their new venture.

Zacc Martin '07 is the owner of the Hudson, Ohio office of the employment screening company, Veritable Screening.

Daniel Brown '08 is a Growth Consultant at 14 North Strategies in London, England. 14 North consults clients on successful strategies in Africa.

Michael Cappetta '08 is a Corporate Communications Manager for Small Businesses with Facebook. Michael is based out of New York City.

Brandon Schneider '08 executive produced the short film “Significant Other,” which was recently screened at the South by Southwest Film Festival! <https://vimeo.com/505989234>

Tommy Fox '09 created a 32 foot tall sculpture for the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, Virginia. Named “Jumbo Wumbo Technico”, the art is a mix of colorful symbols.

Tommy is a self-employed artist who lives in Richmond.

Kelly O’Connor ‘11 is Director of the Custom Solutions for the Chicago based Jellyvision, which builds interactive communication employee software.

Annie Flesher ‘12 is a Senior Product Manager of Content at Nike in Portland, Oregon.

Nathan Rosengarden ‘12 operates The Rosengarden Company, a music company dedicated to branding and developing blossoming artists in Portland and Los Angeles.

Chris Dobeck ‘14 is a JD candidate at Cleveland’s John Marshall College of Law. This summer Chris will be doing an externship with the Supreme Court of Ohio’s Justice Sharon Kennedy.

Claire Reh fuss ‘14 is an Artificial Intelligence Technical Architect at Microsoft in New York City.

Sam Zdolshek ‘14 was recently being promoted to Senior Software Engineer at the Cincinnati based 84.51°.

Alex Gottschalk ‘15 was promoted to SEO Senior Specialist at Merkle in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Haley Mitroff ‘16 is Marketing Administrator at FMD Architects in Cleveland.

Charlie Winovich ‘16 recently began working at the Denver based Fivetran on the Enterprise Business Development team.

SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$250 ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$100

ADDITIONAL GIVING OPTIONS:

☐ Yearly Alumni Association Membership - \$10

☐ Other - \$_____

Name (incl. Maiden Name):_____ Class Year:_____

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

Other:_____

Street:_____

City:_____

State:_____ Zip:_____

E-mail:_____

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 Dues 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 Schools, 400 E. Washington St.,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth News



To Matt & **Beth Subel Hanson ‘00**, a son,
Jacob Matthew, March 12, 2021.

To Greg & **Kasey Harrigan Hewes ‘03**, a
daughter, Keira Rosemary, Feb. 1, 2021.

To Matt & **Leah Eichenbaum Christie ‘04**, a son, Cameron
Foster, April 10, 2021.

To Vincenzo & **Liz Korkosz Greco ‘04**, a daughter, Cecilia Lin, April 3,
2021.

To **Bill ‘05** & **Jade Knittel O’Brien ‘08**, a daughter, Olivia Ruth,
Feb. 22, 2021.

To Rachel & **Michael Hermanson ‘06**, a son, Graham Michael,
Jan. 6, 2021.

To Sean & **Liz Monda Wilson ‘08**, a son, Warren Garry, March 3,
2021.

To Bryan & **Emma Canter Leuszler ‘10**, a daughter, Esmé
Quinn, Jan. 19, 2021.

To Kelsey & **Sam DeGreen ‘12**, a son, Charles Major, Jan. 16,
2021.

In Memoriam

Harold Schultz ‘43

Jim Lewis ‘59

Judy Rood Solether ‘59

Jim Shelton ‘60

Geraldine Larker Fisher ‘60

Helen VerDuin Palit ‘66

Jan Cory Parrish ‘70

Mike Freeman ‘70

Marcia Olewiler Davis ‘70

Barry Goodrich ‘75

Retired Intermediate School teacher Michael Masenthin

Retired Middle School teacher Ed Gardner

Donations

We would like to thank all those for their donations to the CFAA
and recognize the recent contributions in memory of retired
CFMS teacher, CFHS basketball coach, and CFAA Alumni
Director **Tom Mattern ‘55**.

Larry Wiley ‘55

Richard ‘57 & Loretta Rufener Pinkett ‘59

Sue & **Jim Fitz ‘58**

Carroll Terry ‘59

Karen Swaye Blewitt ‘65

Debbie North ‘70

Steve Shutts ‘70

Donna Rogers Frazier ‘71

Kem Mahan Mirsky ‘71

Andy Sworan ‘72

John Tillotson ‘72

Eric Malmquist ‘75

Scott Hageman ‘76

Kate Batchelor Cravens ‘80

Steven & **Cindy Keim Girouard ‘85**

Colleen McCarthy Mellon ‘87

Brian McKenna ‘88

David ‘02 & Alexe Leone Stecker ‘07

The Kiffner Family - Paul, **Kent ‘97, Kirk ‘98, Kyle ‘01, &
Courtney ‘02**

The Taft Family - Sally, Barnes, **Ginna ‘80, Tad ‘85**, Megan, &
Logan ‘19

Retired CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. Glenn Wyville & Marilyn
Wyville, retired Chagrin Schools Secretary,

Retired CFHS math teacher and coach Bob & Jene Ohlrich

Retired CFMS teachers Linda Tirabasso Haas (math) and
Stephen Haas (English)

Retired assistant librarian Judy Riemenschneider

Retired Sands Elementary School Principal Myron & Mary
Riegel

Retired art teacher Kathleen Riley

Retired CFMS English teacher Ann Barker

Larry & Joyce Moore

Steve and Kim Pandy

Shirley Ashby

Current Officers & Trustees

- Brian McKenna '88 – Alumni Director
- Wendy Koepf Davis '78 – Pres.
- Todd Kruse '93 – 1st Vice Pres.
- Andy Weingart '96 – 2nd Vice Pres.
- BJ Koval '03 – Treasurer
- Jana Boysen Young '82 – Office Manager/Asst. Treas.
- Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71 – Secretary
- Jack Schron '66 - President Emeritus
- Mary Beth O'Donnell Wolfe '82
- Kelly Shuster Hendricks '83
- Pete Goldman '85
- Heather Kessell Reeder '87
- Anne O'Donnell Harmody '87
- Stacey Ehrenbeit Blair '88
- Laurel Worley Heater '89
- Lindsey Griffith Phillips '93
- Brittany Anderson '04

Hall of Fame Committee Members

- Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71
- Stacey Ehrenbeit Blair '88
- Brian McKenna '88
- Laura Wurster Jones '91
- Chad Schron '94
- Andy Weingart '96
- BJ Koval '03

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Bill Cutshaw '58 has given a donation in memory of retired teacher, athletic director, and coach Ralph Quesinberry.

We would like to thank the **Class of '59** for giving their class funds to the Alumni Association.

Kathy Kiel Lewis '64 has given her Tiger Pride membership in memory of retired CFHS English teacher Miss Elsa Jane Carroll.

Donna Rogers Frazier '71 has given her dues in memory of **Tom Mattern '55** and retired CFHS band director Dr. William Foley, and CFHS history teacher Mr. Dale Richmond.

Cindy Felger Helbig '74 has given her dues in memory of **Tom Mattern '55**.

Cindy Keimn Girouard '85 has given a donation to the CFAA Scholarship Fund in memory of classmate **Sean Kay '85** and **Tom Mattern '55**.

Retired CFHS teacher Mr. Jim Cowan made a donation in memory of retired English department colleague Mrs. Gayle Nemeth.

Retired CFMS teacher Mr. Greg Gamm has given his Tiger Pride membership in memory of colleague Mr. Jim Bucar and all of his former students, players and fellow staff members he had worked with.

CFAA Scholarship Committee

- Todd Kruse '93 – Chairperson
- Mary Beth O'Donnell Wolfe '82
- Anne O'Donnell Harmody '87
- Lindsey Griffith Phillips '93
- Emily O'Connor Vaisa '06

Marketing & Social Media

- Kelly Shuster Hendricks '83
- Heather Kessell Reeder '87
- Laurel Worley Heater '89
- Brittany Anderson '04

Social

- Stacey Ehrenbeit Blair '88 – Chairperson
- Debi Shukys Gebler '75
- Jana Boysen Young '82
- Pete Goldman '85
- Heather Kessell Reeder '87
- Lindsey Griffith Phillips '93

Historical Room Committee

- John Tillotson '72 – Curator, Master Craftsman and CFAA Photographer

Tiger Tales Committee

- Brian McKenna '88 – Author
- Jana Boysen Young '82 – Proof Reader
- Kim Kaifesh – Proof Reader
- John Tillotson '72 – Photographer

Fundraising & Capital Campaign

- Jack Schron '66
- Kelly Shuster Hendricks '83
- Andy Weingart '96

ALMA MATER

As the mist lifts high above us
In the valley view,
There you stand, our Alma Mater
Clear and brave and true.
May we always keep your honor,
Keep your standards high,
Hold your memories always with us
As the years go by.

Tho in time our paths may lead us
Far across the sea,
Still our love will bind us ever
Hand in hand with thee.
Proudly singing of your honor,
Cry above the din
Praise to thee, our Alma Mater
Praise to thee, Chagrin.

THROWBACK PHOTOS



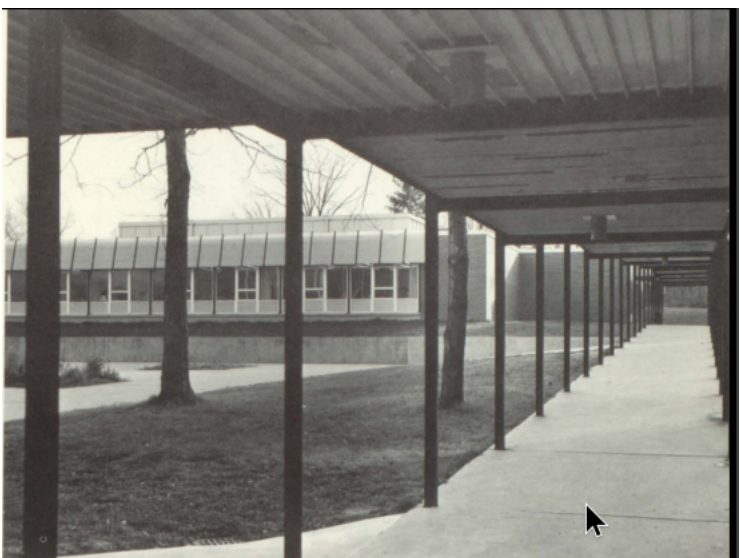
Left - English teachers dressed in tie-die for spirit week. Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Ashkettle, Mr. Kirk, & Ms. Serensky.



Right: Students passing from building to building in 1963



Left: A photo from the 1965 Zenith showing the main high school building with the language arts wing, which would later be Commons, on the left.



Right: The covered walkway between the main building and language arts section with the gym being connected with a walkway as well.



Left: All school spirit assembly 1996-97.



Right: James Esposito '98 breaks through the run-through prior to a home football game.



Majorettes from the 1956-57 school year.



Mr. Wem overseeing swimming in gym class. (1981-82)

TENTS FOR RENT

The CFAA has two tents available for rent for your parties. Both are white 18' by 30' professional grade tents. They are kept at the school, so pick up and drop off is very simple. Please contact us at the Alumni Office if interested at alumni@chagrinschools.org or 440-247-4387.

