



# CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fellow Alumni & Friends,

On behalf of the CFAA, I would like to pass along wishes for a safe 2022 with hopes that we can soon enjoy alumni activities as we have in the past. We eventually will be hosting the CFAA Euchre Tournament for not only alumni, but those that want to join in on a fun filled evening of cards and friends.

The CFHS Day in Florida is slated for February 26th at an outdoor venue in Lakewood Ranch. Blossom will be over the weekend of May 27 - May 30 beginning with the All-Class Reunion on Friday evening and several reunions tentatively scheduled for the Saturday night.

We will be hosting the 29th Chagrin Falls Schools Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony during Homecoming Weekend (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1). The details of the event will be forthcoming. The class

includes **Dr. Bill Albers '70, Rob Crombie '70, Dr. Eric Pamer '73, Kevin Ryan '81, Dr. Lisa Kroon '88, Leslie Cakra '09, Megan Takacs '09, and Chris Trinetti '10.**

These past two months we saw the passing of three key teachers at Chagrin Schools that played such a role in our development as students. Mr. Myron "Skip" Riegel began as a 6th grade science teacher, but spent many of his years as the Principal at Lewis Sands Elementary School. Mr. Lenny Balk spent 32 years teaching AP English at the high school, while also leading the speech and debate team and yearbook. Mr. Glenn Wyville had many roles at Chagrin Schools. While he began in the middle school, he would spend the majority of his career as a health and physical education teacher at the high school. Additionally he was the Athletic Director for nine years and coached the baseball team for

ten years. However, his lasting impact for many was his 28 years leading the boys basketball team where they amassed 352 wins. Each of these three men pushed us to achieve more, believe in ourselves, and to have strong character in our future pursuits.

We are thankful for so many of you donating during this time. We hope that you can include a contribution to the CFAA in 2022. We are appreciative that some of you may consider a larger gift whether in the near future or in your estate planning. We would be more than happy to discuss how your charitable contribution can help further our mission.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Tiger Tales. We welcome you sharing news on you for a future issue.

Brian McKenna '88  
Alumni Director

# Fall Athletic Season Wrap-Up

The fall season for Chagrin Falls High School was memorable. More than 300 student-athletes (65 seniors) competed the fall season. Chagrin Falls had 13 student-athletes named 1st team CVC, 14 named 2nd team CVC, and 20 named honorable mention CVC.

The girls soccer team won the Chagrin Valley Conference, district championship, regional championship, and state championship finishing their season with a 18-3-2 record. It was the second time the team has won the state championship (1996 was the other). Co-Head

Coaches Pamela Malone and Joe Ciuni were named CVC Coaches of the Year. In addition Coach Malone was named the Coach of the Year for Greater Cleveland, Ohio, and the Midwest. In January she will be recognized for her selection as the National Coach of the Year at the United Soccer Association's 2022 Convention in Kansas City. Sarah Burgess (**Kasie Diamond Burgess '94**) and Peyton Gellin were named all Ohio for girls soccer along with Alex Cantor for boys soccer. Peyton was also selected All American.

With the win, the Tigers won their second girls soccer state championship in school history. The first came in 1996, a 1-0 win over Hamilton Badin. The win also was the last for Malone, who closes out her 30-year

career at Chagrin Falls with a 398-141-59 record and two state championships.

In state competition, our girls cross country team came in 3rd at districts, and placed 3rd at regionals and qualified for the state meet. Mila Gresh finished 24th to make All Ohio. The boys cross country team finished in 3rd place at districts, 8th at regionals, and two boys qualified for state.

Not only was it a successful season on the field of play, but also in the classroom. 36 student-athletes were 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.

## National Letter of Intent Signing Day.

Left to Right (Andrew Kirkpatrick, Sam Partain, Peyton Gellin, & Jane Peck)



Girls lacrosse player Jane Peck (**Marlo Galey Peck '91**) has signed a National Letter of Intent to play at LaSalle University. Jane has already lettered three years. She also was a cheerleader

Wrestler Sam Partain has signed a National Letter of Intent to wrestle at Lake Erie College. Sam will earn his fourth varsity letter. He also played football for a year. Sam has already earned

all conference the previous three years. In 2020 he was a state alternate.

Girls lacrosse player Peyton Gellin has signed a National Letter of Intent to play at Kent State University. Peyton lettered all four years. She also has participated in Girls Soccer (4 year letter winner) and Girls Basketball (4 year letter winner). Peyton was All Ohio in girls lacrosse and soccer and All

American in soccer.

Baseball player Andrew Kirkpatrick (**Barb Landy Miller '89**) decided to commit to Wittenberg University. Andrew has already lettered his previous three years. He also played football and hockey at Chagrin lettering three times in each sport. Andrew made all conference in all three sports.



## RETIREES HOLIDAY GATHERING

In early December our retirees gathered for their annual holiday dinner.

Seated (Left to Right): Jack Stanton, Doris Bernoski, Claudette Whitelaw, Linda Mattern, Mary Lou Riegel, Marilyn Wyville, Phyllis Nelson, Jene Ohlrich, Judy Riemenschneider, Ellen Richman

Standing (L to R): Gary Nelson, Sandy Ennemoser, Lynn Mouritson, Anita Eberl, Janet Brown, Bob Brown, David Buckle, John Rydquist, Sally Kaas-Lyle, Bob Ohlrich, Ray Battles, Jean Sulik, Jim Whitelaw.

Photo by John Tillotson '72

## Retiree News

A number of retired high school teachers have been busy. German teacher Dr. Mario Gerhardt finished his 52nd season coaching high school boys soccer and was also a member of the Ohio Masters age 80+ Medley Relay Team that recently won a National Championship. Art teacher Kenn Hetzel was recently honored with the Best In Show award at the Chagrin Valley Art Center's 50th Annual Juried Art Exhibition for his piece "Abstracted Faith: Tired of Hanging Around." Fellow high school art teacher, Dave King, recently finished a solo exhibition, Transience and the Gift of Curiosity, at the HEDGE Gallery in Cleveland.

## Alumni Veterans & Service Members Visit Gurney Students

The Chagrin Falls Schools has chosen the theme of "Choose Courage" for this school year. A number of activities have occurred in all the buildings during the first half of the year. At Gurney Elementary the students were fortunate to have visits via Zoom from alumni that are or did serve in our armed services. Sharing their stories of courage serving our country were **Lieutenant Colonel Jack Schron '66** (Retired - Army), **Colonel Dr. Tom Martinko '74** (Retired - Army), **Lieutenant Colonel Angela Gambone Hudson '88** (Retired - Air Force), **Captain Bo Johns '91** (Navy), **Lieutenant Lindsay Bartel Hernandez '99** (Retired - Navy), **Major Marty Wallenhorst '04** (Retired - Army), **Captain Patrick Wallenhorst '08** (Retired - Army), and **First Class Petty Officer Doug Liber '09** (Active - Navy). We would like to thank these 8 alumni for sharing their time with our future Chagrin graduates.

## Marriages

**Alex Warren '08** & Melissa Faber, Oct. 9, 2021.

Will Clements & **Susannah Shelley '10**, Dec. 3, 2021.

**Jake Hinch '13** & Emma Sterkel, Sept. 25, 2021.

**Matt Wolfe '13** & Christi DiFrank, Oct. 9, 2021.

Hunter Chenevey & **Nadia McGinnis '18**, Oct. 16, 2021.

## Births

To Shannon & **Scot Wahl '97**, a daughter, Parker King, Nov. 18, 2021.

To **Andrew '03** & **Cyleigh Brez Rutherford '03**, a son, Beckett William, Nov. 14, 2021.

To Justin & **Betsy Strickler Ramirez '03**, a son, Daniel Edwin, Nov. 9, 2021.

To Mary Louisa & **Jimmy Wiencek '03**, a son, Henry Whitman, Aug. 29, 2021.

To Tom & **Devon Murphy Shaughnessy '04**, a daughter, Cameron Murphy, Nov. 23, 2021.

To Alaina & **Zach Dworak '05**, a daughter, Mackenzie Noelle, Aug. 24, 2021.

To Jason & **Colleen Koval Law '06**, a son, Beau Daniel, Dec. 6, 2021.

To Dave & **Phoebe Brown Costa '06**, a daughter, Leighton Slattery, Nov. 23, 2021.

To Jón & **Kerry Chemnitz Pálmason '06**, a son, William "Liam", Sept. 22, 2021.

To Molly & **Judd Harrold '06**, a son, Beau Michael, Oct. 15, 2021.

To Misty & **Jesse Howell '06**, a son, Ezra James, Sept. 28, 2021.

To Josh & **Robyn Leopold Tevepough '06**, a daughter, Dove Elise, Sept. 30, 2021.

To Derek & **Hannah Wellman Dombrowski '06**, a daughter, Lily Jean, July 17, 2021.

To Josh & **Melissa Grubich Hunter '09**, a son, Bo Brady, Sept. 14, 2021.

To Jeff & **Lanier Savage Felten '09**, a daughter, Nora Mitchell, Dec. 21, 2021.

To Lauren & **Patrick Cogan '12**, a son, Cameron Robert, Nov. 1, 2021.

## In Memoriam

**Jean Davis Hyer '52**

**Barbara Crowe Richter '53**

**Steve Mahan '66**

**Bob Godwin '69**

**Sue Quesinberry Moroz '74**

**Norm Brakeman '74**

**Lori MacRitchie '75**

**Tony Zalba '85**

**Kevin Schlundt '88**

**Kim Haase Ferguson '00**

**Michael Hogan '00**

**Quinn Clarke '18**

Retired science & physical education teacher, athletic director, and coach Glenn Wyville

Retired elementary school teacher Myron "Skip" Riegel

Retired high school English teacher and speech and debate coach Lenny Balk

Retired high school English teacher Jim Cowan

Food Service employee Marylee Halaburda

## Donations

**Marilyn Sue Fluitt Lambert '63** made a donation in memory of retired Home Ec teacher Mrs. Ruth Maus.

**Cathy Riegler Van Hof '64** has recently made her Tiger Pride donation in honor of retired CFHS



history teacher and football coach John Piai and in memory of retired CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. Glenn Wyville.

**Marilyn Martinko Allan '69** has made a donation in memory of retired high school guidance counselor and math teacher Miss Kathryn Warner.

**Janet Somers Gauvin '69** has made her Tiger Pride donation in memory of her father, who passed away this past May at the age of 100 ½.

**Tim Calloway '75** has made a donation in memory of retired CFHS teacher, coach & A.D. Glenn Wyville.

**Buck McWilliams '75** has made a donation in memory of retired CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. Glenn Wyville.

Retired CFHS German teacher and soccer coach Dr. Mario Gerhardt has made donations in memory of retired CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. Glenn Wyville and retired Sands Elementary School Principal Myron "Skip" Riegel. The Taft Family - Sally, **Ginna '80**, & **Tad '85** have made a donation

## IN THE NEWS

**Marilyn Martinko Allan '69** retired after teaching math at the middle and high school levels plus accounting at Central Michigan University. Marilyn now has time to enjoy her grandkids, her lake house, and her golden retriever, Annie.

**Janet Somers Gauvin '69** has been enjoying retirement these past few years with her husband. Besides traveling, she keeps busy with her seven grandchildren, especially supporting them at their sports activities.

**Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71** is looking forward to serving her 2nd term on S. Russell Council, which began this month.

**Eric Malmquist '75** has retired after 39 years at ColArt Americas. Eric was a Sales Representative for the fine arts supplies company.

**Jeff McKenna '77** was recently elected Vice Mayor of Weaverville, North Carolina. Jeff had previously been a councilman for the town. Jeff's day job is as Senior Vice President of the global communication development company Speakeasy.

**Greg Hincke '83** started a new position as Acquisition Program Manager Supervisor with the United States Air Force at Tinkers Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

**Mack McFarland '85**, a safety, health, and wellness manager at Grand Teton National Park, has been named as the Wildland Fire Safety Specialist for the National Park Service (NPS) Branch of Wildland Fire. He has been working in a variety of positions at Grand Teton National Park since 1992. Mack and his family live in Moran, WY and enjoy living in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. He has served as a volunteer firefighter for 17 years, including as a structure fire station captain. Mack is an avid horseman and assists 4H leaders in teaching horsemanship and horse care to several age groups of 4H participants.

**Jon Howell '87** was promoted to Paint Technician Level 2 for Axalta Coatings in Mooresville, North Carolina.

Social entrepreneur and humanitarian **Wendy Diamond '88** founder of Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization (WEDO) as well as Animal Fair Media, initially funded and created the very first Start Up Accelerator Program enabling disabled women to be successful entrepreneurs launched on the 31st anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This is in partnership with 2Gether International and the Loreen Arbus Foundation to support disabled women in entrepreneurship providing resources, funding and mentorship. Google for StartUps just came on to fund the entire program!

**Lisa Kah Vranich '88** was recently promoted to Regional Vice President of Avalon Risk

Management where she oversees the Atlanta/Charleston area coordinating sales expansion for Avalon in their southern region.

**Lisa Krok '88** is the Adult & Teen Services Manager at the Morley Library in Painesville, Ohio. Lisa is also an author with her most recent book being *Novels in Verse for Teens: A Guidebook with Activities for Teachers and Librarians*. Lisa reviews YA for School Library Journal, blogs for Teen Librarian Toolbox, and her passion is reaching marginalized teens and reluctant readers through young adult literature. She has served on both the Best Fiction for Young Adults and Quick Picks for Reluctant Reader's teams.

**Virginia Linck Gonzales '92** is the owner of Remnants Bag Company, which has two locations in Chagrin. Virginia designs and makes all bags in her locations and that are sold online ([remnantsbagcompany.com](http://remnantsbagcompany.com)). She also collaborates and sources exclusively with over 10 locally and US based small businesses.

**Christy Carlson '96** is a Marketing Coordinator/Technical Editor at Symbiont in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**José Feliciano Jr. '97** is the External Affairs Manager at Greater Cleveland RTA. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the nonprofit civic leadership organization The Hispanic Roundtable. José is also President Emeritus of the Young Latino Network.

**Brye Gerhardt '97** was promoted to the position of General Manager for the Cleveland branch of Otis Elevator. Prior to joining Otis, Brye was an Officer in the United States Navy after earning a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the United States Naval Academy. Brye and his family live in Bainbridge.

**Sarah Sutliff Kaseler '97** recently started a new position as a paraprofessional at Orange City Schools.

**Justin White '01** is a lawyer in residence at

Lawyaw, a company that provides document automation platforms for law firms and is based in San Francisco.

**Kris Magnuson '03** officially released an album, *A Tacit Accord*, with an art rock project that he founded called Ver Novum. Kris plays guitar and keys on the album and wrote the songs. Ver Novum is currently scheduling shows for 2022. To listen and learn more, you can visit [www.vernovumband.com](http://www.vernovumband.com).

**Emily Smith Hosselman '03** is a Product Marketing Lead at Google in San Francisco. She and her husband, Chris, were recently featured on NPR's Marketplace for a story on the changing roles of parents during the pandemic and how they successfully handled it with their daughters Susanna and Eleanor.

**Brad Binder '06** is Director of Data & Analytics at Hulu in Los Angeles.

**Brad Owen '04** is Founder and CEO of NeverBounce, the leading real time email verification and cleaning service. Director of Operations for the Cleveland based company is **Rachel Kostura '06**.

**AJ Abelman '09** owns a photography business in Chicago with a focus on weddings <https://www.ajabelman.com/>.

**Lisa Eisenberg '09** is the Director of Debt Management at Ohio Treasurer of State. Lisa was recently honored as one of The Bond Buyer's 2021 class of Rising Stars. The Bond Buyer is a national trade daily newspaper.

**Cam McLellan '10** is an Organization & Workforce Transformation Consultant at PwC in Columbus, Ohio.

**Taylor Parrish '10** has a new job as a storyboard artist at Warner Bros Animation in Los Angeles.

**Wes Kenyon '12** is a software engineer at Phreesia, a patient intake software company, in Cleveland.

This past summer **Whitney Black '13** bought a camper and lived in it for 46 days while visiting 25 states and 19 national parks.

**Alex Cunningham '13** is a Sales Development Representative at the educational software development company Instructure. Alex is based in Delray Beach, Florida.

**Taylor DiPasquale '13** is a Project Coordinator for the Build/Design Group at Marous Brothers Construction in Cleveland.

**Ashlyn Flaherty '13** is the Team Lead, Enterprise Operations at Coyote Logistics in Chicago. Ashlyn recently fulfilled her lifelong dream of visiting Disneyland.

**Nikki Ilkanich '13** is making handmade ceramics, check out her work on Instagram @rubyroots.studio.

**Claire Kampman Marasco '13** is a Senior Manager of Regulatory Affairs at Forge Biologics in Pittsburgh.

**Austin Quinn '13** is Senior Financial Analyst at Peloton Interactive in New York City. Austin recently completed the New York City Marathon.

**Christina Vento '13** has released her new music under the name "stina vento". Check out "Relax Your Mind" on Spotify.

**Sonia Fantz '14** recently graduated with her Master's of Science in Secondary Education from Johns Hopkins University with a Education Policy focus. Sonia was quite busy while she was completing her degree. She was also teaching as part of the Teach for America Corps, participated in three pending publications, and completed a thesis focused on Culturally Responsive Teaching. Sonia is excited to apply all of her research and experience to her future endeavors in educational and healthcare equity.

The Tennessee Titans hired their first official analytics employee, adding **Matt Iammarino '14** as assistant developer, analytical football research to Jon Robinson's player personnel

department. Matt helps with the team's scouting database development and some analytical and statistical research. He has a computer science degree from Denison University, where he played receiver, and a masters in computer science from Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**Claire Rehfuess '14** was a contestant on season 23 of Big Brother. Outside of the TV show Claire is an established AI Technical Architect who has written code for national election campaigns, Fortune 500 companies, & even satellites.

**Chloe Slavin '14** is a Senior Account Executive at public relations & social media company Fahlgren Mortine in Cleveland. She and her fiancé David Cremi bought their first home last June in University Heights and plan to be married this September in Cleveland.

**Alex Gottschalk '15** is a SEO (Search Engine Optimization) Specialist at Keurig Dr. Pepper in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Emilie Gunn '16** is a Marketing Associate at the commercial property company Colliers in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Hollis Roush '16** was recently promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Coast Guard, which is the second commissioned officer rank and is equivalent to the rank of First Lieutenant in other branches of the Armed Services. Hollis graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy with an Electrical Engineering major. Athletically she competed on the track and field team, water polo squad, and women's rugby team.

**Alex Moore '17** is an Account Executive at NewDay USA in West Palm Florida.

**Sabrina Boral '18** is a Financial Product Analyst at Bloomberg LP.

**David Cavanagh '18** is currently serving at the Cleveland Clinic, through the National Guard, hoping to return to Ohio State to complete a degree in Biology.

## Betcha' Didn't Know

- High school English teacher Lenny Balk and middle school physical education teacher Jim Bucar were classmates at Shaw High School. Due to the common alphabet seating, Mr. Balk would sit in front of Mr. Bucar in several classes.
- High school teachers Bob Ohlrich and Glenn Wyville were not only graduates of Bedford High School, but were teammates on the baseball team.
- The 2021 girls soccer team, which won the Div. 2 State Championship, finished ranked 23rd in the nation.
- For 22 years (1924 - 1946) the Chagrin Falls Exponent printed the high school newspaper, the Echo, in its pages. In 1946, a change occurred when the high school began to publish its own Echo. Students were charged three cents for the first publication.
- In 1927 Lewis Sands was selected principal at CFHS. Seven years later he was selected superintendent. Even with that position, he still was required to teach Civic classes. He would retire as superintendent in 1957 and would serve as the clerk-treasurer of the school until 1959.

Excerpts from *History of the Chagrin Falls Schools, 1833 - 1960* by Tom Mattern '55:

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.

## Do You Remember

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; Evans Printing Company; 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 Bainbrider; 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;

## History of Community Education

In 1959, the Chagrin Falls Board of Education officially sanctioned courses to be offered through a newly formed Adult Education Committee. Altogether 14 courses were available in the first ever community education program at Chagrin Schools.

The cost was \$10 for each ten week course.

| Course                    | Instructor                                |
|---------------------------|---|
| Art, Painting and Drawing | David Phillip Wilson                      |
| Home Handicraft           | Norman Fry                                |
| Law for the Layman        | Judge William K. Thomas                   |
| Patterns of Culture       | Eugene Langstaff                          |
| Creative Writing          | Will Stanton                              |
| Conversational Spanish    | James Reed                                |
| Gem Grinding: Lapidary    | Bayard Gels                               |
| Religions of the U.N.     | The Reverend John W. Townsend             |
| Physical Education (Men)  | Ralph Quesinberry                         |
| Physical Education        | Ralph Quesinberry                         |
| Great Books               | Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bares                   |
| Great Books               | James Huston and Ralph Merriman           |
| World Politics Discussion | Eugene R. Langstaff and E. Nelson Salathe |
| Democracy U.S.A.          | Dr. and Mrs. Paul Zeit                    |

## CLASS & REUNION NEWS

### CFHS Day in Florida

The annual CFHS Day in Florida will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Summerfield Community Park Pavilion, an outdoor venue, in Lakewood Ranch. Cost is \$20. If you are attending please send a check for \$20.00 to Suzanne Sutton Wright. 2875 Swifton Dr. #64 Sarasota, Florida 34231. The menu will include sub sandwiches with side dishes. If you are a vegetarian, please indicate on your check so they may accommodate your needs. You can also find out more information on their Facebook group page, All Class Reunion Florida Chagrin Falls High School. Questions can also be emailed to [wsuzannebg@yahoo.com](mailto:wsuzannebg@yahoo.com).

The **Class of '62** have tentative plans for a 60 year reunion weekend in August. The Friday evening activity will include a tour of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society to be followed with snacks, beverages, and a viewing of the Rec Center video. Saturday will include a tour of the Intermediate School with lunch to follow and a viewing of the Save Grove Hill video. Expect updates via email and FaceBook private [group](#). Please confirm & update your contact information via [CFHS1962atplay@gmail.com](mailto:CFHS1962atplay@gmail.com).

Due to the recent high incidence of Covid cases in this area, and the complications that those cases bring, the **Class of '67** is postponing their 55th reunion in 2022. Instead, it will be converted to a "55 + 1" event in the Spring of 2023, when (and if) Covid calms. Please understand that this decision has been made with the utmost concern for all classmates. Your input is always appreciated anytime at [cwysinc@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwysinc@roadrunner.com) (Cindy Close Wyszynski), or at [hstngs@gmail.com](mailto:hstngs@gmail.com) (Ralph Hastings).

The **Class of 1970** has rescheduled their postponed 50th Reunion from two years ago and will be held in 2022. The date of their reunion weekend is October 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2022. It is again scheduled to be a three day event. Although it will be the 50 + 2 Reunion, it has also been renamed as the '70 is 70 Reunion. Additional information will be posted on their Facebook page and sent via email throughout the spring and

summer. Please keep in contact with any questions, concerns or changes to your email address to Darrell at [commish94@aol.com](mailto:commish94@aol.com). Be safe for we all can't wait to gather and see each other in 2022.

The **Class of '71** is having their belated 50th reunion during Blossom time weekend 2022. There will be a Saturday evening get-together at Village Martini & Wine Bar.

The **Class of '77** has decided to postpone their 45th reunion in 2022 and will have it over Blossom Weekend of 2023.

The **Class of '78** will be having their reunion 45 year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2023.

The Class of **1979** will be having an informal gathering to celebrate their 43rd reunion. The date is Saturday, May 28th. Contacts for the event are Betsy Towns ([btowns79@gmail.com](mailto:btowns79@gmail.com)) and Jeff Baker ([bakej38@gmail.com](mailto:bakej38@gmail.com)). Details will be posted on their class [website](#).

**Class of '80** - Mark your calendars to a 42nd year reunion in 2022.

The **Class of '82** will have their 40th reunion, Saturday, May 28. More details to follow. Please contact Janine Groth Blackburn at [jrblackbourn@yahoo.com](mailto:jrblackbourn@yahoo.com) if you would like to help plan the event. We have booked Katydid

lodge at Frohring Meadows off Savage Rd. for Saturday night. We would love to have more activities planned for the weekend, so we are asking for classmates to step up with ideas and offer their time to make this a fun weekend. More info will be sent out in email blasts and can be found on our facebook page: CFHS class of 1982. If you haven't already done so, please join our Facebook page.

The **Class of 1987** are currently making plans for their 35-year reunion Blossom Weekend 2022. Valarie Peckis Mariola, Marty Weber, and Kip Dodson will be heading up the festivities. Classmates make sure they have your most recent contact information by emailing at [kip@dodsonmc.com](mailto:kip@dodsonmc.com). You can also keep updated on the plans at the Facebook group Chagrin Falls High School - Class of 1987.

The **Class of 1992** is planning their 30 year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2022 (Saturday May 28, 2022). Please make sure to join our Facebook group, CFHS 92, if you haven't already for timely updates. If you're not into FB, please email Lauren (Davidson) Perko, [lolaperko@gmail.com](mailto:lolaperko@gmail.com), with a current email address and/or phone number. Thanks! Hope to see you all there!

**Class of 1997's** 25th reunion is tentatively planned for Blossom Weekend on Saturday, May 28th 2022. We are looking for someone to lead and coordinate the event and need your help. Please contact Jenny Freshman Ward at [jfreshman@hotmail.com](mailto:jfreshman@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping. Jenny unfortunately has a personal commitment and will be out of town and needs someone else to run point.

The **Class of 2002** is tentatively planning to hold their 20 year reunion during Blossom weekend. If you're interested in helping organize the reunion,

please email Matt Trinetti at [mtrinetti@gmail.com](mailto:mtrinetti@gmail.com).

The **Class of 2005** are hoping to put on a happy hour style reunion in May 2022. 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](mailto:kimberly.leary@gmail.com)) or Lindsay Street Kepreos ([lstreet212@gmail.com](mailto:lstreet212@gmail.com)) with any questions. We hope everyone is staying healthy and that we can come together soon!

The **Class of 2011** will be having a belated 10-year reunion on the Saturday over Blossom Weekend 2022. Make sure to get your contact information to Thomas Donley at [thomasmdonley@gmail.com](mailto:thomasmdonley@gmail.com).

The **Class of 2012** is planning for their 10 year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2022 (May 27-31)! Please make sure to join our Facebook group, [Chagrin Falls High School Class of 2012](#), if you haven't already. **Look out for a survey in our Facebook group in January regarding the reunion.** To pass along your current email address or to get involved, please email Brooke McEntee at [brookemc12@gmail.com](mailto:brookemc12@gmail.com).

The **Class of 2017** has tentative plans for their 5 year reunion on Saturday, May 28th of Blossom Weekend. Classmates are asked to make sure the Reunion Committee has your most up to date contact information by emailing Trout Westbrook ([brooketrout272@gmail.com](mailto:brooketrout272@gmail.com)) or Kate Weston ([westonkl12@gmail.com](mailto:westonkl12@gmail.com)).

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# CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS: A BRIEF CHRONICLED HISTORY

**1834** - One-room schoolhouses emerged throughout the village.

**1842/1843** - The Asbury Seminary School was built on the west side of Philomethian Street. This school was conducted in the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church but under private ownership.

**1849** - The first board of education was established in Chagrin Falls.

**1858** - The Asbury Seminary was closed and purchased by the board of education which began to consolidate village schoolhouses into a Union School. Board minutes first named it Chagrin Falls High School but the use of that name did not last. The Asbury Seminary was sold for salvage in 1893.

**1879** – By completing the entire required curriculum, Hugh Christian received the first Chagrin Falls High School diploma. He was the only member of the graduating class.

**1885/1886** - The brick Philomethian Street School was built.

It was also referred to as the Chagrin Falls Union School.

**1892** - A 750 seat assembly hall and schoolrooms were added to the Philomethian Street School.

**1895** - Electric lights were installed in the Philomethian Street School.

**1907** - The Chagrin Falls Schools were granted a charter from the State Department of Education entitled, "First Grade High School," meaning a four-year high school. Prior to that most high schools were 3 years.

**1909** - A separate wood-frame two classroom building (1st & 2nd grade) was built on the southeast corner of the Philomethian Street property.

**1913** - The grandstand was built at the old Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds on East Washington Street, the present football stadium.

**1914** - A brick high school building was built facing East Washington Street.

**1923** - Alterations were made to the Philomethian Street School including a gymnasium for use by the high school.

**1927** - The board of education acquired the use of 54 acres of land at the site of the old Cuyahoga County

Fairgrounds on East Washington Street for educational and recreational purposes.

**1930** - A separate wood-frame cafeteria and home economics building was built at the site of the teachers' parking lot on Philomethian Street next to the Federated Church.

**1937** - The Chagrin Falls Schools became the Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools, "exempt" from county control.





**1939/1940** - A large addition to the 1914 high school building was built which consisted of space for an elementary school program, library, auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria, and industrial arts wing. The 1914 high school/elementary school building was often referred to as the Philomethian Street School.

**1940** - The wood-frame 1st and 2nd grade building and the brick Philomethian Street School were torn down.

**1945** - The first night football game was held at the high school football field.

**1946** - The old wood-frame cafeteria and home economics building was sold and the space it occupied was used as a playground for the lower grades.

**1952** - A third floor was added above the cafeteria at the 1914 high school/elementary school building.

**1957** - The Lewis Sands Elementary School was built on the site of the old Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds on East Washington Street.

**1959** - The first outdoor graduation ceremony was held at the athletic field on East Washington Street. A new high school was built at the site of the old Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds; the Class of 1960 was the first to graduate from the new building.



**1961** - A separate “little red schoolhouse” was built next to the Lewis Sands School. A new gymnasium and language arts building, now used as the cafeteria and commons at the high school, were built.

**1963** - The Chagrin Valley Conference was organized.

**1965** - An addition to the high school, consisting of a library and industrial arts wing, was built.

**1966** - The T.C. Gurney Elementary School was built in South Russell.

**1968** - Additional classrooms were added to Gurney School. New classrooms and a separate music building were added at the high school. A press box was added to the visitor’s bleachers at the high school athletic field.

**1971** - The bus garage was built at Gurney School. An additional gymnasium and a second industrial arts wing were built at the high school. The “little red schoolhouse” was connected with the original Lewis Sands building and new classrooms built. The library was expanded at the middle school on Philomethian Street.

**1972** - Miscellaneous renovations were continued at the middle school. Additional classrooms were added to Gurney School.

**1983** - Gurney School was closed due to declining enrollment.

**1984** - Renovations were made to the old grandstand. A new all-weather track was installed at the high school athletic field.

**1988** - Gurney School was reopened due to increasing enrollment. Major renovations were made at Gurney School.

**1989** - Major renovations were made at the middle school. Interior renovations were made at Lewis Sands School. The high school science labs were renovated and a new entranceway was built at the high school gymnasium. The grandstand was renovated at the high school athletic field.

**1996** - The Chagrin Valley Conference was realigned.

**1998/1999** - Most of Lewis Sands School was torn down. A new Chagrin Falls Middle School containing grades 7-8 was built at the Lewis Sands School location with shared-use facilities connecting it with the high school. The former Chagrin Falls Middle School on Philomethian Street was renovated and renamed the Chagrin Falls Intermediate School containing grades 4-6. Four new classrooms were added on at the high school. Athletic fields were added at Gurney School. Additions and renovations were made at Gurney School, a classroom wing and gymnasium.

**2000** - The high school gymnasium floor was replaced. A photography lab was added to the high school.



**2001** - Scoreboards and a comfort station were added to the Gurney School playing fields by the Dad's Club.

**2004** – New artificial field installed at Harris Stadium.

**2007** – The Performing Arts Center (PAC) was opened on the 7-12 campus.

**2017 - 2019** Modular classrooms were placed in the senior parking lot & tennis courts where students from grades 4 - 6 would take classes during the two-year period when the Intermediate School was renovated. The project combined a renovation of the original 1914 Chagrin Falls High School and the 1940 gymnasium and auditorium with new construction of a three-story classroom wing.



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