



CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fellow Alumni & Friends,

After a two year hiatus, we are so excited to see Blossom Weekend return. We have a record number of class reunions and, as always, the All Class Reunion on Friday evening to start the festivities. An alumni Blossom schedule is on page 3 and reunion information begins on page 8. A thank you to **Suzy Sutton Wright '62** and her committee for putting on the annual reunion in Florida, raising funds for the CFAA, and bringing alumni together for a fun afternoon. While we are excited to enjoy the activities again tied in with the weekend, we would like to give a particular recommendation for those to attend the traditional Memorial Day service at Evergreen Cemetery. The weekend would not be what it is without the ultimate sacrifice that so many gave for our country **including these 11 graduates: George Rowe '37, "Tony" Rosengreen '41, Roy E. Warburton '42, Alvin W. Smith '44, Robert F. Plazak '49, Ronald K. McDowell '64, Wade L. Groth '65, David A. Riegel '77, Jeffrey T. Abromaitis '80, Mark Rullman '81, and Michael**

Kashkoush '01.

While spring was nearing, we started to see some normalcy come back to the school with the spring musical returning. The auditorium was filled with family, friends, classmates, teachers, and others cheering and singing along with the students that did an amazing job putting on Mamma Mia. Additionally, I couldn't help noticing how many in the show were also children of alumni and wanted to recognize these students, but also their parents for supporting them in their pursuit of the arts. Eric Feucht (**Mark '80**), Lyndsey Nielsen (**Leif '88**), Jane Peck (**Marlo Galey Peck '91**), Avery Polcar (**Courtney See Polcar '89**), Brenna Sincaglia (**Paul '87 & Connie Blair Sincaglia '87**), Claire Stinson (**Jeff '91**), & Delaine Wyville (**Darren '85**).

Several of these performers were also doing additional duty with our award winning Speech and Debate team. Just two weeks prior Eric Feucht placed fourth in the state tournament in DUO Interpretation. Brenna Sincaglia was a semifinalist in Dramatic Interpretation- top 12 finish. Delaine Wyville was a

state qualifier in DUO Interpretation.

The weekend prior to Blossom we will welcome our next class of alumni with graduation on Sunday, May 22nd. Of the 175 seniors, 20% or 35 are children of a Chagrin graduate. We look forward to recognizing them at the ceremony with a corsage and give all the graduates the opportunity to ring the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association Tom Mattern Victory Bell to recognize their greatest victory at CFHS, graduation.

As life begins to reemerge with spring, we hope that you and your family gets to enjoy the longer and warmer days. Enjoy this issue of the Tiger Tales. We welcome you sharing news on you for a future issue.

Brian McKenna '88

Alumni Director

Winter Athletic Season Wrap-Up

The winter was a busy athletic season for many of our tiger athletes. 11 of our athletes made 1st team all-conference, 17 were selected for 2nd team, while 13 were named Honorable Mention. We had 23 seniors make academic all conference.

On the team front, the hockey squad finished the season with a record of 14-9 and finished 3rd in the GCHSHL Blue North. The boys basketball team finished the season with a record of 12-11 and finished in 2nd place in the CVC. The girls basketball

team had a 12-12 record this year and came in 3rd place in the CVC. The wrestling team finished 6th place in the CVC. Our girls swim team came in 2nd place in the CVC, while the boys won the CVC.

Individually both the boys and girls swim teams qualified 5 swimmers for states in swimming. Samantha Holtz finished in 4th place in diving. Elizabeth Rankin, Anne Mills, Alexandra Scharpf, and Madi Machado placed 16th in the 200 Medley Relay. Alexandra Scharpf also finished in 20th in the 200 IM. Additionally, Madi Machado finished in 15th in the 100 back and 11th in the 100

Breast. The boys team finished in 11th place in the State. Max Mignogna, Zach Muckle, and Josh Rooney finished 9th in the 200 Medley Relay. Ben Broz, Mignogna, Muckle, and Munz earned 8th in the 200 Free Relay and 12th in the 400 Free Relay. Munz was also 9th in the 100 Fly. Additionally, Rooney was 10th in the 100 Back and 8th in the 200 IM. Sam Partain became the first wrestler to win districts in 24 years (**Dave Roberts '98**). Sam became the 13th state placer in Chagrin history, when he made the podium in 8th place at 150 lbs.



CFHS Day in Florida... Lakewood Ranch, Florida February 26, 2022

Attendees by year: Joyne Collier Koehnke '54 & Bob Koehnke · Ken Lauterer '56 · Bobby Lambert '57 & Catharine 'Kay' Lambert · Jim Fitz '58 & Sue Fitz · Don Chapman '59 · Bill Szitar '59 · Carolyn Groth Huber '59 & Bob Huber · Ginny Pierce '60 · Ron Brooks '62 · John Lambert '62 & Diana Lambert · Mark Laderer '62 · Jim Pierce '62 & Wendy Nelson · Suzie Sutton Wright '62 · Helen Hodges Schneider '62 & David Schneider · Marilyn Lambert Fluitt '63 · Pat Hodges Furth '64 · Rita Boslaugh Walker '64 · Larry Welker '65 & Joyce Welker · Bob Stickling '65 · Don Raker '65 & Jan Raker · Doug Thomas '65 & Penny Thomas · Chip Morrill '67 & Kris Morrill · James 'Stan' Barr '67 · Margaret Peggy Engel '69 · Robert Thomas '69 · Kathy Conley Polen '71 · Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71 · Kaye Stern Lester '73 · Ann McCourt Briggs '73 · Tom Martinko '74 & Deborah Martinko · Tom Row '74 · Tom Holihan '74 · Ed Eloff '75 · Keith Wolf '76 · Dee Rowe Sussen '80 · Karen Bowe Dempsy '80 · Dr. Jane Phend '83

BLOSSOM WEEKEND 2022

Friday, May 27

All-Class 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 28

Tours

Chagrin Falls Intermediate School

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meet in the parking lot at Philomethian Street

Chagrin Falls High School & Historical Room

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Enter at the front lobby of the high school



For information on the run, carnival, balloons, Taste of Chagrin, and all else Blossom, then visit the Jaycees website at www.cvjc.org.

Alumni Athletic Game

Men's Soccer

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Stadium

Please email Brian McKenna (brian.mckenna@chagrinschools.org) if you are interested in playing in the soccer game.



Sunday, May 29

Blossom Parade

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day Parade

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Triangle Park to Evergreen Cemetery



Marriages

Liz Zala '08 & Darren Fuller, Aug. 28, 2021.

Katie Hinch '10 & Kaitlin Mallory, March 3, 2022.

Peter Noble '10 & **Megan Parker '10**, Oct. 2, 2021.

Christian Zyla & **Lindsay Lingafelter '11**, Sept. 11, 2021.

Births

To Phil and **Jessica Duncan Smith '97**, a girl, Emma Lee, May 2, 2021.

To Rich and **Hayley Kaminski Radis '07**, a daughter, Lucy James, Jan. 15, 2022.

To **Brett '08** & **Judy Stricker Axner '08**, a son, Tripp James, Feb. 24, 2022.

To Darren & **Liz Zala Fuller '08**, a son, Wesley Michael, Jan. 10, 2022.

To Peter & **Kate Koberna Lafferty '10**, a daughter, Raegan Moore, Jan. 3, 2022.

To George & **Morgan Liber Pappas '11**, a son, John George, Feb. 2, 2022.

To TJ & **Wesley Donoghue Heginbotham '12**, a son, Owen Peter, Feb. 11, 2022.

To Amanda and **John Thombs '14**, a son, Arch Wesley, April 2, 2022.

In Memoriam

Lucy Beattie 1947

Cecil Hill 1952

Karl Haecker 1959

Christine Wagner Hacker 1959

Dennis King 1961

Rick Wilkens 1967

John Zarack 1968

Glenn Beall 1974

Richard Ogden 1975

Liz Batchelor Mulledy 1978

Joey Toth 1980

Barb Hoyle 1984

Retired Middle School Phys. Ed. & Health Teacher
Dee Davenport

Retired high school secretary Karen Henck

Retired high school custodian Barry Petersen

Donations

Several alumni have made a donation in memory of the late the late CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. Glenn Wyville including **Richard '57** & **Loretta Rufener Pinkett '59**, **Ray Clasen '66**, **Ruth Marks Plandowski '66**, **Bob Lowe '67**

Florence "Flo" Bras Brichford '52 has given her Tiger Pride membership in honor of her classmate and retired CFHS math teacher Mr. **Jack Stanton '52** and in memory of the late CFHS English teacher Miss Elsa Jane Carroll.

Dick Bodwell '55 donated several items of memorabilia for the Historical Room.

Jim Fitz '58 has given a donation in memory of his mother, Alice Fitz, Kindergarten teacher at Chagrin Falls Elementary School, 1946-1954.

Jim Schreck '58 has given his annual dues in memory of the late shop teacher Mr. Norm Fry.

Members of the **Class of 1961** made a donation from their 60 year reunion in memory of their classmates who have gone on ahead of them.

John Biel '62 has donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Mary Jane Camarato Austin '69 has given her Tiger Pride Lifetime membership in memory of her brother **Bobby Camarato '67**.

Steve Bainbridge '67 has given his Tiger Pride Lifetime membership in memory of classmate **Rick Wilkens '67**.

Scott Lax '70 has made a generous donation in memory of sister **Patricia Lax Davidson '66**, **Tom Anderson '66**, **John Osborne '70**, **Kevin Doyle '70**, and **Ray Cotton '73**.

Janice Cook Swanson '76 has given his Tiger Pride Lifetime membership in memory of her music teachers Mrs. Mollie Macknin, Dr. Bill Foley, & Mrs. Elaine Shakley.

Tony Vidmar '79 has given a donation in honor of retired CFHS math teacher Mr. **Jack Stanton '52**, who found a way to make math fun and we still learned as well.

Kate Batchelor Cravens '80 has given her dues in memory of her sister **Elizabeth Batchelor Mulledy '78**.

Tim Huff '81 has made a donation in honor and fond reflection of the family of CFHS teachers, staff and students that touched his life and hold a special place in his heart.

Sue Beattie '82 has made a donation in memory of her aunt **Lucy Beattie '47** and **David Ponce '04**.

Dr. Mark Palo '87 has given his Tiger Pride Lifetime membership in honor of retired CFHS science teacher Mr. Ramon Battles.

Parents Mary Kay and Marty O'Toole have donated memorabilia to the CFAA.

IN THE NEWS

Jim Fitz '58 has been enjoying retirement in Venice, Florida where he is able to play golf three times a week.

William Braun '65 is retired from a career as a electrical power systems engineer. He and his wife live in Pickerington, Ohio and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year. They have two daughters, Laura & Elizabeth and 4 grandkids.

Steve Bainbridge '67 is back into training for 10K runs and triathlons in Atlanta. He is looking forward to seeing classmates in 2023 at their 55 + 1 reunion.

Mary Jane Camarato Austin '69 is retired from her practice as an advanced nurse. She is enjoying retirement in Chino Valley, Arizona.

Scott Lax '70 rewrote the theatrical 2-act stage play version of his novel *The Year that Trembled*, which takes place in a fictional version of Chagrin Falls. The play was produced at University School in 2003, and in 2013, but Scott wrote the new, leaner (12 characters instead of 24, more serious in tone) version for not only high schools, but community and professional stages on what he hopes to be a national level. The first staged reading will be done in early May at University School. In 2021, Scott also did a series of online workshop presentations and library talks, the last one for the Danville, Illinois Public Library. Additionally, he is in his seventh year at Cleveland Institute of Art, where he's a full time

lecturer in Screenwriting and Creative Writing. Scott has 24 BFA advisees, and serves on a number of committees, including the IDEA Council (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access), where he's chair of the Institutional Statements and Actions Subcommittee.

Sarah Stratton '72, CFP® CIMA®, Senior Vice President; Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management was named to the 2022 Forbes America's Top Women Wealth Advisors and Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State ranking. Sarah works at the Morgan Stanley Pepper Pike Ohio office with her business partner of ten years, Katie Kesselem – The Stratton Kesselem Team. She celebrates 40 years in the industry and lives in Bratenahl, Ohio with her husband, Paul Kesselem. They enjoy having all five of their children living in Northeast Ohio.

The song "Love is on the Way," written by **Tina Shafer '74**, was used to honor stage and screen star Bette Midler at the *44th Annual Kennedy Center Honors* this past December. The song was first recorded by Tony award winning Broadway actor Billy Porter, who was studying vocal technique under Tina. Bette Midler would later request and perform the song in *The First Wives Club*. The song gained more notoriety

when Celine Dion recorded it on her album *Let's Talk About Love*. For the Kennedy Center Honors, Billy Porter honored Bette by singing *From a Distance* and gaining the largest applause when he performed Tina's song.

While in retirement **Eric Malmquist '75** has been enjoying photography. His latest works will be featured in a show at the Chagrin Falls Library in May and June. The opening reception will be on May 1st from 1:00 to 4:30.

Janice Cook Swanson '76 retired in 2014 as a vocal music educator from the Medina City Schools. Janice has also recently retired as organist, Director of Music, Chancel Choir Director and Junior Choir Director at Asbury United Methodist Church in Delaware, Ohio.

Tony Vidmar '79 serves as VP University Advancement & Public Affairs at MSU Texas in Wichita Falls. Tony is also an adjunct professor of business administration. Tony's wife also works as an academic counselor at the school. Tony enjoys taking a nostalgic look back at 70s music with his brother-in-law **Buck McWilliams '75**.

Brent Godfrey '87 was recently hired on at BlueSnap, who helps businesses accept payments globally, as their new VP of Partnership Sales. Brent is responsible for strategic global partnerships.

Actor **Dave MacDonald '89** has been busy this year. He played Connor McVeigh on *Ozark*, agent Todd Barker on *The Resident*, and Stu in *Sweet Magnolias*. Last year he had parts on *Long Slow Exhale*, *Sweet Girl*, and *Loki*. When not on the set, Dave lives in Asheville, North Carolina

Screenwriter, director, and producer **John Chuldenko '93** traveled through Yosemite National Park with his wife and two daughters in his Porsche Taycan 4 Cross Turismo. He shared his experiences in making family memories in *Panorama* and *Christophorus*, both of which are Porsche related magazines. In 2020, John created the first car show for kids, *Backseat Drivers*, which airs on the family friendly streaming channel *Yippee*.

Tyler Davidson '93 has now produced his seventh movie that has played at the Sundance Film Festival. Tyler and his production company, Low Spark Films, had the thriller *Emily The Criminal* gain rave reviews, which starred Aubrey Plaza.

Jenny Freshman Ward '97 is Senior Manager of Enterprise Applications at Truckstop.com. Jenny lives in Bainbridge with her husband and two kids. Jenny also coaches her daughter's Kenston travel soccer team.

Geoff Guseilo '99 is Strategic Project Manager - Diversified Fall Protection in Westlake, Ohio.

Dr. Julianne McCall '02 joined the *Journal of Science Policy & Governance* leadership team in the role as Director of Programs and Events. Julianne still maintains her position as the Co-Director of the California Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine at the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Allison Yang Murn '02 is the Founder and Chief Luminary of Illuminating Brand Consultancy. Her Minnesota based brand consultancy firm assists large corporations, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. Allison also teaches brand management to MBA students at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management.

Liza Bloomfield Adams '04 was promoted to Co-Director of Early Childhood Services at the Mandel Jewish Community Center in Beachwood

Alicia Burrello Platek '05 is Director: Ratings Advisory at Truist Securities in Atlanta.

Kirstin Kuenzi Safakas '05 is the Community Involvement Coordinator for Region V of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In her spare time she is also a yoga instructor Chi-Town Shakti: Yoga + Meditation in Chicago.

Erin Wallenhorst King '06 is featured in the Spring 2022 issue of *Porch + Prairie's* magazine. The magazine is filled with wholesome stories, stunning photographs, and reasons to breathe deep. Erin is a registered nurse at the Cleveland Clinic and lives in Chagrin with her husband **Jerry '04**.

Sean MacIver '07 is Director at KeyBanc Capital Markets in Cleveland.

Corey Cott '08 recently starred in the Hallmark movie *Butlers in Love*. Recently Corey has also been on *Evil* and *Filthy Rich*. Corey and his wife Meghan have three children.

James Cullen '08 retired from the US Navy last year and is now an Electric Power Systems Engineer for SEAM Group. James lives in Las Vegas, NV with his wife Jessica and two kids Elizabeth (4 yrs.) and Oliver (3 yrs.)

Courtney Lynch '09 is a Campus Recruiter for McKinsey & Company in Washington, D.C.

Aaron Davis '10 is an Account Executive at Salesforce in Chicago.

Carly Cott '11 is back in the world of entertainment in her new position as Senior Manager of Client Success at iHeartMedia in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rachel Clemens '13 is Senior Manager Head of Content Marketing at Whole Whale. Whole Whale is a Brooklyn New York based social impact digital agency.

Lauren Lang '13 is completing her law degree this spring from Georgetown University with a focus on labor law. Lauren also volunteers her time with the Washington Lawyers' Committee Workers' Rights Clinic. Lauren is also a Peggy Browning Fellow, which supports law students working for economic and social justice.

Lily Manchester '14 is an Associate Buyer for Urban Outfitters Home - Furniture and Lighting in Philadelphia.

Victoria Haber '16 is an Associate at Lewis-Burke in Washington, D.C., where she tracks legislation and federal opportunities for their clients across the agriculture, biological sciences, and economic development portfolios.

Edith Doman '17 is a Legislative Correspondent for Congressman David Joyce in Washington, D.C.. Rep. Joyce represents the 14th District, which covers Northeast Ohio.

Avery Wood '17 is an art teacher at Malabar Intermediate School in Mansfield, Ohio.

Andrew Guggenheim '18 recently joined the Finance team at the Cleveland Foundation as an Investment Analyst. Andrew is currently a senior at Miami University, double-majoring in finance and sustainability. In his most recent role, he worked as a construction apprentice at Guggenheim Remodeling Inc., where he assisted in managing the finances of the company, including material purchases, invoices and financial statements.

CLASS & REUNION NEWS

CFHS Day in Florida

2022 proved to be another great year to gather in Lakewood Ranch, Florida and celebrate being a Chagrin Falls Tiger. 53 grads and spouses gathered at Summerfield Pavillion Park for 4 hours of fun, food and friendship on a glorious Florida day. We welcomed 12 new Tigers to our event and hopefully we will continue to reach more Florida residents and Alumni passing through Florida on vacation. A silent auction and raffle raised \$500 for the CFAA. \$250 towards the scholarship fund and \$250 for the Tom Mattern Historical Room. Our group also donated \$60 to the Chagrin Valley Jaycees to help fund Blossom Time. **Jim Fitz '58** honored Glenn Wyville with a detailed review of his coaching and teaching career, and **Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71** reviewed the responsibilities of the Alumni Association and encouraged everyone to join. Alumni from 1954, '56, '57, '58, '59, '60, '62, '63, '64, '65, '67, '69, '71, '73, '74, '75, '76, '80 and '83 classes were represented. Special thanks to **Doug Thomas '65** and **Chip Morrill '67** for their help in selecting a venue, **Pat Hodges Furth '64** and **Rita Boslaugh Walker '64** for helping with food selection and silent auction, **Reed Carpenter '62** for printing new name tags and to **Eric Malmquist '75**, **Ron Brooks '62**, **Reed Carpenter '62** and the Chagrin Valley Jaycees for their donations. We are OLD and BOLD as Chagrin Falls Tigers and grateful for the opportunity to gather under the banner of Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools.

The **Class of '61** held their 60 year reunion this past September. It turned into a smaller gathering of primarily "locals" due to the pandemic. Thanks to the couples that made the trip in. Special thanks to Karin Knutsen, Linda Kreycik Phillips, and Betty Magyar Burbach for supplying the food and Parlin and Bill Meyer for supplying the drinks and the venue. They ate, they drank, but...mostly they talked. They were able to zoom with several classmates that could not be in attendance. Although the numbers were lower, classmates still found it enjoyable to reconnect. Celebrate 65 in 26???

Class of '62...60th Reunion...August 26-28th...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. Saturday evening & Sunday: no plans yet, locals suggest looking at something very simple?...perhaps last minute?...your suggestions? Virtual Event Coverage will also allow our classmates to participate from afar.. '62 Locals are in the process finalizing details which we hope you receive before

reading this Tiger Tales. Expect updates via email and FaceBook private group...Please confirm & update your contact information via CFHS1962atplay@gmail.com

The **Class of '67** will have a "55 + 1" event in the Spring of 2023. The reunion committee hopes that the scheduling will allow for all to attend. Your input is always appreciated anytime at cwysinc@roadrunner.com (Cindy Close Wyszynski), or at hstngs@gmail.com (Ralph Hastings).

The Class of '70 has rescheduled our postponed 50th Reunion from two years ago and will be held in 2022. The date of our 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 our 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. Be safe for we all can't wait to gather and see each other in 2022.

The **Class of '71** will be having their 50+1 Reunion on Saturday, May 28th, from 6 to 10 PM+ at the Village Martini and Wine Bar. Cost per person for unlimited fellowship, food, and drink is \$71.00 per person. We are hoping for a good turnout, and need to receive payment by April 15th or ASAP in order to move ahead with planning, and ensure that this event will take place. Please send payment ASAP to the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association. One can also pay online at www.chagrinalumni.org/donations. Questions? Contact Gail Schroeder Hastings-hstngs@gmail.com; Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh-ruthcav@cebridge.net; or Deb Jackson Toothaker-fourteeths@yahoo.com.

The **Class of '72** will be celebrating their 50th reunion with events over Blossom weekend, May 27-28. It will start with the All Class Reunion Friday evening, May 27, 7:30-11:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. On Saturday, May 28, there will be a get together at the Frohring Meadows shelter house at 8:00 a.m. Coffee and bagels will be available, and hopefully we will see some hot air balloon action. At 10:00 a.m., there will be a tour of the new Intermediate School on Philomethian Street, followed by tours of the High School, Middle School and a visit to the Historical Room. On Saturday night, we will gather from 5:00-11:00 p.m. at Gottscheer Club for dinner.

<https://www.eouv.com/> Cost is \$40 per person. It will be BYOB, with coffee, soft drinks and washes available. Address is 8636 Pekin Rd., Novelty OH. Payment can be made by using the CFAA donations webpage, www.chagrinalumni.org/donations. Look for the Class of 1972 tab. (Paying via the website includes a PayPal fee). You can also send a check to the CFAA, 400 East Washington St, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. Make sure you note on the check that it is for the Class of 1972 Reunion. To make sure we have your most recent contact info or for questions, please email to cfclass72@gmail.com. The Reunion Committee: Tina Langer Barrow, Linda Maistros Ehrenbeit, Dan Miller, Mary Rockefeller Heintzelman, & Dwight Woodward

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 45 year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2023.

The **Class of '79** will be having an informal gathering to celebrate their 43rd reunion. The date is Saturday, May 28th. Details will posted on their class [website](https://sites.google.com/view/chagrin-falls-class-79/home) (<https://sites.google.com/view/chagrin-falls-class-79/home>). Contacts for the event are Betsy Towns (btowns79@gmail.com) and Jeff Baker (bakej38@gmail.com).

The **Class of '80** will be gathering to eat, drink & reunite on Saturday of Blossom Weekend (May 28). The 40th (+2) reunion will take place from 5:30 - 9:30 at Bainbridge Town Hall. The casual get together will include food stations catered by Trifles. Beverages will be beer, wine and soft drinks. Cost is \$45/person. Weather permitting, the party will continue Saturday night with a bonfire at the Lake Louise Pavillion. Make checks payable to CFAA and write "Class of '80" on the check memo line. Send check to CFAA, 400 E. Washington St., CF, OH 44022. One can also use PayPal. Go to the CFAA donations page, <https://chagrinalumni.org/donations>, and scroll down to the Class of '80 donation option. Please RSVP by May 14. For questions you can contact Kate Batchelor Cravens - ckcravens@aol.com or Colleen Clegg Mahoney - mhnytim@aol.com.

What's a Reunion without Blossom Time? **Class of '81** Rescheduled 40th Class Reunion is set!! Saturday May 28, 2022. Please contact Abby Towns-Wilson Cementgardens@gmail.com or JoAnn Sworan Joann6mb@gmail.com (please contact us w your current email)

Details are on our private Facebook group "ChagrinFalls Class of 81" We have also secured a block of rooms for those traveling. We are excited with the outpouring of responses and looking forward to seeing everyone that weekend.

The **Class of '82** will have their 40th reunion, Saturday, May 28. More details to follow. Please contact Janine Groth Blackbourn at jblackbourn@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. Tickets are \$25/person. You can pay via PayPal at www.chagrinalumni.org/donations. Can also pay via check that can be sent in to the CFAA. Make sure to put in '82 Reunion in the memo line. 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. You can also keep updated on the plans at the Facebook group Chagrin Falls High School - Class of 1987.

The **Class of '91** have plans for a casual 31 year reunion on the Saturday evening of Blossom Weekend. Details are being finalized and will be shared with classmates on their class Facebook group, CFHS Class of 1991, and through email. To make sure you keep in the loop, you can reach out to Sally Florkiewicz Gallick (sflork@hotmail.com), Laura Wurster Jones (Joneslau@windstream.net), or John Meyer at john@johncharlesmeyer.com.

The **Class of '92** 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, with a current email address and/or phone number. Thanks! Hope to see you all there!

The **Class of '97** will be having their 25th reunion on Saturday, May 28 from 6-8 at Harvest Bell Farm ([11278 Bell Road, Newbury, OH](http://11278BellRoad.Newbury.OH)). Food will be provided, but the event will be BYOB. Please RSVP on the Chagrin Falls Class of 1997 Facebook Group page or by emailing Jessica (jessicaroberts651@gmail.com). Cost to attend the event TBD. Looking forward to catching up with everyone!

The **Class of '02** will be having their 20 year reunion on Saturday afternoon of Blossom weekend. If anyone has questions, you can reach out to Jessica Korkosz Korzhiletskiy at Jessica.korkosz1@gmail.com.

The **Class of '05** are hoping to put on a happy hour style reunion on Saturday, May 28 from 3:30-5:30pm at Burntwood Tavern in Chagrin. 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 RSVP to Lindsay Street Kepreos (lstreet212@gmail.com) or Kim Leary (kimberly.leary@gmail.com).

The **Class of '07** will be having an informal meet up at 17 River bar/patio area on Friday of Blossom Weekend to celebrate their 15 year reunion.

The **Class of '11** 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.

The **Class of 2012** will be celebrating their 10-year reunion on Saturday, May 28th at Crooked Pecker Brewing Company from 7-10 PM. For more event details and to RSVP please join our Facebook group, [Chagrin Falls High School Class of 2012](https://www.facebook.com/ChagrinFallsHighSchoolClassof2012). If you aren't on Facebook, you can email Brooke McEntee at brookemc12@gmail.com.

The **Class of '17** has tentative plans for their 5 year reunion on Friday, May 27th 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) or Kate Weston (westonkl12@gmail.com).

From the 1914 Zenith

The emblem of CFHS was designed in 1914 by Reveley Beattie, Senior Class President. It was intended to serve various purposes: IN gold with numerals, it became the regular Senior class pin. As written in the 1914 Annual (precursor to the Zenith), a cheaper version would be made which might "be worn by any member of the high school who has passed, satisfactorily, the midyear examinations of the Freshman year."



From the 1959 Zenith



FIRST ROW, Left to Right--Groth, Church, Steele, Murley, O'Neil, Tim Baehr. SECOND ROW: Guarnieri, Schultz, Tom Baehr, Kruse. THIRD ROW: Van Dorn, Engstrom, Young, Wood. FOURTH ROW: Stratton, Henry, White.

SCHOOL NEWS

Two Students Chosen as Candidates in 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Two Chagrin Falls High School Students have been chosen as candidates in the U.S. Department of Education's 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Trey Brosnan and Matt Daniels are two of 5,000 students chosen out of 3.6 million graduating seniors. Both students scored exceptionally well on either the SAT or the ACT college admission test.

High School Principal Monica Asher Named OASSA Principal of the Year

The Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) has selected Monica Asher, principal of Chagrin Falls High School, as the 2022-23 Ohio Principal of the Year. Asher was selected from a large field of talented and experienced nominees for the Ohio award.

Asher has been the principal of Chagrin Falls High School since 2017. Prior to becoming principal of Chagrin Falls High School, she was the assistant principal of Rocky River High School and was an assistant principal at Avon Lake High School. She served as an athletic director and English teacher at Huron High School after coming from Sig Rogich Middle School in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Asher received both her B.S. and M.Ed. from Bowling Green State University and is a Doctoral Candidate (Ed. D) with an expected graduation in the spring of 2022 from Bowling Green State University.

Victor Puskas, a former science teacher at CFHS, nominated Asher and spoke of her as a true instructional leader who "...encourages teachers to take risks and encouraged me along the way, was excited about my progress, and asked me to share my work." Puskas complimented her communication style and her encouragement as he sought employment in administration.

In a letter of recommendation, Janet Coriell, an intervention specialist at Chagrin Falls High School, described Asher as someone whose "...door is always open. I know I can come to her to talk not only about curriculum, students, special education, but also big issues like diversity, personal growth, relationships, and women in leadership roles."

Asher has been a member of OASSA since 2012, served as the Diversity At-Large Director, chaired the OASSA Women's Committee, and has spoken at numerous conferences. She has served for many years on the Ohio Educator Standards Board. Her involvement in helping other leaders across Ohio succeed sets her apart; she strives to make everyone she interacts with "seen."

Student-Athlete College Signings

Nick Dalessandro

Senior football player Nick Dalessandro has signed a National Letter of Intent to play at Colgate University. Nick is a three-year letter winner for Chagrin Falls in football and has won a letter in lacrosse. Nick has been named All-Conference and All-Ohio the past three years. Nick plans to major in economics.

Aubree Daugherty

Senior Aubree Daugherty has signed a National Letter of Intent to play lacrosse at Swarthmore College. Aubree will be a three-year letter winner for Chagrin Falls in lacrosse. She has won four letters in cross country and participated in basketball all four years. Aubree was named second All-Region last year. Aubree plans to major in engineering and computer science.

Leo Fornara

Senior basketball player Leo Fornara has committed to play at the University of Mount Union. Leo will be a two-year letter winner at Chagrin Falls. He has been named the Rotary Student of the Month and Presidential Scholar. Leo plans to major in biochemistry.

Eight Students at CFHS Named Finalists by National Merit Scholarship Program

CFHS is pleased to announce that eight students have been named Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) program. They are Trey Brosnan, Matthew Daniels, Rose Hoelzel, Alexandra Holtz, Anne Mills, Wren Opperman, Josh Rooney and Hansen Song.

In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified that they have advanced to Finalist standing. High school principals are also notified and provided with a Certificate of Merit to present to each Finalist.

All winners of Merit Scholarship awards are chosen from the Finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments—without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. A variety of information is available for NMSC to evaluate: The Finalist's academic record, information about the school's curriculum and grading system, PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index score, the high school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and the Finalist's own essay.

Beginning in March and continuing to mid-June, NMSC notifies approximately 7,500 Finalists that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship® award.

Senior Hattie Sherman Named Academic All American by National Speech & Debate Association

CFHS Senior Hattie Sherman has been named Academic All American by the National Speech & Debate Association. Sherman is a four-year team member. She is the current squad leader of the interpretation squad. She competes in Humorous Interpretation. The Academic All American award recognizes students who have earned the degree of Superior Distinction; completed at least five semesters of high school; demonstrated outstanding character and leadership; and earned a GPA of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.

H.S. Speech & Debate Team Excels at State Tournament

The Ohio Speech & Debate Association (OSDA) State Finals took place on March 4-5 at Wooster City Schools. Chagrin Falls High School Speech and Debate Team had exceptional results. Ryan and Nathan Hill won the State championship in DUO Interpretation. Grace Hoy and Eric Feucht placed fourth in DUO Interpretation. Sophia Avery was a quarterfinalist in Lincoln Douglas Debate - top 8 finish. Brenna Sincaglia was a semifinalist in Dramatic Interpretation- top 12 finish. Wren Opperman was a quarterfinalist in Original Oratory - top 24 finish. Ali Holtz was an octafinalist in Lincoln Douglas Debate - top 30 finish. The Chagrin Falls Speech and Debate Team placed 18th out of 79 teams. The team won the School of Excellence in Interpretation award, given to the top 10 schools in that category. "After nearly two years virtually competing, we went to Wooster for the in-person State tournament ready to compete. The team showed so much heart and all had exceptional results. I'm proud of the way we performed and also the way the team represented Chagrin Falls High School," said head coach Ken Kasee.

M.S. SPEECH & DEBATE CONCLUDE AMAZING SEASON

The CFMS speech and debate team had an amazing season that ended with competing in the state tournament on March 12-13. "This team of dedicated and diligent students were recognized over and over throughout the season placing and ranking in every tournament," said coach **Courtney See Polcar '89**. "After many tournaments on many Saturdays and countless hours of practice, Chagrin Falls Middle School is yet again home to three speech and state champions for speech and debate."

Sofia De La Cruz won the state championship in Original Oratory.

Rory Rohde and Will Allen tied after seven grueling debates and proved to the judges that they both deserved to hold the title of state champions for extemporaneous debates.

Jennah Hamdan made it to the quarterfinals.

All of Chagrin's state competitors ranked in the top 12 in their category for the State of Ohio.

BE A KIDNEY DONOR

We are fortunate to be a part of the Chagrin family, where we are noted for our generosity to those in need. Typically, this takes the form of a financial donation. However, we regularly do see alumni that are dealing with health needs where a fellow graduate may be able to assist. Most recently, the challenge has been placed on **Kristine Scolnick Doyle '86** and, in particular, her husband, Terry. Terry has Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) and requires a kidney transplant.

We hope that fellow Tigers near and far will consider being an organ donor, put themselves on an organ registry, and applaud those that have already done so. For those that would like to learn more about and possibly help Kristine and Terry, then please reach out to **Kristen Schloss '86** at kidneyforterry@gmail.com or 440-728-8900

Do You Remember

Recently the Facebook group “You knew you grew up in Chagrin Falls School District if you ...” had a fun chain of responses remembering stores that used to be in town. A thank you to **Holly Korcykoski Pribanic ‘73** for starting the conversation and to the many others that added their memories. Here are some of the highlights: Isaly's, Dink's, Nall's, Spiece's, Falls Theater, Raintree, Baskin & Robbins, the Chagrin Bakery, Hough Bakery, Havre's, Poppy Shoppe, the White Stallion, Formalist Cleaners, Brewster & Stroud, Curtiss Clinic, W.O. Wince Motor Sales, Al Poklar Chevrolet, Spinners, Woolworth's, Standard Drug, Burkhardt Meats, Elephant's Trunk, Artificial Plant Company, Town & Country Cleaners, Chagrin Department Store, Find Me Fashion, Fisher Fazio, DiBlasi Bakery, Channons Office Suply, Cameo Gift Shop, Music Box, Touch of Lace, Barron's Drugstore, Wilma's, Evan's Flowers, Stitch n' Time, Valley Ford, Peter's Bakery, Ben Franklin's 5 & 10 Cent Store, Sohio, Central National Bank, Cleveland Trust Bank, Barker's Camera Shop, Upper Cut, Mazzulo's, Mario's, Adam's Jewelry, The Wren House, Fife and Drum, Nash's, Cochran Paint, Persimmon Tree, Reed's Hardware, Hunter's Hollow, Leather Attic, Jean's West, Valley Tavern, Kelly Kitt, Finches, Sample Rack, Galie West, Juicy Lucy, the Pit, Chess's Cracker Barrel, A & P Kroger's, Barney's Grocery, Chag Town, Rosey's Place, the Pantry, Chagrin Oil & Gas, Lawsons Dairy Mart, Paul's Mens Shop, Wolf's Harness Shop, Colonial Lanes, Sporting Life, Strouds River West, Zucker's Marine, Rick's Cafe, Violante's, Mr. Smiths, RSVP, Pappagalo Store, Hancock Lumber, Kheres Lumber, Rowe and Giles Lumber, Convenient Food Mart, Joy of Chagrin

Betcha' Didn't Know

Dr. Mario Gerhardt is the winningest soccer coach in Ohio with 559 wins. With over 45 years as the Head Coach at Chagrin, he shared the sidelines with many assistant coaches. **Tad Taft '85** was with Coach Gerhardt the longest when he volunteered for 20 seasons. Middle School math teacher Geoff Brown spent the most day to day coaching during the tenure logging 14 seasons. There are many others that helped coach for the Tigers soccer team including **Larry Arnold '74** (11 seasons), Don Wem (11), **Jerry Preyss '70** (4), **Jim McSherry '73** (4), Bill Muzevich (4), Marty Dworak (4), Jim Howell (1), Dr. Bill Foley (1), **Matt Bifano '92** (1), **Tyler Exline '99** (1), & Todd Peltz (1). **Dan Ehrenbeit '67** helped on the sideline one preseason, which also included playing some goal for the team in the summer.

In 1849, when the Ohio legislature established a statewide education system, it decreed local boards of education. Therefore, a volunteer, self appointed Chagrin Falls Board of Education was formed. They had their first organizational meeting on May 25th. Stephen Smith was appointed president. The board had \$31.67 in its fund.

The Debate Club began in 1919, while Student Council began in 1925.

Hugh Christian was the first graduate from Chagrin Falls High School. He graduated in 1879 and was the only member of the class. The first woman to graduate was Ella Whitlock in 1882 and she, like Hugh, was the only graduate of her class year.

By 1892 there had been 38 CFHS graduates with twelve of them pursuing a college degree.

45 CF graduates served in World War 1. Many others from Chagrin also served, but either had dropped out of school to work or did not go on to high school after earning their 8th grade diploma.

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