



CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fellow Alumni & Friends,

We hope that you all have had a healthy and happy summer. Ours began with a terrific Blossom Weekend with the All Class Reunion, tours, alumni soccer game, many class reunions, and a touching Memorial Day speech given by Captain **Bo Johns '91**.

We still have a couple reunions to go in 2022 and are excited to welcome you to join us over Homecoming Weekend for the 2022 Halls of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony on Sept. 29.

During the winter we will once again host the 2nd Alumni Euchre Tournament that is open to alumni and guests. Information on the event will be shared online and in the January newsletter.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Tiger Tales. We also hope you would consider a donation to support our efforts at "Keeping Tiger Pride Alive."

Brian McKenna '88

Alumni Director

2022 Halls of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony

We are looking forward to recognizing our next induction class for our Halls of Fame. The ceremony will honor graduates that will enter both our athletic and achievement halls of fame. We will also recognize a graduate that has had a successful career that is also highlighted by playing a significant role in giving back to our community.

Halls of Fame Induction Class of 2022

Achievement

Dr. Bill Albers '70

Dr. Eric Pamer '73

Kevin Ryan '81

Dr. Lisa Kroon '88

Athletic

Leslie Cikra '09

Megan Takacs '09

Chris Trinetti '10

Community Service

Rob Crombie '70

Date: Thursday, September 29

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 Heavy Appetizers

7:00 - 9:00 Ceremony

Location: Chagrin Falls Intermediate School

Tickets: \$25/person

Reserve your seat for the evening through these options:

Call the CFAA via phone at (440) 247-4387 or via email at alumni@chagrinschools.org

Send a check to CFAA, 400 E. Washington St., CF, OH 44022

Pay online at www.chagrinalumni.org/hall-of-fame/

Spring Athletic Season Wrap-Up

The spring athletic season went deep into the playoffs for a number of Tiger teams. The girls lacrosse team went 15-5 finishing as state runner up. The boys lacrosse team equaled the feat ending as state runner up with an 18-4 record. The softball team was 9-7 this season and came in 3rd place in the CVC. The boys tennis team had a tough schedule finishing in 4th place in the CVC. Senior Andrew Zimcosky '22 completed his stellar career with a state runner up finish to go along with

two state titles. Andrew will be continuing his tennis career at Cleveland State University. The baseball team went 19-12 this season and won the CVC championship for the 5th consecutive year and won the district championship. The boys track and field team came in 4th place at CVCs, and 7th at districts. The girls team also came in 4th at the CVC meet and came in 4th at districts. The girls team had their 4x800 relay finish 3rd in the state. Four seniors also completed their athletic careers as a 12-Club member. Charlie Asplin, Claire Coffey, Aubree Daugherty, and Peyton Gellin competed in 3 sports each of their 4 years at

Chagrin. Peyton, I believe, has also been the first to achieve an honor that no other CF athlete has earned in the past. She has been named an All-American in two sports. In the fall, she led the Lady Tigers to a state title in a thrilling penalty kick shootout as the goalie. This spring, she was a midfielder on the state runner up Tigers lacrosse team. She has also earned recognition in her winter sport of basketball. Peyton will be attending Kent State University to play lacrosse, along with her older sister **Anna '20**, and pursue a degree in nursing. Peyton is also an alumni child, with Mom being **Rebecca Jefferson Gellin '94**.



Retirees Picnic

Once again, retirees, spouses, and a few friends joined together for the annual picnic at West Woods in Newbury last month.

1st Row L-R: Sandy Ennemoser, Jim Ennnemoser, Sally Lyle, Claudette Whitelaw, Jene Ohlrich, Melinda Redding, Phyllis Nelson, Jack Stanton, Rita Owen, Lynn Bamberger, Fadia Hamid.

2nd Row: L-R: Cathy Matthews, Toni Cordaro, Barb Petrus, Linda Buckle, Mary Lou Riegel, Marilyn Wyville, Linda Mattern, Jean Sulik, Lynn Reboul

3rd Row: L-R: Ray Battles, Gary Nelson, Bob Ohlrich, John Rydquist, David Buckle, Rosemary Chase, Janet Brown, Molly Frances, Brian McKenna, Matt Stanton. Photograph by John Tillotson '72

Alumni Kids



At the CFHS graduation, graduating seniors who have a parent that is a CFHS graduate are recognized with a corsage. This year there were 39 out of 175 graduates, or 22% of the senior class, that received this distinction, including 3 that have both parents as Chagrin graduates.

First Row (Left to Right): Delainey Wyville (**Darren '85**), Brenna Sincaglia (**Paul '87 & Connie Blair Sincaglia '87**), Claire Stinson (**Jeff '91**), Jane Peck (**Marlo Galey Peck '91**), Susannah Rutkowski (**Bob '89**), Tori Calder (**Chuck '74**), Reina Darden (**Bob '85**), Amelia Charlton (**Treg '84**), Emma Jones (**Jay '89**), Kayley Kruse (**Todd '93**), Ava Feucht (**Mark '80**), Anna Gonzales (**Virginia Linck Gonzales '92**), Sarah Burgess (**Kasie Diamond Burgess '94**), Sarah Snavelly (**Pete '74**), Peyton Gellin (**Rebecca Jefferson Gellin '94**), Maddie Ferguson (**Jeff '84**), Ellen Calder (**Chuck '74**), Sarah Lynch (**Meg O'Donnell Lynch '91**), Ally Wrench (**Shane '89**)

Second Row (Left to Right): Calvin Hill (**Greggory '87**), Smith McKee (**Jennifer Orazen McKee '88**), David Feucht (**Mark '80**), Wesley Kaas (**Brian '91 & Allison Baker Kaas '93**), Thomas Conway (**Amy Hopkins Conway '88**), Josh Rooney (**Jennifer Broers Machado '90**), William Gottschalk (**Ed '78**), Andrew Kirkpatrick (**Barb Landy Miller '89**), Nick Calabrese (**Sam '94**), Gavin Welter (**Lauren Gadd Welter '02**), Ed Jansen (**Liz Youngberg Jansen '90**), John Goss (**John '85**), Duncan Bannerman (**Jamie '90**), Eric Feucht (**Mark '80**), Robert Munz (**Robert '89**), Jude Zimmerman (**Jennette Sommerdyke Zimmerman '96**), Colin Weaver (**Carl '86**), Charles Asplin (**Tom '85 & Heidi Johns '88**)

Not Pictured: Bryson Blair (**Stacey Ehrenbeit Blair '88**), Megan Pandy (**Steve '77**)

Marriages

Victoria Taylor & **Doug DeCroce '86**, April 12, 2022.

Trish Sanders '06 & Lindsey Kobelt, July 2, 2022.

Miranda Bradach '11 & Jordan Lundberg, May 14, 2022.

Lindsay Westberg & **Thomas Tesar '11**, May 8, 2022..

Births

To Stacy and **Stephen Frappier '95**, a son, Hunter Douglas, March 7, 2022.

To Angela and **Scott Iantosca '98**, a son, Angelo Mickey, April 29, 2022.

To Kaitlyn & **Gar Heintzelman '04**, a son, Joseph Benjamin, July 14, 2022.

To **Jared '02** & **Mo Sulik Shutts '04**, a son, Tyler, June 4, 2022.

To **Will '06** & **Nicole Hadbavny Murphy '06**, a daughter, Charlotte Jean, Feb. 14, 2022.

To Bo & **Kiwi Kavanaugh Breuner '09**, a son, Robert Rittenhouse "Ritt", Feb. 5, 2022.

To Ryan and **Katie Stancik Hanson '09**, a daughter, Charlotte Grace, March 28, 2022.

Historical Room. The title is *The Road to Charleston, Nathaniel Greene and the American Revolution*.

Jean Bowers Johannisson '57 has donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Ellen McPeak Pierson '58 has given her annual dues in honor of the CFAA staff and all her teachers in Chagrin.

Steve Bainbridge '67 has given his donation for a Tiger Pride membership in memory of classmate and fellow coworker at the Rec Center **Rick Wilkens '67**.

Bob Lowe '67 has given his donation for a Tiger Pride membership in memory of retired coach and physical education teacher Glenn Wyville.

Gayle Avery Parnell '69 has given her donation for a Tiger Pride membership in memory of classmate **Pamela Breeler '69**.

David Huff '72 has donated numerous items of school memorabilia to the Tom Mattern Historical Room for future display.

In Memoriam

Virginia Nye Wilber '56

Jack Rouru '56

Jim Fitz '58

Judith Modica Maydwell '60

Don Behnke '61

Claude Payne '62

Rick Wilkens '67

Jim Boynton '69

Barbara Bartholomew Coerdts '69

Pam Breeler '69

Blair Olson '69

Pat Fury '72

Beth Wheatcraft Abruzzino '73

Wendy Sue Dixon Magree '74

Richard Ogden '75

Jennifer Halagan Fleming '76

Mark Morris '86

Retired CFMS Librarian Eleanor Engel

Donations

John Buchanan '49 has donated a book that he has authored to the Elsa Jane Carroll Library in the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern

Janice Cook Swanson '76 has given her Tiger Pride membership and annual dues in memory of music teachers Mollie Macknin, Bill Foley, and Elaine Shakley.

Richard Cohn '81 has made a donation in memory of retired teachers and coaches **Thomas Mattern '55**, Lenny May, Jim Bucar, Glenn Wyville, and Ralph Quesinberry.

Adam Lechman '88 has made a donation in memory of **Jim Fitz '58**.

Nicholas Brigeman '11 has donated three books that he has authored to the Elsa Jane Carroll Library in the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room. The books are *Career Numbers: The story behind the retired numbers of the Cleveland Indians*; *This Date in Cleveland Indians History, 1915 - 2021*; and *Twenty-Two Games of Fame: A Chronicle of the 2017 Cleveland Indians Win Streak*.

The WWW Women's Group has made a donation in memory of their dear friend DeeAnne Davenport, who was a retired health and physical education teacher and the founder of the WWW Women's Group.

IN THE NEWS

William Fish '58 is appreciating getting healthy after surviving a major heart attack. He is now looking forward to a trip to Europe.

Ellen McPeak Pierson '58 lives in Morristown, New Jersey. She has 3 sons and 6 grandchildren, who are all doing well. Ellen reads constantly and enjoys keeping up with friends.

Dick Southmayd '63 retired in 2010 as a respiratory therapist after a 43 year career. Since he retired from his main career, he has continued as a personal trainer, which he has now done for over 50 years. Dick's wife Kim is the administrator of an ophthalmology practice, while daughter Harley is pursuing a master's degree in child psychology at the University of Memphis. Dick and Kim live in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Janet Somers Gauvin '63 lives in Southbridge, Massachusetts and is staying busy with her 7 grandkids and their various sports (soccer, basketball, and ice hockey).

Steve Bainbridge '67 is back in training for 10K runs and triathlons. Steve is also looking forward to the 55+1 reunion in 2023.

Gayle Avery Parnell '69 is enjoying retirement, volunteering at Irvine Nature Center, traveling, and seeing the grandchildren. Gayle lives in Randallstown, Maryland.

Carol Dahn '69 is returning East after 26 years in the Las Vegas, Nevada area. Carol retired from

Nevada State College School of Nursing. Unfortunately, she lost her spouse, Peter Bulinski, during the covid pandemic.

Beth Black Irtz '71 is retired and currently is involved in supporting an Afghan refugee family of nine resettle, with an ecumenical team from three churches in Denver. She has been the sponsor for a woman seeking asylum from Mexico. Beth and her husband Chris live outside Denver and enjoy their grandchildren, who live close by.

Andy Sworan '72 is semi-retired, working about 10-15 hours per week in Chagrin Falls. With his additional time he is volunteering as a Cubmaster for Pack 150 out of the Federated Church, coaching youth baseball with two grandsons, and coaching youth fastpitch softball with two granddaughters. Their 12U Fastpitch team went 16-0-1 in the Western Reserve Softball league (NE Ohio travel league), with an overall record, including tournaments, 19-2-2.

Janice Cook Swanson '76 retired as a vocal music educator from Medina City Schools in 2014. She has stayed very active with her roles at Asbury United Methodist Church (Delaware, Ohio) as Director of Music, organist, and Choir Director.

Harry Edwards '79 retired as the building and zoning inspector of Chagrin Falls. His career began at the Village 45 years ago as an auxiliary firefighter. He retired from his part-time role as a firefighter/EMT in 2010. Harry began working in the Service Department in 1984. In the 90s he moved over to the Utilities Department and in 2000

was selected as the Village's first full-time building and zoning inspector.

After a Legal Assistant career spanning 30+ years and jobs in Boulder, CO, London, England, and Cleveland, **Tracy Carter '80** recently had her novel, *Dogged Pursuit*, published by BookBaby (and available in print and eBook through numerous retailers). This debut book in the Veronica Kildare K-9 Mystery series opens with escalating suspense and intensifies into a resilient fight for survival. With its engaging combination of canine and human personalities, thrilling plot, and gorgeous Colorado backdrop, *Dogged Pursuit* will appeal to dog lovers, outdoors enthusiasts, and mystery lovers alike. Book two is currently in the works.

Richard Cohn '81 retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons in 2012. In retirement, he has been a contract consultant to the United States Marshals Service.

Matt Brett '85 is Chief Customer Officer at the software development firm Ascend.

Jennifer MacDonald '86 had her TED X talk, Play as a survivor skill for displaced youth, selected as an editor's pick.

The Chagrin Valley Rotary Club selected **Heather Kessell Reeder '87** as their Teacher of the Year. Heather teaches 4th grade at Chagrin Falls Intermediate School.

Jeff Materni '88 is the Client Development Director at Inmar Scanner Applications. He and his wife, **Dawn Lerz Materni '91**, live in Cincinnati.

Nat Parsons '88 recently had a solo show, "Living in Danger Resting in Sand," of his art at The Compound Gallery in Emeryville, California.

Jennifer Teeft Bauer '88 received the Good Neighbor Award from the South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance for her efforts over the years in the Aksarben Elmwood Parkwood Neighborhood Association.

Jodie Lerz Huddleston '89 started a new position as Vice President, Decentralized Clinical Trials (DCT) Solutions at Worldwide Clinical Trials. Jodie lives in Parker, Colorado.

Michelle Cull Lease '91 is the owner of the The Ginger Jar Shop (www.gingerjarshop.com) in

Harding, New Jersey. The store includes home decor, classic gifts, and vintage finds.

Larry Biscotti '92 is President of GE Healthcare Southeast Region.

As VP of Communications at Global Citizen, a global advocacy organization that works with the world's biggest music artists, **Cassie Carothers '98** helped build and lead a recent campaign to raise funding for Ukrainian refugees. The [Stand Up for Ukraine campaign](#) was supported by Bruce Springsteen, Billie Eilish, Katy Perry, Julian Lennon, and many more, and resulted in over \$10 billion in grants and loans for people displaced by the war. In total, Global Citizen has secured \$40.1 billion in funds to achieve its mission of ending extreme poverty.

Jeremy Galante '99 is celebrating ten years as an animation director and graphics artist on Sesame Street. He has also been with Edinboro University of Pennsylvania since 2006, and is currently an Associate Professor of Animation.

Joy Fishman Burke '01 is a Sr. Compensation Consultant at Amazon supporting Amazon Web Services.

Aaron Slodov '01 is co-founder of Atomic Industries, a tool and die making software company based in Los Angeles.

Emily Smith Hossellman '03 was promoted to Senior Product Marketing Manager of Global Special Projects at Google in San Francisco.

David Allen '04 was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant at the Chagrin Falls Fire Department. David is a full-time firefighter with the Shaker Fire Department.

Dani Haendiges '05 wrote a book called *A is for Autism* that is now available on Amazon. It is a tool for parents who are looking for ways to connect with their neurodiverse or noncommunicative children while learning and teaching the American Sign Language alphabet. Dani is an artist and mother of two living in Rochester, New York.

Dan Mignogna '09 is a Sr. Supplier Quality Engineer at the cancer care company Varian.

Taylor Parrish '10 is a storyboard artist on the

animated Disney show Firebuds that will be out later this year.

Micho Sahlani '10 started a new position as Lead Regulatory Compliance Analyst at Bridgestone Americas in Akron.

Peter Kampf '11 started a new position starting as Vice President, Investment Banking at Cleveland based Marshberry.

Kelly O'Connor Ottonwess '11 is Account Executive, Existing Business at Stripe. Kelly lives in Chicago.

Kate Girouard '13 started a new position as Quality Engineer II, returning to Boston Scientific at the International Distribution Center in Kerkrade, the Netherlands.

Kelly Komoroski '13 is a Client Communications Specialist at Rocket Mortgage in Cleveland.

Maddie Wilson '13 is finishing up her MBA at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. She's also the graduate assistant lacrosse coach for the Lancers. Prior to being at Longwood, she was the assistant coach at Ursuline College and served as the team's interim head coach in 2018.

Sonia Fantz '14 is a Customer Success Manager at the medical care company Purview. Sonia lives in Ewa Beach, Hawaii.

Dan Hoy '14, star of the first national tour of the CATS revival, made his NYC solo concert debut at Feinstein's/54 Below this past Spring.

Jessica Tull '14 recently received her masters degree in Speech Language Pathology from George Washington University. She just began a position at a skilled nursing and outpatient rehab facility.

Sam Zdolshek '14 is a Software Engineer II for ESPN in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Allie Dustin '15 works for skin care company Caudalie in New York City as their Social Media Manager for TikTok.

Jon Klindera '15 is an operations manager at Amazon in Cleveland.

Garrett Bontempo '16 started a new position as Mortgage Loan Officer at Liberty Home Mortgage Corporation.

Olivia McCuaig '15 is a Nursing Assistant II in the NICU step-down unit at University Hospitals in Cleveland.

Emilie Gunn '16 is a yoga instructor in Aurora, Colorado and is earning her masters degree in somatic psychotherapy.

Bridget Hunt '16 is an Associate Industrial Designer with Cleveland-based Kichler Lighting.

Ashley Weitzel '16 is an Associate Scientist at Abbott Nutrition in Columbus, Ohio.

Hailey Lowe '17 is an Innovation & Experience Design Consultant within the Business Transformation team at Ernst & Young in Philadelphia.

Jack O'Brien '17 is a Senior Redevelopment Associate at Cleveland based DLC Management Corp.

Johnny Wilson '17 Is in his last semester at John Carroll and last season he played in the NCAA Division III lacrosse playoffs vs Union College recording 21 saves, a record at John Carroll. He also played in the Division III lacrosse All-Star game in Providence Rhode Island and got the win in goal with 13 saves.

Parker Wouters '17 is a software engineer for Spotify. Parker lives in Lakewood, Ohio.

Adam Bencko '18 is a Business Intelligence Analyst for the Cleveland Guardians.

Charles Ellis '18 is an Associate Systems Engineer in the Pathways Program at Northrop Grumman in Boston.

Cole Newbauer '18 is a Logistics Account Executive position at Total Quality Logistics in Chicago.

Christoph Sontich '18 started a new position as Capital Markets Analyst at the real estate financing firm of Lev in New York City.

Grace Marinelli '19 started a new position as a kindergarten teacher at Westerville City Schools in Columbus, Ohio.

Joe Toth Memorial Art Scholarship

This last February we lost a longtime Chagrin Falls resident, **Joseph Toth '80**. He had returned to the area after pursuing a career in the arts . He became a familiar face working at the local Heinen's store and touched many lives in the Chagrin Falls area .

Funds are currently being raised through the CFAA. These funds will go to an art scholarship to be given yearly to a CFHS art student.

One can donate via check or online. At the CFAA donation page (<https://www.chagrinalumni.org/donations>) scroll down to the option for the Joe Toth Memorial Art Scholarship.



CLASS & REUNION NEWS

The **Class of '53** is planning a casual reunion for the summer of 2023-- seventy years after graduation. Any member who would be interested in attending should send name, current address, phone number, or email address to Shirley Hills Takacs at 440-543-4991 or to Judy Burke Honeywell at welljudy@sbcglobal.net by January 23, 2023. Once we know how many would like to attend, plans will be finalized and all will be notified.

The **Class of '67** will be having their 55+1 Reunion on the Saturday of Blossom Weekend in 2023. Classmates will gather at The Village Martini and Wine Bar from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. for heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. If you have updated contact information or questions please email Cindy Wyszynski (cwysinc@roadrunner.com) or Ralph Hastings (hstngs@gmail.com).

The **Class of '70** will be hosting their 50th plus 2 reunion the weekend of October 7th, 8th, and 9th. 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. On Friday evening, local classmates and others getting into town early will meet at Panini's Bar and Grill from 7:00 to midnight. Saturday will begin with a tour of CFHS and the Chagrin Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room at 10:00 a.m. The main event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the CVAC with a Happy Hour

greeting, dinner, short program and lots of time to reminisce. Sunday will conclude with brunch/lunch picnic at South Russell Village Park Pavilion from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All events are casual/comfortable dress but consideration for October weather. Please respond to Darrell Johnson via email: commish94@aol.com with any questions or concerns and continue to watch our Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1970 Facebook page

Classmates that have not received the email with all the information, please contact Darrell. Additional communications will be sent out as we get closer to "OUR" Reunion Weekend. Hope you are planning to attend! Stay safe and see you in October.

The CFHS **Class of '71** had a great reunion during Blossom time weekend. Kenny Koos graciously opened his home Saturday afternoon where classmates enjoyed reminiscing. Later that evening, approximately 50 classmates gathered at Village Martini & Wine Bar. It was great seeing some after a 51 year pause! Richard Leach made a respectful display to our 30 deceased old friends. Friendships renewed, hair graying!

The **Class of 1972** held their 50th reunion over the recent Memorial Day weekend. Classmates gathered on Friday night at the Township Hall for the all class reunion. Saturday morning a light breakfast was provided at Frohring Meadows Park followed by tours of the recently renovated Intermediate school, Middle school and High school. The tours led by Alumni director Brian McKenna concluded at the Tom Mattern Historical Room. Saturday night dinner was held at the Gottscheer Club in Newbury. A huge thank you goes out to our great organizing committee: Tina Langer, Dan Miller, Linda Maistros, Mary Rockefeller, Connie Abbott and Dwight Woodward. A fantastic time was had by all that attended.

The **Class of 1977** will be having their 45 year reunion on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at Pine Lake Trout Club.

The **Class of '79** held a “non reunion” year reunion at Jeff and Jackie Baker’s beautiful home on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Approximately 24 classmates enjoyed a beautiful evening with dinner on the decks and patios surrounding the Baker’s home. A fine time was had by all. Plans for the 45th reunion will be forthcoming but save the date for May 25, 2024!

Class of 1972 Reunion



Seventy members and friends of the **Class of '80** gathered at the Bainbridge Town Hall to “eat, drink, reunite” and celebrate the 42nd anniversary of our graduation. We enjoyed great conversation, good music and delicious food catered by Trifles. We honored our classmates

with a photo memorial table, we remembered life -circa 1972- at Lewis Sands Elementary School, viewing movie footage shot by John Cressman's Dad, and we contributed to the newly established Joe Toth Alumni Memorial Scholarship. It was a fun night of reminiscing and remembering our days in Chagrin Falls. The best way to stay in touch with the reunion committee is via email. Please send Kate

Batchelor Cravens (Ckcravens@aol.com) your up-to-date email address, so you'll be part of the next gathering! All are welcome to join the committee - Kate Batchelor, Colleen Clegg, Lynn Moore, Kevin Kessler- we welcome all ideas and support!!

Class of 1980 Reunion



The **Class of '82** celebrated our 40th year reunion on Saturday, May 28th, 2022. The casual event was held at Katydid Lodge, a part of the Geauga Park District. It was a wonderful time to catch up with all of our classmates. A corn hole tournament proved to be quite the competition. David Maistros and Sherry Rice took home the Corn Hole Championship! We were reminded of the years gone by with a slide presentation that spanned the time from high school to current events. We ended the evening with singing and dancing the night away. It was a terrific weekend, and we are all looking forward to the next get together!

The **Class of '88** will be celebrating their 35th year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2023. The weekend will begin with the All Class Reunion on the Friday evening at Town Hall. The festivities will continue Saturday night at classmates Brent Luce's home. Keep in the loop on information by joining the class Facebook group, CFHS Class of 1988.

Despite the last-minute scramble to organize it, the 30th/31st reunion for the **Class of '91** was a success. More than two dozen classmates

gathered in the upstairs River Room of the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre over Blossom Weekend.

The **Class of '93** looks forward to seeing classmates for our 30th reunion the Saturday of Blossom Weekend. More details in the coming months!

The **Class of '98** will be having their 25th reunion this coming Blossom. The reunion will be on Saturday May 27th, 2023. We are working on details but ask that if you have updated contact information or questions please email 98cftigers@gmail.com. We are really excited to see everybody!

The **Class of '03** will be celebrating their 20 year reunion Saturday, May 27, 2023. If you are interested in helping or need to update your contact info please email Abbey at scoteseabigail@gmail.com

The **Class of '07** had an informal 15 year reunion at 17 River the Friday of Blossom Weekend. Class members shared drinks and snacks and made their way over to the all class reunion thereafter. The Class of 2007 is looking forward to a much bigger 20 Year reunion in 2027.

Class of 1991 Reunion



The **Class of '08** will be hosting their 15 year class reunion on Blossom weekend 2023. Further details and communication will primarily occur via the class Facebook group. Please reach out to Liz Wilson (Monda) at emmonda@gmail.com with any questions, suggestions, requests to be added to the Facebook group or if you would like to help plan the event.

The Class of '12 celebrated its 10-year reunion Saturday night over Blossom Weekend at Crooked Pecker Brewing Company in Chagrin Falls. About 40 members from the graduating class plus significant others enjoyed catching up over Crooked Pecker beers and sharing memories by the bonfire.

Class of '12 Reunion

Standing: Eric Schlaker, Connor Hann, David Kohn, Ted Cogan, Virginia McClure, Tanner Young, Wesley Kenyon, Spencer Hadbavny, Keaton Wallace, Ali Maxwell, Sean Dougherty, Emily Monarch, Shannon Brill, Elise Manchester, Aileen O'Hearn, Lauren Isaacson, Taylor Trueblood, Shelby Sooy, Amanda Kristoff, Brooke McEntee, Bill Cale

Kneeling: Spencer Hitchcock, Michael Hageman, David Rann, Annie Flesher, John Hallack, Bradley McKelvey-Askin



The **Class of '17** held their 5-year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2022. Classmates gathered at Burntwood Tavern located on E. Washington St. to kick-off a great Memorial Day Weekend. We all look forward to the next reunion!

Do You Remember

Trapper Keepers; Valley Lantern; CFHS Intramural Wrestling Tournament; Galie West; Library Club; Driver's Ed; Paul's Men's and Boy's Shop; The Lotus Shop; Alaimo's Shoe Clinic; Alberta's Salon; Chagrin Falls Bakery; Al's Barber Shop; buying mums at the Homecoming football game; bake sales; spaghetti dinners; The Sample Rack; Meet the Teams night; Country Clothiers Comfort; Powder Puff; senior prank; the gym uniform, the Rec Center; going door to door fundraising for the Booster Club at the beginning of the year; your bus driver; covering your textbooks with brown paper bags; field trips; your first dance; collecting butterflies or leaves for a science class; summer reading; work camp; band camp; final exams; senior week; getting your temps; exchanging notes; open campus; driving to school; the Chagrin Valley Roller Rink; clap outs; writing your college essay; 8th grade graduation; your first day of high school; your favorite teacher; your best friend's phone number; your next door neighbor; your favorite lunch at the school cafeteria; Geauga Lake; Sea World; the drive in; Choosing your 1st day of school outfit; Getting your first report card with letter grades; Your 1st field trip; Your 1st job; Where your locker was at CFHS and CFMS; Learning the alphabet through the Letter People; Schoolhouse Rocks; picture day; a cheer from a football or basketball game; your favorite babysitter; typing class; your lunch box and thermos; triangular pencil grip; fruit scented markers; getting your work back with gold stars; Scholastic Book Club; Mrs. Maus; the popular dance of your high school years; the first album that you knew all the words; your first computer; trick or treating in your neighborhood or town.

Save Henry Church Rock

Jane Babinsky '74, Skip Church '71, Marta Kuivinen Brown '68, Karen Griffiths Leary '74, John Bourisseau '64, along with Ruth Zeager, Executive Director of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society are part of a committee that formed about a year ago to try and stabilize/restore the iconic folk sculpture created in 1885 by Henry Church Jr. that has been known as Squaw Rock. The sculpture has been vandalized over the years and exhibits general deterioration due to weathering and lichen growth and the general neglect of the Metro-Parks. The group engaged the Intermuseum Conservation Association (ICA) to do an assessment of the sculpture and to make recommendations.



The sculpture is located in the South Chagrin Reservation of the Cleveland Metro-Parks and the recommendations have been provided to this agency which has responsibility for the care, maintenance and protection of this important sculpture. Unfortunately, the Metro-Parks have rejected the recommendations and seemingly do not want to do anything other than let it continue to deteriorate and fade away. The committee is looking to continue to gain additional information and develop resources to present to the Metro-Parks in the hope that we will be able to save/restore this important work. We are not asking the Park system to pay for the restoration, we will raise the funds. We just want them to let us follow the recommendations of the ICA and other experts who we will engage. We will be launching a website www.savehenrychurchrock.com and creating a Facebook page, Save Henry Church Rock, where we will post a petition and update information regarding our progress with the Metro-Parks. Here is a link to a short video put together by Skip that shows how we are losing this iconic sculpture <https://youtu.be/1nxf3H5GqMk> We are not looking for donations at this time. Thank you for signing the petition.

Scholarship Winners



Photo by John Tillotson '72

Since 1990, the CFAA has awarded 160 scholarships totaling over \$160,000. The CFAA Scholarship Committee was proud to recognize 5 members of the Class of 2022 with scholarships this past spring.

Left to Right: Josh Rooney (Ruth Noble), Claire Stinson (Child of an Alum), Aubree Daugherty (Class of 1964 Tom Luckay), Peyton Gellin (Lenny & Lana May), Sarah Lynch (Tom Mattern)

Not Pictured: Sophia Avery

SCHOOL NEWS

CFHS Hires New Principal

Michael Janatovich was hired as the new high school principal. Monica Asher, who had been the principal for the past 5 years, has been selected as the principal at Olentangy Orange High School in Columbus. Janatovich previously was the principal of Cuyahoga Heights Middle and High School. Prior to that, he was the assistant principal at Harmon Middle School at Aurora City Schools and the assistant principal, athletic director, and middle school science teacher at Cuyahoga Heights Schools.

CFHS Ranks as One of the Top High Schools in Nation in 2022

Chagrin Falls High School ranks as one of the top high schools nationally, based on the 2022 rankings from the U.S. News & World Report. Chagrin Falls High School is ranked #2 in Cleveland, #8 in Ohio and #353 in national rankings. In addition, the school was nationally ranked #89 in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) high schools and ranked #1 in STEM in the State of Ohio. Nearly 24,000 schools were nationally ranked and 750 schools were ranked in Ohio.

Ranking factors included college readiness; college curriculum; math and reading proficiency and performance and graduation rate.

Chagrin Falls Schools' Music Education Program Receives National Recognition

Chagrin Falls has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Now in its 23rd year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Band Director Casidy Reed answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

Chagrin Falls is one of 47 schools in Ohio to be recognized this year. In the United States, 738 school districts and 80 schools were recognized for their outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders and their support for music education as part of a well-rounded education for all children.

CFMS Wins the Iron Giraffe Challenge Super School Award for Donation to Water for South Sudan

Water for South Sudan is a nonprofit charity whose mission is to deliver sustainable quality-of-life services to and with the people of South Sudan by efficiently providing access to clean, safe water, and improving hygiene and sanitation practices in areas of great need.

By raising \$25,576.47, the Chagrin Falls Middle School (CFMS) Class of 2026 won the Iron Giraffe Challenge Super School for raising the most money in the country.

By winning this year's Super School Award, CFMS will have a video call with the founder of Water for South Sudan, Salva Dut.

This past February, Water for South Sudan was able to put two new wells in South Sudan because of the efforts of CFMS. This makes a total of three wells CFMS has been able to fund. There are hopes to build a fourth well after this year's fundraising efforts. They are only \$7,400 away. Each well costs \$15,000 to build.

This year's Cardboard Regatta event took place in early June at the Chagrin Rec pool. Students formed into teams, organized their fundraising efforts, constructed their cardboard boats, and raced with fellow classmates in the pool.

Class of '22 Members Welcome Class of '35 to Chagrin

Under the direction and organization of Gurney Elementary Principal Dr. Rachel Jones, graduating seniors gave up a portion of a Saturday in May to visit the incoming members of the Class of 2035. They will start kindergarten at Gurney in August, while their visitors will be off to their new adventure at college.



Betcha' Didn't Know

Henry Church, Jr. was the second child born in Chagrin Falls. He would later carve Squaw Rock, which is now a part of the South Chagrin Reservation of the Metro Parks.

A bond issue was proposed in 1928 for \$390,000 to build a new high school at the site of the newly acquired fairgrounds. A citizens' committee supported the board and helped to present the issue to the voters. Results of the election were: 650 votes for and 772 votes against. It wouldn't be until 1957 that a school building would be built at the site.

A kid's first haircut is free at Mug and Brush.

The Chagrin Falls Board of Education first adopted a driver education program, which ran in the summer of 1968. Even if a student already had his license, he could just do the classroom work for it would qualify for an insurance rate reduction.

The CFHS Band, under the direction of Dr. Bill Foley, played at the Coliseum before a Cleveland Cavaliers game on January 22, 1976. They played highlights from the football season including "Tailgate Ramble," "Rock Around the Clock," "I Only Have Eyes For You," "Rhapsody in Blue," and "Fascinating Rhythm." They also played at halftime with the majorettes providing additional entertainment. The previous year, they played at a Cleveland Browns game.

Guinness Book world record holder and former stuntman, **Ted Batchelor '77**, did his first fire jump off the Falls on May 20, 1976 with the help of his manager **Rick Huggett '77**. Ted even

wrote a poem to go with the stunt.

I soared in the air

And hoped when I hit

My encased brain

Would not split.

My firebird body pounded and sizzled

As the fire that once was finally fizzled

Then my head popped up

and bobbed around

As the crisp cool falls kept falling down

In the fall of 1976 efforts were made to improve interest in daily gym classes. Four gym teachers were used to run four different units. Students could choose which activities they wanted to take part in, although some were required. What made it even more revolutionary was that many of the units were coed.

Also, in the fall of 1976 the first girls tennis team was formed. Head Coach was teacher Mrs. Carolyn Hanson with assistant coaches being Mrs. Nancy Gottschalk and Mrs. Patty Mills.

The Class of 2022 was the 134th graduating class of Chagrin Falls High School.

The Family Health Association's "Unit on Understanding Yourself" was brought to 5th graders in 1961 to teach "sex education."

The auditorium at the school on Philomethian Street held its first public program with the annual spring concert in 1940. The addition was built partially through a P.W.A. grant. The Class of 1940 was the first to hold graduation ceremonies in the new auditorium.

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