



TIGER TALES

CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

WINTER 2024

Fellow Alumni & Friends,

We hope that you have all had a special holiday season to be able to spend with family and friends. As we start 2024, we look forward to continuing to serve our mission of "Keeping Tiger Pride Alive" as we have since 1989. Alumni will gather together in February in for the All Class Reunion in Florida. We will welcome our newest alumni in mid May. Naturally our biggest celebration will be Blossom Weekend with our All-Class Reunion and many reunions. In this issue you will read about another reason to gather on Memorial Weekend.

We have kicked off a campaign to fund a new memorial for the 11 fellow graduates that gave their lives while in service to our nation. This monument will be placed on the school grounds just outside the stadium to let our students, community members, and visitors know that their sacrifice will continue to be remembered. We hope you will consider joining us for the ceremonial memorial dedication and donating to this worthy cause.

We appreciate your continued support of the CFAA and wish you all the best for 2024.

Brian McKenna '88
Alumni Director

Wreaths Across America - A Chagrin Community Event

Led by Gurney Elementary School teacher Courtney Mooney and in partnership with Wreaths of America, many teachers and students joined community members to honor the legacy of local heroes in early December. Not only did students assist with the grave marking, students also took part in the "Color Your Wreath" project to make the holidays brighter for veterans across the country. A special thank you to Chagrin Hardware for they put together a special map to locate the graves. In total, about 850 wreaths were distributed to Evergreen Cemetery. In addition, **Andy Sworan '72** helped to locate the three military markers on the high school hill by the former band building, so wreaths could be placed there as well.

Florida - All Class Reunion 2024



Date: Saturday,
February 24

Time: 11 - 3 p.m.

Destination: Summerfield Community Park
Pavillion at 6310 Lakewood Ranch Blvd.
Lakewood Ranch FL, 34202.

Please visit the alumni Chagrin Falls Facebook group or our All Class Reunion Florida Chagrin Falls High School Facebook page for alerts, updates, details and important information. Feel free to contact Suzanne Wright on FB, call my cell 419-308-6686 or email me: wsuzannebg@yahoo.com.

The event continues to grow in size and has made it a mission to support scholarships for CFHS seniors and the CFAA.

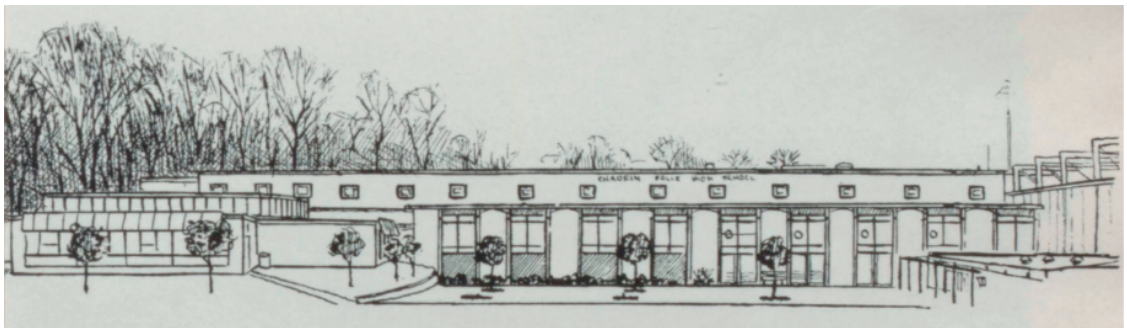
CF Grads Gather at Playhouse Square



(L to R) **Scott Lax '70**, **Karen Griffiths Leary '74**, **Allison Engel '69**, **Joan Brandon Barker '74**, **Cindy Thomas Yates '69**, **Donna Beall Valtman '74**, **Cindy Stull Sloe '74**, **Peggy Engel '69**, **Carol Hrovath Carter '74**, **Sue Schroeder Brunst '74**

This past August 6, ladies from the Class of 1974 met for dinner before attending *Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End* at the Playhouse Square. **Peggy Engel '69** and **Allison Engel '69**, wrote the book that would later be turned into the play. At the play, the ladies were joined by additional CFHS alumni and the authors themselves.

From the
1978 Zenith



Do You Remember

Daffy Dan's T-Shirts; Going to concerts, Cavs and Force games at Richfield Coliseum; Captain Penny & Ghoultardi; Geauga Lake and Sea World; Hough Bakery; Doing the tour in gym class; Your leaf collection for science class; The morning Plain Dealer or the afternoon Cleveland Press; What you included in your senior blurb in the yearbook: your first crush; your favorite teacher; lunch and study hall in the Commons; the holiday show when you were in elementary school; your favorite lunch box; the foreign exchange students at CFHS.

From the school newspaper, Valley Lantern (1978)

Scrambled Teachers

The following puzzle contains names of Chagrin Falls High School teachers, counselors, librarians, and commons supervisors. See if you can find them all!

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| 1. Barber | 4. Dean |
| 2. Battles | 5. Dworak |
| 3. Colignon | 6. Foley |

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| 7. Girard | 16. Muzevich |
| 8. Glaser | 17. Nelson |
| 9. Halloran | 18. Olah |
| 10. Hanson | 19. Piai |
| 11. Howell | 20. Quisenberry |
| 12. Knight | 21. Sheban |
| 13. Loesch | 22. Stanton |
| 14. Miles | 23. Weber |
| 15. Morris | 24. Wern |
| | 25. Wheatcraft |

A G S Q D E A N R E O F I L
L F H T U P O S O E U J O S
L M O P R I T U S F I W E M
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IN MEMORIAM



Mary Eldridge Parker 1941
Doris Whitlam Kennell 1945
Xenil Jefferson Wilson 1946
Ray Simpson 1952
Retired CFHS math teacher and coach **Jack Stanton 1952**
Nancy Schroeder Carpenter 1954
Virgil Huggett 1957
Nancy Slavik Pfarr 1957
John Thomas 1957
Bernard Keary 1958
Col. Peter Southmayd 1958
Dick Hallstrom 1959
Jack Richardson 1959
Donna Takacs Frazer 1961
Tom Nash 1965
Jay Murtaugh 1968
Jim Peckis 1968
Ginny Batchelor Bair 1969
Robert Knight 1972
David McCourt 1972
Kristin Meals Sutherland 1972
Carol Murphy Kelly 1972
David Rickelman 1972
Barbara Jane Duff Krohn 1973
Karl Meier 1976
Liz Batchelor Mulledy 1978
Ernie Powell 1978
Jeff Asplin 1979
Terry Murray 1979
David West 1979
Robert "Bob" Dahl 1987
Bill Hanson 1998
Keanu Sherman 2021
Retired high school history teacher and Head Football Coach **John Piai**
Retired teacher **Jack Glaser**
Retired high school French teacher **Stephan Pepper**
Retired high school science teacher **Ramon Battles**
Retired elementary school teacher **Donna Rentz**

Marriages

Debbie Swyt-Mueller & **John Tutolo '88**, Dec. 31, 2023.
Joe Wilamowski & **Molly Magnuson '05**, Jan. 20, 2024.
Bri Rich & **Alex Hinch '08**, Nov. 4, 2023.
Erin Losey & **Nick Vento '08**, Oct. 28, 2023.
Andrea Wojciechowski & **Andrew Vento '10**, Sept. 9, 2023.
Lena Bando '17 & Xavier Cheek, Oct. 7, 2023.



Births

To Stu & **Christine Collins Kocian '03**, a son, Benjamin John, Oct. 3, 2023.
To Mike & **Kimmy Wilson Sheehy '04**, a daughter, Lillian Claire, Dec. 27, 2023.
To **Jerry '04** and **Erin Wallenhorst King '06**, a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, Nov. 7, 2023.
To Ryan & **Sara Stricker Catanese '05**, a daughter, Addison June, Oct. 25, 2023.
To Peter & **Janie Stricker Scully '07**, a son, Cormac "Mac" Emerson, Jan. 10, 2024.
To Becca & **Nick Mueller '08**, a daughter, Eloise Charlotte, Nov. 24, 2023.
To Maria & **Rocco Oppedisano '09**, a son, Salvino Davide, Aug. 1, 2023.
To **Bobby Winkleman '10** & **Libby Harrold '10**, a daughter, Eleanor Jane, Sept. 10, 2023.
To Danny and **Kaitlin Wolfe Sherbun '10**, a daughter, Sophia Mary, Oct. 19, 2023.
To Megan & **Spencer Diedrich '11**, a boy, Christopher William, July 26, 2023.
To George & **Morgan Liber Pappas '11**, a daughter, Loula Carrie, Dec. 27, 2023.
To Monica & **Everett Dishong '12**, a daughter, Josephine Burke, Oct. 31, 2023.
To Sean & **Cailyn Klarich Nelson '12**, a son, Canyon Rory, Jan. 16, 2024.
To Jayla Graham & **Beck Darden '19**, a daughter, Nora June, Aug. 15, 2023.

Donations

Several donations were made to a new scholarship named in memory of retired CFHS science teachers Ramon Battles and **John Hurst '52**. Those that have donated include **Karen Hurst Johns '60**, **Virginia Taft '80**, **Brent Charlton '81**, **Brent '87** & **Joanne Roberts Godfrey '87**, and Lynn Shanklin.

Many donations were made in memory of Coach Piai from **Ted Williams '61**, **Janice Hill '62**, **Terry McNally '62**, **Cliff Harmon '69**, all of the Tigers of the **Class of '69**, **Donna Rogers Frazier '71**, **Betsy Brewer '73**, Debby & **Roger Vasey '73**, the Griffiths sisters (**Karen '74**, **Anne '75**, **Amy '77**, & **Gwen '81**), **Tom Champlin '75**, **Nancy Richardson Williams '77**, Wade & **Laura Wilharm Fricke '83**, retired CFHS teacher and coach Bob & Jene Ohlrich, David & Wendy Lingafelter, retired Chagrin Schools secretary Marilyn Wyville, Diane Weber, Metro Catholic School, Ryan Carney, Judy Lewis, retired Chagrin Schools secretary Sally Kaas Lyle, Ron & Judy Neuger, the Barnes family (Mary, Keith, & Greg), Marlene & David Sterlekar, Bill & Kathy O'Donnell, Kathy Eskin, Roland & Kandice Kowalski, Tim & Melissa Raines, Bill & Gretchen Exline.

Florence Brichford Bras '52 has made her Tiger Pride donation in memory of retired CFHS English teacher Miss Elsa Jane Carroll.

Bruce Crittenden '53 has made his Tiger Pride donation in memory of his best friend and classmate **Ron McCormick '53**.

Karen Frew-Goodin '57 has made a donation in memory of her son-in-law Chris Goodin.

Ellen McPeak Pierson '58 has given her annual dues in memory of classmate **Jim Fitz '58**.

Sue Class Feick '59 has made a donation in honor of her classmates.

Linda Sue Kreycik Phillips '61 has made a donation in memory of all the classmates that we have lost.

Woody Woodrich '62 has donated his annual dues in memory of his brother **John Woodrich '65** and his mother Mary Woodrich, who had retired as 4th grade teacher at Chagrin.

Linda Bird Powers '63 has made her Tiger Pride donation in memory of her classmate **Laura Fields McGrath '63**, who was also the editor of the 1963 Zenith.

Pete DeGreen '64 has made his Tiger Pride donation in memory of his classmate **Pamela Peabody Furst '64**.

Jim Murley '64 has made a donation to the Class of 1964 Scholarship Fund in memory of classmate **George Reitz '64**.

Ellen Johnson '66 has made her Tiger Pride donation in memory of her beloved brother **Donald Johnson '67**.

Lynn Raker Wurzelbacher '68 has made her Tiger Pride donation in memory of classmate **Lee Lindemuth Whitcomb '68**.

Jeff Watkins '70 has given his Tiger Pride donation in memory of retired CFHS English teacher, coach, and Athletic Director Lenny May.

Donations were made in memory of parent Chuck Barber by his family **Cheryl '72, Beth '75, and Chip '77**.

Robert Belanger '77 has made a donation to the **Geoff Lynch '77** Memorial Scholarship.

Retired Chagrin Falls Schools secretary Marilyn Wyville has made a donation in memory of retired teacher Jack Glaser.

An anonymous donation has been made to the CFAA Scholarship Fund in memory of the 1967 classmates that are no longer with us.

Betcha' Didn't Know

- Retired German teacher Dr. Mario Gerhardt was a starting forward for the U.S. Naval Academy soccer team that finished as runner up in the NCAA.
- In 1849, when the Ohio legislature established a state-wide education system, it decreed local boards of education. Therefore, a volunteer, self-appointed Chagrin Falls Board of Education was formed. The first organizational meeting was held May 25, 1849, when Stephen Smith was appointed its first president.
- The Chagrin Valley Roller Rink just turned 76 years old.
- The CFHS student population for the 2023-24 school year is 504.

School News

CFHS Named To Advanced Placement School Honor Roll

College Board announced that Chagrin Falls High School has been named to the Advanced Placement® Program School Honor Roll, earning a gold distinction.

The AP® School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

CFHS offers 28 AP courses. Last year, there were 41 AP Scholars, 20 AP Scholars with Honor, 51 AP Scholars with Distinction, 1 AP International Diploma, 17 AP Capstone Diplomas, and 3 AP Seminar and Research Certificates awarded.

Chagrin Schools Places 2nd in 2023 Overall Gifted Rankings in Ohio

The ODEW (Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Readiness, previously known as the Ohio Department of Education) recently released its 2023 Gifted Rankings relative to the state report cards. The Department ranks traditional school districts, community schools and STEM schools across the state based upon the opportunities for, and performance of, students identified as gifted. This calculation measures opportunities for and performance of gifted students. This ranking includes several components: the percent of all students in the district that are identified as gifted, the percent of students identified as gifted that receive gifted services, the percent of all students in the district that receive gifted services, the Performance Index for gifted students, and the Value-Added Gifted measure from the district report cards. Based upon the average of rankings in Gifted Input Points, Gifted Performance Index, and Gifted Value-Added, the Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools District placed 2nd in the state of Ohio in these 2023 rankings. The district was ranked 6th in the state in 2022.

CFHS Speech & Debate Earns National Recognition

CFHS' Speech and Debate Team has earned significant recognition from the National Speech & Debate Association for the 2022-23 school year. Students earn Honor Society points and degrees based on competition, leadership, and service activities which contribute to a school's strength points. Because of CFHS's chapter achieving 132 or more strength points last year, they earned membership in the National Association's prestigious 100 Club.

Chagrin Schools Names Teacher & Staff Employee of the Year

At the staff convocation meeting at the beginning of the school year, Chagrin Falls Schools surprised two staff members with one of the highest awards given by the District. Kathy Ohlrich, a sixth-grade math teacher at Chagrin Falls Intermediate School, is the Teacher of the Year. The Staff Employee of the Year is Gigi Kuper-Lewis, an administrative assistant at Chagrin Falls Intermediate School.

CFHS Among The Top High Schools in The Area

Chagrin Falls High School (CFHS) is once again among the top public high schools in Ohio according to the U.S. News and World Report's Best High Schools ranking released on August 29, 2023.

CFHS ranks No. 3 among 146 high schools in the area and No. 16 among 741 high schools in the State of Ohio, placing it in the top 2.2% of public high schools statewide. Nationally, CFHS ranks No. 416 among the approximately 17,680 public high schools who were ranked across the nation of the approximately 25,000 public high schools (placing it in the top 2.4% of public high schools nationally).

Chagrin Earns Five Stars in Every Component of State Report Card

On September 14, 2023, the Ohio Department of Education released the 2022-23 School Report Cards for the more than 600 districts in the state. Chagrin Falls Schools received five stars on every component of the report card. Five stars is the highest rating and means Chagrin Falls Schools significantly exceeded state standards in academic achievement, progress, gap closing, graduation and early literacy.

The Ohio School Report Cards include performance information provided by schools and districts including academic, financial, and opportunity to learn data. Some of this data is then combined into six components that receive star ratings to indicate the level of performance for the school and district.

Other statistics from the report card show that Chagrin Falls Schools . . .

- is one of only six districts in the state of Ohio with a performance index percentage higher than 100%.
- is the only district in the entire state to have an overall Rating Points Score of 5 on the report card and 1 of 75 districts with an Overall Star Rating of 5 Stars.
- has the 4th highest performance index score in the State of Ohio (out of 607 school districts).

The Tiger's Den Opens

On November 13, CFHS held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of Tiger's Den, the school's new spirit store run by students from the entrepreneurship class who brought the store to life. Products available include custom designed apparel, rally gear, home goods and accessories, and snacks. It is located in the high school commons.

The Tiger's Den allows students to gain first-hand retail experience operating their own brick-and-mortar business. Led by teachers John Bakalar and Amanda Heintzelman, students designed, produced, and will sell customized CFHS spirit wear and accessories. Much of the merchandise will be made in the Tiger's Den workspace and the Creation Lab. All profits will be reinvested to sustain the store for future entrepreneurship students.

CFHS Students Top Stock Market Challenge, Advance To Nationals

On Friday, December 8, students from Financial Literacy at CFHS participated in the Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge at the Federal Reserve in downtown Cleveland. The challenge featured over 175 students, making up 50 teams from 10 Northeast Ohio High Schools. The JA Stock Market Challenge is a competitive learning program where high school students learn about the stock market, saving and investing during in-classroom programming, then compete against other high school students in an exciting one-day competition! Chagrin Falls resident and Financial Advisor, Mindy Qua volunteered to run the Junior Achievement curriculum enabling CFHS to participate.

This high energy event is designed to simulate the excitement of a real life trading floor. Teams of 3 or 4 students will learn to work together, leverage each other's strengths, and use critical thinking skills while analyzing news articles and data during a high stakes and fierce competition. Each team is issued \$1,000,000 of "mock stock" and must buy and sell shares in fictitious companies throughout a simulated 60-day trading period. Trading is fast, fun, and furious with a new day starting every 60 seconds! The goal of each team is to achieve the greatest rate of return on investment by the end of the simulated trading session.

For the first time since the Stock Market Challenge began in 2018 in Cleveland, Chagrin Falls had the top team led by sophomores Jack Keegan, Alec Gresh, Jackson Orazen and junior Cooper Ryan who finished with an impressive 410% Rate of Return. Their team took home a cash prize of \$500 and punched their ticket to the National Stock Market Challenge in the spring, where they will compete against the winners from each state.

IN THE NEWS

Flo Brichford Bras '52 lives in Pleasanton, California and has been married to her successful architect husband Jack. Flo and Jack enjoy traveling the world with their six grandchildren.

Sue Class Feick '59 has been living in California for 32 years now, but her heart is still in Chagrin.

Dr. Denise "Denny" Webster '62 retired as a professor in 2007 from the University of Colorado with a focus on women and mental health. While in retirement, Denny is doing art/fiber quilting and her work can be found at www.dennywebster.com.

Pete DeGreen '64 lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Pete is enjoying his grandchildren, with his oldest granddaughter now a freshman at the University of Alabama.

Ted Ricker '65 moved out of Chagrin Falls several years ago to Wilmington, Ohio. Although closer to Cincinnati, he stills cheers on his hometown Browns. More importantly, Ted and his wife are situated between grandkids so they can spend time with them.

Lynn Raker Wurzelbacher '68 lives in Springboro, Ohio, and has been long retired from thirty years of teaching high school French, thanks to the inspiration from CFHS teacher Virginia Colignon. Lynn is enjoying her retirement by visiting her four grandchildren and spending winters in Naples, FL.

Nan Atkinson celebrated her 95th birthday this month at Williamsburg Landing (VA), her resident community since 2003, with her 4 sons; **Brad '73, Tom '75, Tim '76, Bill '80** and their families. Dick, her husband passed in 2017, and her eldest son; **Dicky '72** passed in 2005.



Kent State will be inducting nine individuals into their 2023 Varsity K Athletics Hall of Fame class on Fri., Sept. 15th. In addition to the inductees, five other awards will be presented including the Team of Distinction honor, which will recognize the 1978 field hockey team. Members of the team included **Beth Felger Ryan '75** and **Elle Tracy Ashby '75**. The squad would finished with a 17-6-7 record and make it to the regionals in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW) Tournament. Until 1980, the NCAA would not include women's sports and the IAIW would sponsor the events. With the passage of Title IX in 1972, there was a rapid rise to nearly 1,000 colleges participating in the IAIW tournaments. The 1978 season would be the last time all participating schools would compete in a one division field hockey tournament, making Kent State's run that season even more impressive. That season was also the first postseason appearance in the program's history. The team recorded a 0.87 goals against average and its 16 shutouts remains as the school record.

Dave Rue '75 recently retired after 42 years in the aerospace business in San Jose, CA. Dave is now enjoying retirement living in Scottsdale, AZ.

Steffanie Pearce '76, credited with bringing opera to Southwest Florida, is being recognized as one of the 2023 Persons of the Year by Gulfshore Life magazine.

Robert Belanger '77 is retiring after 29 year with the State of Florida (10 years as Assistant State Attorney and 19 years as a circuit judge). He and his wife will now split their time between Florida and their summer house in Northeast Ohio.

Mac Ruffing '78 plays in the band "1964", rated as the best Beatles tribute band by *Rolling Stone* magazine. Mac has toured around the world and has shared the stage with many famous artists.

Harry Edwards '79 retired from the Village of Chagrin Falls in 2022 after 39 years of public service. He is enjoying retirement and has relocated to Wadsworth, Ohio, where he and his wife had their forever home built.

Cary Gluf '79 wrapped up 11 ½ years of teaching high school architecture and engineering. Cary has moved back to the private sector, currently working for Allied Concrete performing as their CAD Master and Design Engineer. He still does residential design in his spare time.

Kevin Goodman '81 was recently selected by the magazine *Smart Business* as one of the Smart 50, which recognized the top leaders in Northeast Ohio. Kevin is the Managing Director of the Cleveland based technology company BlueBridge Networks, a data services company.

Alisa Bowe Lenhardt '85 has a new position as the Recreation Therapist at Masonic Villages of Sewickley outside of Pittsburgh. She works in the nursing care facility and is having a terrific time in her new job.

José da Cruz '87, Ph.D., recently co-authored *Xenophobia and Nativism in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean*. The book examines how xenophobia and nativism impact the political cohesion and social fabric of states and societies in the regions and offers solutions to aid policy formation and implementation. José is the Professor of International Relations and International Studies at Georgia Southern University.

Director, writer, and animator **Dave Mullins '89** just earned his second Oscar nomination. Dave was behind a number of Pixar classics and earned his first Academy Award nomination with his short "Lou." He now oversees ElectroLeague.

Their first film, "War is Over", was recently released and just earned him his second nomination. Dave wrote and directed the 11 minute film while working with Sean Ono Lennon to tell a story with his parents' (John Lennon and Yoko Ono) most famous song collaboration, Happy Xmas (War is Over).

John Manley '90 is Chief Marketing Officer at Formidium, a global investment fund administration service and technology provider headquartered in Chicago.

Heather Grubich White '93 is the Social Media Manager of Schoolyard Studio, a new film studio in Northeast Ohio. They recently purchased the old Berkshire High School and have been remaking it into a filmmaker's mecca. It is complete with two standing sets, two sound stages, a recording studio, photography space, prop storage, catering kitchens and a dozen units of lodging for out-of-town crews.

Clay Burnett '00 and his wife, Lisa, former coaches of the Chagrin Falls High School Track and Cross Country programs ('04-'22), recently ran at the 2023 USATF Masters National Championships in Greensboro, NC. Clay won a national title in the men's age 40-44 1500m championship with a time of 4:12.50. Lisa finished 3rd in the women's age 40-44 1500m championship with a time of 5:00.38. The Burnetts led the CFHS running programs to 10 individual and relay state championships in their time as coaches. They now coach their own children and remain involved in the community.

Sean McHugh '00 was honored as the Division Leader Of The Year for 2023 at United Wholesale Mortgage, the number one mortgage lender in the U.S. Sean lives outside of Detroit.

Marc Magill '01 started a new position as Assistant Vice President, MMB Property & Atlanta Branch Manager at Velocity Risk.

Jimmy Wiencek '03 started a new position as Associate Division Counsel at the FBI in New Orleans.

Sarah Hunt McFarland '03 has authored her first book, *Get Up Girl!: Release Your Roar!* Get Up Girl! is a guide for women to become great leaders of this generation. It is a book for women tackling business as female entrepreneurs, managing their personal lives, and trying to find balance in an ever-changing world.

Adam Tressler '04 is a session/touring guitarist. Adam has worked with dozens of artists across all genres (Aimee Mann, Selena Gomez, Lil Nas X, Angus and Julia Stone, Kacey Musgraves, Carly Pearce, LP, Sabrina Carpenter). He has played on albums (Camila Cabello, Pet Shop Boys, Demi Lovato, Lord Huron); television (Modern Family, A Million Little Things, High School Musical, Lovcraft Country, Central Park, 911) and movies (Birds of Prey, Poms, This is the Year). Adam received his 1st Platinum plaque for his songwriting work on Demi Lovato's album "Tell Me You Love Me".

Megan Takacs '09 was one of four members of the 2023 induction class to the US North Coast Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Kevin Hamori '10 is Sales Account Manager II at the global chemical and ingredients distributor Univar Solutions in Denver.

Cailyn Klarich Nelson '12 is a speech and language pathologist graduate of Baylor University and resides in Littleton, Colorado.

Claire Kampman Marasco '13 recently received the President's Award and the She Forges Impact Award at Forge Biologics. Claire is the Associate Director of Global Regulatory Strategy at Forge Biologics, a gene therapy company based in Grove City, Ohio.

Stephanie Hecker '14 is a Content Coordinator with Benedict Advertising in Port Orange, Florida.

Olivia Marti '15 is a Lead Analyst in Revenue Growth Management at Moen Incorporated in Cleveland.

John Anton '16 is an Associate Manager at professional service company Accenture in Cincinnati.

Sophie Papageorge '17 is a National Sales Executive with ICS Tax in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Jacob Maher '21 is the Content Manager for Etalian in Chagrin Falls. He also has been doing social media promotions and content for multiple Cleveland Browns players and over the summer toured with Sean Kingston acting as their team's creative director and photographer. Jacob is also a marketing major at Miami University in Ohio.

Retired CFHS English teacher and track coach Dave Kirk has continued in both arenas at his alma mater Galion High School. He is also going to be honored as the 2024 recipient of the "Ed Barker" award, which is the highest honor given by the Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches to the person who has shown extraordinary dedication towards the sports in Ohio.



From the cover of the CFHS Student Handbook, 1976-77
Drawn by **Bill Watterson '76**

“LEST WE FORGET”

At the CFAA, we have begun the process to place a new monument on the Chagrin Falls campus recognizing our fellow graduates that died to protect our freedoms. Our desire is to honor and pay tribute to these soldiers with a monument that is more prominent so our community and current students can recognize and appreciate their sacrifices.

While we work through the steps, we want to make sure we do not miss a fellow graduate that should be recognized on the monument. Below are the 11 graduates that we currently have listed. If you know of someone that should be included due to their death in service or due to service, then please reach out to us at alumni@chagrinschools.org or 440-247-4387.

George Rowe '37
Tony Rosengreen '41
Roy Warburton '42
Alvin Smith '44
Robert Plazak '49
Ronald McDowell '64
Wade Groth '65
David Riegel '77
Jeffrey Abromaitis '80
Mark Rullman '81
Michael Kashkoush '01

We hope that you would join with us in donating to construct this monument. Our hope is to have it ready for this Memorial Day. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. We will list the donors in the next newsletter.

You can donate through PayPal with any credit card at this [link](#), use the QR code below, or send in a donation. Donations are tax deductible.



CLASS & REUNION NOTES

The **Class of '64** will have their 60th--date and place to be determined.

The **Class of '74** Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club on Snyder Road and East Washington Street. We also have plans to attend the Blossom Time Parade as a class on Sunday, May 26th. A class list was posted to the Facebook page and sent out via email to all those that we have information for. Help us track down those that are missing so we can include them in future communications. Updates can be sent to Ted Kagy at tedkagy@aol.com. Please see the Class Facebook page for hotel block information for the weekend for those traveling in from out of town. Planning sessions are underway for reunion activities on the 25th and will be communicated in February along with costs and payment instructions. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know. We look forward to seeing everyone as we celebrate our 50th reunion in May!

The **Class of '79** - Celebrating 45 years - Carpe Diem! It will be held over Blossom Weekend 2024 (May 24 - 26). The festivities will begin on Friday with a gathering at Sali's The Paris Room followed by the All-Class Reunion at Town Hall. Saturday will start with school tours in the morning with a dinner party at Bainbridge Town Hall. The reunion will finish with the parade on Sunday. More details will be found on their website. Please make sure you are receiving the class emails by sending us your updated email address to bakej38@gmail.com.



Class of '84 - Greatest Class Ever - THE BIG 40! Do not despair! 40 is the new 25! Most of us have done all the work with the kids. They are probably now surviving without subsidies from Parents, Inc. You now have weekends without traveling to yell at referees at kids' sporting events. You're looking for a getaway weekend! Have we got what you want! Come back home. Come back to Chagrin! Here's the latest on Reunion 40! We are down to 3 dates for our reunion. Here they are: Labor Day Weekend - Aug. 30 - Sept. 2; Memorial Day Weekend - May 24-27; Homecoming Weekend - Sept 27-29. Once we nail down dates - I'll make sure you enjoy The Weekend. We have different options depending on dates! I will be posting this on our FB Group page as well! Email me at matthewhanley@verizon.net or text me at 805.340.0005! Your Humble Prez!

The **Class of '89** will be gathering for their 35-year reunion over Blossom Weekend. Details on the event are being finalized. Please make sure Courtney Polcar (Courtney.Polcar@chagrinschools.org) has your updated contact information.

The **Class of '94** can't wait to see you at their 30th reunion over Blossom Weekend! The Reunion Committee would love your help. If you would like to join them in the planning process, or if you need to update your contact info to stay in the loop, please reach out to Jennifer Zierold Schneider (jj50620@att.net), Dana Loparo Matta (danaloparo@yahoo.com), or Clay Bartel (claybartel@gmail.com).

Class of 2000-Save the date for our 25th class reunion Memorial Weekend 2025. To help with planning or to update your contact information to stay informed, please contact Lisa (Laufik) Nelson at LML113@yahoo.com. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

The **Class of '04** is planning for their 20th class reunion on Saturday of Blossom Weekend. Details are being finalized. To stay informed, please join the Facebook group Chagrin Falls High School Class of 2004.

The **Class of 2009** will be having a 15-year reunion event on during Blossom Weekend on Saturday May 25th in or near the Chagrin Falls area in the late afternoon/early evening. Details will be added to the class Facebook group: "CFHS Class of 2009". If you would like more information or have any ideas for the gathering, please reach out to Vince Coleman at colemani@gmail.com.

Chagrin Volleyball Alumni Match Save the Date

Friday, August 9th, 2024
CFHS Gym

6:30pm Alumni Match (Odd grad years vs. Even grad years: Best of 3)

7:30pm Orange/Black Showcase (1 set each for Reserve/JV/VAR)

Interested in participating in this event, sign up [here](#) for more information.

If you have any questions, then email Coach Kelly Holtz at kelly.holtz@chagrinschools.org.

The **Class of '14** will be having a reunion on Saturday of Blossom Weekend at a location to be determined. Check the class Facebook group or contact Tom Collins at T3Collins.14@gmail.com for more information.



How Did It Get That Name?

At the CFAA we have embarked on a project to record all the locations and various items on the school campuses that have been named for someone. Here are just a few of the places we have identified.

Sands Elementary School/Sands Community Room

Sands Elementary School was built in 1957. Much of it was torn down and through renovations and additions the Chagrin Falls Middle School for grades 7 & 8 would now be housed starting in 1999. The old boiler room was renovated and became Sands Community Room. Mr. Sands was Principal of CFHS from 1927-33. He was Superintendent of Chagrin Falls Schools from 1934-1958. He would serve as the Clerk-Treasurer for the 1958-59 school year.

C.F.H.S. Ralph L. Quesinberry Gym

The accolades were many for "Quiz" during his career as a teacher, coach, and athletic director at CFHS. In 1972, he was named National Athletic Director of the year. He is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Directors Hall of Fame, the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Ohio High School Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame. His 1947 and 1961 football teams were undefeated. He also coached basketball, track, golf, baseball, and swimming. During his 35 years in Chagrin Falls Schools, Ralph impacted the lives of just about anyone with whom he came in contact. His gym classes became legendary – the unforgettable voice ordering the seemingly impossible tasks. For many a Chagrin youth, Coach's "basic training" became a lasting memory. Following his retirement in 1980, Ralph L. Quesinberry Gymnasium was named in his honor. He would pass away in 1985.

Stueber Shack

The shed next to the stadium that houses the football equipment is named in memory of Coach Gerry Stueber. He spent 45 years as an educator and coach. Gerry was a teacher at East Tech High School in Cleveland for 33 and a coach for 35 years, respectively, and was head coach for 21 years. For the last 12 years, he would be on the staff of the high school football team and worked with students on the 7-12 campus. Gerry passed away at age 66 in 2018. He was father to **Fritz '08** and **Kurt '14**.

Ruth Maus Drinking Fountain

Ruth Maus was a home economics teacher at Chagrin in the 1950s. She would later become a substitute teacher and served the school for 50 years. She would also take tickets at the basketball games and in her honor, when the water fountain in the gym was replaced, it was named in her honor.

James W. Hine - Gordon C. Nichols Rec Center

The Rec Center was dedicated on June 16, 1957 in the honor of James W. Hine and Gordon C. Nichols. Both were civic minded individuals who were among the original founders of the Recreation Center, and who had continued to serve on the Recreation Council since its inception in 1943.

Tom Baldwin Backboards (CF Intermediate School/Former CFMS)

The glass basketball backboards are named in memory of Tom Baldwin. Tom was a prominent volunteer with CAA before he tragically died in a car accident in 1978. Tom was the father of Chandra '83 and Rebecca '85.

T.C. Gurney Elementary School (1966)

An outstanding athlete at Baldwin-Wallace College, Ted arrived in Chagrin Falls in 1926 and began a career in Chagrin Falls Schools which spanned 40 years. For many of those years, he mentored athletics, serving as a coach in football, basketball, baseball, and track. His 1930 football team was undefeated, scoring 239 points to its opponents' 34. During his tenure as a coach, his players earned many team and individual honors. While at Baldwin Wallace, Ted was named All-Ohio tackle. He earned 10 letters total. In 1977, he was inducted into the Baldwin-Wallace College Athletic Hall of Fame. After leaving the coaching ranks, Ted served CFHS as its principal and athletic director until his retirement in 1966. Two years later, Gurney Elementary School was named in his honor.

Hummer Memorial Dugouts

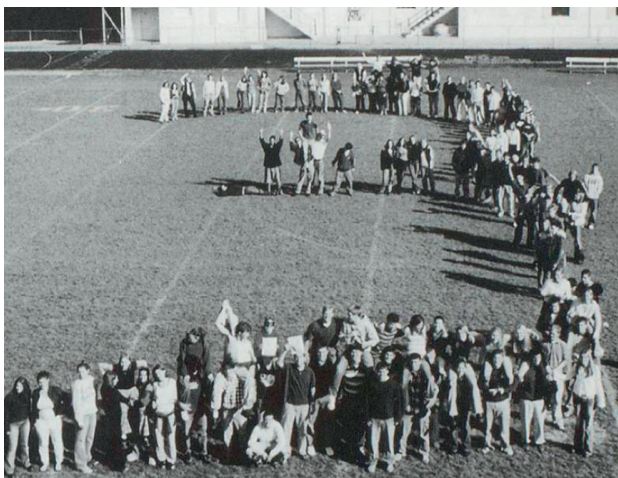
The softball dugouts at Gurney Elementary School are named in memory of Jeffrey Hummer (1950-1998). He was the CAA Treasurer, Board Member, Basketball Commissioner, coach, husband and father.

Rusty Russ Memorial Tree

In memory of **Rusty Russ '83**, a magnolia tree was planted at the E. Washington entrance of the Intermediate School. In 2018, the original tree had to be removed when renovations were taking place. Rusty's classmates immediately came together to finance a new tree, and held a re-dedication in his memory.



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