



# HIGHLANDER HIGHWAY

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The Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation will enhance the achievement, heritage and educational opportunities for Oak Hills students and staff by providing alumni and community resources to promote unity and pride, and build a legacy for a stronger community.



Greetings Fellow Highlanders,

Happy anniversary Highlander alumni. The Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation is celebrating 20 years, twenty years of good work for the entire Oak Hills Local School District.

A look back from the beginning says, "we've come a long way!" In the early days the Foundation helped in ways that tax dollars could not. We supported projects and learning experiences that our amazing teachers developed to go beyond the textbooks to expand the learning potential of our students. The Foundation provided that additional go-to assistance to support opportunities in art, science, music, drama and other curricular areas. Over the past few years our projects and requests have grown.

In 2015, Highlander alumni, staff and community friends completed the inclusive and accessible playground at Oakdale Elementary. A project built with a lot of heart, but one that to me sent a message—it's time, we're ready, we can do it, we can take on larger capital projects! Yes, our projects have grown in scope. This year we partnered with IHARC to complete the Oak Hills High School auditorium renovation. As we enter our "golden decade" of 50+ years at Oak Hills, our auditorium has also entered this decade with new technology, lights, camera and action! Our OHHS auditorium is an up-to-date, modern learning facility which opened August 2016. If you haven't sponsored your seat yet, now is the time.

Question, where were you on September 30 for homecoming? We missed so many of you! The homecoming dinner in the commons was great, but we had a lot of leftovers! Kim (Miller) Sims, 1981 graduate and Foundation board member did a terrific job chairing the event. The only thing missing, might have been you! We are working on any and all ways to get the invitation out to join us. Many classes are now using homecoming night as a part of their reunion weekend. The students give tours of the building, which is sure to conjure up memories! And by the way, the principal's office is in the same place! Like I said, memories?!

Maybe you have memories of the golden days? Could it have been a championship? A winning entry? An outstanding achievement? What if you were given the chance to be an Oak Hills champion again? That opportunity is now! We will soon be mailing our year-end campaign letters. This is your opportunity to be a champion for learning. With your support the Foundation will again help our Oak Hills students and teachers by funding their great ideas through education grants. It's not the amount of your gift, but your acknowledgement of our work that is a true gift to us. Here is some quick math. There are some 30,000 alumni, at 20% participation (20 is our anniversary year!) x \$20 average gift, we would gather \$120,000! So please consider being a "Champion for Learning" and send your year-end gift today (or donate online on our website.)

We would be happy to direct any donation toward a grant of your choosing from our list or a particular scholarship or program. There are other ways to show your continued support as well. The Oak Hills development office is here to help you with charitable gifts. Call 513-598-2682 for assistance.

It truly is rewarding to meet alumni in the community. I am very proud to chair this Foundation on your behalf. Sharing great news about Oak Hills alumni and their life's achievements is the result of a job well done by the Oak Hills Local School District. Help us continue this legacy of leaders and success.

Yours in red and black,

Cheryl Ann Sieve '67  
Chairman, Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation

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OAK HILLS LOCAL SCHOOLS  
QUALITY PROFILE

2015-2016



A successful school district gives a high degree of importance to ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of our school district in areas that matter most to the Oak Hills community.

Requested by the members of the Quality Profile

## Oak Hills Local School District publishes Quality Profile

In September Oak Hills released its fourth "Quality Profile." Designed to accompany the state report card, this report includes additional accountability measures that define a high quality education that are not included in the State's report. The Quality Profile helps to evaluate the effectiveness of a school district beyond standardized

testing and other statistical measures. The Profile is based on six categories: academics, arts, student leadership and activities, fiscal stewardship, parent and community involvement, and student services. You can review Oak Hills' quality profile on the district website at [ohlsd.us](http://ohlsd.us).

## Support Oak Hills athletics; win a new car!



The Oak Hills Athletic Boosters are raffling off a 2016 Chevy Camaro for \$25 a chance. The drawing will be held on 12/12/16. What an awesome Christmas gift this would be! Don't need a new car? No problem, you can choose the cash option and

take home \$15,000! Tickets can be purchased from any Oak Hills student, at most sporting events, online through the athletics website, [oakhillssports.com](http://oakhillssports.com), or visit the athletic office at Oak Hills High School. Good luck!

## Oak Hills Band Association Fall Craft Fair

Join us for the annual OHBA Fall Craft Fair for all of your holiday decorating and gift giving needs! More than 300 crafters will be selling their handmade items. The event will be held at Oak Hills High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## OHHS PTA Ladies Night Out and Fashion Show



Mark your calendar now for this year's OHHS PTA Ladies Night Out fashion show fundraiser on March 3, 2017 at Receptions West! This year's theme is 'Jeans and Jewelry' and tickets are now on sale online at <http://www.ohhspta.org/fashion-show>. Your \$40

donation includes dinner, drinks and entertainment. Join us!

## Education grant at OHHS brings color to classrooms

The work-study class at Oak Hills High School has been busy this year catching up on their many custom crayon orders. With 25 students participating, the work study class is designed to help learners develop lifelong skills that can be used outside of the classroom.



Before the students got down to business they collected used crayons throughout the district, as well as donated ones from local businesses and community members. With their materials ready, the class began by sorting the crayons according to color and removing their paper wrapping. Next the crayons were broken and then placed into several different shaped molds including numbers, letters, fruits or Lego shapes. After the melting process, students began the next phase of their production by sorting the new product and bagging and labeling crayons into sets. To work on the interpersonal communication skills the crafters delivered their finished product to different classrooms within the district based on orders submitted through the inter-district recycled crayon order form.



Students have the opportunity to work both individually or in groups and choose which part of the production process they wish to be a part of. Through the recycling of crayons, they work on valuable tactile skills as well as improve their sorting, organizing and communication skill sets every day. Best of all, they enjoy their work because of how much they are helping others in the district.

This wonderful program was made possible, thanks to an education grant from the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation. Oak Hills is proud of the work their students are able to do to benefit the community around them.

To support projects like this and other programs that enhance classroom learning, visit [www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com](http://www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com).

## Welcome another Highlander to our alumni family



In March of 1974, Oak Hills High School junior Rick Guilfoyle made the decision to serve his country in the greatest way possible. He joined the United States military, after the passing of his parents, to support himself. This had Rick leaving high school before receiving his diploma.

However, on August 15, 2016, OHHS principal John Stoddard was pleased to present Guilfoyle with his official Oak Hills High School diploma. We're proud to call you a Highlander and member of the class of '75, Rick!

## Graduates in the spotlight

On August 31, 2016, Kyle Wiesker, a '16 graduate, and current student at Wright State University had the chance of a lifetime when he was asked to be the fifth inning ballpark announcer for the Cincinnati Reds. This opportunity came as part of the #BaseballforAll event in partnership with LADD, Inc. (Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled) happening at Great American Ball Park. While he attended Oak Hills he announced the varsity baseball games.



Travis Curd, an '05 graduate and MBA student at MSJU, opened a new Edward Jones Investment office in Delhi on September 29, 2016. Curd serves on the Delhi Business Association as the 2016 vice president and president-elect for 2017, is vice president of the Riverview-Delhi Kiwanis and is a member of the Delhi Veterans Association and the Oak Hills School Community Council. He served in the U.S. Navy for nine years and three deployments.

We are incredibly proud of the recent accomplishments of our Oak Hills graduates and love to celebrate their news. Do you have something to cheer about? Email us at [ohhsalumni@ohlsd.org](mailto:ohhsalumni@ohlsd.org).

## Class Reunion Review

Is your class hosting a class reunion? Do you need guidance to organize and plan your event? Contact Emily C. Buckley in the Oak Hills Alumni Office at [513-598-2682](tel:513-598-2682) or [buckley\\_e@ohlsd.org](mailto:buckley_e@ohlsd.org) for a reunion planning checklist, or find it on our website. Your event will be added to the alumni website as well as the official Alumni Foundation Facebook page and we'll tweet about it! Reunion information will also be included in future issues of the *Highlander Highway* and the electronic newsletter, *The Tartan Times*, so be sure to keep the alumni office updated on your reunion plans and details.

Below are the listings of upcoming reunions. Additional details can be found on our website, [www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com](http://www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com).

### 2016

**Class of 1973:** October 29, 7 p.m. at Hillside Gastropub. RSVP to Terri Wojahn at [terri@wojahn.com](mailto:terri@wojahn.com).

**Class of 1981:** November 19, 7-11 p.m. at the Miami Township Community Center. Find updates and hotel information on [www.facebook.com/groups/ohhs81reunion/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ohhs81reunion/). Tickets are \$40/person, PayPal to [Lbroderick@cinci.rr.com](mailto:Lbroderick@cinci.rr.com), include full name (and maiden name), and guest name as a note with the payment. Contact Lynn Parian Broderick at [Lbroderick@cinci.rr.com](mailto:Lbroderick@cinci.rr.com) for more information.

**Class of 1991:** November 12, 7-11 p.m. at Nathanael Greene Lodge. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door and include full bar, heavy appetizers, dessert and music by Derby City Music DJ. Find more information on our website or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Oak-Hills-High-School-Class-of-1991-Reunion-131917020205708/](http://www.facebook.com/Oak-Hills-High-School-Class-of-1991-Reunion-131917020205708/)

**Class of 1996:** November 26, 6-11 p.m. at the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online for \$55 and include open bar, appetizers, dinner station buffet, dessert and entertainment. Visit our website or Eventbrite for more information and to purchase tickets. Contact Jill Heltman at [jillh@villagepantrycatering.com](mailto:jillh@villagepantrycatering.com) with questions.

**Class of 2006:** November 26, 2016, 8-11 p.m. at the Next Chapter in Mt. Adams. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door and available on our website or Eventbrite. Contact Kelley Ujavary Jacob at [ohhsclassof06@gmail.com](mailto:ohhsclassof06@gmail.com) with questions.

### Looking ahead . . .

#### 2017

**Class of 1997:** August 4, 2017, 7-11 p.m., The Meadows. Tickets are \$40/person or \$75/couple in advance. Tickets at the door are \$45/person and \$85/couple. Visit our website or Facebook page for more information and details.

#### 2018

**Class of 1978:** September 2, 2018 (Sunday of Labor Day weekend ~ fireworks!) at Paul Brown Stadium in the Club East Lounge. Please visit the class website <http://www.oakhills78.com/> and be sure to update your contact information to stay informed.

## Golf outing success ~ thank you!

This year's alumni golf outing on July 15, 2016 at Aston Oaks Golf Club turned out to be one of the best outings to date, with lots of amazing raffle prizes and great people. Highlander graduates enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with old friends, and make new ones who also share the same Highlander pride. Thanks to your generosity we raised nearly \$12,000! With such fun and positive energy we can't wait until next year. Mark your calendar now for June 23, 2017 at Aston Oaks.



Our event wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers and the support of our sponsors. Thank you to our major sponsor, Kelsey Chevrolet, for providing \$10,000 off the purchase or lease of a 2016 Chevy Malibu for a hole-in-one winner. Every golfer received a sleeve of golf balls thanks to Energy Optimizers, USA! We'd also like to thank our lunch sponsor Promark.

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## Homecoming 2016

The annual homecoming dinner kicked off on September 30, 2016. From delicious food to reconnecting with old friends, the night was a fun-filled evening to enjoy dinner, tour the high school and see the renovated auditorium, and share some Highlander spirit. A big thank you to everyone who attended the event, as well as everyone who helped to make this night possible including our Foundation board members and all of the OHHS student council volunteers. You can view more photos from the event and photobooth on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/OHHSalumni](http://www.facebook.com/OHHSalumni).



## Class reunion recap

Reunion season is in full swing! The classes of '64, '66, '71, '86 and '11 celebrated their reunions recently in true Highlander fashion with lots of red and black and lasting memories. The class of '64 was hosted by Bonnie (Breehne) Morrison at her home on July 9, with an afternoon of yummy food and catching up. On August 6, the class of '71 gathered at the Lawrenceburg Event Center to celebrate 45 years and reuniting with old friends. The Farm held a night of dancing, good times and celebrating 50 years for the class of '66 on September 3. The class of '86 enjoyed getting together at the Hillside GastroPub on September 24. The class of 2011 held their first 5-year reunion on October 1 at the Next Chapter in Mt. Adams. We love seeing our Highlanders reconnecting and celebrating life since high school. If you have more reunion photos to share, please post them to our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/OHHSAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/OHHSAlumni).

1964

1966

1971

1986

2011



Visit [www.facebook.com/OHHSAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/OHHSAlumni) or [www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com](http://www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com) for complete reunion listings and information.

## Visit the newly renovated OHHS auditorium

### Ribbon cutting

The official ribbon cutting of the newly renovated Lone Holt Auditorium was celebrated on August 23, 2016. The wonderful ceremony celebrated the partnerships between alumni, donors, community members, township officials, school board members and the Oak Hills Local School District, all of whom made the auditorium transformation possible.

### Performances

On August 27, 2016 the auditorium was full of supporters for the inaugural show. It was an exciting evening in which both the students and alumni gave terrific performances. The new space provides an excellent venue to showcase our talented students in the band, orchestra, choir, thespian troupe, tech crew and stage crew. Join us for the first play of the year, *You Can't Take it With You*, November 3-5 at 7 p.m. Reserve your tickets by emailing [ohhs.showtickets@gmail.com](mailto:ohhs.showtickets@gmail.com). Visit [www.facebook.com/OakHillsLocalSchoolDistrict](http://www.facebook.com/OakHillsLocalSchoolDistrict) to see more photos of the auditorium.

### Shall we save you a seat?

You still have a chance to purchase a seat in the new facility with your name on it! Visit [www.oakhillsauditorium.com](http://www.oakhillsauditorium.com) to make your tax-deductible gift today and leave your legacy at the high school.





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## Calendar of events and activities

- 11/3-5: 7 p.m., *You Can't Take it With You*, OHHS auditorium
- 11/6: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oak Hills Choral Boosters mattress sale, OHHS
- 11/6: 1 - 4 p.m., OHHS open house and spirit shop open house
- 11/19: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Oak Hills Band Association craft fair, OHHS
- 11/20: 1 p.m., Ambassador Jazz Band performance at the Germania Society's Christkindlmarkt
- 12/2: 6:30 p.m., Alumni night for wrestlers and Matscots, OHHS. RSVP to head wrestling coach Joe Campolongo [campolongo\\_j@ohlsd.org](mailto:campolongo_j@ohlsd.org)
- 12/2: 7 - 9 p.m., Jazz Lab Band & Ambassador Jazz Band special performance at Christmas Saengerfest, Memorial Hall, downtown Cincinnati
- 12/7: 7 p.m., Holiday band concert, OHHS Auditorium
- 3/3/17: 6:30 p.m., OHHS PTA Ladies Night Out, Receptions West
- 5/3/17: 5:30 p.m., annual Foundation recognition dinner, Receptions West
- 6/23/17: 1:30 p.m., Alumni & community golf outing, Aston Oaks



### Connect your Kroger Plus card to the Foundation



Visit the Kroger website to link your Cincinnati Kroger Plus card to the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation today! We are #29526. Shop as you normally do and the Foundation benefits! Thank you for shopping at Kroger and putting money back into our schools.

## Connect with us!



### "Find us" on the web

<http://oakhillsalumniassociation.com/>

Please visit us to find class reunion dates, grant project summaries and updates and event information



### Please update your contact information

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/OHAlumniupdate> to update your contact information so that we may stay in better contact with you.



### "Watch" us on vimeo

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See our grant recipients thank you video.



### "Follow" us on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/OHAlumniAssoc>

Follow us to receive instant updates on events, reunions and district news!



### "Like" us on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/OHHSAlumni>

Thank you for "liking" us and spreading the word. Share your news so we can celebrate you!



### "Network" with us on LinkedIn

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