Dear Highlanders,

On June 7, 2014, the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation welcomed the class of 2014 to their alumni family — all 693 of them! The evening was orchestrated like a fine Broadway production. Pomp and circumstance, the Highlander Drum Line and packed Cintas Center. The evening was truly memorable for friends and families. As these new alumni start another chapter in their life, we, their alumni family, extend them the very best wishes and congratulations!

The Annual Foundation dinner was held May 7 at Twin Lanterns. We were proud to recognize two distinguished alumni, Mr. Rick Ahlers ’77 and Mr. Bob “Murph” Murphy ’75. These two alumni have been and continue to be strong supporters of the Oak Hills Local School District. Rick Ahlers having served on the school board and Murph on the Foundation board of trustees. Additionally, they are both generational Highlanders with children who have joined them as Oak Hills Alumni. Congratulations and thank you for all you’ve done and do for Oak Hills. Distinguished staff awards were given to Sonny Tudor and Kim McCoy. Judy Hoehn received the Hall of Honor recognition. Congratulations to all.

The event proved to be successful in attendance and fundraising for the purpose of continuing the Foundations’ teacher grant opportunities. These grants awarded to our amazing teaching staff are programs which enhance Oak Hills students’ learning experiences. What a great gift to ‘pay forward’ to the next generation of Highlanders!

Fore! That will be the call on July 18 at Aston Oaks as we tee off at the annual golf outing. This is truly a ‘fun’ raiser, a chance to reunite, catch up and stay connected with your Highlander family. There are still a few foursomes available. No foursome? No problem. Register and we will put together a foursome for you! This is always a great day for everyone. Visit our website www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com or Facebook page for additional details.

The recent levy adopted a rally call of ‘Highlander Strong.’ That rally call worked for today’s objective but we now need to remain Highlander Strong for tomorrow, and forever! That’s the challenge for the Alumni & Educational Foundation. Education as a category is number two for philanthropic giving and bequests. (Religion is number one.) Our ‘Golden’ Highlanders (those with 50 years since graduation) or even some from earlier decades can make a bequest to retain our excellent Highlander heritage. Please consider a donation today.

Living a Highlander life is just “plaid” wonderful. When life gets tough, live Tartan!

Yours in red and black,
Cheryl Ann O’Leary Sieve ’67
Chairman, OHAEF

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Alumni golf outing: July 18, Aston Oaks

We are gearing up for this year’s alumni golf outing at Aston Oaks Golf Course on Friday, July 18! The shotgun start begins at 1:30 p.m.

The cost of play is $100 per player and includes lunch, drinks, prizes, tshirt, golf balls, snacks and dinner. Play will be a scramble format and rules and instructions will be announced prior to teeing off. The outing is open to the public, all alumni and community members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

Registration will be closing soon. Gather your foursome and reserve your spot today! To pay online visit www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com or the events tab on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/OHHSAlumni. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Emily at 513-598-2682 or buckley_e@ohlsd.org.
Thank you to our major event sponsors. Our event will be a success because of you!

Congratulations again to the 2014 distinguished alumni and staff award winners and thanks to all who attended the dinner at Twin Lanterns on May 7. Visit our Facebook page to see more event photos, hear the acceptance speeches and read the winners' biographies.
A note from the superintendent

As this school year draws to a close, I want to thank our students, parents, staff and other stakeholders for another successful school year. We saw many changes with new and improved learning standards, a rise in expectations in every grade level and new evaluation systems for teachers and principals based on performance and student growth. Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors. They have left their own, unique signature on Oak Hills High School and I am very proud of the Class of 2014. I want to inform you about some changes in the 2014-2015 school year calendar that have been approved by our Board of Education.

Legislation, passed this year, no longer requires schools to be in session for a minimum number days. Instead, schools are now required to be in session for a minimum number of hours. In the past, schools in Ohio were required to be in session a total of 180 days. That requirement has been replaced with a minimum number of hours based on instructional levels of elementary, middle school and high school. I am pleased to report that Oak Hills offers far above the newly established minimum hours. This change in legislation also eliminated the five calamity days that were afforded schools and provides for more flexibility in making up missed days of school due to weather or other related issues. As a school district that prides itself on innovation, we have developed a more robust professional development program for our teachers and other staff members beginning next school year. We are able to offer this program, designed to improve teaching and learning, because of the days to hours change.

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, Oak Hills will no longer use early release or late start days at any building. Instead, we have inserted five full days during the school year to provide professional development to our staff. One of these five days will be used prior to the start of school for students. The other four have been inserted into the calendar during the months of September, December, February and May. These will be full days for staff, but off days for students. These four days, in addition to the end of quarter days, will allow us to provide on-going training and professional development each month for seven of the nine months we are in session. Response from parents has been very positive, especially regarding the elimination of the early release/late start days. We will use these days to better prepare staff and improve teaching and learning.

The first day for students is Thursday, August 21, 2104. To check out the new 2014-15 school calendar, please visit our website at ohlsd.us. Enjoy the summer and be safe!

Todd Yohey
Superintendent, OHLSD

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 or buckley_e@ohlsd.org for more reunion information. 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.

If you’ve recently held your class reunion, please send your updated class list to the alumni office to ensure your classmates’ official records are updated to receive future mailings. We’d love to post some of your photos on our website and Facebook pages too! Class lists and photos may be emailed to Emily at buckley_e@ohlsd.org or mailed to: Oak Hills Alumni Office, 6325 Rapid Run Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233.


Class of 1968: Saturday, August 16, 2014 at The Meadows from 5-10 p.m. Daring to be different this class is celebrating their 46th reunion this year! For more information your reunion contacts are Candi Miller 513-922-1968/ cfem48956@fuse.net and Jeff Reiss 513-941-1415/reissjj@roadrunner.com.

Class of 1969: Activities begin on Friday, September 19. A buffet dinner at The Farm is scheduled for Saturday, September 20 and more fun is planned for the rest of the weekend. For more information contact Steve Hill at stevehill@fuse.net.

Class of 1984: November 22, 2014, 7-11 p.m. at Twin Lanterns. For more information contact Dianna Niemann at 513-236-3326 or drc51166@aol.com. Join the Facebook group Oak Hills Class of 1984 30 year reunion for more details.


Class of 1994: August 9, 2014 at Japps from 6 - 9 p.m. Tickets are $20/person or $35/couple https://www.facebook.com/1994ohhs.

Class of 2004: Saturday, October 4, 7 p.m. - midnight. More information and online ticketing is available at http://www.ohhs2004.com/ Address questions to reunion@ohhs2004.com.

Looking ahead to 2018 . . .

Class of 1978: September 2, 2018 (Sunday of Labor Day weekend ~ fireworks!) at Paul Brown Stadium in the Club East Lounge. More details are coming soon. Please visit the class website http://www.oakhills78.com/ and be sure to update your contact information to stay informed.
The Oak Hills Varsity coaches will be competing in Minute to Win It style events for fun and bragging rights, as well as a pizza party for their team.

August 22 at Kuliga Park from 7p.m. till 11p.m.

Tickets are $25 per person, $45 per couple*. They can be purchased online, in the Oak Hills Athletic office or at the event. Tickets purchased at the event will be $30 each.

Bottled beer, soft drinks and water will be included with your ticket purchase. Also included are Skyline cheese coneys, LaRosa’s pizza.

There will be Split-The-Pot, basket raffles and live auctions throughout the night. A DJ will be providing today’s hottest hits as well as some Oak Hills team favorites.

Come dressed in your favorite Oak Hills spirit wear. Represent your favorite team or coach in a great night of fun and competition!

Visit the website or the OH Athletic Office for tickets

*You must be 21 years of age to purchase tickets to this event.
Cameras needed at OHHS

Do you have an old 35mm film camera or digital camera that you no longer use? If so, please consider donating it to the Oak Hills photography department. Every year there are students who sign up for a photography class, but soon discover that their camera does not work or is faulty in some way. The instructor for these courses, Mr. Steve Groh, ’88 does his best to keep a group of working cameras on hand to loan out to those in need. Any working camera that shoots 35mm film or any digital camera that has a resolution of at least 5 megapixels would be greatly appreciated.

Cameras can be dropped off in the office at Oak Hills High School Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thank you!

We have an app for that!

The district is launching an Oak Hills app and we want you to be the first to know! While things are still under construction, you can get a preview of it today. You’ll find a school building and staff directory, news items, school calendars and more! There will also be a special section for alumni links and information.

Visit the iTunes or the Google Play store to download it for free and let us know what you think. Our goal is to keep our stakeholders informed about school news in a way that’s most convenient. With a simple click in the palm of your hand, you’ll find what you need.

Donations appreciated

Did you know that the Foundation granted 19 grants to Oak Hills district educators in 2013. Since their inception 18 years ago they’ve donated more than $175,000 to projects which enrich the lives of our students. These projects, not funded by tax dollars, include book clubs, science fairs, art murals, math clubs and much more!

The OHAEF is a 501c3 organization which enhances the achievements, heritage and educational opportunities for OHLSD students and staff by providing resources to promote unity and pride and build a legacy for a strong community.

This work is possible thanks to the generosity of graduates and friends who support the Foundation every year. Will you consider a donation this year?

Tax deductible donations can be made through our website at www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com and click on the ‘donate’ tab or by mailing a check payable to OHAEF to 6325 Rapid Run Road, Cincinnati, OH 45233. Thank you!

Welcome Mike Coots, new AD

The District is pleased to welcome Mr. Mike Coots as the Oak Hills High School athletic director. He joins us from Troy Christian Schools in Troy, Ohio where he served as assistant principal and athletic director for the past 11 years.

“Athletics should assist in the educational process of students for the development of mental, physical and social well being,” Coots shared. “Athletic leadership and sportsmanship is a key component in athletics that leads to the growth of life skills, which produce successful community leaders and citizens.”

Coots is a graduate of MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, KS where he played football and wrestled. He has a broad and diverse background in coaching high school athletics including both male and female sports. Welcome to Highlander Country!

The following administrators will have new roles beginning the 2014-15 school year:

Travis Hunt will be the new principal at Rapid Run Middle School. Travis has both high school and elementary experience which will serve him and students well in the transitional grades of sixth, seventh and eighth grade.

Mark Winters will be the new principal at Delshire Elementary. Mark has administered students and staff in a variety of roles for Oak Hills. We look forward to Mark’s leadership in replacing Travis at Delshire.

Rachel Searcy will be replacing Mark as Assistant Principal for J.F. Dulles Elementary School. Rachel has several years of experience in special education, preschool, RtI and early childhood literacy.

Amy Brennan is moving from high school house principal to the principal’s chair at Springmyer Elementary School. Amy has demonstrated quality leadership and will be a great fit at Springmyer. She is very excited about working with the Springmyer school community.

Congratulations to the following 2014 OHLSD retirees who were honored at a reception on May 21 at Nathanael Greene Lodge.
Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation

calendar of events and activities

7/18: OHAEF alumni golf outing, 1:30 p.m., Aston Oaks
8/22: OHAB coaches challenge, 7-11 p.m., Kuliga Park
10/3: OHAEF $1 alumni & community dinner, 6:00 p.m., OHHS

Homecoming is October 3, 2014

Save the date and plan to join us at Oak Hills High School for dinner before the homecoming game! For $1 you can enjoy a casual dinner with family, friends and fellow alumni. You can also participate in student-led tours of the building and catch the entertainment from the marching band and cheerleaders.

Reservations for the dinner are requested—only $1 per person—and can be made by emailing buckley_e@ohlsd.org. Please include your name (and maiden name), graduation year and number in your party, and bring correct change on Friday night!

For tickets to the football game, please call 513-467-7105. The dinner is hosted by the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation and the Oak Hills High School Student Council.

Connect with us!

“Find us” on the web
http://oakhillsalumniassociation.com/
Please visit us to find class reunion dates, golf outing details and homecoming 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
https://vimeo.com/ohalumniedfoundation
Check out all of the teacher grants and classroom projects the Foundation funded this year.

“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
Search group: Official group of Oak Hills High School Alumni
Network with other alumni professionals to connect and share your events, job postings and more.