



# 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.



Dear Highlanders,

Welcome to another update of the accomplishments, projects and opportunities of the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation. The 2014 year-end drive finished strong. Thank you for one of our best drives, allowing us to continue to provide opportunities for our Oak Hills students K-12 to enrich their learning and life experiences during their days at Oak Hills. This year's year-end drive saw many new donors from our alumni and community base. After all, it's all about that base! The more of our 30,000 alums we can acquire as active supporters, the more we can do as a foundation.

Our alums have just begun to reach those golden years. Fifty year reunions are truly something to celebrate, and deserve our recognition. Maybe their 'second graduation' into retirement will allow more opportunities to recruit volunteers. What better way to stay active and at the same time show gratitude to their alma mater?

The search is currently on for this year's distinguished alumni. Could the winner be from your class? The announcement will be made shortly. The actual award presentation takes place at the Foundation Recognition dinner on May 6 at Receptions West. Please, mark the date and be sure to attend. Board members Sherry Gregor, Kevin Moorman, Melissa Minella, Chuck Eckert and Karen Borgmann are planning a wonderful evening. Distinguished alumni, Bob Herzog '92, will serve as our emcee for the evening. Also planned is music by the Oak Hills Ambassador Jazz Band Combo and the Uncommon Time singers. It's always a great evening.

It's not too early to mark July 17 on your calendar. Another alumni celebration (although sometimes wet) is the Foundation golf outing open to all alumni and community members. Stepping up this year is Ron Bisher '88 to chair the event. Get your foursome together now! This event fills up and sells out. Ron is looking for hole sponsors, so if you have a business, service or event to promote, please consider being a sponsor. All of the event details will be posted on our website and social media pages.

Progress is picking up momentum on the Oakdale Scottie Yard playground project. Thank you to our year-end supporters who designated gifts to this worthwhile endeavor. The possibility of extending to our students with special needs at Oakdale a playground to not only include them, but provide a safe space for these students as they enjoy recess with all of their classmates is priceless. The challenge continues as donors, sponsors, partners and grants are all needed to see this playground to completion. Visit our website for more information and your opportunity to help.

Development, fundraising and capital projects are challenging for any school. This is especially true for a public school like ours. We are grateful for the taxes paid by our residents, but Oak Hills is more than just a tax dollar. Your Alumni Foundation works to continue the quality of the Oak Hills educational experience beyond 'good' to 'exceed' expectations. That's what we had as an Oak Hills student and that's what we want for students now and in the future.

Thank you for your support. Living a Highlander life is just plaid wonderful!

Yours in red and black,

Cheryl Ann O'Leary Sieve '67

Chairman, Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation

## Join us for the annual golf outing

The annual alumni golf outing is set for July 17 at Aston Oaks with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

Big thanks to Ron Bisher '88 for serving as this year's golf outing chairman. We've booked the course and we're looking for players and sponsors.



Are you interested in helping? Our committee is gathering to prepare for our July event. If you'd like to help and be involved with the excitement, please contact Emily at buckley\_e@ohsld.org.

Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for more information. Registration will be open soon. Grab your pals and reserve your spot before we sell out!

## 2015 Oak Hills Athletic Hall of Fame class, congratulations!



Todd Dietrich '77, Ron Murphy '89, Jessica Pachko '08, Chuck Walroth '68 & Jan Wilking '89

These athletes were recognized for their achievements during a dinner on February 2 at the Meadows. They were inducted into the Oak Hills Athletic Hall of Fame and received their plaques during the boys basketball game on February 3.

To read their complete biographies visit the athletics website at <http://oakhillssports.com/>. #highlanderstrong



Jan Wilking, John Walroth (for Chuck Walroth), Jessica Pachko, Ron Murphy, Todd Dietrich

## Please welcome our new Foundation board member



### James Schubert '65

Jim Schubert spent 35 years as a pharmacist, primarily working in the hospital setting, as both staff pharmacist and hospital administrator. He later was responsible for the Student Health Service Pharmacy at the University of Cincinnati and worked as a pharmacist in clinics of the Cincinnati Health Department. He is now retired and

volunteers at the St. Vincent DePaul Charitable Pharmacy.

Besides serving on the Foundation board, Schubert is a member of the Bayley Gift Planning Cabinet and President of the Edinburgh Place Condominium Association. In 2013 he organized a 50th reunion for the Oak Hills 1963 Undefeated Championship Football Team, of which he was a member.

"I have fond memories of my years at OHHS, and after becoming involved with the team reunion, I would like to further my involvement with the District by doing what I can to continue to make the Foundation a vital community resource," Schubert said. "I look forward to working with other board members and the entire Oak Hills Family."

Visit our website, [www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com](http://www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com), to read the biographies of all board members.

## 2015 annual alumni recognition dinner



Join us for our seventeenth annual awards dinner on May 6, 2015 at Receptions West. We'll be honoring the 2015 distinguished alumni and staff winners. We're happy to have Bob Herzog '92 back again to serve as our emcee for the evening.

We are thrilled to entertain you with the music from the Oak Hills Ambassador Jazz Band Combo during cocktail hour and delight you with the magical voices of the high school Uncommon Time singers, our new a cappella group. Tickets are just \$75 and include dinner, drinks and awards program.



To reserve your seat for this wonderful night celebrating our Highlanders, mail checks payable to OHAEF to 6325 Rapid Run Road, Cincinnati, OH 45233, attention Recognition Dinner. If you prefer to pay with a credit card or PayPal account, please visit [www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com](http://www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com) and click the 'Events' tab to complete your reservation.

Winners' names will be posted on our website and social media pages as soon as they are announced. We hope to see you on May 6.



### Brent Rembold '83

Brent Rembold is currently working as a National Sales Executive for Cincinnati-based Vantiv focused on the gaming industry. He has over 25 years of experience in the financial services industry having worked for Fifth Third Bank, U.S. Bank and now Vantiv.

Rembold grew up in the Oak Hills School District and graduated in 1983. He and his wife Nancy reside in the District. Their daughter Abby is a junior at Oak Hills, and their son Grant is an eighth grader at Rapid Run Middle School. His grandfather, Gil Yearout, was on the first Oak Hills School Board, and participated in the actual naming of the District.

Rembold graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Finance) from Bowling Green State University.

### Want to get involved?

Are you an Oak Hills graduate who is passionate about the district, teachers, staff and future Highlanders? We are always looking for volunteers to join our cause and help us achieve our mission. Our working committees are forming now, including events, reunions, awards, fundraising and more.

Contact Cheryl at [OHHSalumni@ohlsd.org](mailto:OHHSalumni@ohlsd.org) for more information. We'd love to have you join us!

## Alumni variety show: May 2, 2015

Grab your friends and join Bob Herzog '92 and the OHHS Drama Club Alumni on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 8 p.m. at Oak Hills High School for the first-ever Drama Club Alumni Variety Show. The evening will feature performers from graduating classes during the '80s and '90s and current high school seniors in a 'Best of Oak Hills' show format.



Tickets are only \$20 and all proceeds from the evening will benefit The Ginny Chizer Scholarship Fund and the Lone Holt Auditorium Revitalization Campaign. The auditorium is getting a \$2M makeover! We'll share more news and updates on the progress of the renovation in future issues, newsletters and on social media pages. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for online ticket purchasing information.

Want to be a part of history and involved in the show? We'd love to have you! Simply email us at [ohhsdramaalum@gmail.com](mailto:ohhsdramaalum@gmail.com) if you are interested in performing onstage, playing a role backstage and behind the scenes or helping the planning committee prepare for the evening. If you are not able to make it, but still want to contribute to the cause with a monetary gift, please send checks payable to Oak Hills High School to OHHS, 3200 Ebenezer Road, Cincinnati, OH 45248, attention: Drama Club/Ginny Chizer Scholarship

For the latest updates, and a stroll down memory lane, please visit the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/OHHS Drama Alum](http://www.facebook.com/OHHS Drama Alum). Be sure to like us and share your old photos on our page. We look forward to entertaining you on Saturday night while also supporting two great causes.

### Thanks for shopping at Kroger



Have you connected your Kroger Plus card to the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation? It's the easiest way to give back to Oak Hills and it won't cost you a penny extra.

Simply visit <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> to connect your Cincinnati Kroger Plus card to the Oak

Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation. We are #29526. Shop as you normally do with your Kroger card and the Alumni Foundation benefits.

You will continue to earn your fuel points and experience all of the benefits you already get with your plus card and you'll be helping Oak Hills students!

Please spread the word to your friends, family members and other graduates of Oak Hills. Remember, the money we raise goes directly back to benefit students in all grades within the district. Thanks to your support we received a \$712 check for the Foundation this quarter.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:buckley_e@ohlsd.org) or mailed to: Oak Hills Alumni Office, 6325 Rapid Run Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233.

**Class of 1965:** September 18, 2015 meet and greet at Maury's Tiny Cove. September 19, reunion at the Metropolitan Club atop the RiverCenter in Covington, KY. Contact Jim Schubert for more information at [jschubertx@gmail.com](mailto:jschubertx@gmail.com).

**Class of 1966:** A reunion committee is forming. Please contact Jean (Megerle) Hartmann at [Meanjeanh@hotmail.com](mailto:Meanjeanh@hotmail.com) if you're interested in helping.

**Class of 1975:** September 4, 2015 at The Cincinnati Art Museum. Contact Chuck Eckert for more details at [caeckert3@aol.com](mailto:caeckert3@aol.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. Please visit the class website <http://www.oakhills78.com/> and be sure to update your contact information to stay informed.

### Looking for class representatives

We are looking for class representatives to act as an extension of our alumni office. Help us share information with your class by publishing updates to Facebook and Twitter and emailing or calling your classmates. We'll send you alumni news and ask you to help spread the word! Help us keep our database current by updating your classmates' snail mail and email addresses. Encourage your classmates to attend our functions and keep them informed! If you're interested contact Emily at [buckley\\_e@ohlsd.org](mailto:buckley_e@ohlsd.org) or call 513-598-2682.



Tune in to Delhi's new radio station, z98.1 FM to hear Superintendent Yohey's weekly radio show airing Mondays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Visit the station's website for more information and broadcast schedule at <http://www.z98fm.com/>. Be

sure to check out the DJ bios to see some familiar Highlander faces! Don't live in Delhi? No problem. You can listen to the '80s tunes online or on your mobile device.

## Help us build an inclusive playground

A group of dedicated Oakdale Elementary teachers and community volunteers have partnered with the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation to privately raise \$180,000 for a new accessible and inclusive playground at the Oak Hills school.

At Oakdale, students with a variety of physical, social and academic needs successfully learn and work together but are unable to play together because the current playground does not facilitate inclusive play. Some students are able to access the playground while others have to sit and watch, unable to join their friends.

Oakdale boasts an accepting, inclusive community where students view each other as peers, equals and friends no matter their background, needs or disability. As the only completely accessible elementary school in the district, Oakdale students have a variety of physical, social and academic needs. Students look at their fellow classmates and do not see a child with a wheelchair, a pupil wearing braces, an individual who uses a walker or a student with differences. They simply see their friend and classmate.

With mulch and grass for flooring instead of flat surfaces to roll wheelchairs, as well as play structures which are not accessible, students who typically are welcomed and included are unable join their peers at recess. As it stands, the structures are not accessible for students with a variety of

mobility skills such as walking, using a wheelchair, walker, braces or standers to maneuver and interact with the environment. Children will develop stronger communication and social skills by interacting with peers in a safe, non-academic setting.

"I am privileged to work at Oakdale Elementary. We have wonderful students and a great school community" Boeshart added. "Our goal with the Scottie Yard playground is to create a truly accessible environment so that all students can play together in a safe and inclusive environment."



### Help us build Scottie Yard

Cash and check donations can be sent to the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation made payable to OHAEF, 6325 Rapid Run Road, Cincinnati, OH 45233, attention: Scottie Yard. Online donations are accepted through the Foundation's website by clicking the donate tab at [www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com](http://www.oakhillsalumniassociation.com) and using a credit card number or PayPal account. Direct questions to 513-574-1100 or [boeshart\\_m@ohlsd.org](mailto:boeshart_m@ohlsd.org).

The plans for the new structure include GT Impax poured-in-place rubber flooring, an inclusive play structure with ramp entrance, a variety of slides, climbing structures, interactive equipment including a freestanding musical structure, as well as inclusive swings.

"We are a family at Oakdale Elementary," Oakdale principal Geoff Harold said. "All of our students have individual needs and unique talents. The completion of the Scottie Yard playground will not only make the facility accessible to all students, it will provide additional opportunities for our children to share their unique gifts with each other."

The fundraising team formed in September of 2014 to begin planning for the task of raising \$180,000 for the new structure. Nearly \$10,000 have already been raised through the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation. One hundred percent of the Oakdale teachers are supporting the project and have already contributed to the cause. The group has also applied for \$75,000 in grant funding, with more opportunities on the list.

"The Scottie Yard Playground project is a wonderful example of our community working together to ensure a positive educational experience for all students in the Oak Hills Local School District," Oak Hills School Board president Julie Murphy said. "Using grant funds and donations from parents and community partners, the committed Oakdale project leadership team will make recess accessible for all our elementary students."



Brady, Jacob and Ayden on the current Oakdale playground

disabilities including those who use braces, walkers or wheelchairs. In fact, only one swing compatible for a wheelchair exists; that's one item for six students to share during a 30-minute recess.

The main climbing structure and slides are 20 years old. "It's time to change that, so that all of our students can enjoy time together at recess," Michelle Boeshart, Oakdale teacher, commented.

The inclusive and accessible Scottie Yard playground will create an environment for children to develop gross motor skills such as muscle strength and balance. It will also allow children to develop



Rendering of the future Scottie Yard Playground



**Les Misérables: April 17, 2015**  
**featuring members from the 10-year reunion cast**

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on April 17 at 7 p.m. at Oak Hills High School for the concert version of Les Mis featuring special guests from the 10-year reunion cast. All seats are only \$15 with proceeds benefitting the lone Holt Auditorium revitalization. Call 922-2300 to reserve your tickets today!

The school edition of the show will run April 16 & 18 at 7 p.m. and April 19 at 4 p.m. All seats for the student performances are \$10.

**We have an app for that!**

The district launched a new Oak Hills app in August. Have you downloaded it from your app store yet?



You'll find school building and staff directory, news items, school calendars, lunch menus, sports scores and more! Parents can access ProgressBook and EZ pay right from the app too.

There is a special section for alumni links and information as well as direct access to our social media sites.

The app allows you to customize your news feed so you only see news from the schools which are relevant to you. You can even submit anonymous bullying tips and send photos to us for use on our social media pages.



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simple click in the palm of your hand, you'll find what you need.

**Welcome Evan Dreyer, new head football coach**



Dear Oak Hills football family,

As the head coach of your Highlanders, I expect our coaching staff to support your student athletes on and off the field. Previously, I served six seasons as the head coach at Western Brown High School. During the two previous seasons, I helped lead the Broncos to their second and third playoff berths in school history, third ever undefeated regular season and two straight conference titles. Our coaching staff at Oak Hills will bring a winning mentality and expectations for student athletes to have fun competing toward achieving excellence.

Playing football at Oak Hills needs to be about being something rather than doing something. We plan on creating an exciting atmosphere all week long that leads into Friday night. This excitement on Friday night includes the players on the field and the people in the stands.

The best place to be on a Friday night is at an Oak Hills football game. We are focused on our team and want to create an attitude where our players go into every game feeling like they will be successful. A championship attitude exists long before the championship games are played and we want to instill this attitude from day one. We want to focus on Highlander football as a tradition that spans over time. Our players can only truly appreciate where Oak Hills football is going by understanding where it has been. Each person in the Oak Hills family can play a role in reinforcing the importance of this tradition. Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Go Highlanders!

Sincerely,  
Evan Dreyer  
Head Football Coach, OHHS

P.S. Follow the team on their new Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/letsfly2015](http://www.facebook.com/letsfly2015)

**Upcoming football events**

**April 18:** 12 - 2 p.m., Ladies football clinic, \$25/person includes tshirt, lunch and valuable football information. Contact Peggy Bepler for more information or to register at [pbepler@gaic.com](mailto:pbepler@gaic.com).

**June 15 - 18:** 9 - 11:30 a.m., Oak Hills Highlanders football camp of champions for grades 3 - 6. Camp entry fee is free and includes tshirt, 4 days of instruction, 8 games of Air Force Football and prizes. Contact Coach Dreyer for more information at [dreyer\\_e@ohlsd.org](mailto:dreyer_e@ohlsd.org).

**July 16:** 8 - 9 p.m., 7 on 7 football game, alumni vs. current Highlander players. Contact Jason Lewis to play at [lewis\\_j2@ohlsd.org](mailto:lewis_j2@ohlsd.org). There will be a social event immediately following the game. All are welcome. Keep an eye on the team's Facebook page for more details.



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## Calendar of events and activities

- 3/24: Live Twitter chat with Supt. Yohey @OHLSD, 12 p.m.
- 3/26: Highlander job & career expo, OHHS, 8:15 a.m.
- 4/17: Les Miserables with 10 year reunion cast, 7 p.m., OHHS, \$15
- 4/28: Delshire singers will perform at the Cincinnati Reds game, 7:10 p.m., Great American Ball Park, \$14, contact Delshire PTA
- 5/2: Drama club alumni variety show, 8 p.m., OHHS, \$20
- 5/6: Annual alumni recognition dinner, 5:30 p.m., Receptions West
- 5/15: Oakdale's Ovation choir will perform at the Cincinnati Reds game, 7:10 p.m., Great American Ball Park, \$13 contact mcknight\_t@ohlsd.org
- 7/16: 7 on 7 alumni football players vs. OHHS players, 8 p.m., OHHS
- 7/17: Annual alumni golf outing, 1:30 p.m., Aston Oaks
- 10/23: Annual Homecoming dinner, 6 p.m., OHHS



Members of the class of 1964 enjoyed catching up at the Alumni Dinner before the Homecoming football game in October 2014.

## 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>

We'll be posting videos from the May 2015 awards dinner here. Be sure to check back.



### "Follow" us on Twitter

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



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



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