

# The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Crises at Parma Senior High - Update

Anthony DeMarco '62

Dating back to 1921, Parma High School has met many daunting challenges and we have overcome them. Today Parma Senior High and the Parma Sr. High Alumni Association face a new challenge - will Parma High School be here for another 89 years? The school systems financial problems have led to major cuts in the program at PSHS. Recent cuts from the arts, to physical education, to every academic department, have left a shell of a high school curriculum. The sports, music, band, choral groups, drama, and all extra curricular activities are now not just pay to play, they must be self funded. That means that the students and booster clubs for each activity must raise all the money to pay for them. Students may pay as much as \$750 to participate. They pay for equipment, all the salaries for coaches, choral /band/ drama directors, yearbook and newspaper advisors, and all other paid supplementals for extra curricular activities. Bus transportation to and from events must also be paid. In sports, teams must pay for the referees', transportation, event rental of some facilities to play the games. For most activities, students and the boosters clubs may not be able to raise enough money through fund raisers and fees.

Students are now forced to take classes at Tri C College to meet some of the requirements to get a diploma with *honors*, advanced placement or just to meet some college entrance requirements. The course offerings at PSHS are almost at state minimums now and class sizes are increasing.

## COURTYARD PROGRESS

Nancy Fedak '66

March is finally here and even though there is STILL snow on the ground, the courtyard is getting ready to bloom. White paper narcissus and red parrot tulips are starting to pop up through the snow. The Japanese Maples--variegated and red have little buds on them that are waiting for just the right sun exposure to start unfurling their lacy leaves. The committee, Gil Fritzsche '65, Gene Filipow '57, and Nancy Fedak '66, have decided to put in only perennials that are very low maintenance. We are still looking for donations, but now we are looking to lay down topsoil along the perimeter of the courtyard. Hopefully, with the final pouring of the rest of the concrete pads and walkway by Bob Hanak's Trade/Construction class we will be able to finally secure our metal picnic tables on them. We already have trees planted in honor of principals Pat Cordisco and Gil Fritzsche. There is an oak tree planted in memory of Betty Eschuk and a variegated Japanese maple in memory of Coach Bob

Brugge. We still need trees for Bill Bassett, Joe Kovach, Pat Raiffe and Cassandra Johnson. All of these will be planted along the walk and around the picnic pads. There are also metal benches in honor of the classes of '08 and '63 and in memory of Bob Brugge.

We have solar spotlights on the gazebo and conifers in the 'yard, but we are still working on solar power shingles for the gazebo to light old fashioned street light that hopefully will line the walkway. We are planning a SPRING OPEN HOUSE/ Ice Cream Social this year for all of you to come and check out what we have done...Look for more info...

## BAILEY BELL INDUCTIONS

Periodically we recognize individuals who have given their time and energy to the PSH Alumni Association. These loyal PSH grads have volunteered their time for at least 10 consecutive years. They epitomize the last words of the alma mater "loyalty eternally". This year we are proud to induct 4 outstanding women for their many years of service to The Parma Sr. High Alumni Association. They are: Nancy Fedak '66, Chris Panek Sobolewski '62, Dianna Pavisich Kall '78 and Darlene Wendel DeMarco '63. The induction will be in the PSH auditorium lobby on May 12 at 6PM. Their names will be placed on the Bailey Bell plaque and they will be given an engraved bell. The brief induction will be followed by cake and coffee. Friends, alumni and relatives are invited to attend.

We thank these volunteers for keeping the PSH Alumni Association alive and growing.

## NOTICE:

The Parma Senior High School Alumni Association will honor the 3 LEL Championship teams from 1959 season (Class of 1960), 1960 season (Class of 1961), and the 1961 season (Classes of 1962 and 1963). The honoring will take place at Byers Field at Bob Boulton Stadium in Parma on Friday, August 27, 2010. We are looking for all team members, cheerleaders, coaches and manager from those 3 teams. The event will be held prior to the Parma Senior High School football game against Midpark High.

If you are a member or know of anyone who was a member of those teams, please contact Anthony DeMarco of the Parma Senior High School Alumni Association.

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# 2010 Reunion News Updates

1940-70th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Betty Miller Kircher@440-572-8485-bettykircher@ameritech.net

1945-65th Reunion-Planning for June or July, 2010-Contact Mel Burkey@440-885-4995-mburkey@hotmail.com

1950-60th Reunion -Contact Shirley Tomko Merlino@440-845-4768 tomm1185@sbcglobal.net Demitris on Snow Rd. Parma in July or August?

1955-55th Reunion -Contact Robert Funk@440-886-3375 June 25,26,27, at AK Conference Center in Broadview Hts. Cocktails Friday, Picnic Saturday afternoon with BBQ and Sunday Golf

1960-50th Reunion-June 11 & 12, 2010 @ Crown Plaza on Engle Rd. Contact Fran Caso Turk @330-225-9285-turk6173@roadrunner.com

1965-45th Reunion-In the planning stage-Contact Tim and Melanie Brown @330-769-2985-timb@applebybrown.com

1970-40th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Sheila Barnett Wolf at sheilawolf@juno.com Looking for committee members to help with the reunion planning

1975-35th Reunion-In the planning stage-Contact Sue Massari Walick @440-572-2472-walsu@aol.com

1980-30th Reunion-In the planning stage-Contact Marty Pytel @330-725-2915-mpytel@zoominternet.net

1985-25th Reunion-In the planning stage Contact Cynthia Daniels @330-723-6999-cynthias1967@yahoo.com We are still very much in the planning stages of our reunion. Friday night, July 2nd will be an informal bar gathering. Saturday morning, we are setting up tee times at the Parma Ridgewood Golf Course starting at 10:30 a.m. We are having a picnic at St. Sava's on West Ridgewood in Parma (not the Wallings Road location) starting sometime around 3 or 4 p.m. We are not formally organizing a bar gathering that night, but will go with the flow of where the crowd goes. We are not planning anything for Sunday.

1990-20th Reunion-In the planning stages. -Contact Marc Blubaugh@614-895-0857 or mblubaugh@bfca.com getting ready for the first mailing with information.

1991 – 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion In the planning stage for 2011 Contact Dan Brass A

committee is being formed. If you are interested in learning more about the reunion plans, please contact Dan Brass @ [danielwbrass@gmail.com](mailto:danielwbrass@gmail.com) or (440) 891-4152

1995-15th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Amy Taylor @440-243-0552-

2000-10th Reunion- Contact person Erin (Leibold) Renz at [erinrenz@yahoo.com](mailto:erinrenz@yahoo.com) 10 Year Reunion is being planned for August 27 and 28, 2010. The 27th will be at the PSH football game at Byers Field and the 28th will be at the House of Blues in Cleveland.

## Scheduled Periodic Reunions

These meetings are held throughout the year.

1938-Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ Katherine's Restaurant on Pearl Road in Middleburg Hts.-lunch @noon-Contact Lily Kalat Steinbrenner (\*51) @440-888-6912 for further information.

1942-Last Wednesday of month @ Piper's III. Contact Rita Kemmer D'Alssandro.

1948- The reunion committee does meet monthly for dinner at various local restaurants. In addition to the 8 or so committee members, there are always guests. We would welcome any of our classmates at these dinners. For time and place, contact: Carole Basile King at 440-572-1708 or Dave Kane at 216-941-7572.

1949-The 2nd Thursday of the month— 11:30 AM at Alfonso's Restaurant at West 130th & Sprague. Contact Elaine Quint @440-843-3872.

1950 - Meetings during the year – Contact Shirley Tomko Merlino 440-845- 4768

1951-Parma Schaaf meets the 1st Friday of every month (if a holiday-then the 2nd Friday)—11:30 AM at Marcal's Restaurant, Pearl and West 130th St in Middleburg Hts, OH Contact Joan Kalat @440-843-9122.

1955-Breakfast Club meets at Katherine's Restaurant @9:00AM – Jan 27, April 28, July 28, and October 27.

1960 & 61-Dinner every month-Contact Judy Love Girard @440-888-4911.

## Reunion reports

The Class of 1959 held its 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio. The committee chose the week end of September 5, 2009 for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday festivities.

Classmates gathered in the Hospitality room Friday evening before going on a Sunset Cruise on Lake Erie. Upon returning to the Resort, friendship and fellowship filled the Hospitality Room once again as Classmates and spouses reminisced over the past 50 years. Several signed up for the Golf Tournament and wine tour while others shopped and toured the area. This filled most of Saturday during the day and afternoon before the Banquet that evening. With 200 attendees, all enjoyed a buffet dinner and entertainment with the Hospitality Room available afterwards. A Continental breakfast was available Sunday morning and more camaraderie was shared by all who stayed overnight. This completed our "total" week end.

The Committee wishes to thank everyone who attended and helped make this a memorable occasion. If anyone is interested in seeing pictures or obtaining more information about the Class of "59" and any upcoming events, go to [www.fairfaxmedia.com/psb](http://www.fairfaxmedia.com/psb).

## In Memoriam

43	Garvey	June	Schill
55	Herold	Kaye	Sharpe
56	Assad	Thelma	Sidloski
56	Kaska	Jerry	
56	Konrad	Leonida	Dembek
56	Lasko	Jack	
56	Heintz	Arthur	
56	Esson	John	
56	Jedlicka	Geraldine	Strome
59	Fish	Elaine	Kelih
60	Eberle	Arthur	
60	Ashmus	Neil	
61	Krentz	Raymond	
64	Lindsey	Shirley	Pieret
71	Glaser	Steve	
71	Biondo	Ronald	
71	Boyarko	Brian	
71	Cuffari	June	
71	Darby	Kenneth	
71	Duffy	Lynn	
71	Dynda	Larry	
71	Majher	Phillip	
71	Nocera	Thomas	
71	Payn	Pat	Ropek
71	Samples	Bill	
71	Werner	Manfred	
71	Zak	Donna	
71	Ferenc	Michael	
71	Arnold	Richard	
75	Boyda	Ruth	Perko
75	Eck	James	
??	Harding	Heidi	

# PSH fall and Winter Sports Update

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE: PARMA FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER/FOOTBALL ALUMNI WING NIGHT**

The Parma Football Team is having a fundraiser/ Football Alumni Night Saturday April 17th, at Jocko's Bar, 1100 W Royalton Rd, Broadview Hts., OH 44147. The time of the Wing Night is 4:30-7:30 PM. Ticket cost is \$25 which includes Pizza, Pasta, Wings, Draught Beer, Well Drinks & Soda, plus FREE ADMISSION to the SPAZMADICS concert at 9:00 that night. The Spazmadics are an 80's Cover Band, and one of the hottest tickets in town. Please contact Coach Cyr at 440-885-8636 or [cyr@parmacityschools.org](mailto:cyr@parmacityschools.org) if interested in attending. *This is a night for all former Parma Football players and all alumni who want to support Parma High Athletics to come together to help save our program!*

## **RED-HOT ROTH LEADS REDMEN: HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP**

Plain Dealer staff reports, December 15, 2009 11:36 p.m.

A hot fourth quarter by senior guard, Justin Roth, helped propel Parma past host Strongsville, 79-68, Tuesday night in a Northeast Ohio Conference crossover boys' basketball upset.

The previously unbeaten Mustangs, ranked No. 5 in The Plain Dealer poll, led after three quarters, 52-49, but the Redmen outscored Strongsville, 30-16, in the final eight minutes.

Roth had a game-high 33 points, and 18 came in the fourth quarter. Parma also had good shooting from senior guard George Blake, who had 21 points on just six field goals, all from beyond the 3-point line.

## **PSH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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## **REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT PROJECTS**

- \* Dresses for the prom are still needed. Call us if you can donate one. 1-440-885-3700
- \* The historical marker for the original Parma High School is reaching completion and we still need donations to help pay for the marker and the installation. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Make checks out to the PSH Alumni Assoc.

## **Letters to the Editor**

Class of 1959

Thanks Nancy and the Alumni Association for all your help and hope you are staying warm and in good health. I will be back at the end of April and I will see if I can get more door prizes for the golf outing. Don't forget you have a couple of boxes of t-shirts and hats that should be given out and there should be enough for all participants. Remember the donation came from the class of '59. If you need any help with the Alumni game, judging of the floats, tent, etc., please let me know.

Bruno Tomissini

Thank you Bruno and the class of '59

Dear Alumni from the class of '62  
Here are 100 mouse pads with the Redman emblem in red on a gray pad. Please use the profits from the sale of the pads for your scholarships.

Class of 1962

Thank you and we are selling them on line and in the newsletter.

Hello,

I am informing you that Elaine Fish Kelih graduate of the Class of 1959 passed away in October, 2009 in McLean, VA. Elaine was one of my closest friends and I have known her since she was 5 years old. Thought you should know.

Elaine (Pandy) Rockwell

Richard Pinkerton (Pinky) Class of '51, Burt and Petcavage are very pleased to report that their text book, Supply Management, 8e will

be printed in Chinese by McGraw-Hill Asia in Singapore.

Congratulations Richard!

## **PARMA SR. BASKETBALL TEAM WINS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Parma High Basketball Team won Northeast Ohio Conference Lake Division Championship beating Normandy 81 to 60 on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Parma High is the 11<sup>TH</sup> ranked team in northeast Ohio and Justin Roth is the third leading scorer in the county, averaging 23 + points per game. Parma finished the regular season by beating N. Royalton 65 to 50 and ended with a 17-3 record along with a 10-0 league record. The team ended as the 11<sup>th</sup> ranked team in the Cleveland area as selected by the Plain Dealer. Now it is on to the state tournaments.

*Congratulations to the NOC Erie Division Basketball Champions from all PSHS Alumni.*

## **A PARMA SR. HIGH FIRST!**

For the first time in Parma Senior High School Sports history, PSHS is Northeast Ohio Conference Erie Division League Champion in both football and basketball in the same year. As far as we can research, we were not champions in both sports in the Lake Erie League and we can not find any reference to multiple league championships before the LEL or multiple independent undefeated seasons.



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# 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Wednesday, June 23, 2010  
Ridgewood Golf Course - 4 Man Scramble

18 Hole Golf Package Includes – breakfast/lunch/dinner - \$85.00/golfer  
Dinner only - \$25.00/person

**\*\* Check in time: 8:15 AM\*\***

**\*\* Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM\*\***

Attendee # 1 \_\_\_\_\_  Golf Package or  Dinner Only

Attendee #2 \_\_\_\_\_  Golf Package or  Dinner Only

Attendee # 3 \_\_\_\_\_  Golf Package or  Dinner Only

Attendee # 4 \_\_\_\_\_  Golf Package or  Dinner Only

Sponsor a hole – includes hole signage, program listing & recognition in fall *Tradition* \$100.00  
\*\* Hole Sponsorship is Tax Deductable\*\*

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check for the full amount made out to PSH Alumni Association Golf Outing

Mail to: **PSH Alumni Association**  
**6285 W 54<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Parma, OH 44129**

**Reservations must be received by Wednesday, June 14, 2010**  
**No refunds after June 14, 2010**



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# Three More 2009 PSH Alumni Association Hall Of Fame Inductees Biographies *By Gil Fritzsche '65 and Marilyn Marquette Coleman '53*

## **Michael Jaszczak (Class of 1980)**

Michael Jaszczak is first and foremost a marvelous teacher. A talented artist in his own right, Michael teaches art and oversees the Art Department of Parma Senior High School as department head. Student work is continuously displayed throughout the building, keeping the art program in the mainstream of the curriculum and drawing recognition to student works of art. Many of Michael's students have received awards at the local, state and national level.

Mr. Jaszczak is the yearbook advisor. Michael challenges himself and his students to produce a yearbook that exceeds the quality of the previous year's yearbook.

Michael is widely recognized as an outstanding artist and displays his work at various galleries. Enameling is a medium at which he excels. The mace adorning the Alumni Hall of Fame is an example of the manner in which Michael illustrates to his students the relevancy of art in the real world. The mace is borne by a retiring staff member as he or she leads the procession of faculty and graduating seniors into the auditorium at our annual commencement ceremony.

Michael maintains a leadership position in the Parma Education Association. In that capacity, Michael devotes a great deal of time and effort to facilitate a positive work climate in the best interests of staff, students, and administration.

One of the most important accomplishments of Michael Jaszczak is the 2004 edition of the Parma Senior High School Spectrum. The book marked the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the building.

Michael donates his time and skills to PSH Alumni projects and to beautify the PSH building.

## **Mickey Vittardi (Class of 1978)**

Mickey Vittardi graduated from Cuyahoga Community College with an Associate of Arts degree and began his professional life as a sales account representative with the Cleveland

Cavaliers. He later served in the same capacity with the Sun Newspapers. It was in 1988 that he found his niche and began a distinguished career in public service when he became Parks and Recreation Supervisor for the City of Parma. He is responsible for the organization and supervision of all city athletic programs. Anyone who has participated in any of the recreation programs under the auspices of the city of Parma, has Mickey Vittardi to thank for that opportunity.

Beyond the scope of job responsibilities, Mickey Vittardi has generously devoted his time and talent to countless committees and organizations for the betterment of his community. Mickey is, or has been, a member of the Byers Field Foundation, the Captain James Lovell Park Renovation Committee, the Community Leadership Group, the Parma Amateur Athletic Federation, the Continuous Improvement Planning Committee for Athletics in the Parma City School District, and the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association. He is the founder and current commissioner of the Tri-City Youth Football League and the Director of the local Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition. Through the efforts of Mickey Vittardi, Parma was selected to host the prestigious Ohio Challenger Little League Baseball Tournament this past summer at the Veterans Memorial Park. The program's fundamental goal is to give everyone a chance to play, regardless of limitations.

The Parma Amateur Athletic Federation inducted Mickey into the Parma Sports Hall of Fame in 2000. As part of the Parma High School Golden Anniversary celebration in 2003, Mickey Vittardi was named to the Parma



1970 All Decades Football Team. He played on the Amateur Softball Association Men's "A" Softball National Championship Team. He was a Men's Softball All American from 1981 through 2000. In 2008 the Parma Elks Lodge 1938 named Mickey Vittardi "Outstanding Citizen of the Year".

## **Ronald B. Hutchings (Class of 1952)**

The late Ronald Hutchings is remembered by his schoolmates as an outstanding athlete, a student leader, and a person admired by all who knew him. He devoted his life to public service, generously giving of his time and talent to a wide variety of community organizations. Mr. Hutchings actively participated in YMCA, Indian Guides, coaching, several professional organizations, and served as a Sunday School teacher at All Saints Episcopal Church. He attended Case Western Reserve University and Cuyahoga Community College.

Ronald Hutchings' main calling, however, was that of firefighter. "Hutch", as he was known to his friends, joined the Parma Heights Fire Department in 1955 as a "paid on call" fire fighter and was quickly appointed full-time status with the department. He rose steadily through the ranks to the position of fireman, Lieutenant, Captain, and ultimately he became Fire Chief in 1979. Under his leadership a paramedic program was initiated and he was instrumental in the development of the Southwest Area HasMat (Hazardous Material) Team. The degree of respect in which he was held by his peers is evidenced by the facts he served as Secretary of the Northeast Fire Prevention Association and two terms as President of the Northeastern Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. Chief Hutchings retired from the Parma Heights Fire Department in 1992, but remained active. Chief Hutchings was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Great Lakes Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in 1994. He served in this position until his death in 2007, at which time he was bestowed the title of Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus, a significant honor awarded to only a very few individuals.

Ronald Hutchings is what we call today an "Every Day Hero", remembered fondly as an intelligent, wise, warm and cheerful, "the kind of person you wanted to be around."

## 2010 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

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## PSH FUNDRAISERS

*Sweats, Golf shirts, Caps, Tee Shirts, Cat's Meow, Hoodies, and mugs, Indian logo Mouse Pads*

New Caps \$15 Golf Shirt \$30 (L, XL) Mug \$7.50 T-Shirt \$25 (M,

L, XL, XXL) Sweatshirt \$30 (M,

L, XL, XXL) Hoodies \$35 (M,

L, XL, XXL) Indian logo Mouse Pads \$7.50.

Order by sending a check or money order to PSH Alumni Assoc.

6285 W. 54th St., Parma, OH



## Yearbook Donations and Order Form

PSH Yearbooks donated to the Alumni Association will be put up for sale and all proceeds will go toward the PSH Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Donations may be dropped off or sent to Parma Senior High School, Attention: Alumni Association or call us and we will pick them up, 440-885-3700. Thanks to all those who donated.

### YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

1929	1	1942	9	1951	8	1983	10	2002	10
1930	3	1943	5	1952	13	1989	10	2003	4
1932	2	1944	7	1953	10	1991	19	2004	6
1933	2	1945	6	1954	1	1995	8	2005	14
1937	1	1946	10	1956	1	1996	6	2006	15
1938	12	1947	10	1963	1	1998	3	2007	9
1939	3	1948	15	1964	1	1999	2		
1940	2	1949	5	1978	14	2000	12		
1941	1	1950	8	1980	21	2001	9		

## ORDER FORM

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