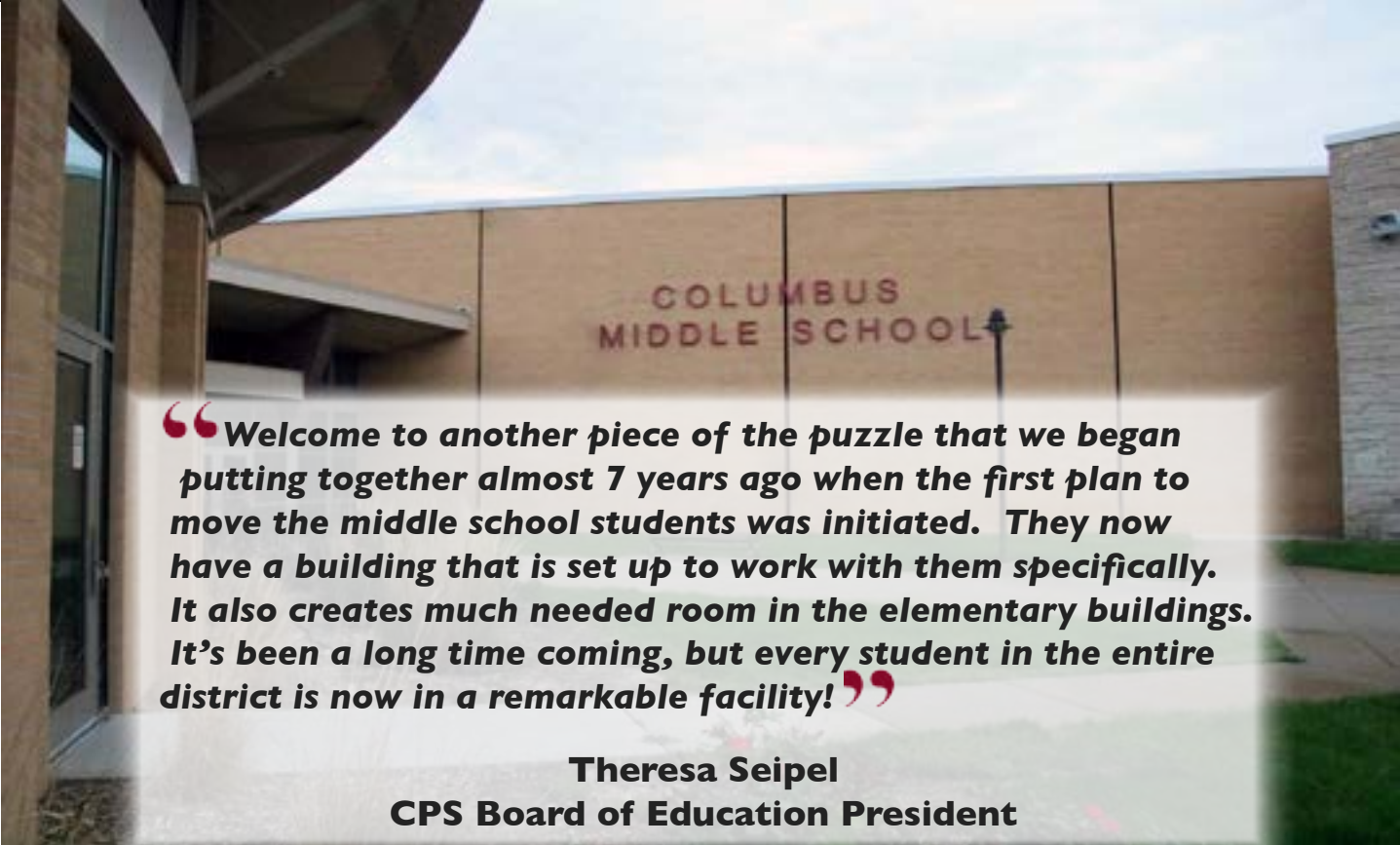


The Anchor

Linking the Past, Present and Future

Fall 2017



“Welcome to another piece of the puzzle that we began putting together almost 7 years ago when the first plan to move the middle school students was initiated. They now have a building that is set up to work with them specifically. It also creates much needed room in the elementary buildings. It’s been a long time coming, but every student in the entire district is now in a remarkable facility!”

**Theresa Seipel
CPS Board of Education President**

CPS Foundation



Columbus High School Alumni

Embarking on new traditions

Dr. Troy Loeffelholz
CPS Superintendent

From 2011-2014, Columbus Public Schools had been attempting to answer the question, "What do we do with the aging Middle School?" The first year of classes in the "old" high school, Kramer High School/middle school was in 1924. Since that time, additions were added on to the building in 1955, 1965, 1989, and 1990. Several times, the interior was redefined, remodeled, and updated. It was time to retire the old building. But what was the answer?

This was not the only issue facing the district. We also had a growing population that was pushing our enrollment limits at our five elementary schools. Thus, started the quest of more than just replacing an aging middle school, but how can we set the district up for the future and the growth in student numbers? Going back to 2012, a consultant hired by the district said we would have almost 4,000 students by 2017. Now, honestly, I thought that number might be a little high. But, today we have 3,930 students, which is approximately 320 students more than we had in 2012. So, yes we are growing, and yes we need the space.

The answer to the growing K-12 questions came on May 13, 2014, when the community gave us permission to build a new high school. This also gave us permission to re-purpose the current high school to accommodate middle school programming and move our fifth grade program to the middle school to help alleviate the crowding at the elementary level.

The middle school project included creating 16 new learning spaces within the current building footprint and not adding any square footage, as well as

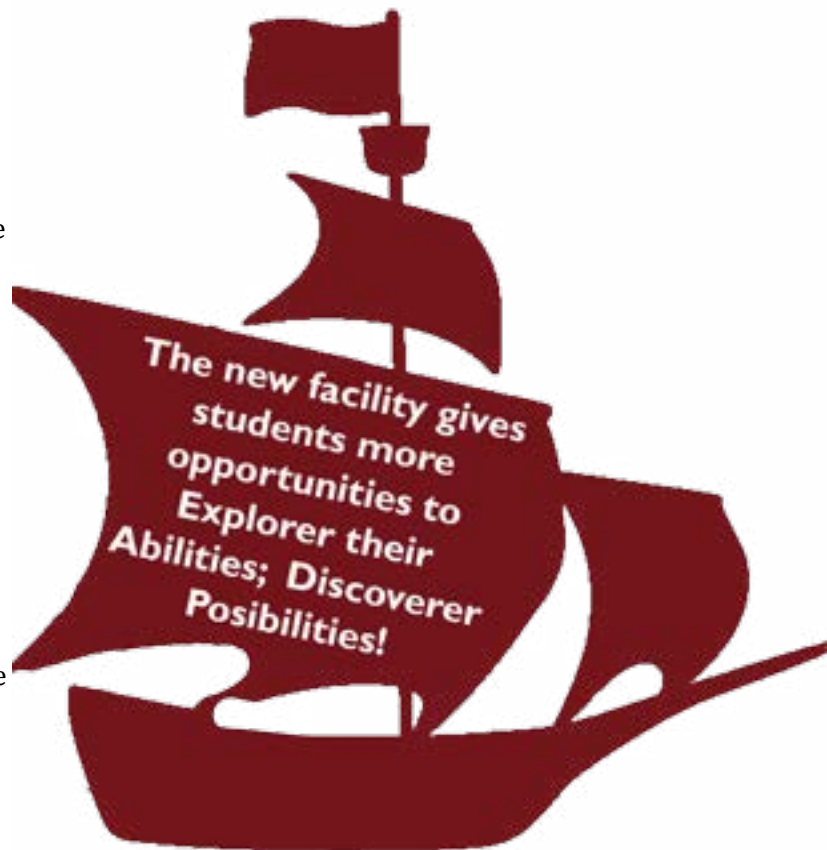


redoing the two gyms, STEM area, and creating a new counselors wing within the west locker room area of the south gym. This move has helped keep the middle school in a central location in town, increased the capacity for the middle school, and created additional learning spaces at each of our elementary schools.

Within the school, our 5th and 6th grade students are on the second floor on the west end of the building. Our 7th and 8th grade students are on the first floor on the west end as well. The east end of the building is designed for our course electives and high needs special education classrooms. When the doors opened this fall, the new building opened with an enrollment of 1,128 students.

We invite all alumni who come back to town to consider not only touring the new high school but to please come and see the changes made for our middle school program. Thanks

to the community of Columbus, the facilities K-12 are second to none.





Discoverer Dash

Discoverer Dash:
47 participants
Raised \$1,785



Anchor Fun Run

Anchor Fun Run:
39 participants
Raised \$1,817.28



Winners of the Anchor Fun Run were Mandy Lauck and Joe Madden.



Linking with the Past...

Class of 1970
Bought a
link & a brick

Link:
\$10,000

Class of 1967
Bought bench, 2
bricks & \$1,500
scholarship

Class of 1966
Bought a
bench & 2 bricks

Class of 1968
Bought a bench
& 21 bricks

Bench:
\$2,500

Class of 1977
Bought
2 bricks

Class of 1960
Bought
a brick

Brick:
\$100

Class of 1962
Bought
a brick

Class of 1975
Bought
a brick

For more information on the Anchor Project, please contact Kim Kwapnioski at
Email: kwapnioskik@discoverers.org or Phone: 402-649-5308.

Connecting to the present...

Reunion Classes toured the new high school this summer!



Class of 1957



Class of 1962



Class of 1967



Class of 1972



Class of 1977



**Class of
1987**

Connecting to the present...

Reunion Classes toured the new high school this summer!



Class of 1997





Class of 2002





Class of 2007

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Class of 2012



HONORED AT THE GAME - Those that were inducted into the Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame were honored during half-time of the Columbus vs. Grand Island Northwest football game.

Hall of Fame

Steve Anderson
Class of 1968

There were eight individuals, one coach, one meritorious and three teams inducted into the Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame this year.

The festivities kicked off with a banquet on September 7th. At the banquet, the Columbus High School Band and Cheerleaders entertained the crowd of over 350. The banquet featured a Sports Center theme with Dirk Chatelain, Omaha World Herald sports columnist, and Jimmy Motz, current Columbus High Basketball Coach, as announcers.

One of the highlights of the evening was the recognition of all gymnasts who participated in the sport, which ran at CHS from 1965 to 1975.

The following people were honored:

Meritorious: Colman Bieber

Coach: Doug Terry

Individuals: John Arlt – Wrestling 1982; Nate Blessen – Basketball 1996; Angie Iwansky Boucher – Soccer 2001; Bob Hegi – Football 1965; Dennis Hoyle – Tennis 1967; Mike Rambour – Wrestling 1980; Amanda Gates Sjuts – Volleyball 2005; and Tom Woodward – Wrestling 1982.

Teams: 1990 Girls Tennis Doubles Champions: Cindy Srb Tederman & Anne Kotrous; 1987 Boys Tennis Team State Champions: Coach Gary Duranski, Ryan Bargaen, Mark Bordy, John Clemons, Ray



Colman Bieber was the Meritorious inductee.

Doug Terry was inducted as a coach.



Hoffart, Chad Hunzeker, Cory Hunzeker, John McPhail, Eric Mueller, Chris Roth, Steve Scheidegger, Lee Steinbrook, Chad Swantz and Robb VanFossen; 1982 Wrestling State Champions: Coaches: Charlie Sherertz Sr., Dale Bonge and Rick Benson; student manager: Keri Tooley Woehl; Eric Abdullah, Pat Galley, Chet Hahn, Brian Hitz, Charlie Sherertz Jr., LeRoy Krueger, Rick

Podraza, Dave Staroscik, Todd Thalken, Greg Wilson, Tom Woodward, and Kevin Zuroski.

Sept. 8 the honorees were recognized at a school pep rally and then shown their permanent plaques on the Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame wall. The evening concluded with recognition at the halftime of the Discoverers' football game against Bennington.

Peggy (Arlt) Ziola

Year Graduated: 1975

Favorite Class/Teacher: Accounting with Marcene Moomey

Most Memorable High School Experience: Cheer-leading

What Would You Change If You Had To Do High School Over Again? I would study more.

Where Do You Live? Columbus, NE

What Are You Doing Now? I have been married to Ron Ziola ('73) for 40 years. We raised 3 sons that all graduated from CHS and are grandparents to two wonderful kids. I spent my career working in accounting type positions for various companies. I am currently the bookkeeper for Columbus High School. I love to spend my summers playing golf, winters bowling, and reading any chance I get. I am grateful for the educational and extracurricular activities that were given me at CHS and am proud to still be a Discoverer!

Tom Arlt

Year Graduated: 1976

Favorite Class/Teacher: Lanny Neese

Most Memorable High School Experience: The only Arlt Family member to have an undefeated varsity wrestling record.

What Would You Change If You Had To Do High School Over Again? Focus more on school studies and extracurricular activities.

Where Do You Live? Columbus, NE

What Are You Doing Now? Managing the most popular establishment in Columbus - Bo's West. I have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

Tim Arlt

Year Graduated: 1977

Favorite Class/Teacher: Lanny Neese's Trig Class. I don't know why, but he favored wrestlers, go figure!

Most Memorable High School Experience: Wrestling. I was paired with Randy Glur, Jim Sackett and Lindsay Ball in a practice pod. Boy did I hone their skills! Who can forget State Wrestling in Lincoln. We had tremendous success and great support from the school and community.

What Would You Change If You Had To Do High School Over Again? Enjoy the experience more and pay more attention to academics.

Where Do You Live? Columbus, NE

What Are You Doing Now? Living the American Dream....with my wife Kim (Keeshan; '80) and working at Nebraska Public Power District. We are empty nesters now, so I enjoy playing golf, relaxing at the lake, and traveling to sporting events and concerts. We have three grown children ages 33, 30 and 25. Also 2 grandsons ages 6 and 3 all living in Hastings, NE.

Joe Arlt

Year Graduated: 1979

Favorite Class/Teacher: Gary Schafer and Lanny Neese

Most Memorable High School Experience: Meeting my wife. Any Saturday night our senior year with Jon Walker, Steve Mancuso, Luke Lemke, Roger Bullington and Ken Robinson... for more details, contact them.

What Would You Change If You Had To Do High School Over Again?

Probably try to do everything better - classwork, sports, activities.

Where Do You Live? Columbus, NE

What Are You Doing now? Married to Kay Robinson ('80) for 35 years and counting. We have three grown children Ashley (2001) - grandson, Jackson (age 4), Lucas (2003) and Abbey (2008). I am Document Control Manager for Vishay Intertechnology. I enjoy golfing, Husker games, St. Louis Cardinals and Week-ends!

John Arlt

Year Graduated: 1982

Favorite Class/Teacher: Mr Callan - he challenged me to work harder than I thought I could.

Most Memorable High School Experience: Winning individual State Wrestling Title and two team titles. Just walking into a gym and people looking at you like (Oh great - Columbus is here; looks like we are playing for 2nd place).

What Would You Change If You Had To Do High School Over Again? Focus more on academics. Knowing now they are more important than most other things you do in high school.

Where Do You Live? Columbus, NE

What Are You Doing now? I have worked for NPPD for the past 29 years. I have been married to Lois (Gronenthal), also a CHS grad, for 28 years. We have two girls Maggie and Malia both graduates of CHS and UNK. Maggie is currently attending Creighton School of Law and Malia recently returned from volunteering for 6 months with a non-profit organization in Uganda, Africa.

Arlt Family

Pat Arlt

Year Graduated: 1983

Favorite Class/Teacher: Dick Luebbe

Most Memorable High School Experience: Watching my brother John win the State Title in Wrestling

What Would You Change If You Had To Do High School Over Again? Have even more fun!!!

Arlt Family

Where Do You Live? Wichita,KS

What Are You Doing now?

After graduating from CHS, I spent 3 years in the Air Force training to become an air traffic controller. I have spent the last 29 years employed by the FAA in that profession. I have been married to my wife, Rhonda, for 25 years and we have two children, Tyler 21, Senior at UNL and Kelsey 17, a senior in high school.

Reunion Plans

If you need help planning your reunion, please contact **Michelle Cruise at 402.563.7000 Ext. 10651 or email cruisem@discoverers.org.**

1963 -55th Reunion – Sept. 21 & 22, 2018. Friday at VFW and Saturday at Wunderlich's. There will be a tour of the new high school at 2:30 p.m. More details to follow. For more information, contact Kay (Sinclair) Ferris at rferris@neb.rr.com.

1968 – 50th Reunion – August 17-18, 2018. Contact Diane Schwank at 402-910-1539 or Steve Anderson at 402-563-1347 for information.

1988 – 30 Year Reunion – August 17 & 18, 2018. Contact: Steve Hughes, shughes@neb.rr.com, 402.270-4647. For updates, follow us on Facebook @'Columbus Discoverers – Class of 1988'



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