



Columbus Public Schools Alumni News



Spring 2011

Alumni Association forms partnership with CPS Foundation

In April, the Alumni Association Board of Directors officially joined the Columbus Public Schools Foundation. For alumni wishing to give back to their alma mater, this means that any donations made to the Alumni Association will now be tax deductible for income, gift, and estate tax purposes.

For Brian Christensen, President of the Foundation Board of Directors, the partnership was a natural fit.

“Much like the Foundation, the Alumni Association not only promotes activities for CPS alumni, but also strives to support CPS staff and students and reconnect alumni with current district needs and events,” he said.

The Foundation, established in 1985, is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation. Their purpose is to solicit, manage, and distribute supplemental funds for

educational purposes in program areas that may not be funded by the district. Funding is supplemental, and therefore, does not replace or alter use of tax-based revenue.

Recently, CPS has been forced to tighten its belt with anticipated state and federal budget cuts. As a result, the role of the Foundation – to provide students at CPS with as many educational opportunities as possible by filling gaps created in the regular school district budget from funding shortfalls or regulatory constraints – is becoming more and more important.

Over the last 20 years, the Foundation has distributed more than \$395,000 to CPS. Within the 2010-2011 school year alone, the Foundation has given back \$41,250 in scholarships, award-winning books, student prizes, equipment, and sponsorships.

When it comes to setting goals for the

future, the Foundation has many plans. Teachers have already begun applying for grants that will fund special projects in the 2011-2012 school year. Benches and other enhancements will be added to the East Entrance of the High School where the Foundation-sponsored tree sculpture is featured.

Jessica Kuehler, Executive Director of the Foundation, is looking to establish an annual Teacher of the Year Award with a corporate or private sponsorship. Also in the works are lighting, sound, and other improvements for the Nantkes Performing Arts Center, which will not only benefit CPS students but others in the community who utilize the facility.

For more information about the Foundation activities this year and ways you can help, visit the Foundation tab at www.columbuspublicschools.org.

Education & wellness project for Columbus

Dr. Troy Loeffelholz
Superintendent

Many of you may already be aware of the “Quality of Life” joint venture between Columbus Public Schools, the YMCA, East Central Health District, and the City of Columbus. This joint venture is historical in nature for this community and is something new to many communities. If you live in Lincoln, you may have read or noticed the Fallbrook YMCA/School Middle School project. Or, if you live close to Omaha, you may

have heard of the Saddlebrook project, which joins an elementary school, library, and community center. Columbus Public Schools is very excited about working with our partners to develop an Education and Wellness campus that will be available to the community for many years.

In July of 2010, the Board of Education purchased 145+ acres of property directly north of Lost Creek Elementary School along 38th Street and 33rd Avenue. This property was purchased for the sole purpose to house a new middle school building. CPS along with the

YMCA, ECHD, and the city interviewed four architectural firms to provide site planning for the land we own. This site plan would start the process of laying out a new middle school, a new YMCA, and a new health clinic. We worked with RVW of Columbus and BCDM of Omaha to provide us with these plans. This process involved interviewing teachers, administrators, and community members to define possible uses for the property.

The Slusarski Family

Lisa Slusarski Windedahl

1. Graduating Year?

1993

2. Favorite Class/Teacher?

Any of my art classes with Ms. Detlefsen.

3. CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

Mr. Steinbrook

4. Your most memorable high school experience?

Making the cheerleading squad. It was so intimidating to try out in front of the judges and then wait days to find out the results. Every year you had to go through it all over again. We had so much fun going to games or wrestling meets, and I am still good friends with a lot of the girls on my squad.

5. What would you change if you had high school to do all over again?

I would do more extra curricular activities. I was a cheerleader, but there are so many other things I wish I would have tried.

6. Where do you live now?

Columbus

7. What are you doing now?

My husband Aaron and I have 7 month old twins, Lily and Calan, and I sell real estate at Century 21 Realty Team in Columbus.

Jeff Slusarski

1. Graduating Year?

1996

2. Favorite Class/Teacher?

AP Calculus with Mr. Massman, Architectural Drawing with Mr. Benson and Great Plains History with Mr. Steinbrook.

3. CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

Mr. Massman - The attention to detail that was required for his class is still helping me to this day.

4. Your most memorable high school experience?

I do not have a single experience that I think was the most memorable. I think my favorite thing about high school was the friends I made. We did a lot of dumb stuff and had a lot of fun.

5. What would you change if you had high school to do all over again?

I would have beat Jason Sutton in

class rank.

6. Where do you live now?

Lincoln, NE

7. What are you doing now?

I attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a emphasis in finance . Now I am a Senior Financial Analyst at Cabela's Worlds Foremost Bank. I am in charge of all of the forecasting and budgeting for the Bank.

Annie Slusarski Sokol

1. Graduating Year?

1998

2. Favorite Class/Teacher?

Chemistry with Mrs. Griffiths, her enthusiasm for science helped me see how exciting teaching could be. American Studies with Mr. Terry, he made learning history interesting for all students. And of course Spanish IV with Senorita Sypherd, she believed all students had the ability to succeed and was always positive.

3. CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

Mrs. Griffiths. She made chemistry interesting everyday and showed me how to truly love your job. She was always excited about science and had high expectations for all her students. After high school, I even went back to get help with my college chemistry classes. When teaching chemistry today, I still remember the way she taught our class. She was fantastic!

4. Your most memorable high school experience?

Either cheerleading at the state basketball championship game in 1996 or tennis with Mr. Terry.

5. What would you change if you had high school to do all over again?

I would get involved more. I was part of different groups but feel I could have put more effort into volunteering.

6. Where do you live now?

Columbus

7. What are you doing now?

I attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where I majored in animal science. After receiving my bachelor's degree and working for a year with



swine, I went back to get my master's in secondary teaching with an emphasis in natural sciences. I have been teaching science at Columbus Middle School for 6 years. I am married to Pat Sokol and we have two children, Ava and Hank.

Jenni Slusarski Strong

1. Graduating Year?

2002

2. Favorite Class/Teacher?

Mr. Steinbrook – American Studies and Plains History, Ms. Sypherd - Spanish

3. CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

Mr. Steinbrook – he had high expectations for his students and always expected everyone to do their best all of the time.

4. Your most memorable high school experience?

Winning district volleyball as a senior and going to state volleyball.

5. What would you change if you had high school to do all over again?

If I could do high school all over again I would want to be more involved in the school activities. High school has so many activities offered that I was not a part of, and now, as I look back I wish I would have tried more activities out.

6. Where do you live now?

Columbus, NE

7. What are you doing now? I graduated from UNL with a bachelor in elementary education. Currently, I am working on my master's in curriculum and instruction from UNK. I teach 4th grade at Lost Creek Elementary and have coached 8th grade volleyball at the middle school for 3 years. I married Brian Strong, from Genoa, and we are expecting our first child this fall.



Foundation buys equipment for CHS band

The Columbus High School Band Department's need for more music stands has been met. Fifteen music stands, two storage carts, and a conductor's chair were purchased with the Sue Lovci Memorial Fund.

"Since the addition of the highly popular guitar class, and the growth of the CHS Band and Percussion units, it has been necessary to utilize more music stands in both the band and choir room, along with the need to store the new equipment appropriately," said Jeff Peabody, High School Instrumental Music Instructor.

The semester-long guitar class allows the fine arts department to reach more than 100 students each year from an entirely new demographic. Many of these students are not involved in other music classes because they have prerequisites and performance attendance requirements. They choose to take guitar class because it is a music class, which is offered without any of these conditions.

The Susan Lovci Memorial Fund was established through the Columbus Public Schools Foundation to honor the memory of Susan Beth Hollingworth Lovci. Lovci served several terms on the Columbus Public Schools Board of Education and was an outspoken advocate for education. As an accomplished violinist, she was passionate about music programs in the public schools.

With donations from more than 40 individuals, including family and friends, the fund, earmarked for the Columbus High School Music Department, reached \$2,381. The purchase by the CPS Foundation marked the second anniversary of Susan Lovci's passing.



The mission of the Foundation is to enhance student learning by working with the school district, businesses, and community to provide financial support for innovative programs and other needs not covered by the school district's funding sources.

Columbus High School Principal Steve Woodside understands the important role the Foundation plays when the district is facing budget constraints.

"The foundation's role in enhancing educational opportunities will allow schools the opportunity to enhance programs and fill many of the gaps in funding that will continue to be a concern now and in the future due to tightened budgets and the current economy," he said. "The Lovci Memorial Fund, specifically, targeted the need of our guitar class that is a new and growing program of the fine arts department."

Go green

Look for newsletter online

Steve Anderson
Class 1968

Did you miss the Winter 2011 Alumni Newsletter? Remember we told you it would only be published electronically because we were running short of funds to print it and mail it to you. For those of you who missed it and want to read it, follow the instructions below.

To access the Columbus Public Schools webpage go to: <http://www.columbuspublicschools.org/> and click on Alumni (middle of the page). Right below the Board of Directors listing you will find the word Newsletters. Click on Newsletters and find the Winter 2011 addition.

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Winter sports

Boys Basketball

Coach Dave Hiebner

The Columbus boys' basketball team entered the year with high expectations with a number of players returning with varsity experience and looking to improve from the previous year. With lingering injuries from the football season, a number of players were unable to compete this year. Because of those injuries, several younger players were able to see varsity time, and we will look for them to play major roles in the coming season. Seniors Gustavo Banos-Olvera, Tyree Kinning, Dillon Loschen, and Grant Meridith will be missed, but their leadership this past year has helped lay a solid foundation for future success.

Girls Basketball

Coach Dave Licari

The girls' basketball team finished with a 20-6 record this year. They won the conference tournament, district tournament, and qualified for the state tourney. The 20 wins are an all time best for the CHS girls. Other team records set were most three-pointers made in a season, 147; most three-pointers made in a game, 11; least points allowed in a game 11.



Education & Wellness Campus

From front page

During this time, a citizens' committee was formed called the, Columbus Facilities Advisory Committee. This committee was to develop a community survey regarding the facility needs of the district and investigate if the community would support a bond issue. The committee also recommended that the new facility be built to host grades 5 through 8. The third and most difficult task of the committee was to come up with ideas on the future use of the existing middle school building. A committee will be formed to work on this throughout the bond campaign and after the passage of the bond issue.

The next phase of the project will be to develop a facility program plan. In other words, what are our space needs, program needs, etc. This phase will provide the school district with the necessary information to go to the public with drawings and cost for a bond issue. The board has targeted a bond election for the fall of 2011. If this happens, we will need all of our alumni and staff to be well-informed of the process and project.

Whether a person is an advocate of the project or not, we want all alumni, staff, and community members to be informed voters. Our alumni and staff are the greatest ambassadors for the school district. We will continue to provide you with updates regarding this project. If you have any questions regarding the project, please don't hesitate to call or email me at 402-563-7000 or troy.loeffelholz@cps-ne.org.

What's happening

Richard Kelly '61 – His book, "Growing Up In Mama's Club," is now being printed in an all new revised third edition. This story is an autobiography from age four to 20 and covers three plus years that he lived and went to school in Columbus.

William and Rita Mikkelsen Ingold '68 and '67 – Bill retired from GTE in 2001 and now works for RVW. Rita is a broker/owner of Capstone Realty in Columbus.

Columbus Alumni Association

Let's Keep in Touch

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What's New (job, degrees, comments, suggestions etc.) _____

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Staff says goodbye

Emily Campbell

Emily came to work for CPS in 1985 first starting at North Park and then moving to CMS in 1991. Prior to that, she was a 5th and 6th grade teacher in Topeka, KS, and a 4th-9th grade teacher for the New Mexico State University's Teacher Program in Las Cruces, NM. During this time, she served as acting principal whenever the principal was out of the building. She holds an undergraduate degree from New Mexico State University and a master's degree from Wayne State. Emily has served CMS in a number of ways. She was an "unpaid mentor" to many staff members. She gave a lot of time to the new staff members either on her team or department. She served as a mentor teacher, not only to these folks, but to others, as well as building administrators. Emily also served for many years as a team leader on the 6Blue/Maroon team. She and her husband Tom have two grown children.



Beverly Wilkins Cent

She began her teaching career at Williams Elementary in Columbus during the fall of 1970 as the 6th grade teacher. At that time, she was known as Miss Wilkins but then got married in December of 1973. After 5 years with CPS, her husband and she moved to Iowa in 1975 where she taught 5th grade for one year in La Porte City, Iowa. She substitute taught



for the next 10 years in Iowa because her primary purpose was to be a full-time mom to two daughters, Alicia and Alana.

When she came back to Columbus in August of 1986, Bev returned to Williams to teach in the same 6th grade classroom she had left. She was there four years before the 6th graders of CPS were moved to the "new" Columbus Middle School. At the middle school, she spent the first 11 years teaching language arts to 6th graders and then moved to teaching social studies for the next nine years. This year she moved back to teaching language arts at the 6th grade level.

"I have definitely enjoyed the children most," Bev said. "It has been such a joy over the years to have an adult or young adult come up to me and ask me if I remember them because I had been their teacher. I love seeing former students as adults and sharing with them their memories of my being their teacher. I also enjoy the friendships I have made with fellow teachers, and I have learned so much from my peers that I hope have helped me to become a better

teacher."

Bev will be leaving May 29th to spend approximately three weeks with her younger daughter, Alana, and her family in Townsville, Australia. She said she doesn't see enough of her granddaughter, Lauren. Bev is also excited to be able to spend time with her other three grandchildren, Jamie-7, Sarah-5, and Maggie-1, who live near Blair. She said she hopes to do lots of substitute teaching at the Middle School.

"The people there have become like a family to me over the years and I hope I can continue my teaching career as a substitute," Cent said.

Barb Sanderson

She started teaching Health and Physical Education in 1972 at Blue Island Jr. High (a suburb of Chicago). After starting her family, she moved to Columbus, where she participated in a ten-year program of comprehensive study focused on Early Childhood Socialization and Education. Barb returned to public education as a Health



and Physical Education teacher at Columbus Jr. High. She pursued her interests in working with students with special needs, and after earning her Masters Degree in Special Education, transferred to that area of instruction at CMS.

"I've always considered teaching as a call to serve others," Barb said. "I remain most appreciative of the students and colleagues placed before me each day, for they have taught me more about life than I could have ever imagined."

Barb said travel is an interest she shares with her husband. After working in Rocky Mountain National Park the last two weeks in August, they plan to hike, bike and golf, their way to the East Coast.

Lyle Whitney

She received her B.A. from William Jewell College (Liberty, MO) in 1975. She was in the preschool arena before marrying in 1978 and moving to Columbus with her husband.



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CPS Foundation awards 11 scholarships

On May 2, members of the Class of 2011 sat waiting in anticipation on the stage of the Nantkes Performing Arts Center. The Columbus High School Honors Night is an important event for many seniors. The CPS Foundation distributed 11 scholarships that evening.

Kristina Pauley received the \$5,000 Nielsen Family Scholarship, created by Ken and Leslie (Nielsen) Hitchner to honor the Edward Nielsen Jr. family's history of support for education. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant exhibiting academic excellence and future leadership potential.

Tayla Heavican was awarded the \$2,000 Class of 1940 War Memorial Scholarship, created through the generosity of the Class of 1940 as a memorial to friends lost in World War II.

Macy Lenihan accepted the \$1,500 J.R. Curry Memorial Scholarship. J.R. Curry was a member of the Class of 2002 who died tragically in an accident on his 17th birthday in 2001. John and Deb Curry and other family and friends created the scholarship to honor J.R. in a lasting way that would benefit other Columbus High School students.

Sarah Ebner and Casey Gieseeking each received the \$1,000 Wilson-Covert Centennial Scholarship created by John Covert Wilson, Class of 1943, and Arthur Philip Wilson Jr., Class of 1940, in honor of their parents, Arthur Philip Wilson, Class of 1910, and Velma Covert Wilson, Class of 1909.

Caleb Klatt was awarded the \$1,000 Speice Scholarship,

established by Byron Speice, Class of 1955, in appreciation of the education that CPS provided him and in memory of his mother, Margaret Speice, who taught at CPS.

Spencer Moore accepted the \$1,000 Christopher John Saalfeld Scholarship, created by friends and family to honor Christopher's wonderful, yet short, life. The scholarship is given to a worthy student with exceptional ideals in furthering his education in music or engineering at a Nebraska college or university.

Mackenzie Schneekloth received the \$1,000 Edward M. Nielsen Sr. and Edward M. Nielsen Jr. Memorial Scholarship, created by Ron and Roberta (Nielsen) Saalfeld and their children to honor Mrs. Saalfeld's father and brother. Both men were active in the community and education.

Staci Barton was awarded the \$500 Class of 1950 Scholarship, which was created through the generosity of the graduating Class of 1950.

Tanya Hollman and Brooke Fluckiger each accepted the Duncan Elementary Scholarship, established by the Duncan PTO after the school was closed in 2008. Students receiving the scholarship must have attended Duncan Elementary all the years they were eligible.

The Foundation heartily congratulates each award winner and wishes the Class of 2011 the best of luck in all their endeavors!

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship through the Foundation, contact Jessica Kuehler at 402-563-7000 Ext. 1103.

All-School Reunion planned for 2011 Columbus Days

It's been 5 years since the first Columbus All-School Reunion...and it's back! On August 20, four great acts with Columbus ties will be on-stage while the Columbus BBQ Classic is happening all under the big tent in downtown Columbus!

We start the evening with Kyle Asche, jazz guitarist from Chicago and Columbus High School graduate. "Freedom Road," a popular local rock band, is next. "Smoke Ring," a ten-piece brass rock band, will then take the stage. Smoke Ring has been the opening act for the band "Chicago" and has been inducted into the Nebraska Music Hall of Fame. The evening will close out with "Thudwinker."

Are you planning your class reunion for this summer, or just planning to come back for a visit? Consider planning your trip around Columbus Days! Dates for this year's city festival are August 19-21. And if you haven't been to Columbus Days for a while, you won't recognize it.

Columbus Days has become a music festival, combined with the ever-popular "BBQ Classic." A variety of bands are booked for the weekend. We start with the country-rock band "Side Step" on Friday night. Saturday we have music & activities for all ages during the day. On Saturday night, plan on joining us for the reunion bands. During the Columbus Sesquicentennial an all-city reunion was planned. The event was such a huge success we decided it was time to try it again. We have excellent entertainment booked for you as you meet up with old classmates.

Start making your plans now. For more details on Columbus Days events, go to the Chamber of Commerce website, www.thecolumbuspage.com. As you will see, most of the events are free! A fun weekend will be had by all as we fulfill our theme: Discover the Music, the Food, the Fun!

Note: The Columbus Alumni Association is not connected with the organizing or planning of this event.

What's Happening

Denise Wallace Kracl '91 – Is now working as the Colfax and Butler counties Deputy County Attorney effective August 1, 2010.

Andrea Starman-Schumacher '95 – Adopted her son Zachariah Tamurat Schumacher from Ethiopia. Forever Home, September 4, 2010 born on September 11, 2009.

Taryn Nowlin Ozolins '98 – Finishing master's degree in teaching. She works as the director of Operations Hero Program at Fort Campbell Kentucky through the Armed Services YMCA. She just got out of the US Army Reserves where she completed eight years of service.



Retirees say goodbye

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The only school district she ever taught for is CPS. Lyle started at Duncan as the reading specialist (Title 1) part-time, but in October the kindergarten teacher had to resign due to her husband's job relocation. She was excited to be given the position of a.m. kindergarten and p.m. reading. When Lyle was hired, Duncan was just finished being built.

In 1983, Lyle took an extended leave to stay home with her three children. In 1986, she was offered a position at Lost Creek and took it. Lyle taught second grade there until 2009 and transferred to North Park to teach first grade.

"Thanks CPS for all the memories," Lyle said.

Janet Wieser

Janet started her career working as an itinerant resource teacher/behavioral disorder consultant at the ESU 11 in Holdrege. She became the itinerant resource teacher for ESU7 in Columbus in 1983 and stayed in that position until coming to CPS in 1986



in various capacities such as resource teacher, behavioral disorders teacher and curriculum/life skills teacher. Janet said her favorite thing about teaching is the children and camaraderie with her peers.

After retiring she plans to spend a lot more time with her grandson. Janet also loves to travel and read and will now have time to do that. She would like to explore other career options part time.

Doug Willoughby

Columbus Public Schools is the only place Doug has taught, and he has spent all 34 years in the same building, CMS.

The best thing he has enjoyed about teaching is the associations he has built.

"Many of my strongest friendships are with the people I've taught with over the years," Doug said. "It's also great to talk to former students. Those associations have given me a strong feeling of belonging to the community. It's kind of funny that when you begin your career you think your greatest impact will be the



knowledge you share of Shakespeare and Mockingbirds and such, but what students always seem to remember are things like fruit sales, gum jars, lemon drops, the John Wayne poster, rubber bats, music, or my always playing with a stick."

Doug plans to stay active in retirement with painting and light construction, hunting, grandchildren, golf, and traveling with his wife, Carol.

What's Happening

Lois Espeland '68 – Spent a quick day in Columbus on Sept. 4. High school looks great.

Anne McDowell Galanis '76 – She became a registered nurse in 2008. She earned a master's degree in journalism in 1987. She is the RN contractor for the state of New Mexico Immunization program.

Patrick Burrows '78 – His first grandson was born on May 19. His name is Elija Jayden and he was 8 pounds, 21 inches long.



Yes I wish to support the schools with a tax deductible gift to the Foundation.
Here is my donation in the amount of \$ _____

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If you would like someone to contact you about including the CPS Foundation in estate planning, please call Jessica Kuehler at 402-563-7000 Ext. 1103 to set up an appointment. The Foundation provides money for Columbus Public Schools programs that cannot be funded from tax dollars. The organization sponsors scholarships, technology, teacher grants and other CPS programs.

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Columbus Alumni Reunion Plans for 2011 & Beyond

1935 - Local class members meet every 4 months for lunch (Oct., Feb., Jun.). All '35 grads welcome.

1937 - Meets 1st Wed., every 4 months (March, July, Nov.).

1945 - Meets the last Monday of the month at Picket Fence at noon. For more information, contact Lillian Schroeder at 564-2285.

1946 - '46 locals meet the first Friday of each month for lunch. All classmates welcome. Contact: Regina Giersdorf Gondringer, 402-564-7000 or Laura Eller Stuefer, 402-564-2057.

1949 - Locals meet the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Picket Fence Cafe. All classmates welcome. Contact: Rosella (Blaser) Norris for info. 402-564-7498.

1956 - Meets at 10 a.m. the first Wed. of every month at Stack & Steak for morning coffee. All classmates welcome.

1956 - 55th Reunion - August 19, 2011 at VFW. For more information, contact Jolanie Loseke Nielsen.

1958 - Class lunch the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Maximus. All classmates and spouses welcome.

1958 - Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

1959 - Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

1961 - 50th Reunion September 2-4, 2011. Friday, Sept. 2: Informal gathering at VFW at 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3: choice of different activities from 9-11 a.m.; lunch at Maximus 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; choice of different activities from 2-4 p.m.; Dinner at Elks 5:30-11 p.m. Sunday,

Sept. 4: Brunch at American Legion 9 a.m.-noon.

1966 - 45th Reunion - September 2-3, 2011. For more information, contact Bev Kudron at 402-564-7627.

1971 - 40th Reunion - plans will be conjunction with the all-school reunion on August 20, 2011. Information will be mailed shortly. For more information, contact Jay Jackson at jayjack@jackson-services.com.

1981 - 30th Reunion - July 2, 2011 at Camp Pawnee at 6 p.m. Contacts: Brenda Glur at bkg6381@gmail.com; Tom Goc at gocphoto@megavision.com; and Steve Zaura at szaura@neb.rr.com.

1986 - 25th Reunion - July 29 & 30, 2011. Friday, July 29: 6:30 p.m. Columbus Horse Races Dollar Night. Sponsoring horse in the 6th race. Children welcome. Saturday, July 30: CHS tour 10 a.m.; golf scramble and sand volleyball at 3 p.m. at Country Shadows; dinner and karaoke 6 p.m. at Country Shadows. Look for more information coming out soon by mail. For more information, contact Linda Raimondo Myers-Bock at 402-276-2208 or mondobock@neb.rr.com.

1991 - 20th Reunion - July 15 & 16, 2011. Friday, July 15: evening social at Maximus. July 16: Golf tournament, CMS and CHS tours and evening dinner at New World Inn. For more information, contact Susan Uhl at susanuhl@frontiernet.net.

2001 - August 19 and 20, 2011. Friday, August 19: 8 p.m. social at Maximus. Saturday, August 20: tour of CHS at 1 p.m.; social at Glurs Tavern from 6-9 p.m.; Columbus All School Class Reunion 7 p.m. downtown Columbus.

2006 - 5 year reunion July 30, 2011. More information to follow. Contact - Nathan Wagner 402-910-8533.