

"The Archive" was the name selected by votes cast by the Junior Class (Class of '63) on May 3, 1962 for Valley Forge High School's yearbook.
"The Heritage" was the runner-up and now appropriately names our alumni newsletter.



The Heritage



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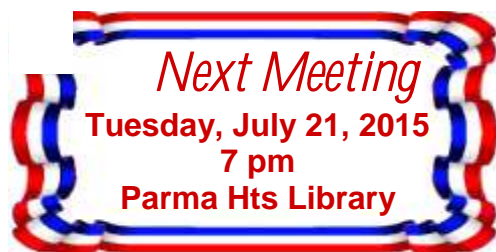
April 2015

Reunion Time!

This is the year all classes ending in a 5 or 0 could be having their class reunions! Here is what we have so far. Only three classes not accounted for!

- 1965 50th Golden Reunion
July 10, 11, 12, 2015
- 1970 45th Reunion—???
- 1975 40th Reunion
Sep 19, 2015
- 1980 35th Reunion—???
- 1985 30th Reunion—Being planned
- 1990 25th Reunion—Being planned
- 1995 20th Reunion—Being planned
- 2000 15th Reunion—???
- 2005 10th Reunion—Being planned

Don't forget that the association is here to help you plan your reunion and offer use of our tax exempt number and alumni to staff your registration table, if desired. Keep us informed.



Rumor has it that the members of the first VF graduation class are quickly approaching the Big 7-0 and the Class of '73 is nearing 60!



Congrats to VF - Winner of Rock Your Prom 2015!

KISS FM and [Rock The House](#) teamed up to give one lucky school a prom they'll never forget. The winning school will get a \$5,000 DJ/Entertainment package, complete with KISS FM's own DJ Pana who will literally ROCK Your Prom.

They ROCKED Chardon High School in 2012, Midview High School in 2013 & West Geauga in 2014... and this year they will rock Valley Forge High School!

VF Bio-Tech and Biology teacher, Jon Komar, was selected as a Channel 5 Teacher of the week and featured on their news-cast! Way to go Jon!

Officers

- President**
Linda Reik-Brown '65
- Vice President**
Deb Zmijewski-Greytak '73
- Secretary**
Stacy Brown-Grice '93
- Treasurer**
Cathy Anelli-Solomon '73

Committees

- Newsletter Editor**
Needed
- Hall of Fame**
Bob Baisch '65
- Scholarship**
Alan Rudolph '88
- Membership**
Terry Wandt '63
- Database**
Halle Magpoc-Dawson '89
- Webmaster**
Needed
- Nominating**
Needed
- Audit**
Needed
- Reunions Coordinator**
Needed
- Historian/Displays**
Mary Lou Chappell-Hentges '65

Audit Committee
Review past year's bank transaction entries including class disbursements, withdrawals, and deposits.

Reunion Coordinator
Assists classes with planning their reunions, makes sure proper financial procedures are followed, schedules Alumni Ambassadors to attend reunions to help and represent the association.

Nominating Committee
Ongoing search for new officers for annual elections.

History of the Parma Schools

(continued)

by **Kenneth J. Lavelle, Local Historian**
VF Class of 1975

VF Sports Corner

Coach Terry Wandt
Class of '63



On November 22, 1853 there was a vote taken for the construction of local High School. Only 16 men voted for it and it was not built. Thus, for many years students who attended high school continue to their education, traveled into Cleveland with the township school board paying for their continuing education. Over time the importance of the sub-district numbers was replaced by local names given by local residents. For example, sub-district number 8 was called 'Center School' or 'Town Hall School' and number 1 was 'Maple Grove'.

With the passage of the 'Workmen Law' in 1892, the sub-district school elected members began to lose local control of the school house. Each school house was considered a 'district school' in the township with an assigned district number. In 1900, the sub-districts were abolished and they had no influence in school board decisions by 1904. All five members of the school board were elected by the residents in 1905. This was one of the root causes that led to the establishment of Parma Heights Village Board of Education in 1912. It existed only until 1917 and students in Parma Heights Village returned to the Parma Rural School District. Students in Seven Hills Village began to attend classes in the Parma Schools in 1928. Parma became a City in 1931, the name was changed to the Parma City Schools.

In 1919, a special election was held and approved to issue bonds to build three consolidated schools to replace the nine individual school houses. The old district school houses were sold. In 1921, the three new consolidated schools were opened on Pearl, Ridge, and State Rds. The school age population kept growing and more buildings had to be built, with that trend continuing to the present day. The Parma schools are one of the few districts to have built six high schools: No. 8, Ridge, Schaaf, Parma Sr., Valley Forge, and Normandy. (to be continued)

From the state wrestling meet in March, long time VF **Coach Pat Semary** was inducted into the Ohio Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. Several of his former wrestlers attended and Rich Schulz ('72) supplied these photos and video.



Looking for players to join us at the **Parma Alumni Association Annual Golf Outing** on Wednesday, June 24th at Ridgewood Golf Course. Our association will benefit from our alumni in attendance and any hole sponsors we get. The hole sponsor signs are made by a VF alum. There is room for 40 golfers yet. Contact me at coachwandt@gmail.com.

The **VF Athletic Booster Club** has a golf outing at Ridgewood on Saturday, May 30 starting at 1 pm. Tickets are available from the VF Athletic Director at 440-885-8431 or me at coachwandt@gmail.com

VF wrestler Aaron Crosby (a senior) finished 8th in the state tournament in Columbus. He will be attending Ashland University.

Senior football player, Richard Worship, has earned a scholarship to Purdue.

The VF Girls Track Team began defense of their NEO Division Championship in late March. Coaches include alums Joe Taylor ('86) and Taylor Mohnickey ('07).

Coach Terry Wandt
Class of '63



What We Do...

The Valley Forge Alumni Association, Inc. is a 501(c3) organization created to help graduates work together for the common good of both the graduates and the high school. Our priorities and goals are as follows:

~ To Alumni by maintaining database for reunions, assists with reunion planning and at the reunions themselves, if desired, and maintains class reunion funds. Also a newsletter and website. Preserves the history and traditions of Valley Forge High School.

~ To Current Students by providing scholarships to seniors and future programs of grants to teachers and funds for school functions, projects, clubs and building in general.

~ To The Community by being an active member of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce and participating in as many community events as possible.

Valley Forge Alumni Association Freedom Scholarship is awarded annually through the Parma Council of PTAs Scholarship Program. We require each applicant to submit an essay describing why they are proud to be a Valley Forge graduate.

Valley Forge High School Hall of Fame

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to our school, our community or our world? Nominate them for this honor and tell us about their post high school accomplishments in Academics, Athletics, Career, Cultural/Performing Arts or other endeavor. You will find the form online at www.vfalumni.org

How Can You Help ?

- **Donate Funds for Scholarships:** We awarded \$500 scholarships in the past. We want to increase the amount or number of scholarships.
- **Fundraising:** Suggest fundraising strategies and/or be ready to jump in and help or implement one.
- **Attend Meetings:** Help us make decisions that will shape the future of the Association as well as socialize with other alumni.



Calendar of Events

Tue, 7/21/15	General Membership Meeting—7 pm—Parma Heights Library
Tues, 10/20/15	General Membership Meeting—7 pm—At VF in Room 101 near the Auditorium
Tues, 1/19/16	General Membership Meeting—7 pm—At VF in Room 101 near the Auditorium

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