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BBHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

July 2026

What's **Buzzin**, Alumni? Read below to find out. **The Buzz** will be on the website in January, July, and October of each year, bringing you more timely information in a newsletter. Each issue will be more focused on the highlights of what has just passed and events just ahead. **The Buzz** will have links (in blue) to the website for more information. We hope you'll stay up to date with the Association and join us for our events and activities throughout the year. Nothing changes with *The Pollen Count* ... dues paying members will still receive it by US mail.

President's Message

The next in-person meeting of the Alumni Association will take place at the high school on **September 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm**, in the High School Media Room. If you would like to attend in person, please email Sue Gaub Messisco at suemessisco@icloud.com and ask to be added to the meeting reminder list. The reminder email will confirm the meeting location. Meetings generally last 90 minutes. All alumni are welcome! Please don't forget to visit our website at: bbhhsalumni.org

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Recent Alumni Events

Alumni Reunion

Alumni and friends gathered at the Clubhouse at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Brecksville on Friday, June 19th, for the 129th All Class Reunion. The Classes of '61 and '66 celebrated, respectively, their 65th and 60th reunions and were joined by alumni from 1955 through 1983. Former faculty member Carol Szunyogh Buchanan was also in attendance.

Throughout the evening, everyone enjoyed hearty appetizers and delicious desserts, viewing memorabilia and catching up with one another. There was a display of our new Alumni Spiritwear – thank you to those alums who made a purchase, and especially to the guys who wore them during the reunion! Thank you also to everyone who bought raffle tickets, and congratulations to the winners, Barb Gauntner and Karen VanBelleghem Murany '61.

The event will be held on the Friday evening of the Brecksville Home Days weekend, date to be determined. More details will be shared once the date is confirmed.



Brecksville Memorial Day Parade

There was no shortage of future alumni joining the alumni in promoting the pancake breakfast this year. The Memorial Day parade went off without a hitch thanks to all the little helpers and their candy tossing skills. They proudly marched in baker's hats and aprons to spread the word about the pancake breakfast. Happy 250th, America!



2026 Pancake Breakfast

The 2026 Brecksville Home Days were June 19-21, and the BBHHS Alumni Association was there both Saturday and Sunday mornings, hosting our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser. The event took place in the Brecksville Horticulture Building. Close to 500 people patronized the breakfast and enjoyed pancakes (unlimited), sausage, applesauce, and a beverage. As in past years, the City of Brecksville helped all weekend, from setup on Thursday to take down on Sunday afternoon. New this year was magician Jim Abraham '72, as he entertained patrons on Saturday morning.

Again, this year, the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad (CVSR) was present with model trains that both kids and adults could enjoy and even operate. They are an amazing partner of the BBHHSAA! They held a gift basket raffle and donated all the money raised to us! They also held a separate raffle for our alumni volunteers... the lucky winners were David Cowley '64 and Karen Labyk, who each won a pair of train tickets.

If you were there, thank you for your support! And thank you to all volunteers, as we could not have done it without you! Mark your calendars...the 2027 Pancake Breakfast will be held on the Saturday and Sunday mornings of Home Days – we will let you know more details when the dates are confirmed. Hope to see you there!



Golf Outing

The Annual Golf Outing was held at Saint Bernard Golf Club, 5364 West Streetsboro Road (Route 303), in Richfield on Friday, June 19th. We enjoyed much better weather than in 2025, when a terrific storm flooded the golf course, and we were only able to play 9 of 18 holes. We had 9 teams that played this year. First prize for the lowest overall score was team #1, consisting of Kent Jordan '63, Neil Fox '62, Neil Hall '63, Todd Smith '77, and Dave Brown '87. Please visit the website at <https://bbhhsalumni.org/classmates/> for information on next year's golf outing.

Alumni Association Scholarship

Congratulations to Jacob Astey, the 2026 recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship! Jacob plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni Game Day

Join us for the 1st Annual BBHHS Alumni Game Day! All BBHHS alumni are warmly invited to our inaugural Alumni Game Day on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at Oak Grove, Brecksville Reservation. Enjoy an afternoon of yard games, table games, and a classic picnic in the beautiful Brecksville Reservation. Please feel free to bring your own games to share with other alums. The admission cost is \$7.00/person, which includes the use of all the games provided, plus a picnic lunch of a hot dog, a bag of chips, a cookie, and a small bottle of water. Reconnect, relax, and revel in the spirit of community. Come join the fun!

To make your reservations, please use one of the following: 1) pay online, use this link- my.cheddarup.com/c/game-day-40702 or 2) pay by mail, send in a check payable to the BBHHSAA for \$7.00/person, and send it to: BBHHSAA, 6380 Mill Rd., Broadview Hts., OH 44147. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Athletic Hall of Fame

The BBHHS Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner will take place on Friday, October 2nd, and Saturday, October 3rd, respectively. Please contact Kevin Jakub at 440-740-4710 or visit our website at bbhhsalumni.org for more information.

Gallery of Achievement

The Gallery of Achievement is a program that honors past graduates and teachers of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools. It was initiated in 2001 by two well-established organizations, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation and the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Alumni Association. The Gallery of Achievement Induction event will now take place every other year, with the next induction planned for 2027. Please check our website, bbhhsalumni.org, for more information.

Use2Bees: The Buzz Tones: Keeping the Music Alive

The Use2Bees are expanding! Introducing The Buzz Tones, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Alumni Jazz Band. More than a dozen BBHHS jazz band alumni gather every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Brecksville United Methodist Church to rehearse. Our members represent generations of Bees, from alumni of the 1980s stage band era to graduates from just last year. Whether you graduated one year ago or many decades ago, we'd love to have you join us. There are no auditions, just a shared love of jazz and a desire to make great music with fellow alumni.

We invite everyone to hear The Buzz Tones jazz band at our upcoming performance: Saturday, September 26, at 1:00 p.m. for the James Roytz Memorial Scholarship Concert Series at Brecksville Lutheran Church. In addition to The Buzz Tones, BBHHS band alumnus Kirk O’Riordan, internationally recognized saxophonist and Director of Bands at Lafayette College, will present a saxophone and piano recital with his wife, Holly Roadfeldt, an accomplished recording artist.

Also, be sure to mark your calendar for the Use2Bees Annual Homecoming March on Friday, September 25. Every BBHHS marching band alumnus is invited to return to the field, whether you graduated last year or sixty years ago. It’s a special evening of music, memories, and tradition as alumni once again march alongside the current Bees in the legendary Script Bees formation before gathering afterward to reconnect with old friends.

Once a Bee. Always a Bee. Forever a Use2Bee. Contact Rob Still, use2bees@gmail.com, 440-915-2042 for more information

REMINDERS

Spiritwear

We are the BEES! The mighty, mighty BEES!

Everywhere we go, people want to know, who we are!

So we tell them! We are the BEES!

Spiritwear is now available for local pickup. You can find an order form on our website, bbhhsalumni.org. Print and fill out. Mailing instructions are on the order form. When your order is ready, we will call you to arrange a pickup time and place. If you need a shirt shipped, add \$11 for shirts and \$14 for sweatshirts. Payment by check is preferred currently. Cheddar Up is available on the website only if you are having a shirt shipped. The shipping cost is already included in the price. Shirts will also be available at **Alumni Game Day** on September 26, 2026.

Watch for pullover hoodies coming in the Fall!

Warning: They Want Your Money!

Several alums have reported receiving an email from “**Brecksville Broadview Hts. Alumni Site newsletter@alumniClass.com**,” with the subject line: **BBHHS classmates visited you**. Although this email may look legitimate, **AlumniClass.com** is a private, **for-profit** online networking platform that allows high school alumni to connect, plan reunions, and purchase unofficial custom apparel. Established in 2006, the service is not affiliated with our school district or Alumni Association. A visit to the [AlumniClass website](http://AlumniClass.com) displays this header along with a solicitation to “upgrade” to a lifetime membership in order to identify the classmates who “visited” you:

**BRECKSVILLE BROADVIEW HTS. HIGH
SCHOOL ALUMNI**

Broadview Hts, Ohio (OH)



This **for-profit** platform automatically generates pages for thousands of high schools. They use school colors and branding which leads many users to believe (mistakenly) that they have registered for an

official school-run alumni association. **Again, AlumniClass.com operates independently of official academic institutions.**

While browsing basic information is free, the platform charges for premium features, merchandise, and lifetime memberships. Consumer advocacy organizations and school foundations frequently warn alumni to read the fine print. By joining, users grant the platform permission to use and market their personal information, raising serious privacy concerns. A similar platform is **Classmates.com**. Unlike AlumniClass, the “Brecksville” site for Classmates.com does not present our school colors. It does offer digital copies of yearbooks for sale, and “Classmate+” paid memberships. While it is somewhat less misleading than AlumniClass, it is just another unofficial and unnecessary site. This information is provided as a warning. These “social networking” platforms are NOT your Alumni Association. Our website is <https://bbhhsalumni.org/> - and our dues are \$5/year or \$20/five years.

The City of Broadview Hts. Garage Sale on the Greens

The Alumni Association will have a booth with typical “garage sale” items. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Alumni Association. If you have items that you would like to donate to the sale, please contact Suzanne Young at 440-773-9674 or by email at sflemingyoung@gmail.com by August 22. We’d love to have you work at the sale—it’s a one day project.

Calling All Alumni Military Veterans

Are you a graduate of Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School who served in one of the branches of the United States Military? If so, we are looking to start a BBHHS Alumni Veterans Group and would love to have you join us. Approximately 6% of U.S. adults are military veterans. This number has been falling for decades and will continue to shrink. It’s time now for us to enjoy some shared camaraderie, support our Alumni Association, and recognize the selfless service we gave to our country, especially now during the semi-quincentennial year. If you are interested in reaching out to other Alumni Veterans, email or text **Linda Hess** ’75 and U.S. Air Force Veteran: lvshess@hotmail.com or 703-786-3158.

HELP WANTED

We welcome volunteers at all levels of commitment, but we are currently seeking assistance with specific tasks. If you’d like to help in any of these categories, please contact Suzanne Young.

- Social Media contact Suzanne Fleming Young at sflemingyoung@gmail.com
- Membership Committee contact Suzanne Fleming Young at sflemingyoung@gmail.com
- Golf Outing Chair or Committee contact Alan Travagianti at altrav273@live.com

If you have a talent beyond the categories mentioned above, let’s talk! We need volunteers and new ideas!

The Pollen Count

Want to learn more **Buzz** about alumni events and classmates? *The Pollen Count* is our Alumni publication. The paper comes out in the spring. To receive *The Pollen Count*, your Alumni dues need to be paid. The current **Dues Paid List** is on the Alumni website bbhhsalumni.org. Click *The Buzz/Pollen Count* icon, then find the Dues Paid List icon and look for your name under your graduation year. The deadline for articles for the 2027 *Pollen Count* is February 1, 2027. Please send to Annette Hess Mantkowski ’74 at amantkowski@hotmail.com.

Alumni Dues

Don't miss all the **Buzz!** Alumni Dues are \$20/5 years or \$5.00/1 year. To pay your dues, please go to the Alumni Association's website, bbhhsalumni.org and click the Pay Dues icon. Thank you for supporting the BBHHS Alumni Association!

Keep Up with Your Classmates

The BBHHS Alumni Association invites you to submit updated information, news, and notes about your latest activities. We all like to live vicariously through one another and stay up to date! Find out what your classmates have been up to ... and while you are at it, let them know what you are doing. Visit the website at <https://bbhhsalumni.org/classmates/>.

Class Reunions

Please check the website often for up-to-date information on reunions and class celebrations! <https://bbhhsalumni.org/class-reunions>

Class years of '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02, '07, '12 '17 are due for reunions in 2027. Class years of '66, '73, '74, '76, '78, '86, '06, and '09 are also hosting reunions or gatherings this coming year. Please go to the Alumni Association website <https://bbhhsalumni.org/class-reunions/> to find information, officers, committee chairpersons, and class representatives' contact information. All reunion information will be uploaded on the alumni website as the Association receives it.

What do bees say when they return to the hive..."Honey, I'm home!"



"Words are like bees; some create honey and others leave a sting."

BBHHS Alumni Association Calendar 2026

August 28 - 30 - Class of 1976's 50th Reunion - Any questions? Contact Keith Wisniewski at 216-536-5803 or wizard384@sbcglobal.net or www.bbhhsalumni.com - Class Reunions

September 5 - Class of 2006's 20th Reunion, Market Garden Brewery, 6 pm - 9 pm

September 8 - BBHHSAA Quarterly Meeting - 7 pm, BBHHS Media Room

September 18 - Class of 1974 Pre-Birthday Event, Broadview Brewing Company, 7 pm. For info, contact Annette Mantkowski at 330/730/2478

September 19 - Class of 1974's 70th Birthday Party, Oak Grove. For info, contact Annette Mantkowski at amantkowski@hotmail.com or 330/730/2478

September 25 - Class of 2009's Class Gathering, Wild Eagle Saloon, 7:30 pm

September 25 - Use2Bees Alumni Marching Band, BBHHS's Homecoming game, 7pm

September 25 - 27 - Class of 1966's 60th Reunion, for information: class website at <https://Brecksville66.wixsite.com/1966>

September 26 - 3rd Annual BESSS Golf Outing, Shawnee Hills Golf Course, 8am. For info, www.bbhhsalumni.org - Class Reunion, scroll down to golf outing

September 26 - All Class BBHHS Alumni Association GAME DAY - Oak Grove, 12 pm - 6 pm. For info, contact Annette Mantkowski at amantkowski@hotmail.com or 330/730/2478

September 26 - Class of 1986's 40th Reunion - Fire 45 in North Royalton. Contact Chuck Abookire at abookirec@gmail.com with questions or suggestions

December 8 - BBHHSAA Quarterly Meeting - 7 pm, BBHHS Media Room

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January 30 - Bowling Bash - Seven Hills Bowling Lanes, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

March 9 - BBHHSAA Quarterly Meeting - 7 pm, BBHHS Media Room

June 8 - BBHHSAA Quarterly Meeting - 7 pm, BBHHS Media Room

June 18 - 20 - Brecksville Home Days

June 19, 20 - Pancake Breakfast, Horticulture Bldg., 8:00 - 12:00

September 14 - BBHHSAA Quarterly Meeting - 7 pm, BBHHS Media Room

For updates, check the website, bbhhsalumni.org, for more information

ALUMNI GAME DAY!

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Oak Grove

NOON - 6:00 pm



Jenga

Croquet

Ladder Golf

Toss Across

Pictionary



Table Top Pool

Charades

Rain or Shine!

Have fun playing large yard games
and table games or
bring your own to share.



Frisbee



Corn Hole

Twister



and many others!

Picnic lunch (hot dog, chips, cookies and water) will be available. Bring your own pop, wine or beer. All drinks must be contained and served in plastic bottles, aluminum cans or plastic cups. NO glass allowed.

Admission is \$7.00 per person

Deadline: September 21st

Cheddar Up: my.cheddarup.com/c/game-day-40702,

Venmo (@annette-mankowski)

or send check, payable to BBHHSAA and send to BBHHSAA, 6380 Mill Road, Broadview Hts., OH 44147

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