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From Your BAA Board

President, George Clements

After four years of construction and remodeling of Brentwood High School, Brentwood Middle School, McGrath Elementary School and Mark Twain

Elementary School, all four will be completed by the end of this school year. But, what about the quality of education being provided to the 870 students in our school system? A recent survey published in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* newspaper showing the annual performance report of the 28 school districts in St Louis County, showed that Brentwood improved 5.8 points for a total of 98.9. All of this means Brentwood ranked number **ONE** in the St. Louis region; and in the State of Missouri, with 552 districts, we rated fifth statewide. This is truly amazing for Brentwood education.

In other news, your Alumni Board is planning for the 2025 *3rd Weekend in September* celebration which will be held on September 19 and September 20. Please remember to support your Alumni organization by continuing to pay your dues. Your dues and contributions to the scholarships fund make all of this possible. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed with this newsletter.

Thanks, and hope to see you at the 2025 *3rd Weekend in September* celebration.

George Clements '57, President

2026 HALL OF FAME

Please join us in celebrating the Brentwood School District's rich heritage of exceptional education by nominating a distinguished alumnus for the Brentwood Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. A nomination form is available on the web home page at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org and will be included in the August newsletter. Finalists to be inducted during the *3rd Weekend in September* All-School Reunion September, 2026.

Alison Reed '82 Committee Chair

Another impressive update of contributions from alums and friends for scholarships - \$393,000 dollars!



L to R: Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61, George Clements '57, Linda Alexander Smith '61

MEET OUR NEW BAA CLASS REP - AnnaGrace Conway '17

Since graduating from BHS, I knew I wanted to work with young children and continue my education. I attended Fontbonne University and earned my Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. I am currently in my third year of teaching kindergarten and have learned so much from my little ones.

In June, I will be getting married to my wonderful fiancé and cannot wait!! It will be such an exciting time

I am so grateful for the teachers at Brentwood and how much they positively impacted me. They truly are the best!

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Contributions to the BAA Scholarship Fund and dues are tax deductible under Section 170 of IRS Federal Income Tax Code, section 501 (c) 3. The Association is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106 or 2522. A copy of the approval document is available upon request. Checks should be made payable to Brentwood Alumni Association.

SPECIAL NOTES



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MEMBERSHIP AND CLASS REPS Class Rep for 1982

Thanks to **Kim Ruhl Schimweg '82** for serving as the 1982 Class Rep for 20 years. She has retired, and welcome to **Matt Wicks '82** as the new Class Rep. We are still in need of Class Reps for 1988, 1991, 2000, and 2004. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me.

Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61
Committee Chair

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DONALD K ANDERSON, BHS MUSIC TEACHER

Rob Wussler '66 submitted this article from the 2010 "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" about our impressive Mr. Anderson, BHS Music Teacher. Thanks, Rob.

HELP UPDATE OUR DATABASE

If you have changes for our alumni roster, i.e., new name, home address, email, or phone, even -- (let us know if you have discontinued your landline), contact **Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59** at jmakoetting@aol.com

Donald K. Anderson

WWII veteran taught music in Brentwood district

BY PAUL HAMPEL • phampel@post-dispatch.com > 314-727-6234

As a Marine who survived epic battles at Iwo Jima and Guam in World War II, Donald K. Anderson returned home with a motto that shaped the rest of his life: "Don't let anyone ever tell you that you can't do something."

"Iwo Jima was the defining moment for him," said his daughter, Linda Anderson of Clayton. "From that point on, his attitude was, 'I've been through everything. Now, I can do anything!'"

Mr. Anderson died Sunday (May 16, 2010) at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He was 85 and had been in declining health for several years with Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Anderson lived his can-do philosophy through such career pursuits as teaching music, playing piano professionally, dealing in real estate and helping his father open and operate a music store.

An only child who grew up in Jennings, Mr. Anderson followed his father's example and joined the Marine Corps out of high school.

He went to the Pacific Theater and participated in the landings on the Japanese-held island of Iwo Jima, which produced some of the fiercest combat of World War II.

He watched from the foot of Mount Suribachi as the U.S. flag was raised — twice.

"When he saw the flag go up the first time, he was so happy," said Linda Anderson, an English teacher at Fontbonne University. "But then he watched it come down and got terrified, because he thought that the Japanese had retaken the summit. But then he saw that a bigger flag was being

raised in its place, and what a relief that was."

When he returned from the war, he was disheartened that his father, Robert Anderson, a skilled violinist, was working in a factory.

"So he used the money he had earned while fighting in the war to help his dad open Anderson's Music store in Normandy," Linda Anderson said. "My grandfather managed the storefront while my dad gave piano lessons in the back."

Mr. Anderson earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Washington University.

After graduating, he wrote teaching aids and textbooks.

He taught music in the Brentwood School District from 1956 until his retirement in 1982.

He played piano professionally for over 40 years at such venues as the Fox Theatre and the Mundy. He played the callopio on the Admiral when the riverboat cruised the Mississippi River.

"He had boundless energy and enthusiasm," his daughter said.

In later years, Mr. Anderson invested in real estate and owned and managed apartment buildings in Clayton and Maplewood.

Funeral services will be private.

In addition to his daughter, among the survivors are a son, Donald K. Anderson Jr. of Webster Groves; another daughter, Carol Stoddard of Athens, Ga.; and two grandchildren. His first wife, Shirley, died in 1973 after the couple had been married for 24 years. A second marriage ended in divorce.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home Foundation, 2400 Veterans Memorial Drive, Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701. (Gifts should be marked "In memory of Donald Kenneth Anderson, USMC.")



Anderson



Here is a picture of this class, submitted by **Sandy '61** and **Charlie LaGarce '59**. Charlie's brother-in-law, **Joe Martin**, is in the back row, second from right. The high school was built in 1927. Thanks, Sandy and Charlie.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to perpetuate the spirit of Brentwood High School, to keep communications open between graduates and BHS, and to help students with future educational opportunities - be they university, community college, or technical scholarships.

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SPOTLIGHTS

A Frank Look Back at Carl's



In about 1964, a young boy in Brentwood eagerly got into the family car with his older brother, Phil, who had just got his driver's license. The two boys drove to a root beer and hot dog stand on Manchester called Carl's... and about 20 years later, **Frank Cunetto '70** became the owner of Carl's. What a long, strange trip, indeed!

Like many Brentwood High students (including yours truly), Frank remembers many a visit to Carl's over his high school years. The food, the music (Yes, there was a jukebox!), the usually friendly ribbing between students from the various rival high schools! All of these memories live on for many of us.

After graduating BHS in 1970, Frank attended UMSL part-time but soon found his way into the business world, working for Golde's Department Store. His management potential was clear to his boss as he was transferred to Columbia to open a new store. Later, he sold clothing to wholesale customers such as Fa-

mous-Barr and Stix, Baer and Fuller. But the traveling got old fast.

Frank put together a deal to buy a small Italian restaurant and deli, but the deal fell through. As Fate would have it, Frank went to lunch at Carl's that day and the two talked about Carl's plan to take in a partner. On July 1, 1986, Frank became a 50% partner and a year later, Carl and his wife, Pat, retired and Frank became a full owner.

As Frank flipped burgers over the years, he met many people and made many friends. "Coach Titus used to warn us about the evils of hanging out there, but he became a regular customer and we became good friends." Other restaurant owners would come by (such as Joe Edwards of Blueberry Hill). Players from the Cardinals (both baseball and football), Rams and Blues were frequent customers. Frank remembers fondly when the Blues practiced at Brentwood's ice rink and Carl's would fill up with hockey players after practice—eating a lot and signing autographs. (Note the photo of Frank holding the Blues Stanley Cup trophy.)

One of Frank's strongest relationships was with Jack and Carole Buck. The Bucks took Frank and his wife, Lettie, out to dinner at J. Buck's. "I talked to Jack on Christmas Day of 2001 and we made plans to meet up in Florida at Spring Training in 2002. Sadly, he was still hospitalized and passed away in June."

In 2015, Frank and a long-time customer reached an agreement, and Carl's was passed along to a new generation. Many of the great long-time employees are still there. Meanwhile, Frank and Lettie have been doing some traveling and enjoy their home overlooking the Mississippi River in Calhoun County, Illinois. I'm pretty sure he doesn't flip burgers as much anymore but we're all grateful for Frank's role in the continuing saga of Carl's.

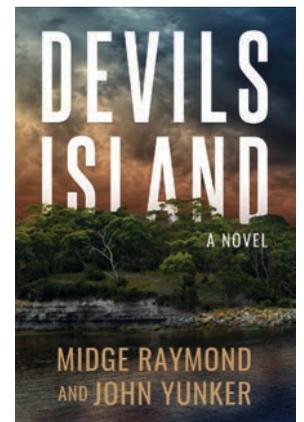
Submitted by **Ed Wright '67**

BHS Alum Co-authors Australian Murder Mystery



On a remote island off the coast of Tasmania, an Australian wilderness guide embarks on a four-day hike with six guests—and arrives at their destination with only two. That's the premise of a new novel by BHS alum **John Yunker '85** and his wife and author Midge Raymond.

The novel *Devils Island* was inspired by a hiking/camping trip Raymond and Yunker took in the Tasmanian state of Australia. While their journey was largely uneventful



Publishers Weekly calls the novel "...one nightmare vacation worth taking."

John is also the author of the novel *The Tourist Trail* and editor of nonfiction anthology, *Writing for Animals*. He lives in Southern Oregon with his wife and two cats. You can learn more at **johnyunker.com**. *Devils Island* is available from local bookstores and there are copies at the St. Louis County Library.

SCENES FROM ALL-SCHOOL REUNION



Our student photographer,
Kamille Jefferson '26.



SEPTEMBER, 2024



ALUM NEWS

40's

1945 Jeanne James – Seminole, FL – Love living in Florida, but do miss Brentwood.

1948 Ronald Parsons – Bentonville, VA – Spouse and I live in a retirement home in the lower Shenandoah Valley. We are both 94. Activities? We quietly await end of life like everyone else in this place. However, Miriam is a virtuoso pianist and continues to play. I was sent to St Louis University High School on Oakland Avenue. My friends were nearly all at BHS. I was born and reared in Brentwood and left there in 1948 by joining the U. S. Marines.

50's

1950 Barbara Schmidt Hirsh – Williamsburg, VA – I never believed I would live into my nineties, but here I am still enjoying my life here. I no longer drive anything except my dandy golf cart (top speed 13 miles per hour). Our Patriots Colony buses take us to our Williamsburg Symphony, plays and doctor appointments. With a weekly housekeeper and yard workers, life is a breeze.

1952 Charles Combs – Ballwin, MO – Retired 25 years and still around.

1958 Suzan Cavender Slater – Ballwin, MO - Still tap dancing; visited Scandinavia, a beautiful trip. Have three great-grandchildren.

1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby – Provo, UT – My husband and I celebrated our 65th anniversary in December, 2024! It has been a close, beautiful journey together.

1958 Andrew Wynn – Port Charlotte, FL – Full time caregiver for Barbara. Try to get out fishing twice a year.

1959 Ann Henley Barcus – Glendale, MO – Members of the BHS Class of 1959 gathered to celebrate its 65th year following graduation – a small group, but still had “major fun”.

60's

1960 Shirley Sutterer McNew - Aiken, SC – I am retired and still living in South Carolina. We spend a lot of time with our four grandchildren who live close by.

1961 Craig Canatsey – Kirkwood, MO – Retired – Three kids, ten grandkids. Spend most of our time at our lake house at Lake of the Ozarks and going to football, basketball, hockey and lacrosse games and cross country and track meets. Love those grandkids!

1961 Henry Stoverink – Rock Hill, MO – Retired in 2002. Been driving for Enterprise for the last 20 years.

1962 Michael Rooney – Tempe, AZ – Received the Boy Scout Silver Buffalo Award at May 2024 Annual Meeting.

1964 Kathy White Silber – Manchester, MO – My husband and I are enjoying life back in St. Louis after 30 years “up north.”

1965 Susan Rooney Brighton – Longmont, CO – As his sister, I would like everyone to know that **Mike Rooney '62** has volunteered his whole life with his church (Dayspring) in Tempe and Phoenix, AZ, ASU, Sandra Day O'Connor Institute and Boy Scouts. He recently received Scouting's highest volunteer honor – the Silver Buffalo award. His family is incredibly proud of him.

1966 Delyla Aulgur Uebel – Lampe, MO – I play concerts in a music room built in my home. I am performing with many Branson stars. I was inducted into BAA's Hall of Fame. Such an honor!

1969 Muffy Phillips Reeder – St. Petersburg, FL – In my 15th year as docent for the Chihuly Collection here in St Petersburg, FL. Traveled to England and Wales, driving the areas for three weeks. Next stop in 2025 – NYC and Broadway, Germany, and the Czech Republic. My grandson had the lead in *The Music Man*, the first production I worked on sets in 1964 at BHS. Maybe a star in the making!!

70's

1970 Charles Ault – Affton, MO – I was recently honored by the Grand Lodge of Missouri Masons for my 50 years of membership. I served the lodge twice as Worshipful Master and earned the Grand Master's Achievement Medal each time.

1970 Barbie Muehlberg Bailey – Tulsa, OK – Since 2020, I have been a full-time actress. So far, I have been honored to perform in 27 movies, 8 TV shows, 20 commercials and a few new media projects. And I've only just begun!

1971 Diana Kuelker Huckstep – Louisiana, MO - 2024 has been a year of ups and downs for me. My Aunt Ruth, who lives in Florida, turned 100 years old in February. I flew down for the centennial celebration. Unfortunately, I lost my brother **Gary Kuelker '68** on August 13th, Gary was well known and very loved. He worked with my dad, Henry Kuelker, at Henry's Texaco at White Ave. and Brentwood Blvd. for many years.

1971 Missy Reisenleiter – Dushore, PA – My husband and I have now been in Dushore for over one year! Whoever said that life in a small town was quiet? Well, it is quiet – no traffic jams, no gunshots (except for hunters) and the sidewalks “roll up” at 6:00 pm. Quiet, yes, busy, yes! We are part of the team that planted a new church in Dushore. We love our life here but will not ever forget who we left in St Louis and especially Brentwood. Love to you all!!

1971 James Smith – Clayton, MO – Katie and I have daughter, Susan, son-in-law, Sutton Connelly and two grandchildren, Lily (11) and Branch (8), living in Rome, Georgia.



ALUM NEWS

1947 Irv “Buzz” Carroll - Chesterfield, MO



I am 95 and have been married for 73 wonderful years to my wife, Arlene “Lolly”, 94. We have traveled all over, from Mexico to Canada, east coast to west coast, but always came back to Missouri and live in Chesterfield. After BHS, I was in the Marine Corps for eight years, participated in the invasion of Inchon, Korea, and traveled from South to North Korea twice. I worked for Monsanto World Headquarters for 30 years as Space Facilitator and Designer and also had a 200 acre farm where I played gentleman farmer. We were blessed with two children and two grandchildren and we still enjoy living in our own home.

1963 Al Harper – Durango, CO

Class Rep **Annette Seigel Heller '63** had asked Al how he fared in Hurricane Helene near Asheville. It is as follows: Our business did suffer damage in the millions of dollars. However, we are insured and are used to the forces of nature. We will recover over the next three or four months. We can give short rides on some portions of the track and will do so as appropriate. I truly appreciate the concerns of my friends from BHS. (Al also owns the Durango Train Line in Colorado.)



1962 Michael Rooney – Tempe, AZ – Aa with everyone in our class, I celebrated my 80th birthday this year. My two sons, my daughter, all three grandsons and sister **Sue Rooney Brighton '65** flew in to celebrate. The Cardinals played the Diamondbacks that weekend, and I rented a suite.

Above is a picture of our rowdy group. I’m third from the left in the front row, Ruth, my wife of 50 years, is two over, and sister Sue is right behind Ruth. My daughter-in-law from Boston brought cardboard cutouts of my face on sticks and everyone had one! Celebrated my 50-year anniversary with my law firm, where I go every morning ...pretty much just to get out of the house.

Charlie '59 and Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61 – St. Louis, MO



This picture was taken at a 60th birthday party in October, 2024, where everyone was requested to dress in that era.

1972 Greg Kornfeld – St Louis, MO Some of the guys from our class got together for lunch prior to Christmas at O'Dell's Irish Pub in Eureka, Mo.

L to R: Craig Shore, Tom Terry, Greg Kornfeld, Larry Bush, Jim Darlington, Alex Munoz, Tom Ginos and Dave Jacobi



PAST REUNIONS



1959 65th

The BHS Class of 1959 gathered together to celebrate the 65th anniversary of their BHS Graduation. The luncheon event was at CJ Muggs in Clayton MO, who provided exceptional food and service.

Our time was filled with catching up on the lives and events that transpired since our 60th anniversary celebration. We were blessed to have classmates travel from Texas and Kansas as well as home state Missourians. We remember each of the classmates that are no longer with us and are thankful for all who are. We have penciled in 2029 for our 70th.

Submitted by Charlie LaGarce



Front Row L to R: Nancy Pollard O'Loughlin, Ann Henley Barcus, Judi Miler Jung, Shirley Kraus Bice, Stan White, Kaye Wessler Shumate

Back Row L to R: Charlie LaGarce, Mary Ann Eckler Koetting, Jay Ritterskamp, Craig Shumate, Art Toney

1964 60th



The class of 1964 celebrated its 60th reunion during the BHS reunion weekend. A huge thank you to the committee that worked for months to plan the reunion events - **Paul Eckler, Keith Haus, Jeff Johnson, Kathy White Silber, Ginny Eastin Hoeper, and Tammy Stefanoni Rhomberg**. Many started the festivities by meeting up at Brentwood High School, some taking the tour and others just catching up with classmates. The celebration continued on Saturday night at **Tammy Stefanoni Rhomberg's** home. There were purple and gold decorations, yearbooks spanning four years at BHS, lots of nostalgic games and candy, Sixties music, a slide deck of all things Brentwood, and even a cheerleading outfit, including original Spalding shoes, which helped to make the evening special. There were lots of good conversations and stories of the good ole' days from Brentwood High School days. The group decided to not wait another five years to celebrate together, so they are planning on having an 80th Birthday

Celebration in 2026 during the BHS reunion weekend. If you graduated in 1964, mark your calendars now and make plans to join us.

Submitted by Tammy Stefanoni Rhomberg



Top photo L to R: Keith Kramer, Jeff Johnson, Scott Marshall, Paul Eckler, Keith Haus, Nelson Koopman

2nd photo Back Row L to R: Ginny Eastin Hoeper, Sue Schulte Flesch, Elsie Kraft Link, Jean Dickerson Parkinson, Pat Hodes Wettack, Tammy Stefanoni Rhomberg, Sylvia Leezy Stoll

Front Row: Kathy White Silber, Betsy White Bealer

3rd photo: Keith Kramer, Tammy Stefanoni Rhomberg, Sylvia Leezy Stoll



1974 50th

We had a great time celebrating our 50th Reunion!

Submitted by Jan Wuestling Burris



Front Row L to R: Nancy Sandhagen Clark, Sammie Johnson Brison, Cindy Nowell Branham, Anne Kraft Petersen, Leann Stewart Walters, Janet Watral Meyer, Mindy Harvey Peats, Sylvia Yoder Heston

Second Row L to R: Pam Costello Davis, Linda Jost Beckmeyer, Bill Otto, Scott Wiseman, Nancy Eggers Elenbaas, Jerry Garegnani

Third Row L to R: Mark Madras, Rob Bennett

Fourth Row L to R: Dan Lang, Bruce Brenton, Sara Canatsey Roden, Janice Wall Jones, Cathy Lowe Petrucci

Back Row L to R: Peter George, Rick Decker, Chip Bryant, Greg Widaman, Elizabeth Schaeffer Harris, Jan Wuestling Burris, Lu Brigham, Marilyn Toney Boze

1979 45th

Here we are, enjoying our 45th Reunion at the Trainwreck September 2024.

Submitted by Dave Oppenheim

Photo 1: *Front Row L to R: Kathy Seagrist Vassalli, Ricki Ferguson Going, Julia Eibert Nicholson, Maria Munoz Blair*



Back Row L to R: Kathrine Noonan Segasture, Dave Oppenheim, Tom Holstein

Photo 2: *L to R: Tom Holstein, Julia Eibert Nicholson, Jeff Boshans, Dave Oppenheim*



1984 40th

The BHS Class of 1984 held its 40-year class reunion at OB Clarks in Brentwood. What a joy it was seeing so many old familiar faces. Laughter filled the room as everyone reminisced over the good ole' days. Cheers to the class of 1984 and, here's to many more reunions ahead.

Submitted by Cindy Canman Manestar



Front Row L to R: Richard Wall, Jeff Manestar, Cindy Canman Manestar, Deanna Kapfer, Tina Brijot, Teresa DeLuca McQuay

Back Row L to R: Eugene McNeil, Donna Stay, Ken Rush, Dan McGrath, Brian O'Malley, Andrea Thomasson Wilkinson, John (Pat) Hart, Ben Schuppan, Jim Hillestad, Cindy Moses Sparks, Jeff Soulier, Mike Horstman, Jill Dudding Berry



L to R: Dan McGrath, Deanna Kapfer, Brian O'Malley, Jeff Manestar, Teresa DeLuca McQuay, Donna Stay



Third Photo: L to R: Jim Hillestad, Deanna Kapfer, Eugene McNeil, Donna Stay, Cindy Canman Manestar, Cindy Moses Sparks

FUTURE REUNIONS

60's

1963 80th Birthdays

Let's all celebrate our special birthdays during the *3rd Weekend in September* All-School Reunion and Brentwood Days, Friday, 9/19 or Saturday 9/20. If you have ideas or suggestions or wish to join the committee, please contact **Cathy Carter Hickel (314) 749-0019** cvhickel@gmail.com, **Nancy Jones (314) 740- 4942** nkjones2240@att.net or **Sharon Heib Camp (314) 560-5105** campshrn@sbcglobal.net.

1965 60th

The Class of 1965 is exploring options for its 60th Reunion. Our Reunion may involve a new destination and time of the year. As plans materialize, the class will be notified by email. Should you have any questions or ideas to share in the meantime, please contact **Jim Coleman and David Serra** at bhsmo1965@gmail.com

70's

1970 55th

We are discussing the possibility of having a more low-key gathering for the 55th reunion. I have sent out an email asking for your input. Please send me an email and give me your thoughts! Thank you. **Cathy Stockwell Whitney** 50reunion1970@gmail.com

1975 50th

The Brentwood High Class of 1975 will celebrate its 50th reunion at The Trainwreck Saloon, Rock Hill, MO, Friday night, starting at 6 pm, September 19, 2025. Owner and classmate **Kris Wirfs Hansford** will have a place on the patio reserved for our gathering! Classmate extraordinaire **Keith Kornfeld** will be buying your first drink. Classmate extraordinaire **Gary Cruse** will be

buying your nightcap. Media extraordinaire **Ken "Iggy" Strode** will be signing autographs for everyone. You can beat the rush and dine early with classmates **Karen Stapf Hilf** and **Leslie Williams Rabenau**, if they invite you. **Gary Geisz** will have a raffle for a free boat! Lots of fun and activities for everyone. Bring your kids! Bring your memorabilia (just your school stuff Iggy, none of the boring awards). Let me know if you can attend, and the number in your party. More announcements and fanfare later. Eagle Power - Purple and Gold! Be There or Be Square! **Mark Kurtz (314) 399-0544** cellmarkekurtz@gmail.com

80's

1980 45th

Let's start Brentwood Days by meeting at BHS for the *3rd Weekend in September* All-School Reunion any time after 4 pm on Friday, September 19. Tentative plans are to have a picnic, including your families, in Tilles Park on Saturday. Your contacts are **Bob Ronkoski (314) 280-8847** bobronkoski@aol.com and **Jeff Moore (314) 518-2050** Jeffersonmoore80@gmail.com

90's

1995 30th

Hey, Class of 1995 – Somehow, this is our 30th reunion year! Let's get together! If you have any ideas or would like to help plan, you can reach **Katie Thaman Stalter** at **(314) 698-8389** or kstalter22@gmail.com. Looking forward to it!



Scenes of All-School Reunion



SCHOOL NEWS

HALL OF FAME CEREMONY 2024



Ivory Crockett '68



Tim Deimeke '82



Elizabeth Hughes Edelmann '62



Julia Eibert Nicholson '79



Col. Mark Schulte '73



Delyla Aulgur Uebel '66

School News - From BHS Principal, Ed Johnson

Greetings, Brentwood Alumni Association!

I am thrilled to share an exciting update from Brentwood High School as we strive for continuous improvement this 2024-25 academic year. Our focus remains steadfast on providing exceptional educational and personal development opportunities for our students while preserving the pride and tradition that makes BHS such a special space.

This year, we have been hard at work with our two key initiatives that reflect our commitment to preparing students for success both in and beyond the classroom:

Enhancing Teaching and Learning

At BHS, we are equipping our educators with cutting-edge, research-informed professional development and practices from cognitive science to enhance teaching and learning. This includes the implementation of the Six Strategies for Effective Learning: Spaced Practice, Retrieval Practice, Elaboration, Interleaving, Concrete Examples, and Dual Coding. These strategies are being integrated into lesson plans and student reflections to improve knowledge retention, foster deeper understanding, and elevate learning outcomes. Our goal is to empower both teachers and students with effective tools to thrive academically.

Expanding Learning Opportunities

We are also focused on increasing learning opportunities for students in grades 6-12 by aligning course offerings with career pathways. Through a comprehensive audit led by our administration, secondary counselors, curriculum coordinators, and career/technical education staff, we aim to create clear, sequential pathways for every Career Path. This initiative ensures students have access to courses that align with their interests and prepare them for life after BHS, whether they pursue higher education, enter the workforce, or follow other post-secondary goals.

These initiatives are driven by our commitment to fostering a supportive, innovative, and forward-thinking environment where students can excel. By equipping our students with the skills, knowledge, and experiences they need, we ensure they are ready to compete globally and succeed in whatever path they choose.

To our Brentwood Alumni Association, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your steadfast commitment to our school. Your legacy of support continues to make a difference, helping us protect the pride and tradition that define Brentwood High School.

With Eagle Pride,
Dr. Edward M. Johnson Jr.
Principal, Brentwood High School

Passion. Purpose. Pathways for Success.

IN MEMORIAM

1941 Norma O'Sullivan Blanner – 02/24/2016
1941 Bette Loyce Strong Pickrel – 01/23/2024
1941 William J D Ruick – 12/07/2010
1942 Margaret Jane Wagoner (Jeanie) Strong – 01/30/2022
1947 Joyce Louise Wahlbrink Meier – 11/17/2024
1948 Jacquelin Rita Russell Michalek – 09/02/2019
1948 Joyce Ann Guitteau Notter – 10/24/2021
1949 Charles William (Bill) Mayer – 1995
1953 James Paul Manser – 12/13/2022
1963 Michael Carl Ramsey – 12/27/2024
1957 Janet Rae Fridley Ignatius – 08/24/2024
1958 Carole Jeanette Kraus Wilkerson – 10/25/2024
1959 Mary Ann Matheny Kincade – 09/23/2024
1959 Janet L Wynn Miles – 08/20/2024
1959 Ronald Paul Schindler – 11/21/2024
1961 Emily Yvonne Belger McLemore – 10/01/2018
1961 Lawrence Harry (Larry) Schimweg – 10/19/2024
1962 Judith Ann Belger Sherrod – 03/05/2022
1963 Vicki Ann Bothman Mack – 2020
1963 Michael Carl Ramsey – 12/27/2024
1964 Allan Christian Hrastich – 10/05/2024
1964 Jean Mildred Hogan Scott – 11/27/2016
1964 Robert Edward (Bob) Wildman – 2023
1965 Richard Russell (Rick) Bond – 10/20/2024
1966 James Michael (Jim) Ford – 12/18/2024
1967 Mark D Schroer – 08/27/2024
1968 Jessica Wallace Hopkins Dahlin – 08/19/2024
1968 Gary Bernard Kuelker – 08/13/2024
1970 Bruce Carter Whitson – 12/16/2024
1973 Gordon Ray Bell – 05/13/2016
1974 Debra Jean Mayer Flores – 09/12/2024
1975 Rolesta Rodgers – 09/08/2008
1980 Robert Carl (Rusty) Patton – 12/13/2024
1981 Constantine William (Gus) Trakas – 07/25/2024
1994 Aaron Albert Bensinger – 10/01/2024
ORE Merlyn Freie - 2012
ORE Coach Robert Milton (Bob) Penn, Jr – 09/07/2024
ORE Ruby Viola Wall – Cafeteria Worker- 02/28/2024
ORE Nancy Wicks – PE Teacher – 09/27/2024

Note to all Brentwood Alums...

The "Down Memory Lane" in Brentwood article is fading away. Perhaps your parents, who may still live in Brentwood, have some stories appropriate for inclusion in the newsletter, and willing to share, to extend the article's life. Or perhaps you, yourself, have some stories to share – past or future. Please let the editor know if you have anything. judi.peckham@gmail.com.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Coach Robert (Bob) Penn died unexpectedly September 7, 2024. He was a teacher and coach in football and wrestling at BHS for 37 years and was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. He is survived by his loving wife, Karen, of almost 64 years, daughter **Susan Penn '88** and son **Robert M Penn III '88** (Angela).

SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF

1941 Maxine Reisenleiter

By Missy Reisenleiter '71

1947 Lowell H Turner, *dear talented artist and sign painter*

By Judith Turner Peckham '61

1950 J Robert Green

By Judith Green Arnett '55

1952 C. Edward Schuster

By Jacqueline Schuster Thursby '58

1955 Darlene Brink Roland

By Bob Cooper '55

1956 France Langan

By Donald Drake '56

1958 Les Wagner

By Andrew Wynn '58

1959 Janet Wynn Miles

By Ann Henley Barcus '59

1960 Barb Kraus Howle

By Walter Henkel '60

By Carole Day Mailander '60

1960 Sue Frossard Taylor

By Carole Day Mailander '60

1964 Patricia Turner Krehbiel,

beautiful beloved sister

By Judith Turner Peckham '61

1964 Ron Stahl

By Gary Carruth '65

By Jeanne Brunner Cavender '67

1964 Carol Watral

By Kathy White Silber '64

1965 George A. Clemens

By Imogene Clemens Lovegreen '66

1965 Terry Kurre

By Jim Dobernic '66

1966 David Shelton

By Linda Pribble Hamberg '66

1966 Judy Olson Weber

By Linda Pribble Hamberg '66

1967 Charles Aulgur

By Delyla Aulgur Uebel '66

1968 Robert Warren

By Roy Richter '68

By Mary Warren, Spouse

1969 Vicky Hasty Belgeri

By Muffy Phillips Reeder '69

1969 Alan Bott

By Muffy Phillips Reeder '69

1969 Mark Henry

By Muffy Phillips Reeder '69

1970 John T Carr

By Rodney Carr '73

1973 Cheryl Noonan Titus

By Michael Noonan '74

1974 Robert L Carr

By Rodney Carr '73

1974 Gary Diven

By Tom Diven '71

1975 Danny Noonan

By Michael Noonan '74

1976 Donna Niehoff Fink

By Jean Niehoff Steele '73

1981 Gus Trakas

By Kathy White Silber '64

ORE Karen Corbett

By Tom Smith '77

ORE Coach Bob Penn

By Leslie Brann ORE

ORE John Titus and Sharon

Enzenauer – *Two Educators, who gave so much to Brentwood*

By Mary Freund ORE

Joe and Virginia Johnson, Parents

By Joseph M Johnson III '70

By Mark and Jane Johnson

Feltenstein '77

SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF

1958 Betty Hughes Edelmann –
Hall of Fame Inductee

By Regina Stimson Gahr '58

1965 Susan Rooney Brighton -
Teacher

By Michael Rooney '62

SCENES FROM ALL-SCHOOL REUNION





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3rd Weekend in September - 2025

ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Join alums for the *3rd Weekend in September* ALL-SCHOOL REUNION beginning at 4 pm and concluding at 7 pm in the Commons Room of the high school. This is the popular alum annual gathering in September held at BHS for many years.

- Connect with alums on High School tours and view the new Hall of Fame Wall near library.
 - Visit the inner courtyard to see commemorative bricks, just off the Commons Room.
- *Refreshments will be offered for purchase.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- A parade will be held, starting at Brentwood Forest and ending at Russell Avenue.