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From Your BAA Board President, George Clements '57

As we begin the 2026 year, your Brentwood Alumni Association has an announcement concerning future *3rd Weekend in September* All-School Reunions. As you know, we are already holding Hall of Fame ceremonies every other year. Your Board of Directors has decided to combine the two events from now on. So, this year the Hall of Fame induction will begin right after the All-School Reunion Friday, September 18, 2026. In 2028, we will continue celebrating both together every other year. We have also made the decision to rename the weekend "Hall of Fame Weekend" at that time.

I would like to announce that we have elected a new member to our board, **Mrs. Lynn Beimdiek Morris**, BHS Class of 1980. (Read more on Page 3)

You know that your Board of Directors counts on your financial support. With your help we are able to publish the newsletter and hold annual events. In your newsletter is a self-addressed envelope for paying yearly dues and any contributions to the scholarship fund. Thanks again for your support.

Hope to see you in September.

"Exit Interview" with E.J. (Dr. Ed Johnson)



"E.J."--That's what his colleagues, Brentwood parents, and even BHS students call him. We have known him as Dr. Ed Johnson, principal of Brentwood High

School. And now, E.J. is retiring. After some experience in the business world, Ed decided that education was the field for him and he joined the staff at his alma mater, Horton Watkins High School in Ladue. In 2005, he came to the Brentwood school district serving as assistant principal and athletic director. In 2013, Dr. Johnson was appointed BHS principal, and he's been there ever since.

As a former colleague, I was happy to interview Ed. Following are Ed's answers to my questions. Some are edited due to space restrictions but they're all full of his wisdom and insight:

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE

EDUCATION AS A CAREER? "I wanted to make a lasting difference in the lives of young people. Growing up, I had teachers and mentors who believed in me and helped shape my confidence and purpose. I wanted to pay that forward. I wanted to be the teacher, coach, and principal that I wish I had."

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Booking It with Sue Weber Young



For several years, a table at the *3rd Weekend in September* All School Reunion has been stacked with scrapbooks full of alumni and reunion pictures. The woman responsible for those books is **Sue Weber Young '53**. "I had all this stuff in my closet and decided to put it in scrapbooks for the alumni to see."

Sue has quite a history in Brentwood herself. She lives in the family house on Eulalie that was built by her parents, Ruth and Clarence Weber, in 1937. She was an only child and moved back into her family's home after college. She and her husband, Carl, lived there up until his death in 2000. They had three children. Daughter, **Pamela Young Rainey '89**, and son, **Paul '87**, both live in the St. Louis area. Her other son, **Barry**, was born disabled and given little chance to live past childhood, but lived under Sue's care until the age of fifty-one.

Sue has great memories of her BHS days: "It was a good time." She was active in band and choir and was voted "Most Musical" by her classmates. She fondly remembers teachers such as **Mr. McCormick** (band) and **Miss Kluttz** (math). After high school, Sue attended Drury College for two years and then graduated from Washington University

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DOWN MEMORY LANE...

A LONG OVERDUE THANK YOU LETTER

Over 50 years ago, my family and I moved to Brentwood. I was a 15 year old kid starting my Junior year and scared to death. Moving from a small town in Southeast Kansas to St Louis was a huge step and one that I really didn't want to take. As I met more kids at BHS, I realized that this was a very special place with many good people. I was so happy and proud to be on the 1959-60 football team with many great players. A very special thanks to my teammates and **Coach Titus** and **Coach Wynn** for how you accepted me. As the year went on, came basketball, track and field, Boy's Glee Club, and I continued to meet many more really nice people - teachers and classmates! I am not a good singer, but the choir needed bodies. If I stood very close to **John Paige '61** and he sang into my ear, I could hold a note. I don't think a new kid on the block could have had a better year than I did. That is thanks to all of you. I will ever be grateful.

Here comes our Senior year. I was so proud to be on our 1960-61 football team. We were Coach Titus's first Championship Football Team at Brentwood. Many more followed, but we were the first! A broken leg sidelined me for basketball that year, but I made it back for track and field, more singing and more JP in my ear. I continued to meet more great kids and loved BHS more every day. Many of you helped carry my books when I was on crutches. Thank you!

Bottom line... Thank you to each and every one of you very kind people that welcomed a wet behind the ears kid from SE Kansas. You have no idea what it meant to me!!!

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Mr. Anderson, Bill Armbruster and Janice Brunner

Submitted by Mike Rooney from the 1962 yearbook

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DEADLINE NEXT NEWSLETTER:
June 1, 2026

Questions, News Articles, Roster Changes (name, address, phone, email), or if you are interested in serving on a committee, the Board of Directors, or as your Class Representative,

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WHY DID YOU CHOOSE

ADMINISTRATION? “I realized that my greatest fulfillment came not just from the players on my team or the students in my classroom, but from helping all students across the school reach their potential. Becoming a principal allowed me to coach on a larger scale...coaching an entire school community toward excellence, growth, and heart.”

DO YOU HAVE A FEW SPECIAL MEMORIES FROM YOUR TIME AS PRINCIPAL AT BHS?

“Watching our students light up at pep rallies, walking across the graduation stage, and seeing the pure joy on Homecoming Night are all unforgettable. One of the biggest moments was when we beat Centralia High School at their school. We beat them in a thrilling semifinal playoff game to advance to the state championship. To have Brentwood High School receive two National Blue Ribbon Awards during my tenure and having BHS consistently ranked as one of Missouri’s top public high schools fills me with immense pride.”

WHAT WERE SOME CHALLENGES YOU HAD AS PRINCIPAL?

“Leading through the pandemic was one of the most challenging times for all of us. Making decisions that impacted safety, learning, and morale weighed heavily. At the same time, we were educating our students in the middle of a major construction project. During the pandemic, we launched one of the most successful live virtual learning programs and Brentwood High School ended the year ranked #1 in Missouri.”

WERE THERE ANY REGRETS DURING YOUR TIME AS PRINCIPAL?

“If I had any regrets, it’s that time moves too fast. There are always more conversations I wish I’d had, more students I wish I could have spent time with, and more moments I wish I could slow down to truly savor.”

WHAT MAKES BHS SPECIAL?

“Without question, the people. Brentwood High School is a family. Our students are talented, kind, and full of heart. Our staff is passionate and committed beyond measure. And our families and community show up with unwavering support. If you want a solution to some of the world’s problems, shine a light on BHS.”

WHAT’S THE FIRST THING YOU’LL DO ON YOUR FIRST DAY OFF?

“I will start my day with a prayer, of course. BHS will be in that prayer, then kiss my wife, Tiffany, and my son, Tristen. I’ll drop Tristen off at school at SLUH. I’ll head to the gym, take time to meditate, and simply enjoy the quiet for a moment. I’ll play some old-school jazz, and the jam session will inevitably end with “My Way” by Frank Sinatra. I’ll be thankful to slow down, smell the roses, and relish the liberating excitement of literally being able to do whatever I want. I’ll be retired, wishing the next new leader of Brentwood High School all the very best.”

Thanks, E.J. We appreciate all you’ve done for Brentwood and wish you and your family happiness in your new chapter.

by Ed Wright, Jr. ‘67

Booking It with Sue Weber Young *(continuation from page 1)*

with a degree in Physical Therapy. She worked for the Veterans Administration at John Cochran for seven years before retiring to stay home and care for her son.

Sue has by herself done the scrapbook work of gathering photos and articles, planning, and arranging the layouts. “It’s not hard, but it’s not easy either.” Sue says. Though she’s “retiring” from the alumni scrapbook job, she encourages others to “just do it”. Brentwood is a great school and place to live.”

We agree and we thank Sue for documenting so many good memories over the years.

Lynn Beimdiek Morris Joins Alumni Board



At the November meeting of the BAA Board of Directors, **Lynn Beimdiek Morris ‘80** was voted in as a new board member. Nominated by classmate **Lisa**

Deimeke Featherston ‘80, Lynn was excited to join this group of alumni. “I think working on the scholarship committee will be very fulfilling.”

Lynn’s activism is traced back to her parents, Don and Carolyn Beimdiek—a long-time respected family in Brentwood. Lynn carried this sense of involvement into Brentwood High School where she was president of the Student Council and a member of the art club, ski club, and French club. “I really enjoyed the ski trips to Colorado and working with other classmates in Student Council.”

After graduating, Lynn attended Southern Methodist University and DePauw University before coming back home to teach elementary art. She also received an M. Ed from Penn State in Art education and Museum studies. Lynn and her husband, Dave, moved back to Brentwood in 2016. She has her own business designing products for gift manufacturers as well as creating original art in her Brentwood home-based studio. Lynn and Dave have two grown children and love being back in the Brentwood community.

Welcome, Lynn. We look forward to working with you.



ALUM NEWS

40's

1943 Shirley Berg Frank – St. Louis, MO – Happy that I have lived this long! Like to read, do word puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. Live with my daughter and her husband.

1948 Ron Parsons – Bentonville, VA – I was sent to a private high school in St. Louis, but all my friends went to BHS. I was born in Brentwood. My wife went through the Alexandria, VA public schools system prior to 4 years in university. Spouse and I are the same age, and turned 95 in October. I am 5 days older than she is. Both are still up and around and take daily walks outside. We each have a daughter living nearby. They attended university together.

1949 Marlene Scharf Hanks - Largo, FL – I live in a retirement home for seniors where our activities include bingo, exercise classes, Pokeno, swimming, etc. There are approximately 400 of us. We have happy hour every Friday where outside entertainment comes in to entertain us. Last week we had a belly dancer in costume.

50's

1954 Marian Hounsom Lewis – New York, NY – Spending time in Central Park – my “backyard”. Deep woods, open grassy fields, waterfalls, lakes, ball fields, carousel, and more.

1955 Stew Krause – Brookline, MO – Moved into “geezer town” with 100+ geezers (varies day to day depending on who moves in and who leaves feet first.)

1958 Regina Stimson Gahr – St. Louis, MO – I’m still a professional tour guide and most of my tours are groups off of Viking River cruises. I am keeping busy and enjoying life.

1958 Edward Holt – St. Louis, MO – I am still enjoying family, volunteer work with seniors, church, vacations in San Diego, a wonderful wife, and good health!

1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby – Provo, UT – We are still enjoying life in the foothills of the Rockies. Friends and family come and go, and we are still able to take care of home and each other!

60's

1960 William Brookes – Ash Grove, MO – Worked for the Bureau of Prisons. Traveled a lot – all states and fifty foreign countries. This might explain why I never made it to the reunions. I do not travel anymore. The state of Alaska was our favorite state and my wife published a book on Alaska.

1961 Fred Abrams – Springboro, OH – Visited son and daughter-in-law who are taking up residency in Florence, Italy. Took daughter to England to her mom’s and my favorite places from when we lived there 1969-1973.

1961 Leanne Dickman Beard – Brentwood, MO - The best thing about being a grandparent is the joy of experiencing life through a child’s eye again. For a few early years my son, his wife and two children lived in St. Louis and we were together often. However, when

Dan worked for the Defense Department, and later as a private contractor, they moved over-seas, which was too far to visit. I was fortunate to have wonderful friends and neighbors to spend holidays with for the next 20 years. Recently, Dan found new employment in St. Louis and he and his family have moved back home. I could not be happier.

1961 Ellen Rockett O’Neill – Peachtree City, GA – Back home in Georgia from visit with a daughter in California.

1961 Henry Stoverink – Rock Hill, MO – We have a mobile home on Mark Twain Lake where we spend all summer and fall fishing. I also work for Enterprise three days a week.

1962 John Fields – Mt. Vernon, IL – My wife and I just celebrated our 58th wedding anniversary. Sharon recently celebrated her 80th birthday with her twin sister in Boise, Idaho.

1962 Mike Rooney – Tempe, AZ – I’m still going to the office and practicing law - sort of.

1962 Jerry Stimson – Norman, OK – Grettie and I are still living together in Norman, OK. We are busy running a booth in our antique mall. I am also busy with the Lakeview Baptist Church and am in charge of their food pantry.

1962 Carol Coleman Taylor – Peoria, AZ – Jack and I have been married for almost 22 years. We are just as much in love now as we were then. We have 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We were

blessed to visit the youngest in La Jolla, CA for Christmas. He’s two years old.

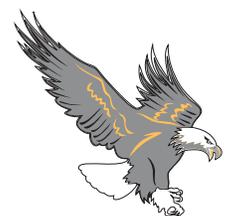
1963 Allen Harper – Durango, CO – I am still working full time. My son, John, is head of day to day operations. We own tourist railroads in North Carolina, Colorado and now Branson.

1963 Michael Lavin – Kirkwood, MO – Returned to my alma mater, Westminster College in Fulton, MO, for the second semester of the ’24-’25 school year, to attend a class on Vietnam. By May, I would be traveling with my class to Vietnam to visit my former area of operation and that of the seven of my classmates that were killed in action during that war. I participated in class as a student, doing the reading assignments, contributing in class, but not taking any tests or writing any papers. It was an emotional reunion of sorts; fifty-four years had passed, but the spirit of the boys of ’67 was fresh as if we had just graduated last year.

1964 Keith Kramer – Windsor, CO – Our house in Colorado is for sale. We plan to move to the East Coast.

1964 John Mayfield – Ocala, FL – Retired, playing golf, reading, enjoying the sun in Florida.

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ALUM NEWS

1965 Grettie Stimson Bondy - Norman, OK – My brother, **Jerry Stimson '62**, has been living with me a little over 18 months and we haven't killed each other yet. I think that's a good sign. I'm active in Eastern Star and have been appointed Grand Representative of Texas in Oklahoma. We went to the Texas state meeting in August in Waco and had a great time.

1968 Kurt Gebhard - Clarkson, MI – I have retired from 50+ years of ministry to enjoy more time with our two adult children and their spouses, plus our 8 grandchildren, one of whom just got married.

1969 Christine Adams Mekkaoui - Pittsburg, KS – Retired from Pittsburg State University (in Kansas!) after 28 years of teaching English to International students and directing the Intensive English program. I keep busy with my grandchildren's activities, community groups, friends, volunteering and trying to keep up with my Corgi, Lizzie.

1969 Muffy Phillips Reeder - St. Petersburg, FL – My three grandkids are all teens now. Skip is still running his own company. I am a 15 year docent for our Chihuly Collection. Traveling as much as Skip, my dog, Lucy, and cat, Cole, will allow – NYC, Havana Cuba, North Carolina, Ireland, England and Wales. Looking forward to a visit back home soon! Painting and community theatre here in St Petersburg. Life is mighty fine!!



1970 Don Iffrig - St Louis, MO – Extensive international and domestic travel. Active in many St Louis cultural institutions. Children (4) and grandkids all live in St Louis!

1971 Debbie LeClaire Fagin - Ballwin, MO – Happily retired from United Way of Greater St Louis. Secretary of a women's golf league at Ballwin Golf Club. Jerry and I have 3 beautiful granddaughters who live in Chicago and Bettendorf, IA.

1971 Melissa Reisenleiter - Dushore, PA – For a small town, population 450, there is a lot going on! I am thrilled to be part of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library as its Budget and Finance Chair. This group raises thousands of dollars to support the only library in the county. My husband and I are also part of the team that planted a church in Dushore – Endless Grace. It has been a joy to see the church grow and serve the community.

1975 Fred Heger - Chesterfield, MO – I recently retired from being Director, Manufacturing and Finance at Kindeva Drug Delivery. I have been playing ice hockey goalie twice per week and men's senior hardball on 2 teams in the spring/summer. We also have two grandsons, Mike (5) and Luca (2), as well as a bonus grandson Charles (6).

1976 John Honig - Livermore, CA – I retired at the end of February 2025. Having made the world "safe for democracy". I spent 33 years at Lawrence Livermore.

I spent 19 years playing Doors & Devo, and 20 years playing Pink Floyd. I have now returned to my classical roots.

1976 Mark and Mary Ketchelmeier Surgener - St. Louis, MO – We've been married for 45 years now. We have three grown children and a daughter-in-law, four grandchildren and two Cavapoos. Life is good. We've been blessed.

1977 Peter Alan Rehr - Adelanto, CA – Where's all the "7's" at? I'm a retired mailman in Southern California, married 42 years and three great kids. Life's been good to me so far - - -



1980 Rhonda Booth Carsten - Webster Groves, MO – Worked for the St Louis Polo Club for 14 years. Happily married since 1992.

1986 Jennifer Osborne McNeely - Kearney, MO – Recently retired after 33 years in education. Volunteer docent at Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City, MO.

1987 Tammy Gahr Johnson - High Ridge, MO – Last year, I injured myself at work which resulted in a surgery and convinced me it was time to leave the daycare industry. I am now a nanny to one baby instead of a whole school. It is a big change, but I'm loving it.



2005 Shanae Chapman - St. Louis, MO – Lately I've been running my consulting company - Nerdy Diva,

and teaching design and tech courses (including a new LinkedIn Learning class). Outside of work, I enjoy time with my husband, Dan, our dog and cat, friends and family. I'm keeping up with running, workouts, learning, piano, baking, cooking, and travel to explore new adventures.

2008 Chaz Randall Powers says hi from **Gwinnett County, Georgia**, where she settled after separation from the Navy. She is married with two kids: Elise, eight, and Maximus, three. She works in HR at one of the local health systems and keeps busy with PTO and as vice-president of her HOA and is a Greater Atlanta Girl Scout Troop Leader. We're happy to say that Chaz wants to get involved with BAA in some way. We'll find something for you to do, Chaz.

2009 Ron Blair - Brentwood, MO - Life has had plenty of twists and turns, but I finished my Bachelor of Social Work in 2024 and Master of Social Work in 2025. I work as a social worker at a local skilled nursing facility and love it!

2026 Demeterius Thompson - Brentwood, MO – A multi-sport athlete who is signed to play football at the NCAA Division 1 level for Boston College, Thompson reached a memorable milestone on the hardwood last week by recording the 1,000th point and 1,000th rebound of his career in successive games. *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

MORE ALUM NEWS

1965 SUE ROONEY BRIGHTON IN CAPE COD

In July, Les and I went on a “Cape Codder Cruise” with my brother, **Mike Rooney '62** and his wife, Ruth. What a fun experience for kids raised in Missouri.



L to R: Sue Rooney Brighton, Les Brighton, Mike Rooney, Ruth Rooney

1966 JANE KRAFT RABEY: A BESTOWER OF BOOKS



Voted “Most Scholastic” by her 1966 senior classmates, **Jane Kraft Rabey** has continued her love of books with a unique Halloween tradition. Jane collected books throughout the year and distributed them

to Trick or Treaters on Halloween. Jane says: “It’s a lot of fun, and the kids and parents seem to really enjoy it.”

Jane puts the books on her front porch, arranging them by age/reading level. On Halloween night, the kids get a treat bag with candy, a bookmark, and get to choose a book. This year, her book supply was so big that the kids could choose two books.



“It is tiring but I plan to keep doing it as long as I’m able and as long as the kids keep coming.” We salute Jane for her spirit of learning and giving. As with many of her books, there’s always an exciting new chapter in life.

1967 HACIENDA HAPPY HOUR

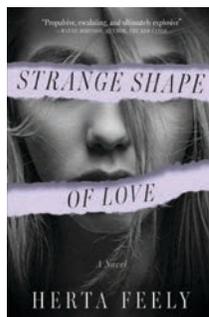
A small group of us from the class of ‘67 had a Hacienda Happy Hour November 11th and had a lot of fun telling stories of our days at BHS. We drank a toast to the veteran members of our class and to all of our classmates.



L to R: Mike Moskoff, Mike’s wife Judy, Ed Wright, Ed’s wife Joanne, Sue Max Carleton, Barb Powers Berry, and Mike Hennon

1969 HERTA BURBACH FEELY AUTHORS MYSTERY

Herta moved to Brentwood from Germany in 1959 and attended Brentwood Schools up until her sophomore year. Though she didn’t speak any English till arriving in Brentwood, Herta was soon writing short stories in **Mrs. Molina’s** 6th grade class at McGrath. (“Bombs Away” earned her an A!) She is now the published author of two books. Her latest was released September 30th. **STRANGE SHAPE OF LOVE** is a mystery that explores the dark side of social media and the Internet. Herta has many fond memories of her Brentwood days and would love to hear from her classmates.



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1982 TIM DEIMEKE HONORED BY ST LOUIS AMATEUR HOCKEY HALL OF FAME



On September 2, 2025, **Tim Deimeke** was inducted into the St Louis Amateur Hockey Hall of Fame as a Builder of the sport.

This honor recognizes not only Tim’s time on the ice as a player and coach, but also his outstanding contributions off the ice – as a director and leader in multiple organizations. His work has spanned Brentwood High School, Webster youth and high school programs, the Gateway Locomotives, and the St Louis Blues Special Hockey Program. Through his dedication, Tim has helped thousands of individuals discover and grow in the sport of hockey. We couldn’t be more proud of his achievements and this well-deserved recognition. *Article from Webster Groves Parks and Recreation.*

Submitted by **Greg Kornfeld '72**

3rd Weekend in September - 2025



PAST REUNIONS

1965 60th

A lively contingent of the BHS Class of 1965 enjoyed a fine dining 60th reunion during a rainy 2025 Brentwood Days weekend. Special thanks to **Judy Taussig Alles** for organizing the evening.

Submitted by David Serra



Clockwise around the table from Left: Reese Forbes, Terry Ruhland, Anita Blattenberger (Guest), Barbara Blattenberger Kerf, Ron Mueller, Glen Fuse, Debbie Fuse (Guest), Paula Kurre (Widow of Terry Kurre), Judy Taussig Alles, Linda Kaufman Zeman

1975 50th



Karen Stapf Hilf, Leslie Williams Rabenau, Laurie Howerton Mielenz



Mark Kurtz, Mark Holland, Kevin Stubbs, Tom Finger

1970 55th

Hi Class of 1970! Wanted to fill in the classmates that weren't able to attend our 55th reunion.

What a very relaxed and enjoyable night it was. The weather cooperated and we were out on the patio at Bartolino's on the Hill. This venue was perfect, and I would like to visit them again! This reunion was different from the others, not as formal, just a lot of mingling. Seems like the older we get the more we enjoy each other. We thought from now on we might have mini get-togethers like two or three times a year. I'll send out an email and hope you attend if you want to!

Happy New Year!

Cathy Stockwell Whitney



Cathy Stockwell Whitney, Robin Bauchy Roberts



Steve Morgan, Don Iffrig, and wife Terri



Allen and Lillian Schilling Collins, Louis Evans Eggers, Mary Kalb Meers



Cathy Stockwell Whitney, Sandy Grace Deelo, Vicki Beekman Mansfield



Cathy Stockwell Whitney, Karen Schaper Diemeke, Vicki Beekman Mansfield



Keith Kornfield, Fred Boehne, Suzanne Swanson



Fred Boehne, Gary Geisz, Keith Kornfeld, Iggy Strode

PAST REUNIONS

1980 45th

45 years have come and gone since the Class of '80 left the great halls of BHS. Our Class has always been pretty close, with so many friendships that have lasted through the years which was quite evident on September 19, 2025. The seniors of the 1980 BHS Baseball team took time out this past year to create the exact inaugural replica of their jerseys from 1980. Why? They wanted to honor a fallen teammate – Dave Stojeba, or Stoj who knew him well. Stoj was a tennis guy, but quite determined to make the BHS Baseball team his senior year. Dave, with others, worked diligently that year to ensure he made the team. Their perseverance helped Dave meet his goal to be on a competitive high school team; a milestone he often remembered, talked about and carried with him through life. The 1980 Senior team members included: Paul Blaesing, Billy Kuper, Dave Stojeba, Terry Delgado, Carlo Marconi and Ken Joyce. A small, but mighty crowd gathered at Tillis Park on September 20, 2025 to honor Stoj. Terry and Billy unfortunately could not make the celebration, but were there in Spirit!



1st Row (l-r) Rob Herrick, Sheryl Knapheide Cooper, Tamara Sneeringer, Mary Widmar Campbell, Laura Dilthey, Buddy Howe
2nd Row (l-r) Bill Schimweg, Greg Sullins, Jeff Moore, Paul Blaesing, Lisa Deimeke Featherston, Carlo Marconi



(l-r): Paul Blaesing, Lisa Deimeke Featherston, Carlo Marconi & Ken Joyce)



Pictured (L to R): Laura Dilthey, Paul Blaesing, Bob Ronkoski, Sheryl Knapheide Cooper, Greg Sullins, Lisa Deimeke Featherston, Lynn Beimdick Morris, Jeff Boshans, Carlo Marconi, Buddy Howe and Ken Joyce.
Submitted by **Lisa Deimeke Featherston**

FUTURE REUNIONS

60's

1961 65th

Our committee is reaching out to see how many of you would like to attend a 65th reunion luncheon. We haven't planned the time or place yet because we don't know how many will be here for it. Please contact **Sandy Kurre LaGarce** at sjlaga@gmail.com, or call **(636) 236-3286**.

1964 80th

Birthday Bash

Happy Birthday to us!
Happy Birthday to us!
Happy 80th Birthday to the class of '64! The year 2026 commemorates a significant birthday for the graduating class of 1964 - we will be turning 80 this year. At our 60th class reunion, we decided that we would celebrate our special birthday at the Brentwood High School Alumni weekend. Please mark your calendars for the *Third Weekend in September* – September 18-19, 2026 – to attend our birthday bash. Plans are still in the making but we will keep you posted as the date gets closer. You can help us make this a grand celebration by - renewing your BHS Alumni dues, getting the BHS newsletter, and/or contacting **Tamara Stefanoni Rhomberg** at tjr3@earthlink.net with any contact information updates. Your 'presence' would be the greatest gift you could bring!

70's

1976 50th

To the class of '76 - Please save the *3rd Weekend in September* - The weekend of September 18th - for a 50th

80's

1986 40th

Hi there to the Class of '86! It's a big year for us, and we want to get together to celebrate! We have started putting together a committee to organize some get-togethers over the next few months. You can contact **Theresa Peters Nigus** by **Messenger** on **Facebook**, at her email theresaacts@hotmail.com, or join our "**Class of '86 Reunion**" page on **Facebook**! We can't wait to see everyone!

20's

2006 20th

The wait is over—our 20-year high school reunion is finally here! The BHS Class of 2006 will gather on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 12:00 PM at beautiful Tillis Park for a day of reconnecting, reminiscing, and celebrating two decades of memories. This reunion is designed to be family-friendly, so bring your loved ones along! Expect a relaxed afternoon filled with laughter, great food, games, and plenty of opportunities to catch up with classmates you haven't seen in years. Whether you're eager to relive old stories, share what you've been up to, or simply enjoy the sunshine with friends, this reunion promises to be a highlight of the summer. And for those who want to keep the fun going, there will likely be an even more casual get-together afterwards. Mark your calendars and spread the word!
Julia Madras

SCHOOL NEWS

NEW ADMINISTRATORS STARTED IN AUGUST

The new school year saw two new members join Brentwood's administration team for the middle and high school. District superintendent, Amy Zielinski, welcomed Wendy Greenwood-Leveling and Jamesia-Tomesa Tuiava to the district. Wendy will serve as the new 6-12 Assistant Principal and Jamesia is now the 6-12 Athletics and Activities Director.



“With Wendy’s passion for student success and Jamesia’s extensive experience in athletics and student engagement, we are confident

this change will have a meaningful impact on our school community.” said Zielinski.

Wendy has over 14 years of experience in education including multiple leadership roles in the Hancock Place School District. Jamesia has served as a principal, assistant principal and athletic director at Cristo Rey Kansas City High School.

The new team members have jumped into their new roles and are enjoying the students and staff in Brentwood. As shown in the photo, they also have immersed themselves in the social atmosphere of Brentwood Middle and High Schools.

Welcome Jamesia (L) and Wendy (R). Go Eagles!

FICK SUCCEEDS JOHNSON AS BHS PRINCIPAL

The Brentwood School District will have a new high school principal, starting July 1st, 2026. Dr. Greg Fick, currently



serving as assistant principal at Lindbergh High School, will succeed Dr. Ed Johnson, who is retiring. Fick has been a dynamic leader in the Lindbergh and Webster Groves districts as he helped launch programs in science, business, technology, and nursing assistance.

“I am honored and excited to join the Brentwood community.

I believe deeply in creating learning environments where students are challenged, supported, and empowered to explore their interests and define their own pathways” said Dr. Fick.

District superintendent, Dr. Amy Zielinski, said: “Dr. Fick is a collaborative, student-centered leader who understands the importance of preparing students not just for graduation, but for what comes next.”

The community will miss EJ but we’re happy to welcome Dr. Fick to our educational community. See you at the *3rd Weekend in September*, Greg.



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Yes, we have plenty of old BHS yearbooks and we’re ready to get them to you.

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\$10 per yearbook

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admin@brentwoodhsalumni.org. Payment can be made through our online store.

We’ll get it to you as soon as we can!

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Please send me the following yearbook (s): _____

My check *made payable to Brentwood Alumni Association* for \$10 per yearbook is enclosed.

Please check BAA website at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org/yearbooks/ for availability.

IN MEMORIAM

1941 Paul K Bick – 11/08/2013
1941 William Kenneth (Ken) Luttrell – 01/09/2026
1941 Edward Joseph Micka – 11/15/2015
1942 Genevieve Marie Johnson Jennings – 10/11/2024
1946 Dorothy Electa Nowell Rogers – 05/27/2025
1947 Irvin Joseph Carroll – 08/25/2025
1950 Shirley Anne Callaway Holman – 09/25/2022
1952 Shirley Ann Russell Drake – 06/29/2025
1952 Dixie Maureen Gardner Wehrle – 06/21/2025
1955 Donald Wayne Houghton – 10/07/2022
1956 Richard Leigh (Dick) Kuntz – 12/15/2025
1956 Arthur Edgar Obrock - 05/18/2025
1957 Frederick F J Brossart, MD – 08/03/2025
1957 Marian LaVerne Griggs Klusmeyer – 03/10/2024
1958 Rita Gwenneth Gardner Mockler – 06/23/2025
1958 David Paul Hargraves – 10/02/2025
1960 Carol Ann Barrett Johnson – 06/10/2025
1961 Alice Jones (Johannah) Bryant – 12/07/2024
1961 Judith Dean Bishop Condren – 10/15/2025
1961 Charles Melvin Ruhland – 12/09/2024
1961 Patricia Virginia Pifat (Pat) Sarantites – 07/29/2025
1962 Clif Garrett – 06/08/2025
1962 Walter Taylor Jarrett – 03/08/2014
1963 Judith Ann Wilkinson (Judy) Hammock – 07/24/2025
1964 Judy Dianne Hudson Aubuchon – 12/21/2024
1964 Paulette Moore Boelter – 08/11/2023
1964 Ruth Ann Kemp Gordon – 08/08/2025
1964 Elsie Vera Kraft Link – 12/26/2025
1964 James Anthony Meyer – 06/07/2025
1964 Rita Claire Dobernic Shaughnessy – 12/2024
1965 Ronald H (Ron) Mueller – 01/11/2026
1965 Judith Frances Glass (Judie) Sollis – 01/15/2026
1966 William Albert (Bill) Jarrett – 01/05/2022
1966 Charles James Nowell – 11/16/2023
1968 Gary Allen Carter - 2018
1969 Peggy Sue Hamilton Smith - 02/07/2024
1970 Frank Carlo Piccinino – 08/07/1997
1971 Marsha Louise Purkey Patterson – 07/04/2025
1971 Douglas Thomas Stoverink – 05/24/2025
1973 Judith Ann Jackson Drennen – 07/26/2025
1973 Jeffry Winthrop Hale - 12/22/2025
1974 Gregory Alan Widaman – 08/29/2025
1974 John Vincent Frese – 01/01/2026
1978 Brian Colin Jones – 09/11/2025
1981 Russell Dean Hamilton Jr – 12/27/2025
1984 Teresa Christina DeLuca McQuay – 12/25/2025
2005 Thomas Linden Stretch – 09/12/2025
ORE Dr Pamela Ford – Retired Assistant Superintendent - 08/06/2025

IN REMEMBRANCE

1947 IRVIN JOSEPH CARROLL

Irvin “Buzz” Carroll passed away August 25, 2025 peacefully in his own home in Chesterfield, MO with his wife, Arlene “Lolly” Carroll by his side. They were married 74 years and had two children and two grandchildren.

1961 PATRICIA VIRGINIA PIFAT SARANTITES

Sorry that my classmate, Pat Pifat Sarantites, who spent all Brentwood school years with me, and my dearest friend, passed away July 29, 2025. Many great memories of us together.

Judi Turner Peckham ‘61

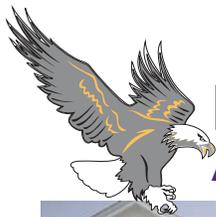
SCHOLARSHIPS

IN MEMORY OF

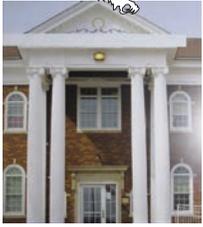
1941 Maxine Gray Reisenleiter
By Melissa Reisenleiter ‘71
1947 Lowell H Turner
By Judith Turner Peckham ‘61
1952 C Edward Schuster
By Jim Lonergan, Friend
By Jacqueline Schuster Thursby ‘58
1960 Sue Frossard Taylor
By Carole Kelley Mailander ‘60
1960 Barb Kraus Howle
By Carole Kelley Mailander ‘60
1961 Johanna Jones Bryant
By Janet Mays McAlpin ‘61
1961 Patricia V Pifat Sarantites
By Judith Turner Peckham ‘61
1964 Judy Hudson Aubuchon
By Kathy White Silber ‘64
By Sue Ammon Young ‘63
1964 Ruth Ann Kemp Gordon
By Dolores Kemp Picker ‘68 and Bill Kemp ‘61
1964 Patricia E Turner Krehbiel
By Judith Turner Peckham ‘61
1964 Brian Watral
By Janet Watral Meyer ‘74
1964 Carol Watral
By Janet Watral Meyer ‘74
1965 Terry Kurre
By Glen Fuse ‘65
1966 Linda Watral Doisy
By Janet Watral Meyer ‘74
1967 Russ Lake
By Jan Brunner Stahl ‘65
By Jeanne Brunner Cavender ‘67
By Ed Wright, Jr. ‘67
By Pam Ross ‘68
1968 Bob Warren
By Mary Warren
1973 Judith Ann Jackson Drennan
By William D Jackson ‘70
1974 Greg Widamon
By Janet Watral Meyer ‘74
1976 Donna Niehoff Fink
By Jean Niehoff Steele ‘73
ORE Edward (Jerry) Burgoyne, Teacher
By Philip Hedrick ‘68
By Rhonda Booth Carston ‘80
ORE Pam Ford – Assistant Superintendent
By Janet ‘71 and Richard Hellwege ‘70

SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF

1965 Sue Rooney Brighton
By Mike Rooney ‘62



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3rd Weekend in September - 2026

ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

Friday, September 18, 4 pm - BHS Commons

HALL OF FAME - 6 pm in School Auditorium

Connect with alums on High School tours

View Hall of Fame Wall near Library

Visit the inner courtyard to view Bricks, just off the Commons

Refreshments available



Saturday, September 19



Brentwood Days Parade, including BAA Hall of Fame Inductees, starts at 12 noon in Brentwood Forest and ends with booths and rides in Brentwood Sports Complex (formerly Brentwood Park)