

Fern Creek High School Alumni Association

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RESERVATION FORM FOR HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Name _____ Class _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

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_____ number attending tailgate on Friday Sept 25 at \$12 each \$ _____

_____ number attending breakfast on Sat. Sept 26 at \$8 each \$ _____

_____ number attending Hall of Fame Lunch on Sept 27 at \$25 each \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please mail this form and your check for the above total amount in the enclosed envelope **by 9/18** so we can order the food and have the right number of places set for everyone.

August 2015

Your Alumni Association board has completed our strategic planning sessions and has set a path forward for the future. We are having a very successful year financially thru July as we are ahead of budget and the prior year. Our annual 50's Club luncheon in May was well attended and Chairman Mike Gatton '66 gave a very moving invocation which is on our website along with pictures of those attending.

We have put up an online directory, message and connection center for our Alumni. This is a new feature on our site and it is up to us to make it grow. This can help us connect with our classmates, keep up to date on events, and share important milestones. To set up your account: Go to <http://www.ferncreekalumni.com/>

Click on the Register tab (at the top of the page above the photograph of the school). That will take you to the Registration page – which will ask you to create an account. Important note: Your username may not have spaces or punctuation.

Once you hit the Complete Sign-in button at the bottom of the page, you will soon get an email confirmation containing a link that once clicked upon completes the process. You will then get another email with your username and profile info. (If you haven't received a confirmation email within 10

minutes, please email the admin at admin@FernCreekAlumni.com – you will receive an answer within 24 hours)

You may then sign in and:

- Add to your profile (including photos)
- Join an already existing group (Due to spammers trying to start unwanted promotion/sales links, all groups have to be approved by the administrators, so if you want to start a new one please email admin@FernCreekAlumni.com and we will set it up for you to moderate)

If you are interested in being one of the moderators (class representatives) for your class or group, please let us know by sending an email to admin@FernCreekAlumni.com and we will help you reach out to your classmates and get started.

Please do not delay in getting online to set up your profile. We will be able to communicate quickly and more efficiently once we have all of your current info in our new database.

Lastly, please consider joining us for Homecoming 2015 so you can see the newly installed Hall of Fame plaques and the seat adoption plaques during our building tour on Saturday morning.

Joey Bailey '65
Executive Director

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

The 92nd class of Fern Creek High School graduated on June 8th topping off an incredibly successful spring for our school. Our successes included a record amount of student scholarship earnings, increasing ACT scores, Advance Placement test passing rates, and meeting targets for graduation rate. The unparalleled effort of our teachers and students also brought Louisville Mayor, Greg Fischer; Kentucky Commissioner of Education, Terry Holliday; and United States Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, into our school. It was an incredible platform for our school to present our OWN ideas on improving student achievement in urban schools. In addition, Fern Creek High has completed a \$15.8 million renovation of the inside of our school just in time for the beginning of classes. A new HVAC system will improve the heating in the building and bring air conditioning to the entire school including the gyms. The renovation will also replace windows, update electrical systems, plumbing, lighting, and make repairs to our roof. Although our teachers and students had to work and learn around the construction during the last few weeks of May and June, we are grateful for the district's support in updating our school.

Finally, I want to thank the alumni for your unwavering support of the school. Whether you are supporting us fiscally, volunteering, or just in spirit, we are grateful for the gifts you continue to bestow on our students and staff. Please join us and cheer for your alma mater during homecoming this year. Go Tigers!

Nate Meyer, Ed.D.
Principal, Fern Creek High School



SCHOLARSHIPS

In May, the Alumni Board approved scholarships for five teachers and seven students in the amount of \$2,000 each for a total of \$24,000. The teacher's scholarships are presented in the name of Iris and Kenny Arnold. They are both longtime loyal supporters of our beloved school. These scholarships will help our teachers get graduate degrees and National Board Certifications. Of the seven student scholarships, two are given to students whose parents or grandparents attended FCHS. All of the students receiving these scholarships truly represent the vast diversity of cultures that we now have at our school.



HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2015

We have planned a great weekend for all of you to enjoy. On Friday night we will begin at 5:30 PM with a tailgate under the tent catered by Mark's Feed Store. Twelve dollars will get you a great dinner including drink and dessert before our Tigers take on the Fairdale Bulldogs. At halftime we will have our 2015 Hall of Fame class honored. On Saturday morning at 8:30 the school cooking club will serve up a great meal in the cafeteria for only \$8. Following the meal, we will conduct a tour of the newly renovated facility. And finally, on Sunday we will have our annual Hall of Fame induction. There will be a social time from noon to 1 followed by a wonderful meal at Wildwood Country Club. The cost will be \$25. Please don't miss out on all of the fun and send your reservation and check as soon as possible. Your reservation must be in the mail by September 18th so we can order the food and have the right number of places set for everyone.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2015

Your Board voted to honor 8 individuals and for the first time we will honor an entire team. The individuals chosen this year are: Dale Hettinger '58, Barbara Bryant Lechner '60, Paula Williams Schneider '65, Don Peterson '65, Robyn Garrett Karrer '79, Don Hudson '85, Troy Stout '88 and Mike Thomas '89. The team to be honored is the 1965 Baseball team who became the first athletic team at our school to compete for a State Championship. The team made it to the final game but came up just short. They had completed a wonderful season filled with memories. The team will get together for the first time since that final game to celebrate their induction into the Hall of Fame and the 50th anniversary of that magical season.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Your board of directors has voted to honor longtime board member David Stout '77 with the first presentation of this award. David has worked tirelessly for our Alumni Association and is always the first one to volunteer to help with any project. Please congratulate David when you see him at our events and around the "Creek". Thanks, David, and adopted alum, wife Pam, for all that you have done to make our Alumni Association successful.

INTERESTED IN SERVING?

We are still in need of class representatives for each class. If this is an area that you would like to serve, please contact Joey Bailey at joeybaileycpa@gmail.com

Lastly, we will be having our annual meeting on November 16th. Nominations for the board are due by November 1st. See the Board tab on our website for further information.

REUNIONS

The class of '60 will celebrate the 55th Year of their graduation from FCHS during our Homecoming events. Class members who would like to gather for a late afternoon meal will decide time and place at the breakfast. They are also attending the induction of their classmate, Barbara Bryant Lechner, into the Hall of Fame on Sunday.

The class of 1975 is having their 40th reunion on October 9th. For information and reservations please contact Kathy Ratliff at Jtrklr88@gmail.com



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