

Fern Creek High School Alumni Association
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ALL ALUMNI PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW
SO WE MAY UPDATE OUR RECORDS

Name _____ Class _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

___ number attending tailgate on Friday, Sept 28 at \$15 each \$ _____

___ number attending breakfast on Sat., Sept 29 at \$10 each \$ _____

___ number attending Hall of Fame Lunch on Sept 30 at \$25 each \$ _____

___ number attending 50's Lunch on April 26

Total \$ _____

Please mail this form and your check for the above total amount in the enclosed envelope by 9/1 so we can order the food and have the right number of places set for everyone.

Paying at the event will be subject to availability.



Tiger Tracks

FCHS - "Proficient, progressing, and proud"

January 2018

Our Board of Directors has been increased to 15 members this year. We will welcome Austin Byers '66 and Nancy Dreher '74 when we meet in February. They join 13 others who have served faithfully for many years as we strive to connect alumni with each other and provide events throughout the year.

We want to invite all alums to our general meetings this year which are held on the third Mondays of February, April, August, September and November at 7 PM in the Ramsey room at school. The Ramsey room is located on the first floor on the Ferndale Road side of the building.

Please consider becoming a member of your Alumni Association. The annual dues are only \$25. Lifetime dues are \$275 but are reduced to \$175 if you graduated 50 or more years ago. All dues and contributions are tax-deductible as we are a nonprofit 501(c) 3 Organization. We have an annual review of our financial statements and file annual 990s with the IRS. Both of these are available by going to our website www.ferncreekalumni.com and clicking the Financial Review tab.

In 2018, we will hit a major milestone. Your Alumni Association will reach the \$1.5 million-dollar mark for providing funding for school and student needs. Each year we provide student and teacher scholarships. We own the license and provide equipment and funding for the student run 92.7 FM radio station. We own the

trademark and provide funding for the Ivy Plus Academy which connects students with access to the top 100 colleges that most would never believe that they could attend and receive significant scholarships. Many other projects are funded as needed by our staff that cannot be purchased with JCS funds but provide our students and staff with the extras that make Fern Creek High School special place to learn and work.

I hope to see you at our meetings and events this year!

Joey Bailey
Executive Director
and Treasurer



FERN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Alumni and Friends:

As always, I want to begin by thanking you for your continuous support of Fern Creek High School. Your contributions make teaching, learning, and participating in activities and athletics better because of your generous time and donations.

Fern Creek High School now supports 1700 students and over 150 faculty and staff members. These record numbers are attributed to our school's continued academic progress and the burgeoning growth of the Fern Creek community. More housing and commercial developments are in the works meaning our school needs and facility strains will continue to grow. This demand for our school is a "positive problem" for our school, district, and community to solve together. Having the FCHS Alumni Association as our partner will be key to our school success going forward in these changing times.

To meet the growing needs of our students and prepare them for post-secondary success, we now offer 14 separate career pathway options including our newest, Robotics and Engineering, which was partially funded by our Alumni Association's financial support. Demand for additional sports is also taking hold in the development of the first girls' lacrosse team in school history which will begin practice this winter. Our current activities and athletics continue to progress as well. We just completed our first undefeated Quick Recall regular season and athletically, our boys' basketball team won the historic King of the Bluegrass Tournament for the first time in school history.

Once again, thank you for keeping the Creek rising. Your generosity is ensuring our current students receive the dynamic high school experience they deserve.

Nate Meyer, Ed.D.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2018

We will start with our annual Tailgate before the football game with Iroquois on Friday September 28. It will again be catered by Marks Feed Store. On Saturday morning we will enjoy a wonderful breakfast in the cafeteria prepared and served by our Food Studies Program students. And finally, on Sunday we will have our Hall of Fame luncheon and induction ceremony at Wildwood Country Club. Hall of Fame nominations are due on June 1. The nomination form is found on our website.

50'S CLUB LUNCH

We will sponsor this year's annual event at Rooster's restaurant on Bardstown Road in Fern Creek. We encourage all alums who graduated 50 years ago or longer to join us. You will make a reservation by sending to us the form on the back of this newsletter or by emailing joeymbaileycpa@gmail.com. However, all are welcome as we will hear an inspiring and exciting presentation by Beau Baker, Dean of our Ivy Plus Academy. You will order and pay individually for your food but we need to know how many to expect for the setup and staffing.

REUNIONS

At this time, we only have the specifics for the Class of 1968's 50th reunion. It will be held on Saturday, June 16th at the Cardinal Club in Simpsonville. There will be a golf scramble that morning at the Weissinger Hills golf course. The reunion committee has an email address for you to use to reach out to them. FHCS1968Reunion@gmail.com You can also call Dennis Schneider at 502-396-7366.

If your class would like help in planning a reunion, just call 502-500-4830 or email joeymbaileycpa@gmail.com. We can provide names and addresses from our database to assist in your planning.

ALUMNI FIELDHOUSE CAMPAIGN

Those of you who have supplied us with your email addresses know about this effort. We are raising funds to build a facility to meet the needs of our ever-increasing extra-curricular programs. We need \$150,000 and have raised 20% as of this printing. Tax-deductible checks can be written to FCHS AA. Thanks to all who have already contributed. See our website for additional information.

PROFICIENT, PROGRESSING & PROUD!

ALUMNI BAND UPDATE

This year FCHS hired a new Band Director, Mr. Josh Warren. He is a native of Louisville as well as a JCPS and University of Louisville Graduate. He has a fresh vision for the Band, as well as the Band Program itself. His energy is contagious!

One of his goals is to restore the Tiger Band Pride and Tradition. In order to do this, he sought to get the Band some uniforms, so the Band can return to Marching Band Competition September 2018! In late October, the Alumni Band led the charge to raise funds for Band Uniforms, and we were able to raise the funds needed. At the Band's Christmas Concert, the checks were presented in Honor and in Memory of Mr. Tom Walker, Past Band Director. Thank you everyone for your donation! The notes and the letters sent with your checks are a treasure as well! No donation is ever too small or too large. We went with donations because we previously had sold our share of "World's Finest Chocolate"!!! Donations are a tax-deductible contribution when a check is made payable to either FCHS or FCHS Alumni Association. We are still needing funds for Uniform Accessories, and an equipment trailer.

Another thing Mr. Warren wants to do is to bring back the FCHS Alumni Band for Homecoming '18. If you were a member of the Tiger Pride Band, please make certain the Alumni office has your current information. We will post updated information on the FCHS Alumni Association Web site, as well as periodic updates on Facebook.

One way we are building the Alumni Band is getting one or two persons from each graduating class as a contact person. Currently, we have contacts for the most recent graduating classes, as well as commitments from the graduating class of 2018! It would be wonderful to have no less than five members from every graduating class to attend! A big goal? Certainly, and why not?! There are twenty-seven graduating Band Members this year, which makes for great Alumni Band potential!

Please contact Deborah "Debby" Murrell, Alumni Band Chair via the Alumni Association or our FCHS Alumni Facebook page if you are interested in being a contact for your particular graduating class. Her email address is dasailboat@msn.com. Hope to see many of you at Homecoming '18!

IVY PLUS ACADEMY

Fern Creek High School's Ivy Plus Academy addresses the "undermatching" of our highly qualified students with selective post-secondary options. Undermatching is a national phenomenon in which high-achieving students do not apply to, or attend the most selective colleges and universities and, as a result, have lower graduation rates, higher student loans, and fewer educational advantages than their equally qualified peers. Undermatching most profoundly affects students from less-affluent backgrounds, first generation college-going students, and minority students. Part of the solution to undermatching is to create a pathway through which these students are exposed to rigorous post-secondary options and receive support regarding financial-aid opportunities for college and beyond.

At Fern Creek, we seek to support our students and their families in this process and to provide learning opportunities throughout their four years at Fern Creek. Our Ivy Plus students meet frequently with college admissions counselors from all over the country, participate in college visits, are mentored by our staff and alumni, and receive personalized college admission counseling. In turn, they have continued to make us proud, attending some of the most selective schools in the country and generating over 12 million dollars in scholarship money in the last two years of the program.

However, we need help to run this program, which provides waived college application fees, assistance with travel for college visits, expenses associated with our student activities, and even the odd suitcase or two for our college-bound success stories. Your donation will help a student reach his or her full potential and will open doors that many families have never considered an option.

Please help us provide these students every opportunity to be excellent and to fulfill our vision of becoming the premier learning community in educating diverse learners. You can help by sending your tax-deductible contribution to FCHS AA or by going to gofund.me/fchs-ivy-plus-academy

Rebecca Nicolas, Ed. D., Assistant Principal

