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WILDCATS

## SO, WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY ALMA MATER?

After a relaxing summer, students and teachers were welcomed back to a somewhat similar setting as the previous year had ended. On August 17, students logged into zoom and turned on their cameras to be greeted by their teachers into the new 2020 year. With hopes of someday roaming the unknown halls, the new freshman started their high school journey at their desks while seniors hoped that their last year of high school would end free of the COVID virus. Students were eventually welcomed back into the building, having the choice to either stay online or join others for an in-person experience. Many safety precautions were made by the school to ensure a safe environment such as one-way hallways, spaced desks, and changing the previous 8-period schedule to block periods, to give students less contact with other students in the halls and in other classes.

Another large change that Mayfield is having is the retirement of our Superintendent, **Dr. Keith Kelly**. After many successful years at Mayfield, Dr. Kelly has bettered the Mayfield School District entirely and will forever be remembered for his remarkable changes that have made Mayfield the amazing district that it is. After announcing his retirement, Mayfield Schools welcome back a familiar face into the community, **Dr. Michael Barnes**. After beginning as a social studies teacher at Mayfield High School in 1995, the new superintendent will serve and promote the education of every student.

Along with the new year, fall sports had its ups and downs as well. With an Ohio Department of Health order, sports had a late start but resumed healthy and safe, making sure to wear masks and stay 6 feet apart. Led by Coach **Ross Bandiera**, the football team improved to the playoffs with a conference record of 5-2 and won playoff games against Kenmore/Garfield and Nordonia. Unfortunately, these Wildcats suffered a tough loss of 42-0 to Archbishop Hoban and came out 3rd in the Western Reserve Conference. While seats in the stands were limited to none, students made sure to show their spirit. By supporting the Wildcats from behind fences or from their cars, students gathered together even if it wasn't the same as before.

**Ella Falsone**, the Senior spirit coordinator for fall sports, quoted this experience as, "Cheering on the boys from the fence was one way to keep the Mayfield spirit alive this football season. It was nice to still be able to help cheer on the boys still in such a hard time." Even with a few bumps along the road, the strong will to succeed was stronger than ever.

Along with the football team, many other Mayfield sports have had an accomplished year. The Varsity A Girls Tennis team finished second in the Western Reserve Conference with one of the seniors, **Hannah Kassaie**, making it all the way to the quarter-finals at states but sadly losing by two sets. The girl's volleyball team also had a strong year finishing with a conference record of 9-5 and one of their seniors, **Megan Koscis**, was named a Semper Fidelis All-American, an award only given to 96 student-athletes across the United States. After incredible high school careers, these girls have been superstars inside and outside of the classroom, with bright futures ahead of them.

Unfortunately due to COVID precautions, Mayfield was unable to host a homecoming. With the recent news that a Homecoming court will be crowned in the second semester, students anxiously wait for a somewhat shadow of what seniors usually encounter in their last year of high school. While the Sweet 16 traditions of 16 girls and 16 boys competing for homecoming court will occur, a physical dance will just be a memory in students' minds. The immense efforts to give Mayfield's seniors something to look forward to is something they definitely take to heart and allows them to look forward to a memorable event in their last year.

The National Honor Society (NHS) celebrated 25 new inductees, celebrating their acts of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This year the ceremony was held over zoom and the Society congratulated **Mrs. Spiguitz** as the Honorary Staff member of the year while she gave a heartfelt speech about her efforts towards being environmentally friendly and her passion for teaching others.

# THANK YOU 2019-20 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

The following people donated to our scholarship drive during the 2019-20 school year. The scholarship categories represent the cumulative donations made by these contributors since the inception of our scholarship program in 1981. Any donations made after August 31, 2020 will be recognized in *The Alumni Voice*, Vol. 42, No. 1.

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# Alumni Super Bowl Squares

*Sold Out in Record Time This Year!! But 2nd grid is opened!!!!*



The Mayfield Alumni Association's **Super Bowl Squares** fund raiser is a huge success each year. This season the Super Bowl will be played on February 7, 2021.

Each year, the Alumni Association sells Super Bowl Squares for \$200 each. We have found that alums and friends alike look forward to this opportunity to support the Association and serve the Mayfield student body at the same time. And they can benefit themselves financially too!

This year the squares flew off the shelf like we were having a fire sale! All 100 squares sold out in eight (8) days. As of this writing, the Association has opened up a 2nd grid. If 50 people sign up for this grid, we will notify them to send in their checks. Its unbelievable how much our alums care about today's student body. Their show of support us overwhelming. If you did not receive an email about this opportunity its because we don't have your email address.

Please send it to [mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)

### Prizes:

- 1st Quarter: Winner receives **\$1000**  
Four buddy squares receive **\$100** each.
- Halftime: Winner receives **\$1000**  
Four buddy squares receive **\$100** each.
- 3rd Quarter: Winner receives **\$1000**  
Four buddy squares receive **\$100** each.
- Final Score: Winner receives **\$5000**  
Four buddy squares received **\$200** each.

**Note:** Buddy squares are the squares directly left, right, above and below the winning square. Border squares will be buddy squares also, because squares on the borders will have one buddy square on the opposite border.

Following are the parameters of **Super Bowl Squares**:

- Each square will cost \$200.
- You may purchase a half square for \$100 (you can partner with someone you know for \$100 each or we will match you up with someone else who wants to split it with you).
- The AFC champion will be listed along the top of the sheet (for example Cleveland Browns).
- The NFC champion will be listed along the left side of the sheet (for example Green Bay Packers).

5. We will pick 4 rows of numbers along the top of the sheet and 4 columns of numbers along the left side after all 100 squares are sold. Your numbers will change each quarter of the game. This will allow you four chances at getting numbers more common in a football score, potentially improving your odds to win.

6. Once 50 squares are sold on the 2nd grid, the final completed sheet will be emailed to you before the Super Bowl, (February 7, 2021) so you are fully aware of everyone's numbers.

7. This is all luck!! You don't have to know anything about football. You will have the same odds as the head football coach of the Mayfield Wildcats - **Ross Bandiera**.

To enter **Super Bowl Squares**, email your request to [mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net). We will need your email address to send you the final completed sheet. If you don't have email, we will mail the final completed sheet to you. Remember, first come, first served!! Once we have your payment, the square is yours. You will then get a confirmation email (or phone call) informing you that your purchase has been accepted. Your square selection will be held for one week until we receive payment. Once payment is received, you are officially entered in the Mayfield Alumni Association's Super Bowl Squares!

Note: You must be 18 years old to participate.

Checks should be made payable to **Mayfield Alumni Association** and mailed to:

**Wayne Farinacci**  
1150 SOM Center Rd.  
Mayfield Heights, OH  
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Please submit any questions you may have to:

[mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)  
or **216-509-4353**. Good luck to all and don't get shut out. You may forward this information to your friends and neighbors!

The **Mayfield Alumni Executive Board** thanks you in advance for participating in the Alumni Association's major fund raiser for 2021!

# Go Cats!

# Three New Scholarships Initiated

## More Outstanding Teachers are Remembered

Two alums took it upon themselves to initiate three new scholarship offerings and add to a fourth for Mayfield's senior class, now and in the future. Both donors are from the **Class of '68**. **Cedric Gurski** started the Herman Treu Band Scholarship while **Dr. Greg Pavlin** initiated the Mary Jane Reed/Jean Zasio English and Journalism Scholarship, Katherine Kagy French Scholarship, and added to the Bruce Jurgovan Science to become the **Bruce Jurgovan/Mary Tucker Science Scholarship**. The Mayfield Alumni Association now manages an astounding 30 different scholarship offerings, each with separate criteria. All 30 scholarships are listed in the enclosed scholarship donation information.

Cedric has fond memories of playing in the marching band under the leadership of Herm Treu. He also recalls how the students called him "Uncle Herman". **The Herman Treu Band Scholarship** will be awarded annually to a student who has been active in all phases of band and has demonstrated leadership capabilities.

The **Mary Jane Reed/Jean Zasio Scholarship** is intended for a student who has maximized achievement in English classes throughout high school. The successful candidate will have applied or been admitted to a university to major in English or Journalism as a next step to establishing a professional career in academia or journalism.

### SCHOLARSHIP DONORS, cont.

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The **Katherine Kagy French Language Scholarship** will be awarded to a student who has applied or been admitted to a university to major in French as the next step to establishing a professional career in academia, industry, or government service. This student will have received recognition for his/her proficiency, attention to detail, and passion for the French language.

The Alumni Association has been awarding the Bruce Jurgovan Science Scholarship since 2018. Marty Tucker will now be added to it. Mary Tucker was another outstanding science teacher who also taught physics. She had a major impact on Dr. Pavlin's education and motivation to pursue a career utilizing the knowledge she provided. He therefore wanted to add a financial contribution to expand our science scholarship. Outstanding achievement in mathematics and physics is imperative.

The Mayfield Alumni Association is extremely fortunate to have many alums who so valued the education they received at Mayfield High School that they were inspired to create a scholarship for students who followed them. Our scholarship program is a tribute to the many caring and outstanding teachers who walked the halls of MHS. It's a treasure to continue to see their names etched in perpetual memory. Hearing their names every Honors Day brings back memories of being in their classrooms.

## The Alumni Museum

Our Alumni Museum continues to expand in order to display the many items our alums have donated. Walls have been built to house some extraordinary pictures, plaques, and other memorabilia. We ask that you continue to comb through the attic and dresser drawers to find more gems for our museum.

Our **class ring collection** is in need of expansion. Please donate your class rings so we can add them to this section of the Museum. Our goal is to display a boys and girls class ring from every MHS class. We are also in need of **old yearbooks** you are not using!

**Go find more old stuff!!!**



## Wildcattin' With Kitty



**Neil Leighton, '55** - Neil sent the following letter to the Alumni Association in December. It's a touching story that should be seen by our members.

Dear Wayne, Enclosed is an obituary for **Bill Bicker, Class of '58**, You may already be aware of his passing but if not here is a fairly concise description of his life and work. Even though I graduated three years before Bill, we ran track together. Later in the summer before my senior year at Otterbein (1958) I ran into Bill again at the Mayfield Hts. swimming pool where he was a life guard. I had my eye on this beautiful lady who was also a life guard. Bill grabbed me by the arm, dragged me over to her guard stand and said "Kay, this guy wants to meet you!" Sixty years later, she is still my life guard and my wife. I owed Bill big time.

If 1963, after a stint in the Army and at Western Reserve graduate school in political science, my wife and I went to Indiana University to work on my PhD in political science, and who do I run into in the department? None other than Bill Bicker, also working on his degree. Small world, and a long time ago. Hope you can make use of this. Bill was a very nice person, and a good scholar.

I did touch base with **Olivia Culp** who graduated this past spring from Mayfield and went to Otterbein University, where I did as well with just a few decades separating us (quite a few).

**Editor's note:** Olivia was a scholarship winner last year and Neil saw in her description that she was going to attend Otterbein. He asked for her information so he could contact her and provide an orientation to the school for her. Aren't our alums some of the most thoughtful people!!

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**Joyce Panella Cicirella, '60**, kindly donated a scrapbook she had kept all these years to the Alumni Association. Joyce wrote articles in the local newspapers under the heading "**Wildcattin' with Kitty**". As space permits, we will peek into the past!!

**Sept. 24, 1958** - A "Sweet Sixteen" party was held Sept. 13th to celebrate **Janis Stofcho's** sixteenth birthday which was Sept. 8th. Couples there were: **Molly Heavilin and Jim Taylor, Nancy Dvorak and Ed Spielman, Marie Thomas and Bill Havas, Loretta Melaragno and John Chidley, Heidi Gloor and Stan Limon, Sally Gregory and George Parker, Pat Conrad and Gary Takacs, and Janis Stofcho and Jeff Fierra.**

Mayfield played North Royalton at North Royalton. The score was 16 - 0 Mayfield. There was a terrific turnout for the game. Block M chartered three buses which were filled. We would like to see even a bigger turnout for our Homecoming game tomorrow with Brooklyn. The Homecoming Queen is **Karen Smith** and her attendants are: **Nancy Doster, Mary Lou Geraci, Lois Geronimo, and Joyce Zieske.**

The Junior Class received its class rings Tuesday during 6th, 7th, and 8th periods. Everyone was running about the school showing off their rings to everyone.

**Oct. 9, 1958** - **Diane LaRich, Judi Samarin, Rae Sanki, Barb Picaid and Barb Beck** got together to have a PJ party Friday night after the game. We hear that the girls had a real ball. "By the way girls, how's the dead body at the end of the street?"

Try-outs for the Junior Play were held last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The play this year is "Mr. Barry's Etchings" on Nov. 14, 1958. The actors and actresses that will be seen are: **Chuck Faulhaber, Marian Tkach, Dave Sobel, Linda Wennerstrom, Dan Whiteman, Sue Oatley, Mike Brown, Julie Wise, Judy Shelas and Dick Cook.**

**Sept. 3, 1959** - A Hawaiian setting provided the background for an open house held by **Gay Herke**, Saturday, in honor of **Joan Hill**. Since Joan was leaving for Hawaii Monday, many friends stopped in to wish her well in her new home. They included: **Mrs. Hayes, Ginny Rogers and Pete Gness, Karen Lackey and Tony Patti. Sil Ricchuito and Ron Omaitis, Marie Thomas and Jim Schuping, Dick Lash, Bob Tagg, Bob Selby, Dick Rye, Marty Mooney, Linda Wennerstrom, Lucy Ray, Bob Dwors, John Ferrara, Ralph Maulorico, Pat Petrime, Gay Herke, Wayne Hocesvar, Ray Modica, Al Zaholy, Dave Willard, Bill Pope, Randy Brown, Bill Hyde, Brent Malone, Bob Jacobs, Judy Schwarz, Carol Fulton, Judy Friedel, Marilyn Starin, Pete Gier, Don Marino, Kenny Petrime, and Mike Kennedy.**

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD NEWS YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO SEND US??

## *Thank You Dr. Kelly For Your Exemplary Service*



### **A Letter of Thanks to the Community from Superintendent Keith Kelly on his Retirement, Aug. 1, 2021**

October 29, 2020

Dear Mayfield Staff, Students, Community and Parents:

You may know by now that the board accepted my retirement letter at last night's board meeting. I will retire effective August 1, 2021.

It is now time, after 40 years of serving, educating and leading others to enjoy the kind of flexibility in my life that will enable me to spend more time with family and close friends. I have had a blessed career working with remarkably passionate and brilliant people in two states and three cities. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to be a part of the lives of so many young people for so long. It has been a joy of a lifetime to watch a diversity of students of all ages and backgrounds grow and learn as they pursue their interests and passions.

I will be forever grateful to have been a part of the Mayfield Family and to be your colleague. There is not a day that goes by that I don't marvel at your work. I will always cherish the school board, students, families and the May-

field community for providing me with the extraordinary opportunity to serve as superintendent. Mayfield is without question the most memorable and the most rewarding of all of my professional experiences.

It has been a privilege to work alongside so many talented Mayfield administrators, teachers, students, community leaders, volunteers, parents and staff. Being able to witness the numerous innovative and creative ideas unfold during the course of our work to reimagine how students experience their learning has been a fulfilling experience. The tradition of visionary programming for students is alive and well because of the collective efforts of the Mayfield Family and Community. Your willingness to take a risk, learn something new and be vulnerable is the reason why so many school districts want to see what you have done to make our visions reality.

Mayfield is great place to work because of the people and the relationships that exist. The amazing fiscal, emotional and intellectual support from parents and the community is second to none in the nation. Over the years I have told colleagues, friends and families around the country that what separates Mayfield from the rest are the relationships that exist between the staff and the students. There is not another school district in the country that can match the level of reciprocal respect and love that we know as the Mayfield Way.

I will say this now and then again in late July - thank you to the students, staff, parents and community for making my time here at Mayfield the best time of my career.

There may be some speculation as to my reasons for this decision particularly because of the pandemic. I want you to know that my decision has nothing to do with the pandemic and everything to do with family. My wife and I privately came to this decision a few months ago. Announcing now allows the school board to plan. I will continue to work as I always do and be supportive of the transition to a new superintendent.

In the meantime, there is much work to do until August. We will continue to meet the educational challenges of this pandemic head on and advance the Mayfield Vision of All-Access Learning.

Every Student. Every Day. It truly means something.

Always a Wildcat. With much admiration and fondness,

Keith

## *“Welcome Home” Mike Barnes*



### **Dr. Michael Barnes named next Superintendent of Mayfield City Schools, effective Aug. 1, 2021**

Dec. 1, 2020

During a special meeting Dec. 1, 2020, the Mayfield Board of Education voted unanimously to offer a 5-year contract to Dr. Michael Barnes who will serve as the next Superintendent of Mayfield City Schools.

Effective August 1, 2021, Dr. Barnes will assume the district's leadership post upon the retirement of current Superintendent Dr. Keith Kelly who will retire July 31, 2021 after serving Mayfield Schools for 9 years.

“With the announcement of Dr. Kelly's retirement, the Board began discussing possible candidates capable of continuing the excellence of the Mayfield City Schools. At the top of our list was Dr. Michael Barnes,” said Ron Fornaro, President, Mayfield Board of Education. “Dr. Barnes knows Mayfield. He was part of the fabric of Mayfield for many years. He has the full support of the Board.”

Dr. Barnes, who has served as the Superintendent of Lakewood City Schools for the last three years, has worked in education for nearly three decades. He is a familiar face in our Wildcat community and was chosen for

his leadership, expertise and understanding of Mayfield City Schools vision, culture and community.

Dr. Barnes began his career at Mayfield High School in 1995 as a social studies teacher and continued to advance at Mayfield as the Athletic Director, the Director of Human Resources and ultimately the Assistant Superintendent.

During that time, Dr. Barnes continued to pursue his passion in education, earning his master's in Secondary School Administration from Cleveland State University and doctorate degree in Leadership and Organizational Development from Nova Southeastern University.

His vision for the advancement of education for every student, every day is evident.

“It should be the charge of citizens in a civilized society to grow constantly by seeking educational opportunities. Education is a fundamental necessity to the survival and growth of individuals, communities, states, nations, and the world,” Dr. Barnes said. “Education is a powerful variable that can transform the consciousness of mankind. An educated individual, community, state, nation, and world is one that respects and values diversity, promotes and endorses collaboration, and recognizes the self worth and unique talents in everyone.”

Dr. Barnes said returning to Mayfield City Schools with his wife, Laverne, feels like coming home. Mr. Fornaro agreed. “We are happy to be bringing Dr. Barnes back home.”



## MHS Entrance to Align with Miner Road

In an effort to increase safety and streamline the traffic flow on Wilson Mills Road, the Mayfield City School District is seeking to realign the entrance into the Mayfield High School campus with Miner Road. Mayfield Village voters approved a zoning change on March 17, 2020 to rezone the district owned, historic Old School House property, 784 SOM Center Rd., from residential to office use. Once the rezoning requirements are finalized, the district will swap the district-owned Old Schoolhouse with a local business owner to acquire a 1.37 acre lot on Miner Road adjacent to Mayfield High School on the southeast corner of Wilson Mills and Miner Roads for a new campus entrance.

**Mayfield Village Mayor Brenda Bodnar** said the realignment will increase traffic safety. "Mayfield Village has long earmarked its property near Mayfield High School to be used for the realignment of Miner Road," Mayor Bodnar said. "Traffic studies have clearly shown that this realignment will greatly improve the traffic flow on this very busy portion of Wilson Mills. The realignment will also provide a safer and more efficient entryway into the high school. The Village is supportive of the project and looks forward to working with the school district to accomplish it," she said.

The Old Schoolhouse primarily served as the Board of Education Office until it moved to its current location in 2006. Since that time, the building has been used as the Alumni Association Museum and intermittently housed

small, miscellaneous programs, but has remained relatively inactive and unused. The building is not ADA compliant, only has restrooms in the basement, and cannot be used to house students.

"This is a win for the village, our school district, and motorists, including our students and teachers who travel through the area," **Superintendent Keith Kelly** said. "The historic schoolhouse is an unused space for learning, but it is a great opportunity for local business."

Built in 1906, the Old Schoolhouse is a protected structure on the National Register of Historic places. The façade of the Old Schoolhouse would remain intact, but the future owner of the property would renovate the building for office use. In the event the business would want to resell the building in the future, the school district has the first right to repurchase.

Superintendent Dr. Keith Kelly praised **Assistant Superintendent Steve Nedlik and Treasurer Scott Snyder** for doing a great job in handling all aspects of this sale and subsequent traffic resolution.

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### Alumni Association Web Site

Stay more in touch with your Mayfield Alumni Association by visiting our web site. It contains current activities of the Association but will also give you a glimpse into our rich history. Not sure if you're a member - just check our membership list. For a look at all the Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees - just check our listing. Not sure what is in our Alumni Museum - just look at the pictures. If you are in need of an old yearbook - just go to Past Yearbooks for Sale. If you would like to see which students were awarded scholarships - just go to Scholarship Award Winners. **JUST GO TO:**

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**Loris Murawski Wrable, '44**, passed away July 5, 2020  
**James Ardire, '47**, passed away Sept. 26, 2020  
**Kenneth Codney, '49**, passed away June 19, 2020  
**William Poyck, '53**, passed away July 20, 2020  
**Jim Brett, '54**, passed away Aug. 13, 2017  
**Vincent Bernardo, '60**, passed away Dec. 25, 2015  
**Robert Voigt, '62**, passed away July 8, 2020  
**Marty Leonardi, '63**, passed away Nov. 24, 2020  
**Sheila Van Es, '63**, passed away Nov. 6, 2020  
**Emil Pellan, '64**, passed away Aug. 8, 2020  
**Linda Belin Simer, '69**, passed away July 4, 2020  
**Bridget Ann Kilroy, '70**, passed away July 16, 2020  
**Richard Schwartz, '70**, passed away Dec. 12, 2020  
**Maryanna Pence Stinziano, '70**, passed away Dec. 14, 2020  
**Gayle Lynn Styons, '71**, passed away Sept. 26, 2020  
**Richie Barille, '72**, passed away Nov. 19, 2020  
**Kevin McHugh, '73**, passed away Aug. 7, 2020  
**Diane Aurelius Pyles, '76**, passed away Sept. 22, 2020  
**Ronna Delson Leubitz, '77**, passed away Nov. 6, 2020  
**Michael Bitonti, '79**, passed away Oct. 11, 2020  
**Patricia Gabrenya, '79**, passed away Oct. 13, 2020  
**Tom Imbordino '79**, passed away June 20, 2020  
**Jim Doerner, '80**, passed away Nov. 17, 2020  
**Joe Markt, '84**, passed away Dec. 12, 2020  
**Lisa Lynn Houlihan, '85**, passed away Sept. 12, 2020  
**Frank Fittipaldi, '89**, passed away July 17, 2020  
**Charlie Steidel, '89**, passed away Aug., 2020  
**Anthony Balzano, '03**, passed away Dec. 2, 2020

### Staff Deaths:

**Dr. Suzanne Burkholder**, Personnel Director, passed away May 15, 2020, Mayfield Schools 1984 - 2000  
**Tulia DeFoy**, Business Education Dept. Chair., passed away Dec. 11, 2020  
**Bill Hunt**, Mathematics Dept. Chair., Director of Technology, passed away July 28, 2020, Mayfield Schools 1963 - 1993

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# Class Reunions



## Class of '63

The Class of '63 continues to have a mini reunion each year. We started this practice after our 50th Reunion because we lost so many classmates. For our **57th Mini Reunion** we met on the patio and yard of **Wayne and Anna Farinacci** on July 26, 2020 for a cookout. We may have been the only class to hold a reunion during the COVID-19 pandemic. Of course, everyone wore masks and practiced social distancing. Fortunately, everything went flawlessly.

It's amazing how well you can feed people for \$10 per person! With the help of the committee, all attendees enjoyed Italian sausage w/peppers & onions, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad, cake, cookies, Italian ice, and assorted cold beverages! The attire was casual - bikini's for the ladies and muscle shirts and speedos for the men!

Many thanks to our great committee: **Wayne Farinacci, Blue Germano, Fred & Sherry Gloor, Jon Heavilin, Anna Mottolese Henretta, Ellen Levak Maher, Maggie Murphy, Dan Newton, Mike & Cheryl Arenswald Niland, Gail Bicker Rye, Fran Johnson Slifko, Diane Leonardi Timlin, and Diana DiPuccio Vitale.**

The good Lord willing, and vaccines, we will be holding our **58th Mini Reunion** the last weekend of July, 2021.

# SO, WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY ALMA MATER? Cont.

As I composed this newsletter article it became hard to write about important events that had been canceled due to the pandemic. With little to write, I was given the recommendation to reflect on my own feelings towards my last year.

As a senior myself, I continuously compared this year to the past three years that I've been in Mayfield High School. It became very easy to point out what I've missed - like seeing my friends face to face, assemblies, and just the typical high school experience. As Alumni, I'm sure you can remember your senior year being filled with excitement for your future but also a year to just have a lot of lasts. Your last first day of school, your last Homecoming, your last English class, your last football game. In a year full of lasts, many students like myself have had these final moments sitting in front of a screen looking at other pixelated faces. With just memories to linger upon, I find it hard to remember a time before.

But for now, I can only think of the lasts: the last time I wear a mask, the last time I wave goodbye to my teachers, pressing the "Leave Meeting" button at the bottom of my screen.



At the end of the day, I hope for a different last and hope that some normalcy can be returned to my "last" year of high school.

**Grace Rocco, '21**

## **MAYFIELD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPIRITWEAR CLEARANCE SALE** **ALL ITEMS ARE \$10 EACH**

The Mayfield Alumni Association has decided to have a clearance sale on all spirit wear in stock. This is your opportunity to pick up some great items at rock bottom prices. **You must go to our web site to place an order.** There, you will find detailed pictures of all the spirit wear items on sale. You will also find the following to place your order (here for informational purposes only):

- ALL spirit wear items are \$10.00 each
- Please contact Jolene Greve at [jolene986@gmail.com](mailto:jolene986@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need further information
- Visit <http://www.mayfieldalumniassociation.com/> for a downloadable order form
- \$10.00 flat rate shipping if you need us to ship your item (s)

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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE  
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## Alumni Association Offers a Helping Hand

At our January Alumni Executive Board meeting, we decided to lend a financial hand to the great support groups that provide so much assistance to our schools and various student bodies. To this end, the Alumni Association will be giving \$1,500 each to the five high school support groups: PTSO, Academic Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Band Boosters, and After Prom.

The Association will also give \$500 to the middle school parent group and the four elementary parent groups. Our donations will total \$10,000. The Alumni Association is very fortunate to continually receive overwhelming support from our Mayfield graduates. They really love this place!!

It's important to know that the money for this initiative will come from our fund raising income, not our scholarship income. Our fund raisers, namely the Super Bowl Squares and all the other square games we offer (Browns, Cavs, Indians, playoffs, etc.) have not been negatively affected by this awful pandemic. Our alums stay actively involved. Further, we are fully aware that the other support groups have been unable to conduct their normal fund raising events which generally require people being together, such as running the concession stands at athletic events, holding poor man's raffles, offering market days, etc.

We want to thank the many, many alums who participate in our fund raisers. You are the foundation for what we are able to do. The Mayfield Alumni Association is in a unique position to help the other support groups in time of need. And we feel it is our responsibility to do just that.

The Association is happy to print any pre or post Class Reunion information your committee wants to submit. Due to space issues, we reserve the right to edit.



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### MAYFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION CONGRATULATES SUPERINTENDENT KEITH KELLY ON HIS RETIREMENT, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021 October 28, 2020

Dear Mayfield City School District Staff and Community,

At this evening's School Board meeting, **Superintendent Dr. Keith Kelly** announced his retirement effective August 1, 2021 after 40 years working in the field of Education.

Dr. Kelly, currently in his ninth year as Mayfield's Superintendent, has built a solid foundation that will continue to provide strong fiscal stewardship, academic excellence, innovation and All-Access Learning into the future.

Under Dr. Kelly's leadership, the Mayfield City School District has achieved countless national and state academic awards and recognitions. He has been instrumental in the building of our Innovation Center, the expansion of technology related innovations throughout the district, the implementation of the 1:1 device program, upgrades to all facilities and many other valuable initiatives that will continue and support the excellence of the Mayfield City School District.

Having approximately three quarters of the school year remaining, we look forward to Dr. Kelly's leadership as we navigate the remainder of this 2020-2021 school year.

The Mayfield City School Board would like to congratulate Dr. Kelly and his family and wishes them all the best.

Sincerely,

**Ron Fornaro, Board President**

**Jimmy Teresi, Board Vice President**

**Sue Groszek**

**Al Hess**

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Classes planning to have their reunion event around the high school's Homecoming festivities, including the **Alumni Association's Homecoming Tailgate Party**, will need to plan for Fri.-Sun.:

**October 8, 9, 10, 2021.**



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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to acknowledge the following individuals for joining the Mayfield Alumni Association. Whether referred by a classmate, friend, or relative, the Alumni Association continues to grow and has become stronger through the participation of new members.

A lifetime membership to the Alumni Association is only \$35. It is the surest way to be located by your class reunion committee and stay up-to-date on your alma mater's activities. Also, it becomes much easier to participate in Association events. Remember, there is no fee for those alumni who are 65 or over. Also, married Mayfield graduates can join for the same \$35 lifetime fee. Please feel free to copy the registration form from this newsletter and give it to a fellow alum. If you have any questions regarding membership, you may contact us at: [Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

Ronald Blumka, '69  
 Chris Borsani, '69  
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 Chad DiVinceno, '07  
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