

What's New

Perry High School Alumni Association
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Congratulations

Carole (Compton) Martin
Class of 1961

Carole (Compton) Martin has served the Perry Local School District for 25 years as a member of the board of education. She was recognized at the Ohio School Board Capital Conference on November 16th for her service, followed by a presentation by American news anchor Dan Rather. Her dedication to our Pirate Nation is exemplary.

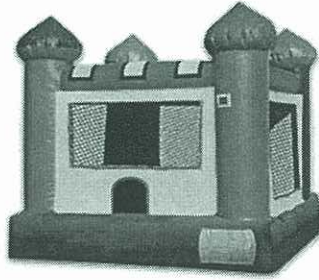


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Upcoming Alumni Event



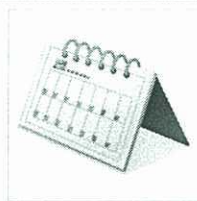
Alumni Bounce Night, Saturday
March 31, 2012



Featuring an Alumni Basketball Game

The Alumni Association will be hosting a Bounce Night at Perry High School at 5:30 p.m. Bounce houses for children will be available in the CFC Field House and the Alumni Basketball Game will take place in the Competition Gymnasium. The cost for admission will be \$2 per person. We are very excited about this event! If you are interested in playing in the game or want to volunteer, please contact Ashley Hacking at hackinga@windstream.net. See enclosed flyer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Alumni Bounce Night and Basketball Game—Saturday, March 31, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Alumni Picnic—Wednesday, August, 2012. Specific date yet to be determined, so stay tuned!

Homecoming & All Class Reunion Dinner Weekend—September 14-15, 2012

Hall of Fame Weekend—September 28-29, 2012

Ritley Run—Saturday, September 29, 2012

Annual All Class Reunion Dinner



Members from the Class of 1970
Laura Advey Corrigan, Linda Hill Warfield, Nicki Truman Chiappone, Betsy Brainard, Donna Simmons Nowak, Judith Schneider Piszczak, Nanette Hawkins Dodds

The annual All Class Reunion was held on Saturday, September 17th with an excellent turnout! Three classes held their landmark celebrations in conjunction with this event; the classes of 1961, 1966 and 1971. A photographer was on site to capture memorable moments of the evening. The alumni association is pleased to assist with helping classes coordinate their events as a part of this annual event. Please contact us at: phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com.

Bricks Available from Perry High/Middle and Center Road schools on Main Street

Interested in purchasing a brick from our dear old high school/middle school or grade school on Main Street? The Alumni Association has bricks available for \$5 each. To obtain a brick, contact the Association at: phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com.

ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM

Our Pirates are Giving Back!

Since graduating from Perry High, I have made an effort to be active in my community and in doing so have met many wonderful people. As a member of the Lake County United Way Campaign Cabinet, I attended the Annual Campaign Kick-Off. As I mingled with those in attendance, I took a moment to introduce myself to the gentlemen next to me. He said that he was "Dick Frye." I immediately thought, "No way! It couldn't be?" I followed with an additional question, "Are you Dick Frye from Perry?" He grinned and said, "Yes, I am." I then proudly explained to him that I was also an alumnus of Perry High School and it was my honor to meet him.

A few months prior to this event, Mr. Dick Frye, PHS Class of 1952, generously donated towards our scholarship program. Because of his contribution, we were able to award an additional scholarship last year and look forward to being able to do so in the future. He later contributed another generous donation and became instrumental in enabling us to create our Annual Giving Program, which encourages our Alumni to give back to Perry High School. Mr. Frye has been an angel to the Alumni Association, and his passion and kind heart are inspiring. His example is one to aspire to emulate.

Because of Mr. Frye's generosity, in October, we did launch our Annual Giving Program, which is our effort to support the needs of rising Pirates. Donors make it possible for the Alumni Association to support our current PHS students in their educational opportunities, to provide scholarships to our next generations, and to enhance in their experience at Perry. As we called on for your support, our alumni impressively responded. As the Alumni Association, we are very grateful for every gift that our alumni impart to us, and we will work closely with the administrators and our Board of Directors to ensure our funds are used wisely and appropriately. Your individual gift, combined with those from fellow alumni, will have substantial impact on our current and future students.

On behalf of the Perry High School Alumni Association, I want to personally thank all of our alumni for their overwhelming support. We wish our Pirate Nation much success and happiness in 2012.

-Chandice (Albrecht) Richards
PHS Alumni Association President
Class of 1997

We want to thank all of our alumni who have donated this year. It is our hope as the Alumni Association that we can continue to move forward to rewarding deserving students with scholarships and to support our alma mater in ways that are needed. If you would like to donate in 2012, please complete the form below.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone _____

Graduation Year _____ Gift Amount \$ _____ Check # _____

Your annual gift to the Perry High School Alumni Association meets the following gifting level:

- Millennium (Gifts of \$1,000 or more)
- Gold (Gifts \$250-\$999)
- Silver (Gifts \$50-\$249)
- Bronze (Gifts up to \$49)

Mail checks payable to PHS Alumni Association to:
PHS Alumni Association, PO Box 148, Perry, OH 44081

Please accept my gift to maintain our strong Pirate tradition and high level of excellence.

Signature _____ Date _____

ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM *continued*

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The 2011 Annual Give Back campaign has been very successful, and we have received a total of \$4,830. We appreciate the generosity that these alumni have shown and look forward to future donations.

The names listed in the Honor Roll of Donors for 2011 reflects donations received by the Perry High School Alumni Association this past year. Through the introduction of giving levels, every gift receives special recognition. These donations are given above and beyond the memberships dues. Every effort has been made to correctly list the names of our donors. However, please notify us by e-mail at phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com with any corrections so that we may promptly update our records .

<u>Name</u>	<u>Graduation Class of</u>	<u>Giftng Level</u>
Rick Amos	1968	Gold
John Anzelc	1998	Silver
Michael & Barbara Vidmar Beyer	1984 & 1987	Silver
Marv Bihn	1954	Silver
Ruth Frary Brainard	1944	Bronze
Phyllis Frey Carpenter	1935	Bronze
Jamie Lizewski Coulter	1998	Bronze
Carol Hutchins Franklin	1951	Silver
Dick Frye	1952	Millennium
Christine Rideout Fryer	1951	Bronze
Teresa Hudson	1986	Silver
Barbara Gergely Huelsman	1966	Silver
Marilyn Burt Johnson	1942	Silver
Lloyd LeBaron	1949	Silver
Susan Ritley McKoon	1996	Silver
Rebecca Moroose	1971	Gold
Donna Simmons Nowak	1970	Silver
Richard Peltoma	1950	Bronze
John Platko	1986	Silver
Chandice Albrecht Richards	1997	Silver
Nancy Belding Salsberry	1960	Silver
Joyce Obee Salter	1968	Silver
Reine Ignat Smirz	1980	Silver
Janet Densmore Steward	1946	Bronze
Thomas Stinchcomb	1959	Silver

Classmate News

January 2012: Morse Van Lines, owned by **Pam Morse** '81, was named Painesville Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. The family-operated business has been in Painesville for 50 years and offers moving services throughout the continental United States.

November 2011: **Brittany Deas** '08 was one of four college students in the state of Ohio to be recognized by the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (OAHPERD) for achieving excellence in her studies at Bowling Green toward a degree in Physical Education. Brittany is carrying a 3.90 GPA and has made the Dean's List six academic semesters. She was the recipient of the 2011 Warren and Marion Stellar Scholarship awarded by the Bowling Green Physical Education Teacher Education faculty. This prestigious annual scholarship is awarded to the student who has shown the most promise for professional excellence in the secondary physical education field of study. Brittany is involved in BG's Kinesiology Club and is currently serving as President. She is credited with organizing a successful annual "Toss for a Cause" Cornhole Tournament with 100% of proceeds going to charity. In conjunction with BG faculty, she presented two topics, "What are they thinking?" and "Roman Ball Games," at the annual OAHPERD conference. Brittany has excelled in service both on campus and off campus. She volunteers at Woodlane, a school and community for students and adults with special needs.

While juggling her academics and community service, she also serves as a Resident Assistant. The educators who recommended Brittany for the OAHPERD award said she was a "mature, motivated, professional, and dedicated leader among her peers." They went on to say she is "very knowledgeable, organized, enthusiastic, creative, innovative, and a patient young professional. She has a passion for teaching and thinks critically."

August 2011: **Rodney Dawson** '89 began conditioning and training earlier this year to become a triathlete. He first participated in the Lake MetroParks Pirate Triathlon on July 24 in Fairport Harbor finishing an impressive twelfth in his age group. Two weeks later on August 7, he competed in the Greater Cleveland Triathlon held at Headlands Beach State Park. Competing in a 600-yard swim against four- to five-foot white caps in open water, a 12-mile bike course, and a 3.1 mile run, Rodney finished an amazing fifth in his age group in only his second competitive event! He has set a goal to compete in the 2012 Cleveland Triathlon at the international distance.

July 2011: **Bob Dawson** '69, has been awarded the Certified Workforce Development Professional credential by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals. Bob is Program Administrator for the Lake County Department of Job & Family Services where he is responsible for public assistance and workforce development. He is one of only 31 Certified Workforce Development Professionals in the state!

Remembrances

Tracy Tharp, Class of 1979, passed away December 15, 2011

Gene Lawrence Secor, Class of 1947 passed away December 1, 2011

"Buzz" Richard Marcus Salchow, Class of 1955, passed away on October 2, 2011

Joseph E. Kozlowski, Class of 1968, passed away October 6, 2011

Robert V. Orosz, Class of 1939, passed away September 29, 2011

Rick Liddy, Class of 1979, passed away September 6, 2011

Linda Whitehair Swanson Zwolenik, Class of 1966 passed away July 4, 2011

Mrs. Carolyn Marty passed away July 21, 2011. She was an English and Social Studies teacher at Perry High School in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Lifetime Members

THANK YOU!!!

The PHS Alumni Association would like to recognize and thank the additional individuals who have committed to the **\$100 Lifetime Membership Level in 2011** (June 1st – December 31st). These monies go to help fund scholarships for future graduates of Perry Alumni. Below you will find a list of individuals who have made this commitment during the second half of 2011:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class of</u>
Betsy Brainard	1970
Larry Brewster	1966
Ellen Smith Chapman	1964
Deborah Moroose DeBold	1969
Tom DeBold	1966
Ashley Albrecht Hacking	1994
Fannie Hanninen Howard	1967
Barbara Jean Gergely Huelsman	1966
Evelyn Conrad MacWilliams	1970
Joseph Merrill	1988
Andrea Allen Morris	1993
Patty MacWilliams Passafiume	1972
Beth Tantre Patla	1971
Connie Dugan Popel	1964
Ron Richmond	1966
James Sloban	1966
Stephanie Wancho	2011

G.I.F.T. '51 Scholarship

In '86, the Perry High School class of '51 made its mark on Pirate history. The 27 alumni, living throughout the United States, had long been a group defined by contributions to their alma mater. In '86, they established a scholarship that would be presented annually to one or more students who have made a genuine commitment to self-improvement and to bettering the community. The acronym G.I.F.T. represents four principles: setting GOALS, seeking INTELLIGENCE, having FAITH, and always TRYING. The '51 represents the Perry alumni who make the scholarship possible.

The winners for 2011 were Brianna Cain and Danielle Carroll. Each received a scholarship for \$1,500.

Perry High School Alumni Association Spotlight Award

We need your eyes and ears! Perry graduates have made their mark on the world, the nation, the state, and local communities. They have made our alma mater proud. Do you know of a PHS alum that has done something noteworthy this past year? We currently are accepting nominations for our Alumni Spotlight Award for 2011. If you are interested in nominating yourself or a fellow alumnus, please fill out the nomination form. Either mail the enclosed form or submit your nomination by e-mail to phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com by March 15, 2012. All PHS graduates are eligible. The award winners will be featured in our summer alumni newsletter.

Join the PHS Alumni Association

Our mission as a Perry High School Alumni Association is to provide the graduates of Perry with lifelong relationships with the school, students, faculty and staff, of both the past and present. Being a member of the Alumni Association allows you to stay connected to former classmates, to stay informed of the current happenings at the high school, and allows the Association to be aware of your accomplishments and efforts in your life. Through our nominal membership fee and fundraising events, we have been able to award college scholarships to the next generation of deserving high school students, and we have provided networking opportunities for our alumni through social events, newsletters, our website and through Facebook. Please join us in keeping the tradition and commitment of Perry High School alive by either renewing your membership or becoming a member of the Alumni Association. Your support will insure an even brighter future for our Alma Mater. Together we can make a difference. Because...Once a pirate, you are always a pirate.

Bounce Night In Perry

Sponsored by Perry High School Alumni Association

Date: Saturday March 31st

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Perry CFC

Cost: \$2.00 per person

****Everyone is invited****

Free Bounce Houses

Door Prizes

Half Time Money Ball

50 / 50 Raffle

Shooting Contest

Food, Friends and Fun!

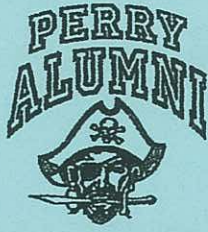
Bounce Back Alumni Basketball Game

(Starting @ 7:00)

PHS Alumni vs PHS Varsity

For Sale that night: Hot Dogs, Nachos, Pop, and many more yummy treats!

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ORDER YOUR NEW LOGO PERRY ALUMNI SHIRT!!!!

-Sizes available Small-3XL

******Size 2XL ADD \$1.00 *** Size 3XL ADD \$2.00******

-Colors available: Red, Sport Grey, White, Black, Ash Grey

- TEE \$10.00
- POLO \$15.00
- CREW SWEATSHIRT \$15.00
- HOODED SWEATSHIRT \$25.00
- ZIP UP HOODED SWEATSHIRT \$30.00

If you need it shipped out of state, a shipping charge will be added. Contact me and I will get a total and delivery date for you. Send order forms and payment to Margie Tatar 3040 Antioch Rd Perry, Ohio 44081 or call (440) 259-5713.

***Please make checks payable to "PHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION"**

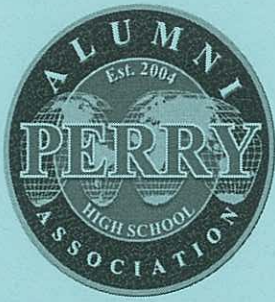
Perry Alumni Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Item Description	Color	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	Qty	Price	Total
Grand Total										



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Mail completed form to the above address
Make checks payable to: PHS Alumni Association

For additional information contact:
Karen Koch Sundy, Membership Chair, 440-259-2413
phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com

Purpose: To Support Alumni and School Endeavors

Membership Type: ___ Contributing - \$10.00 annual fee
___ Lifetime - one-time fee of \$100.00

**Ask us about scholarships for PHS graduates and children/grandchildren
of Alumni, memorial bricks, and Alumni clothing!!**

Name _____ Class of _____ Phone (____) _____

Please Print (include maiden name if applicable)

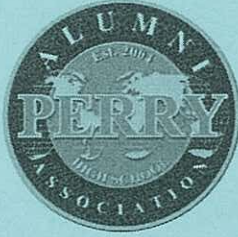
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Birthday _____ Date _____

Please **DO NOT** list my name on the Perry High School Alumni Association Website

**If you have already renewed for this year or are a lifetime member -
Thank You! If you know other Alumni who might like to
get this information please forward it to them.**

Please use this form to make an address change or
any other changes you would like to make.



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**Perry High School Alumni Spotlight Award
Nomination Form**

The Perry High School Alumni Spotlight Award is given by the PHS Alumni Association to recognize an alumnus who demonstrated extraordinary efforts throughout the year.

All PHS graduates are eligible. Award winner will be featured in the Alumni newsletter.

Deadline for nominations is March 15.

Name of Nominee: _____ Date of Nomination: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Is he/she a member of the PHS Alumni Association? Y N

Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Significant Accomplishments/Personal Background Info (i.e. College, employment, marriage/children): _____

Mail Nominations to: **PHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 148, Perry, OH 44081**

Any questions, please e-mail: phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com

NOTE: We are also seeking nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Nominees for this outstanding recognition must be alumni of Perry Local Schools who have distinguished themselves at a high level of achievement in their particular field of study, life's work, or community service in areas such as, but not limited to, the arts, business, education, government service, community service, science, and technology. *Nominees must have graduated at least 15 years prior to the selection date.* Individuals may be nominated posthumously. If interested in nominating someone for this award, an updated form is available at www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/community_info/index.php. *Nominations for this award must be received by March 31.*

Welcome, Class of 2024!

Perry Local Schools begins molding their students from a very early age to become leaders. In August, the halls of Perry Elementary were filled with new faces of our kindergarteners. These rising Pirates will graduate from Perry High School in 2024. The kindergarten year is exciting, and these young learners have a lot to look forward to. We asked our kindergarteners what they were most excited about this year. Some of their responses were, “to have a fun learning experience,” “to meet new friends,” “to have fun at recess,” “to learn to read,” and “to do art projects.” Our talented teachers and staff at Perry will make sure these expectations become a reality. They are laying the educational foundation for our future leaders and alumni. When our kindergarteners were asked what they wanted to be when they grow up, their answers varied from veterinarian to a Nascar driver to being crowned a princess. Whatever their dreams are, as alumni, we know that Perry Local Schools will be the launch pad to help them soar.

In the Class of 2024, 21 of our kindergarteners are related to our alumni. Meet the next generation of Pirates...

Trevor, son of **Mayo Spence**, Class of 1987

Madilyn, daughter of **Sarah Hoyt Mealy**, Class of 1997; also granddaughter of **Scott Hoyt**, Class of 1971

Brayden, son of **Chandice Albrecht Richards**, Class of 1997

Tristan, son of **Nicole C. Griggs Sexton**, Class of 1995

Joseph, son of **Christy Lindemer Patriarca and Ryan Patriarca**, Class of 1999

Scott, son of **Shannon Vocca**, Class of 2001

Austin, son of **Paul Quere and Tracy Lefelhoc Quere**, Class of 1995; also grandson of **Joanne Sines Lefelhoc**, Class of 1969

Genise, daughter of **Jessica Hensley**, Class of 2000

Steven, son of **Melanie Jackson Miller**, Class of 1995; also grandson of **Donald Jackson**, Class of 1969

Cloe, daughter of **Robin Brooks McCann**, Class of 1995

Annalise, daughter of **Travis Lefelhoc**, Class of 1992; also grand-daughter of **Joanne Sines Lefelhoc**, Class of 1969

Allen, son of **Andrea Allen Morris**, Class of 1993

Garrett, son of **Ashley Brewster Rupert**, Class of 1999

Ian, grandson of **George Klco**, Class of 1965 and **Margaret Long Klco**, Class of 1966

Breana, daughter of **Amy Hull-Bottomley**, Class of 2000

Louis Four, son of **Amanda Holloway Ebosh**, Class of 1996

Vance, son of **Chris Vojack**, Class of 1989, and **Jessica Fielder Vojack**, Class of 1997

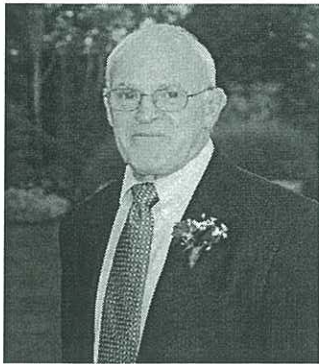
Kaelyn, daughter of **Jennifer Slaper Koenig**, Class of 1995

AJ, son of **TJ Rockwell**, Class of 1992

Neve, daughter of **Kara Nyberg Pastor**, Class of 1996; also grand-daughter of **Carl and Janet (Lynn) Nyberg**, Class of 1960

Alyssa, daughter of **Kaytie Higgins**, Class of 1999, and **Robert Rudloff**, Class of 1984; also grand-daughter **Ray Pomietlo**, Class of 1980

2011 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Jack Huxel coached for thirty three years at the Perry Schools and was instrumental in founding three of its programs: Wrestling, Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer. During his outstanding career, Jack coached wrestling, boys' and girls' soccer, football and boys' and girls' track.

Mr. Huxel started the Perry Wrestling program during the '71-72 school year and was the Head Wrestling Coach for ten years. During his tenure, his teams won the GRC League Championship three times ('74, '75, '77) and went undefeated during the '73-74 season. He always stayed very involved in the wrestling program and went on to guide the middle school wrestling team for an additional 16 years.

Coach Huxel was a longtime assistant track coach, having coached the boys' team for 26 years and the girls' team for 24 years. He went on to become the head track coach for both the boys and the girls for three years, in which time his teams compiled at 28-2 record. He coached four District Champions, nine State Qualifiers, six top ten winners at the State Meet, as well as one State Champion.



Elaine (Tikka) Lillback is a 1942 graduate of Perry High School. While attending Perry, she served as a Senior Class officer, was a member of the Glee Club, the Scholarship Club, and received the Silver P award. A lifelong learner, Elaine attended The Ohio

State University, Judson College, Bowling Green State University, Lake Erie College, Kent State University, and John Carroll University. She earned a BA and MA, and studied Christian Education, Special Education, Elementary Education, and Economics.

Elaine shared her love for learning with students as an elementary school teacher for the Painesville and Chardon Schools. She has enjoyed success as a writer, authoring three books chronicling Finnish American history and is currently working on her fourth. A talented watercolor artist, she has illustrated her own books.

Elaine has raised three healthy sportsmen: Larry, Peter, and Douglas. Elaine is very proud of them, and of her husband Eugene who passed away in 1987. He served in World War II in the United States Army and was awarded three Medals of Honor, one being the Silver Star. He also served as a Math professor at Kent State University.



Adam Santee, a 1999 graduate of Perry High School, was one of Perry's finest overall athletes, excelling in both football and wrestling. In fact, he is in that extreme rare class of athletes that earned All-Ohio honors in multiple sports. As a captain for the Perry Football team, Adam was named the team's MVP in 1998 and led the team to a CVC Championship and State Playoff appearance. He was later named to the Lake County Touchdown Club's 1st team, 1st team All-CVC and selected as an All-Ohio Wide Receiver.

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Adam received an athletic and academic grant to Brown University, where he continued to excel athletically, as well as in the classroom. He was a three-year starter and letter winner for the Brown Wrestling program, also serving as a team captain during his career. Adam also was an All-Ivy League selection in wrestling and was named an Academic All-American.

Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame—Continued

Nominees for this outstanding recognition must be alumni of Perry Local Schools who have distinguished themselves at a high level of achievement in their particular field of study, life's work, or community service in areas such as, but not limited to, the arts, business, education, government service, community service, science, and technology. *Nominees must have graduated at least 15 years prior to the selection date.* Individuals may be nominated posthumously. If interested in nominating someone for this award, an updated form is available at www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/community/info/index.php. Nominations for this award must be received by March 31, 2012.

Time to Plan A Class Reunion in 2012

If you are planning a class a reunion in 2012, we can help. We can spread the word by posting it on the website, on Facebook, and in our newsletter. We also may be able to help with contact information for your classmates. You also may want to coordinate your reunion with our All-Class Reunion on Saturday, September 15, 2012, at the Perry Community Center. This event has been scheduled in coordination with Perry High School's Homecoming Weekend.

Reunions provide the unique occasion to make a lasting mark at PHS by organizing a Class Gift. We encourage the reunion classes to make a special gift to our Annual Giving Program during their reunion year. The goals set by each class reflect their own distinctive spirit, yet their support ensures that the Perry experience that made a difference in their lives will continue to be available for students today and tomorrow.

After your reunion is over, share your memories with us! Send us a brief synopsis of your event with pictures. We will include them in our newsletter, on Facebook, and on the school district's website.

Thank you, Mike!



After many years of service, Mike Zinn, Class of '86, vacated his position on our Alumni Association Board of Directors. Mike's contribution and dedication to our Pirates was greatly appreciated.

Alumni Leader Needed

Would you like to play a role in the planning and implementation of the PHS Alumni Association activities? If so, please consider becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Director terms are for three years. Directors must also be a contributing or lifetime member of the Association. Board meetings are held approximately every other month.

We hold an Annual Election of Officers at our Annual Meeting in June each year. We currently have an open seat with a term that expires in 2013.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please send an e-mail to the Alumni E-mail address at phsalumniasoc@hotmail.com attn: Karen. We will be reviewing interested candidates at our next meeting.

Friend us on Facebook

The Perry High School Alumni Association is on Facebook! As an association, we are reaching out to our alumni through Facebook. Our "official" Facebook page is titled, "Perry High School Alumni Association." So, if you are on Facebook, please take a moment to look us up so that we can stay connected with you! We are hoping to reach 1,000 alums in 2012. Please recommend our page to your alumni friends.

Our Running Pirates are Making Great Strides

Over many decades and years, Perry High School has had a reputation for its strong cross country and track and field programs, and our 2011 track and cross country teams have been no exception. Last Spring, the girls' track and field team made Perry history by being the first team to qualify 2 relay teams to the State meet (4x400 and 4x800) and Abbie Clifford was the first Perry athlete to compete at the state meet in 4 events (4x400, 4x800, 1600, 800). This Fall our Boys' cross country proved that they were fierce competitors by qualifying as a team for the state cross country meet. The team was coached by Perry Alumni, Bill Sarvis (PHS Class of 1980) and Eric Thomas (PHS Class of 1995).

As a Perry High School athlete, Lou DiDonato coached Bill Sarvis. After Coach DiDonato's retirement, the torch was passed on to Coach Sarvis, and he has upheld the tradition of success by our running Pirates. Coach Sarvis commented, "It's great to be able to work with great student-athletes that have, I believe, represented our Perry community so well as athletes, and more importantly, as ambassadors of character and honor." We are very proud of the successes that our Alma Mater has achieved on the track and cross country course.

Bill Sarvis, Eric Thomas, and our other outstanding track and field coaches have helped prepare our Perry athletes for the next competitive level of running. Abbie Clifford (Class of 2011) is currently running at Cornell University, Marissa Baraunaskas (Class of 2010) and Dan Jackisch (Class of 2009) are running at Akron University, Rachael Greuber (Class of 2010) is running at John Carroll University, Kyle Herron (Class of 2008) is running at Lake Erie College.

In our last newsletter, we asked our alumni to share with us any of their running stories, and the response was great.



Dustin Gilbert, Ian Cowling, Chris Jordan, Alex Guthrie, Eric Grubaugh, Blaine Luszczak, Devin Pritschau

Coach Bill Sarvis (PHS Class of 1980) celebrating their state birth

Ron Richmond, Class of 1966: "When I graduated I held Perry's Mile, 2-Mile, and Cross Country Course records. After high school, I went on to Miami University and ran cross country. I did not run my first marathon until 1978. I have completed an additional eleven full marathons and a half-marathon. Although I ran a qualifying time that would allow me to compete in the Boston Marathon, I was never able to fulfill this dream because of schedule conflicts... the love of running has never left me."

Joe Merrill, Class of 1988: "Within a couple of years of running, at age 20, I ran my first marathon. I then started running other marathons in other parts of the country. It was then that I set a goal of running 26 marathons by the time I was 26 years old and 40 marathons by the time I was 40 years old. It seemed impossible at the time, and I'm happy to report that I achieved my goals with years to spare. Running gave me the opportunity to meet people around the country and in some marathons from around the world...Saying I ran 40 marathons is just a number to me. I would rather think about the countless training runs with the best friends a person could have in their lives.

Our Running Pirates are Making Great Strides *continued*

Rodney Dawson, Class of 1989: "I began conditioning and training just earlier this year to become a triathlete. I first participated in the annual Lake Metroparks Pirate Triathlon, then in the Greater Cleveland Triathlon. I have set a goal to compete in the 2012 Cleveland Triathlon at the international distance."

Kristen Perusek, Class of 2006: "I have completed 3 half-marathons, 2 full-marathons, and one 25K (15.5 miles), and most recently my first ultramarathon (30.1 miles). I started running in college and it has completely changed my life. Taking on the challenge and dedication to train for a race and then toe the startline is exhilarating and one of the most rewarding experiences I have had.

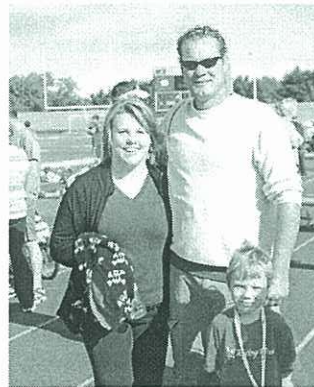
I feel privileged to have run with so many great people, hearing their stories, both triumphs and challenges."

Sara Hackley LeMond, Class of 1993: "I came late to running, and I'd be willing to talk with any current Perry students about taking the opportunity to start at a much younger age. My very first race was a good one, though: the 2007 Ritley Run! It's awesome to run a race in Perry with Perry residents and alumni. This past May my sister (Mandy Hackley, Class of 1996) and I ran the Cleveland half-marathon together. After a few years of running in the shade of the big trees on Main Street in the summer and the controlled climate of the CFC in the winter, I can definitely say, 'Yes, I am a runner!'"

The unique relationship between our alumni and the love of running has become evident each Fall at the Ritley Run event. This annual event has become in essence a small reunion for our Perry graduates. If you are looking for a goal in 2012, we hope you lace up your running shoes and see you there.



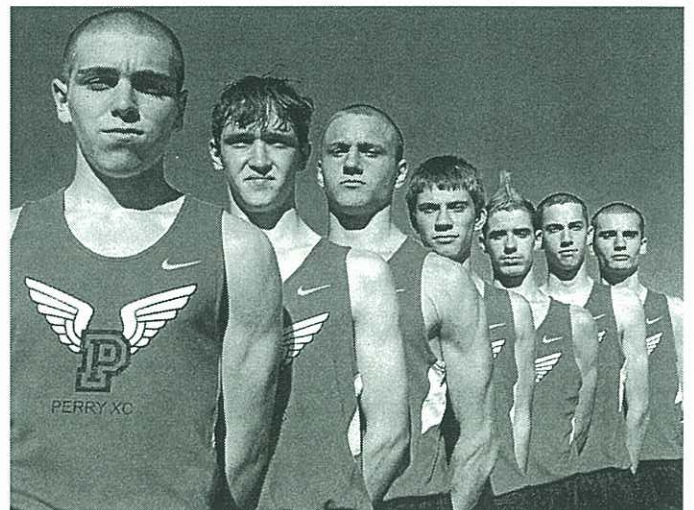
2011 State-Qualifying Track Athletes. Dana Crofoot, Ashley Adamik, Emily Brainard (Class of 2011), Abbie Clifford (Class of 2011), Caroline Dugan (Class of 2011), Jackie Tenney



Steph Siegel, Class of '93, PJ Baldree, Class of '93 with their son. 2011 Ritley Run



Tammy Schlauch Bradshaw, Class of '98 and Jason Bradshaw, Class of '97 with their son. 2011 Ritley Run



2011 State-Qualifying Boys' Cross Country Team

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