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News BRIEFS

Shortridge High School Alumni Association

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things..."
— Lewis Carroll

The dates are circled. The times are set. We have a little over a month until our celebration to reopen Shortridge High School as the beautifully renovated, air conditioned facility that it is now. And to start the weekend, we want you to attend this year's official Shortridge Alumni Association members' meeting and election of officers on Friday evening.

It will be followed by the All Classes Meet 'n' Greet Reception in the Plaza Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel at Keystone at the Crossing. It is a casual evening of entertainment and reconnection with friends.

Then between 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, our newly renovated building will be rededicated as the *Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy*.

The ceremony will take place in Caleb Mills Hall and is free and open to the public. It is followed by a reception in the cafeteria and guided tours throughout the school.

The All Classes Dinner and Dance (semi-formal with cash bars) will start at 6 p.m. and run through midnight in all the major ballrooms at the Sheraton Hotel. There will be DJ's and music from multiple genres for your listening and dancing enjoyment. So meet your friends and feel young again.

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

can be made at:

www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/Shortridge

or Call

1-888-627-7814

Brandon Cosby is the new Principal of Shortridge. He has been with the school during the past year, as it underwent the renovations and transitions from its former middle school status to the high school this fall.

Brandon is from New Castle, Indiana and has three children.

With the gymnasium over 81 years old, one of the items on the "wish list" of things to be replaced is the wooden bleachers we all sat on during games and p.e. classes.

PHYSICALLY FIT MAKES ACADEMIC SENSE

Athletics and physical fitness have always been a part of the Shortridge curriculum, and that will continue even as the magnet classes now focus on law and public policy.

In fact, Principal Brandon Cosby did a great deal of research to determine which extra-curricular activities would be most important to the admissions directors of prestigious universities.

"In developing our new program, we have talked to admissions directors from the top schools in the country, schools such as Harvard, Stanford, Notre Dame and George Mason," said Cosby. "Their views are similar: it's not just grades, ACT and SAT scores that earn students a place in their freshman classes. Admissions directors at these schools are looking at the whole portfolio in judging students for admission, and that includes the students' participation in activities and sports."

The first step for Shortridge to develop usable athletic facilities is to create a new running track and soccer field on the old football practice field just north of the school. The project has been designed and will be completed by the fall of 2010, but there's some chance it could be finished earlier.

Eventually, IPS Superintendent Dr. Eugene White would like to add a new gym and fitness center complex to the school.

If your fond recollections of Shortridge include warm memories of basketball games, dances and p.e. classes in a spacious gym, it's time for a reality check. When you visit this fall, stop in the gym -- it will probably be smaller than you remember. Compare it to gyms in the schools you're familiar with today. It's not just the new schools in the suburbs; even Broad Ripple High School has a better gym than Shortridge.

The current Shortridge gym was built before the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) were in effect and before Title 9 required equal access to sports for women. Most important of all, the current Shortridge gym is not large enough for the Indiana High School Athletic Association to allow varsity basketball or volleyball games to be played there, so for now they will be scheduled somewhere else.

WWW.SHORTRIDGEALUMNI.COM TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT

Within the next month, the SHS Alumni Association will launch our new website (home page banner above). We hope you will visit, utilize and enjoy the features we are planning to include. There will be a few pages for nonmembers, so that they can see the listing of their own class and the members who have joined, but access to individual pages will be for dues-paying members.

Each member will have his or her own page that can include current photos, as well as the one from the *Annual* that we may remember a little better. There will be an opportunity to include as much or as little information about yourself as you wish, and it will be up to each member whether to share phone numbers and email addresses.

For the first few months we will need volunteer help to enter the initial information into the new website. Going back from the Class of 1981, we need to enter names of class members and identify each person as a current member of the Alumni Association, an inactive member or deceased.

We would also like to identify class officers or contacts for those individual class activities that are scheduled from year to year. Some classes are already very active and yet many individuals continue to ask what their class is doing. This should give us a way to bridge some of that communication.

Over the last two years, the shortridgeallways.com website has been used by the committee that founded and established what is now the SHS Alumni Association. That website is currently active but will eventually provide a link to the new site.

New Officers being Slated for Annual Meeting

Terms for SHSAA officers expire in the summer of 2009, and new officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting Friday night, September 11th. The executive board includes the president, a vice president for public relations and a vice president for fund raising.

Officers also include a secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian, along with an individual representing each of the seven decades from 1930 to 1980.

The slating committee for new officers is meeting over the summer to identify and offer names to vote on at the Annual Meeting. If you have an interest in any position or wish to volunteer with the Annual Meeting or in some area over the coming year, contact Katy (Hill) Meredith at LesMer96@aol.com with your questions.

The interior renovations are completed. With just a few improvements to be made in the courtyard at the Meridian Street entrance, Shortridge will be ready for the first class of high school students since 1981.

Events Sign-Up Registration Form

Indicate # attending in box	Time	Price/pp
☐ Annual Meeting—Members only	6:00 p.m.	FREE
☐ Meet 'n' Greet Reception/SHSAA Members	7:00 p.m.	$25.00
☐ Meet 'n' Greet Reception /Non-Members	7:00 p.m.	$35.00
☐ Shortridge Public Ceremony	1:00 p.m.	FREE
☐ Reception / Dinner / Dance	6:00 p.m.	$50.00
☐ Cannot attend but here's a donation		
☐ Alumni Association Annual Dues @$35/yr		
Guest Name (Include class year if alumnus or alumna)	Total:	

Deadline for Reservations:

September 1, 2009

Make Checks Payable to:

SHS Alumni Association

Mail to: 5030 Guion Road

Indianapolis, Indiana 46254

Class Year

Your Name Now:

Maiden Name or Name at SHS if different from above:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

SHORT Briefs

Planning for 2011 Choir Reunion

As a part of its 50th year reunion in 2011, the Class of 1961 will again include a choir reunion for all who sang under Don Neuen and Marilyn Copeland Davidson. The class did this as a part of its 40th year reunion and it was a huge success. They expect this one to be even bigger and better. The tentative date is Saturday, June 25th 2011.

There will be a welcome brunch followed by a rehearsal with the entire A Cappella Choir. Then the group will divide into smaller ensembles that will perform that evening at the reunion dinner.

Come relive old memories! Renew friendships with friends from various classes! Make music again with Don and Marilyn, who were such an inspiration to us all at Shortridge! If you are not yet on the choir's email list, please contact Wanda Johnson Jacobs at: wljacobs@embarqmail.com.

Renovated second floor library has been used by middle school for over a year.