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## PROUD TO BE A VIKING!



Growing up in Northeast Kansas City during the 1960s and 1970s was an extraordinary experience. We rode our bikes until the streetlights flickered on, gathered on porches to connect with neighbors—everyone knew each other—and lived without fear of strangers, creating a magical environment. This close-knit community fostered a spirit of camaraderie, where everyone looked out for one another, and front doors were often left unlocked to allow neighborhood kids to enter freely.

Northeast High School, like the community it thrived in, was a beacon of respect and aspiration. Although the teachers were demanding, their tough love stemmed from a desire to provide a stellar education. Mr. Day, once viewed as a daunting figure, became a beloved mentor. With numerous artistic opportunities—including orchestra, band, vocal music, ecology, and drama—along with various clubs, sports, and events, every student had the chance to engage and connect, creating lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories. It was truly a glorious time to be a Viking.

Our experiences in Northeast have been pivotal in shaping who we are today. For over 110 years, Northeast has nurtured countless students and produced many successful physicians, nurses, lawyers, entrepreneurs, artists, community leaders, engineers, teachers, and more. I take great pride in having grown up in Northeast and attending Northeast High School, and my roots continue to inspire me.

My name is Theresa Hieronymus, and as a proud 1974 graduate of Northeast High School, I am honored to serve as the current president of the Northeast High School Alumni Association. This role allows me to give back to a community and school that has given me so much. However, like any organizational leader, my success is dependent on the team I lead. We currently have seniors who need help paying their Senior Dues so they are allowed to walk across the stage in their caps and gowns, athletes who need cleats in order to participate in sports, a new Robotics Team seeking sponsors and mentors, along with seniors needing scholarships for college tuition, but the NEHSAA doesn't have the means to fund all these needs by ourselves. The Alumni Board of Directors is dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of Northeast High School and its students, as well as creating fundraising opportunities to help meet these needs. However, we need your help and donations to make a difference. Your engagement and contributions ensure the success of our students and strengthen our commitment to the school, its students, and the community. I hope you will join me and the NEHSAA Board of Directors in our endeavors.

For more information about the Alumni Association and how you can help, you can find us on Facebook or at [www.northeastvikings.org](http://www.northeastvikings.org).



### A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Northeast Alumni,

I hope this message finds you well. As the current principal of Northeast High School, I am

overjoyed at the amount of support I've received and warm welcome from you all. Undertaking the leadership for such an amazing place with an even more amazing legacy has been no easy feat. The Alumni Board has been an integral part of the school community and I look forward to continuing our partnership.

One of the most impactful initiatives has been keeping our pantry stocked with essential items for families in need. Your generous contributions have made a significant difference, ensuring that our students and their families have access to necessities.

Thanks to your continued support through offering scholarships to deserving students, helping them pursue their dreams and achieve academic success. Additionally, your contributions have helped cover senior dues, ensuring that all our students can fully participate in graduation activities.

#### Looking Ahead

We are excited about the future and the opportunities to further collaborate with our alumni. We invite you to attend our monthly parent and family meetings to explore how we can work together to support the Northeast community. Your insights and involvement are invaluable to us.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to Northeast High School.

Together we achieve, together we thrive.

"Engaging parents, collaborating with the community, and thriving as a school."

Alisha Glover  
Principal, Northeast High School

## KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

### CLOTHING DRIVE

By Theresa Hieronymus '74

It's hard to imagine how the needs of one student can impact many others, but that's exactly what happened at Northeast High School last November.

An administrator from Northeast High School reached out to the Alumni Association with a request for Kansas City Chiefs gear for a specific student who only had one well-loved Chiefs shirt to wear. In response, the Association sprang into action and collected enough Chiefs gear to share not only with that student but with over 100 other students as well.

Excitement and anticipation were evident in the eyes of the students as they watched bags and boxes of gear being unpacked and displayed for them to view and select from.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Chiefs Apparel Drive by donating their new and gently used Chiefs gear!



**Many Thanks to Our 2024 Sponsors and Contributors**

*Northeast Alumni Association would soon cease to exist without the generous help of our supporters!*

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- 1944 - James G. Cariddi
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Northeast Vikings TV Channel

**School email:**

NortheastHighSchool@  
kcpublicschools.org

**Alumni website:**

<http://northeastvikings.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NEHSAA/>

**MEMORABILIA**

Please consider donating memorabilia to our Lyal Viers Alumni room.

We are interested in jewelry, trophies, yearbooks, etc. to display.

**VOLUNTEER**

You don't have to be on the Board of Directors to volunteer.

We always need volunteers to help in our fundraisers.

Your time—your choice.



**GAL PALS AT NORTHEAST**

**GALENTINE’S DAY**

By Roberta Holt-Kipper '69



For those of our alumni not living in the Midwest, Galentine’s Day was set for Tuesday, February 12th. That day unfortunately became not only a weather day in Kansas City, it became a snow day for most of the students in the Greater Kansas City area.

We tried to schedule it for another day, but unfortunately our guest leader had prior commitments and we had to cancel Galentine’s Day for this year.

Look for us in February of 2026!

**FEEDING THE FLOCK**

**VIKING VILLAGE 2024**

By Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

Below are our Harvesters numbers for 2024. This provides you with information on the number of families and students that we care for with your donations.

This is just one of the many projects that your \$20.00 Alumni dues goes to fund. Along with our clothing closet, your donations fund snacks for sports and after school activities as well as snacks during test periods and celebrations.

On behalf of our families, thank you for your support.

The numbers below represent families for the last 3 years. The Viking Village at Northeast provides for families at Northeast High School and Northeast Middle School.

<b>2022</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>439</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>436</b>

**AGENCY DATA TABLE:  
COUNTY AND AGENCY DATA  
CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

	<b>Northeast - Middle/High</b>
Total households served	436
Total individuals served	7,029
Adults	855
Children	6,017
Seniors	157
Total pounds acquired from Harvesters	9,382
Total meals distributed from food acquired from Harvesters	7,819 (One meal= 1.2 pounds of food)
Dollar value of food and household goods from Harvesters*	\$18,483.13

**THE JOY OF REUNIONS****“Oh, I Believe in Yesterday “**

By Donna Hunt Skates '62

Reunions are magical. Whether it's your 10th, 20th, or 50th, it's so much fun giving someone you haven't seen for years, like Judy Gahm Chant, a hug or putting your hand over your name tag and asking old classmates if they know who you are. Of course we still look the same.

The class of 62 had a reunion this year, celebrating the 62 years since we graduated. We really didn't need an excuse, and this one sounded better than the fact we were all turning 80.

We met at Paul and Jack's Friday night, toured our Alma Mater Saturday morning, chatted over drinks and delicious hors d'oeuvres at Diana Byers Melching's house Saturday evening, and gathered on my screened-in porch on Sunday morning, enjoying the weather, chatting, and stuffing ourselves with LaMar's donuts. I was going to eat only one, but I may have set the record with six.

What classmates said they loved most was talking to one another, finding out about their families, their pets, their jobs, what they were doing in retirement, their health struggles in some cases, their interests, **THEIR LIVES.**

I wish more people had been able to tour Northeast on Friday as it is such a treasure. The alumni room is amazing. It celebrates Northeast's 110 years of history with trophies, letter sweaters, dance cards, class rings, autograph books, yearbooks, pictures . . . everything one could imagine.

Walking down the halls, we remembered special teachers and our classrooms. I remembered Mr. Calvert, chemistry, at one end of the hall (he always frightened me) and Mr. Nelson, one of the nicest men alive, physics, at the other end of the hall. Many remembered Miss Clausen ( We called her Aunt Vi) for choir. Mr. Stafford taught me everything I know about grammar (yes, the subject of the infinitive is in the objective case). He inspired me to become an English teacher. I regret that I never thanked him. My guess is that many of us wish we had thanked some of our teachers.

Missing were the two large statues at each end of the hall, Washington and Lincoln, I believe. I remember that Bob Wisdom (anyway I think that was who it was) and I got into trouble when I was running for some office. He hung a sign on one of the statues that said, "I'm voting for Donna Hunt." A sign on the other statue said, "I'm voting the same way as the guy down the hall." I was called into the office and told I was being disrespectful. We took the signs down. No one seems to know what happened to those majestic statues.

Patty Dowell Gerrans also remembers getting into trouble. It seems she was seen skipping down the stairs more than once. I'll bet she could do that even today. Others remembered skipping classes and school now and then. Shocking.

The cafeteria looked much the same. Karole Null Zinger, our retired Alumni president, who has spent endless hours raising money for scholarships and improvements for the students and the community, remembered her favorite lunch: Neapolitan ice cream and a bag of chips.

Next stop, the auditorium. It is seldom used for assemblies these days and is showing some wear. I remember where Mary Woodhull Ibarra and I always sat during assemblies, but I don't remember any of the assemblies.

The school houses an impressive courtroom which was used when the school was a magnet school for law. It is such a shame that debate or some other class can't make use of it.

Northeast supports the students and the community in so many ways. There is a food pantry for families and clothing available for any occasion. Last year the students enjoyed supplying the community with vegetables grown in the on-site garden.

The school is immaculate and inviting—no graffiti. I was so impressed with the artwork on the walls. Everywhere I looked there were upbeat, encouraging quotations. The lockers are not used much because students today keep everything in their backpacks, but one row of 17 lockers was a knockout. On each locker was painted a different, important novel, ranging from *To Kill a Mockingbird* to *The Invisible Man* to *Catch 22* to *Esperanza Rising*—too many amazing, important novels to list.



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### The Poetic Sound of Success

The following article was written and submitted by Shirley A. (Wilson) Rickett, '52

Greetings! I'm an alumni, class of '52. I just celebrated my 90th birthday on August 21st.

At 16 I wrote a poem to enter in that category for Clio in the Annual Literary Contest at Northeast High School. It had four stanzas, but I can remember only the first:

"I heard the wind cry today  
As it drifted over a hill and made its way  
Into manmade crowds that overflowed  
With teeming crowds..."

It earned a hopeful Honorable Mention, but the poem has disappeared into the land of too many moves.

In old Northeast, my dad had the shoe repair shop at Independence Avenue and Hardesty. It was at first *Taylor's*, (for my great uncle), then the name in the window became *Wilson's* when my dad took over in the late thirties to forties.

I began dance at Stover Lane Studio in Northeast at age 7, just a few months before Pearl Harbor. When Mildred Stover and Vera Lane moved to California our little group of dancers auditioned for the Paul Pagano Studio which was just opening up downtown over the Downtowner, and next door to the Tower Theatre. Mr. Pagano had just mustered out of the Marines. He and his wife Leah had studied dance in Chicago and it was rumored they shared classes with Ginger Rogers.

My teenage summers were spent dancing with 7 other girls in shows booked by a theatrical agency in Kansas City. We danced on outdoor stages all over Kansas, Arkansas, and Missouri at state and county fairs. We opened and closed the show that held the other acts, ones seen on the Ed Sullivan show. We also performed solos and doubles during the show.

Doing the summer circuit meant hard work, no time to play. One holiday weekend we did three shows on Saturday and three on Sunday, (two matinees, and one evening show). We mended our wardrobes and spent hours on the road. I knew I didn't want to make dance my life, even though we all held AGVA, (American Guild of Variety Artists) cards, which meant we were paid professionals. But dancers have short careers. The body can only take so much.

I went into training to become an x-ray technician at Research Clinic. I married and had a family that included three boys, two girls. Later I went to a community college, then took my BA at William Jewell in Liberty, Mo. In the seventies I took a Masters Degree in Education at UMKC. Even later, (I was 65), I took a Masters Degree in English Literature and Creative Writing. After I graduated, the degree morphed into an MFA. I went back for this degree to be a better writer under the auspices of a new professor and poet, Michelle Boiseau. I taught at a middle school, directed the gifted program at another middle school, retired and substitute taught, and spent part of one summer teaching Education classes at Parkville, which is now a University.

My husband Charles and I retired to South Texas in 2005. Between us we have many grandchildren and a new crop of great grandchildren.

My books include: *A Minute of Arc*, (out of print); *Dinner in Oslo*, Aardvark Global Publishing; *Love: Poems for Vintage Song Titles*, Finishing Line Press, and *Transplant*, FlowerSong Press. Due out this fall: *Laughter Floats from Somewhere*, FlowerSong Press. In manuscript: *American Folk Tales: Poems and Memoir*.

I don't know if this all adds up to success, but on a personal level, I bask in the writing process. Poems seem to be the place for me.

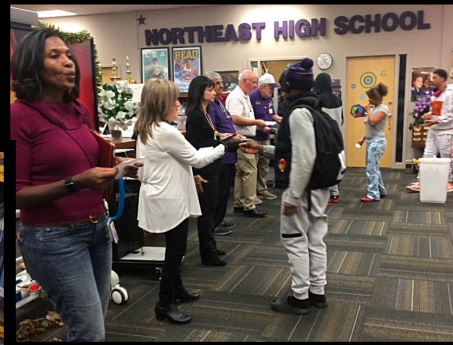


- Shirley A. (Wilson) Rickett

## NEHSAA ELVES AID SANTA CLAUS!

By Theresa Hieronymus '74

The holiday season is a time of joy, yet for many older children from low-income families, it can also bring disappointment. On December 18, 2024, the Northeast High School Alumni Association embraced the spirit of giving by stepping into the role of Santa's Elves. Fifty Viking students gathered to celebrate at a Christmas party held in their honor. Each student savored a delicious lunch and received a small gift bag filled with treats, along with a \$50 Visa gift card to use as they wished, reminding them that kindness and generosity can light up even the darkest of times.



### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The feature section of our newsletter titled, "In The Spotlight," was created to highlight success stories of alumni, students, athletes, faculty, staff, or local businesses —essentially anyone you believe deserves recognition for their achievements or good deeds. In times like these, it is important to shine the light on those who inspire us.

Northeast has cultivated many successful graduates. While some have gained recognition, we would like to hear about others who have gone above and beyond in the past or current times. Please share your recommendations with us. We look forward to showcasing someone "In The Spotlight" in the next issue!

THE NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMMNI ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS



2025  
**CASINO**  
*Night*

SATURDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

SEE US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION!

DINNER 4-6    GAMES 6-9

THE ELKS LODGE  
100 BRIZENDINE RD, BLUE SPRINGS, MO



35th ANNUAL NEHSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SAVE THE DATE!  
DON'T MISS THE FUN!**

**THE NEHS  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
INVITES YOU TO  
OUR 35TH ANNUAL**



**GOLF**  
**BENEFIT**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL JAMES CARIDDI  
MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF DAY EVENT  
MORE INFORMATION TO COME**

**SEPT. 20, 2025**

AT

**ADAMS POINT GOLF CLUB  
BLUE SPRINGS, MO**

## **Remember When...Bristol Teen Town**

(Continued from Fall 2024 Newsletter) — By Joe Klein '54

There's More to View @ [northeastvikings.org](http://northeastvikings.org)



The dances were held from 7 pm to 11 pm. Admission was 25 cents and a season pass was soon available at a cost of \$2.00 The passes were punched upon each visit. Each member was entitled to bring three guests at a cost of 25 cents each. It was not unusual to have 400 to 500 students attend the special events, but the average was usually in the 200 to 300 range.

The following rules were established early on:

1. Memberships are not transferable.
2. No liquor, or persons who have been drinking liquor allowed on the premises.
3. No smoking in the school building.
4. No readmittance after leaving the building.
5. All bottles and equipment to be returned to the proper place.

The business of Teen Town was supervised and administered by a group of parents called the Adult Council. A candidate for mayor would announce his intent to run for office each September and then assemble a council of friends who would be willing to take on the work to see that all of the activities for the year were planned. There would be a campaign with posters and slogans and speeches. The election was usually held the first Saturday in October and the former Mayor would oversee activities until that time.

The following is a list of Mayors and the years they were elected:

1946 - Danny Daniels	1954 - Steve Wilson
1947 - Bob Howery	1955 - Ron Batchelor
1948 - Bill Williamson	1956 - Norman Benson
1949 - Bill Danforth	1957 - Kearney Pixler
1950 - Bill Hancock	1958 - Ken Dewey
1951 - Dick Freeland	1959 - John Feeny
1952 - Dan Woodall	1960 - unknown
1953 - Mike Kerr	

The Mayor and his Council would plan special activities and theme dances for throughout the year. Dance themes included formal dances, sock hops, Halloween costume dances, western night, carnivals, Sadie Hawkins dances, and talent nights.

Formal dances with a dance band, extensive decorations, printed dance cards, and fancy refreshment tables were held at Christmas, Valentines Day, and in the spring. Sometimes there was an Indian dance performed by the boys from the Drumm Institute (Drumm Farm), some of whom were members of Teen Town because they attended the area high schools.

\*You can read the entire article, including more on Bristol Teen Town at [NortheastVikings.org](http://NortheastVikings.org).



Reunions—”Oh I Believe in Yesterday “ - Continued from page 5

What really impressed me were the painted portraits on the walls of important people and important quotations from each of them. I can't remember all of them. Those I do remember are writer Maya Angelou, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, President Barack Obama, astronaut Dr. May Jemison (the first woman of color in space), and Elie Wiesel, who wrote about his horrific experience as a holocaust survivor in Night, a work many students still read.

Our guide told us that currently 50 languages are spoken at Northeast and that the students voice their love and appreciation of the diversity in the school. One of the paintings on the walls echoed this respect for diversity, with students of three very different ethnicities side by side.

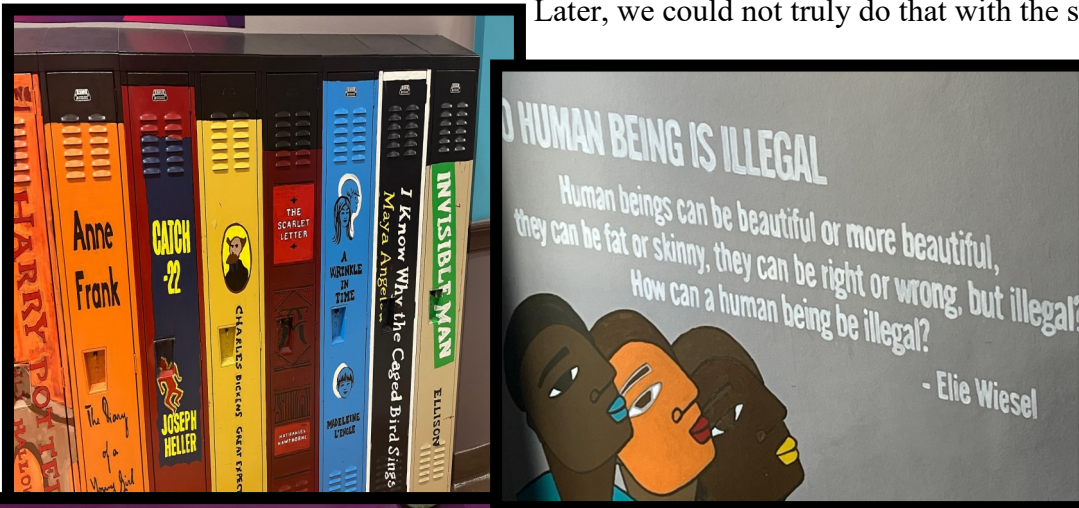
Reunions are important to so many people for so many different reasons. My high school friends are still extremely important in my life. We go out to lunch every week, we TRY to accept our political differences, we talk on the phone. We SUPPORT each other. Sandy Manard Butler calls me every Wednesday night at 10:30. I talk to my dear friend Mary Woodhull Ibarra at least once a month. Several years after my husband died of lung cancer, I reconnected through a reunion with an old high school friend, Jim Hamilton, and we are now happily in love, sharing our lives together. High school wasn't happy for everyone, but it played such an important part in many of our lives. When I came to Northeast Junior in 8th grade, what I remember most was that people were so kind to me.

I think our classmate Jerry Snider said it best:

“I think that there will always be a cherished relationship with many if not most of our classmates we knew in high school. We grew up from kids to very young adults together. We shared our fears, our loves, our needs and our disappointments. We learned together what we believed was love, what was right and fair, what we should and should not do, and we shared those disappointments, laughter, and hurt together for the first time.

Later, we could not truly do that with the strangers we met and

called friends. But those first friends, those first individuals we shared our inner selves with, will always be trusted friends and a part of our basic foundation that has guided us throughout our lives.”



**IN REMEMBRANCE**

*Sadly, since our last newsletter, we have learned of the following deaths:*

**1940's**

1944 Nickell, Mary (Sanders)

1946 Bost, Lester Harold

1947 Younts, James Edward

1948 Davis, Daniel Spencer

1948 Higgins, Rosemary Louise (Brown)

1948 Moore, Bryan "Bob"

1949 Lasta, Frank

**1950's**

1951 Baker, Thomas Lee

1951 VanWye, Marjorie Joan (Woodward)

1951 Welch, Robert Clay

1951 Zugenbuhler, Verne Louis

1952 Baker, Barbara Jean (Harper)

1952 Cannova, Joseph M.

1952 Elliott, Betty Rae (White)

1953 Hilligoss, Edward Raymond "Ed"

1953 Prewitt, Jean A. (Sheffield)

1954 Summerskill, Willa Dene (Harper)

1955 Glasgow, James Owen

1955 Maddox, Dale

1955 Reed, Edna Ruth (Snyder)

1955 Russo, Betty L. (Morris)

1955 Schenck, Carol Jean (Preston)

1955 Wishon, Deanna Rae (Valentine)

1956 Edwards, Janice Ilene (Lain)

1956 Johnson, Sylvia Lane (Sweeney)

1959 Bond, Gary Stewart

1959 McEntyre, Geme M.

1959 Rew, Luella Jane (Copenhaver)

1959 Terry, Judith Arlee (Springer)

**1960's**

1960 Hadey, Gordon Brooks

1961 Vale, Dr. Janett (Dorman)

1962 Calef, Patricia

1962 Feindel, Sue

1962 Giddens, Jane

1962 Hemstock, Dianne

1962 Hulse, Chuck

1962 Jones, Dave

1962 Lanning, Bill

1962 Pluckett, Linda Kaye

1962 VanCompernelle, Donald

1962 Walter, David A

1964 Elliott, Victoria (Camacho)

1964 Humphreys, St., Robert Alan

1964 McCormick, Alva Lee

1964 Sander, Jack

1964 York Melvin

1965 Sosa, Jr., Pete

1966 Andrews, Phillip

1968 Drake, Jr., Lawrence Edwin

1968 Mitrani, Leon

1969 Bush, Diane (Conrad)}

**1970's**

1970 Bishop, John W.

1970 Holst, Dennis

1971 James, Janice Diane (Nance)

1972 Leone, Juanita (Ravencraft)

1972 Cross, Earnest William

1973 Mingrone, Joseph Anthony

1973 Montaleone, Jay

1974 Ballard, Kally Ann

1974 Rounds, Mary (Ballou)

1974 Schedmbri, Salvatore "Sam"

1974 Spinello, Margaret (Giordano)

1975 Bleyenbert, Paul Ellis

1977 Zian, Diana Stephany

1978 Patnett, Isabella (Liberto)

1979 Gardner, George "Butch"

**IMAGINE THE  
POSSIBILITIES**

On April 8th voters will consider a \$474 million General Obligation (GO) Bond to fund critical repairs and improvements to public schools.

The bond will address aging school buildings, improve learning environments, and support student success.

Kansas City voters have not passed a school bond since 1967. KCPS is the only district in the region without voter-approved funding for critical repairs, improvements and upgrades.

**NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL:**  
**\$6.3 MISSION**

Recommended Bond Projects:  
Renovations to classrooms, building access, gym/athletics, and bathrooms/plumbing.\*

**NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**\$5 MILLION**

Recommended Bond Projects:  
Renovations to bathrooms/plumbing, safety/security, and accommodations for 6th graders.\*

Funding Overview:  
Total Bond Amount: \$474 million  
\$424 million for KCPS  
\$50 million for nine participating charter schools  
Cost to Homeowners: For a \$200,000 home, the bond will cost approximately 64 cents per day (about \$19.32 per month).  
Tax Rate: If approved, the bond will result in a \$0.61 per \$100 assessed value levy, one of the lowest among Kansas City area school districts.

\*Final projects lists to be confirmed with additional stakeholder feedback following bond election.

Election Day is Tuesday, April 8th.

Visit [www.kcpublicschools.org/bond](http://www.kcpublicschools.org/bond) for more details,

**Lykins Lunch Bunch**—Meet the last Thursday of the month at Legacy Grill in Lee’s Summit, MO 11:30 a.m..

**Class of `56**—Meet at Black Bear Diner in Independence, MO at 11:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Anyone from `56 or a close class is welcome to join us and bring a friend. Contact: Roy Beaty at 816-652-8741 or roysandybeaty@aol.com

**Class of `58**—Meet for lunch the third Monday of each month. Anyone interested in attending or for more information, please call Jane Bryant Morgan at 816-781-3730. We try to rotate from North to South of the river each month as the restaurant changes. An email or phone call notification will be sent each month with the location.

**Gals of `63**—Meet for lunch. Contact: Diane Tosti Collura 816-478-9970

# REMEMBER

LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS

## Payment & Donation Capabilities

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## 2025 Committee Chairpersons

Alumni Room.....Theresa Hieronymus  
 Audit.....Earl Williamson & Nancy Elder  
 Bylaws.....Nancy Elder  
 Data Base .....Sal Fanara  
 Fundraising.....Pete Petersen  
 Golf tournament.....Ron Fornelli  
 Historian.....Nancy Elder  
 Logo Sales.....Tiffany Bush  
 Membership .....Nancy Elder  
 Newsletter.....Theresa Hieronymus  
 Publicity.....Theresa Hieronymus  
 Scholarship....Roberta Holt-Kipper/George Wilson  
 Sgt. at Arm.....Marian (DeFeo) Siebenmorgen  
 Sports.....George Wilson  
 VOP.....Roberta Holt-Kipper  
 Web Design.....Sal Fanara

## REUNIONS

### CLASS OF 1970

#### 55 Year Reunion

Please join us at  
**Side Pockets—North**  
**600 NW Englewood Rd.,**  
**Kansas City, MO 64118**  
**Saturday, August 23rd, 2025**  
**4:00 PM**

Also invited to join are the  
 Northeast Graduating Classes of  
 68, '69, '71, & '72

Please RSVP by calling 816-651-6939  
 Or email Paula Saunders-Gorenflo at [baked4u@att.net](mailto:baked4u@att.net)

### CLASS OF 1975

#### 50 Year Reunion

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**  
**6 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
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**1447 Gentry St., Suite 100**  
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Contact Shelly Wheeler Vaughn at [mutigers80@gmail.com](mailto:mutigers80@gmail.com)  
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Are you planning your upcoming Class Reunion?  
 Let the Alumni Association know about it  
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## Important- DATES TO REMEMBER!

2025

Teacher’s Appreciation Brunch.....April 12  
 Casino Night.....May 3  
 Golf Tournament .....Sept. 20  
 Board Meeting .....April 8  
 Board Meeting.....July 8

*The above dates are subject to change!*

**Don't miss the Annual Meeting in October to vote on Board members**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS.**

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**ROBOTICS IS BACK AT NEHS**

The NEHS Robotics team is back in action! Team coach Coi Bui grew up in the Columbus Park area near City Market. Although he did not attend Northeast High School, many of his friends and family members did. Due to limited resources, the team has relied on old robotics kits from previous years. However, Bui successfully secured a few grants to cover registration and entry fees for tournaments. Despite their financial constraints, they managed to compete effectively against teams with far more resources. The team achieved 3rd place at the FTC KC East Regional Tournament, earning a spot at the West Super Qualifier Tournament. Unfortunately, due to wear and tear on their robots, they fell just short of qualifying for the State tournament. The robotics team is currently seeking financial assistance, but what they truly need are mentors. They are looking for alumni who can provide guidance on using tools and machines. Specifically, they need mechanical engineers, mechanics, or anyone with experience in robotics. Donations of tools would also be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in helping the NEHS Robotics Team, please contact Mr. Bui at cbui@kcpublicschools.org.

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### **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

*Northeast High School Alumni Association*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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