As you may know, in 1987 the Akron Springfield High School Fifty Plus Reunion Association, Inc. was created with the goal of bringing together classmates that had graduated at least fifty years ago. Over time the SHS Fifty Plus organization has set out to establish a second purpose, supporting our current graduating class. With this goal in mind, our annual reunion took the steps necessary to also become a fund-raising event. The organization would award scholarships to deserving seniors who wanted to continue their education. Scholarships of $2,000 would be awarded to students going on to state or private colleges, technical colleges, or trade schools as our funds would allow. Additionally, in 2015, SHS Fifty Plus reinstated the Russ Pastuck Scholarship fund to provide $2,000 to one male and one female athlete from Springfield High School or Portage Lakes Career Center (PLCC).

To date, SHS Fifty Plus has awarded scholarships totaling more than $373,600 to 203 graduates. Our goal is to award as many scholarships as possible. With the passion and generosity of donors in 2024, we were able to award eighteen (18) scholarships, which was a record. Your generous donation to the scholarship fund is greatly appreciated. The bar is set, and the goal is high, let’s strive to meet or exceed the number of scholarships given each year.

**If you cannot attend the reunion, you can still help us achieve our goal**. Over 3,000 alumni receive this mailing every year. If everyone sent in just $20, we could award a scholarship to each of the very deserving scholarship applicants. This would mean we would be able to maintain the number of SHS students being awarded a scholarship and begin to build for our future in the process. Let’s cheer our SHS seniors on to victory and show our Spartan Spirit!

We thank you and the students will thank you. We appreciate donations of all sizes**. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so your donation is tax deductible. Our EIN is 20-1422783.**  We will provide you with documentation of your donations for tax purposes**. The tax letters for 2024 have already been sent. Some States like Ohio give tax credit for donations, check your state.**

The high school guidance counselor’s office receives the scholarship application and forwards them to our scholarship committee. The scholarship committee reviews the applications, and they score them using a 50-point maximum point grading grid. This year each student was asked to include an essay of their accomplishments and goals. This essay carries the most weight in the grading process.

The SHS Fifty Plus is given full recognition for the scholarships at the high school senior awards ceremony. If you have any questions regarding the scholarships, please call or email the President: Tom Claflin @ 330-606-8105 or email tomcat48@aol.com

This is your invitation to our 38th Annual SHS Fifty Plus Reunion weekend.

All who graduated in 1975 or before are invited. Spouses and friends are also welcome to attend. In 2024 alumni from 6 states attended. Total attendance was 210.

**DINNER (Main Event)**

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 6, 2025

**WHERE:** Hartville Kitchen, 1015 Edison St NW, Hartville OH 44632

**Doors to the banquet hall will open at 11:00 am. You may socialize in the lobby until that time. The dinner will be served at 12:00 pm.** We have use of the hall until 3:00 pm. After the dinner, the drawing for prizes, two free dinners, and the 50/50 raffle will take place.

**Win a free dinner drawing:** Mail your reservations by **August 30** to be eligible for a free dinner. Winner will be announced at the dinner.

**There is a Comfort Suites Hotel next to the Hartville Kitchen at 953 Edison St NW, Hartville OH 44632,**

**(866) 306-0942, for those traveling in from long distance and other states.**

**BONFIRE**

**You are also invited to a Bonfire Friday evening 9/5/25 starting at 5:30pm at classmate Mark Hoaglin’s house at** 2106 Myersville Rd., Akron, OH 44312 bring a snack to share, your beverage of choice, lawn chairs and blankets.

**TOUR OF THE HIGH SCHOOL**

To round out the Reunion weekend, we are offering a tour of the high school for those interested starting on Sunday, 9/7/25, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. No need to register just show up at **1880 Canton Road, Akron, OH 44312**

**INVITATION TO SHS 50 PLUS BANQUET**

**Meals are $35 per person with a choice of entree:** 2 pieces Fried Chicken (Breast & Thigh), Roast Beef or Broiled Cod. All meals served with mixed vegetables, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Tossed Salad, White and Wheat rolls and pie. Please list your choice below. **Deadline for reservations is August 30, 2025.**

**RESERVATION FORM – Please complete and return with your check payable to Akron SHS 50 Plus Reunion Assoc.**

Note**:** Scholarship donations may be included with your dinner reservation check.

**Donation: $20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$50 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $100 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

If you wish, you may also make your donations in honor or memory of someone special to you – perhaps a family member, former

classmate, or teacher. If so, please provide the following information.

**Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­\_\_\_\_ Please include your email address & cell number:**

**In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Number** attending the Fifty Plus Reunion on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Please show your name the way you want them on the name tags. Include classmate’s maiden name in (\_\_\_\_).

 **Name (please print/type) SHS Class Meal Choice Table Choice\***

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**\*Please indicate which class you wish to be seated. If your spouse, or guest is from a different class, you may choose to sit with them. Please be sure to be seated at the Table Choice you indicate above when you arrive at the banquet. Make checks payable to SHS 50 PLUS Akron Reunion Association**

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 **SHS 50 PLUS REUNION Email:** **Shs50plus@gmail.com**

***NEW FOR 2025***

**SHS 50 Plus T-Shirts:** Ash gray with red or black lettering: T-Shirts S-M-L-XL = $15, 2X – 5X = $20

(Shirt(s) will be in a bag with your name clearly marked)

I would like to order: Number of shirts: \_\_\_\_Size of Shirts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Total $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_Black \_\_\_\_\_ Lettering. **Oder by September 1st** to pick up at Bonfire or 50 Plus Dinner. Profits go to the SHS 50 Plus Board.

**Memorabilia Tables** will be available for anyone to display. Please bring you cherished memorabilia to share.

**BONFIRE** – Friday 9/5/25, Mark Hoaglin’s house 2106 Myersville Rd., Akron, OH 44312 bring a snack to share, your beverage of choice, lawn chairs and blankets. Enjoy a relaxing time with classmates. Good snacks, music, and socialization!

**TOUR OF THE HIGH SCHOOL: On Sunday afternoon, 1:00pm – 3:00pm, there will be a tour of the high school for those who have not seen the latest building. 1880 Canton Road, Akron, OH 44312. Let us know if you would like to attend: Yes/No (circle one)**