

St. Dominic High School Class Reunion Planning Guide

The St. Dominic Advancement Office is ready to help make your reunion a success! We offer class rosters with the most current contact details on file, official mailing labels, custom name tags, and archival yearbooks available to borrow for your display tables. We are also happy to share your event details on the school website and in *The Dominican* newsletter (published every January and June).

As you connect with classmates, we kindly ask that you keep us connected.

- **Update your info:** Let us know if you have updated contact details so we can keep our directory accurate.
- **Share your photos:** Send us your pictures after the event so we can celebrate your group.

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Planning Timeline & Action Steps

- ☐ **12+ Months Out: Form Your Committee & Brainstorm**
  Assemble your reunion committee and host a kickoff meeting to brainstorm concepts, draft a budget, and set preliminary goals.
- ☐ **12 Months Out: Request Class Lists**
  Contact the St. Dominic Advancement Office for the most recent class directory, including available mailing addresses and emails.
- ☐ **10–12 Months Out: Venue Selection & Weekend Planning**
  Research and book your venues early. Check out the list of recommended off-campus venues below.
- ☐ **9 Months Out: Save the Dates & Find Missing Classmates**
  Send initial "Save the Date" announcements. Include a list of unlocated alumni and ask recipients to share updated contact details for missing peers. Submit event details to SDHS for feature on the website and in the alumni magazine.
- ☐ **3–6 Months Out: Invitations & Logistics**
  Send formal invitations. Set early RSVP and payment deadlines to manage headcount and catering commitments efficiently. Submit event details to SDHS for feature on the website and in the alumni magazine.

On-Campus Fall Event Opportunities

Take advantage of hosting part of your reunion weekend on campus! Pairing a Friday night campus event with a Saturday off-campus gathering is a popular option. We host two signature fall events that make ideal gathering spaces for your milestone year:

- **Alumni Homecoming BBQ | September 18, 2026**
  Tailgate in style! Enjoy complimentary BBQ and refreshments before the homecoming football game as you reconnect with fellow alumni. Plus, exclusive campus tours and reserved stadium seating are available for the 25th, 40th, and 50th reunion classes!
- **Crusaderfest | October 23, 2026**
  Enjoy a lively fall evening with live music, plus food and beverages available for purchase. We will reserve the pavilion exclusively for multi-year reunion classes - the perfect way to kick off your weekend before Saturday's main event!

Upcoming Multi-Year Reunions

- **2027:** Classes ending in **2** & **7**
- **2028:** Classes ending in **3** & **8**
- **2029:** Classes ending in **4** & **9**
- **2030:** Classes ending in **5** & **0**

Upcoming 50-Year Reunions

- **Class of 1977:** September 24, 2027 and October 2027
- **Class of 1978:** September / October 2028
- **Class of 1979:** September / October 2029
- **Class of 1980:** September / October 2030

Ideas for Off-Campus Reunions! While you are welcome to host your reunion anywhere—including a classmate's home, backyard, or private barn venue—we've compiled a list of popular local spots below to help guide your search.

Young Alumni (5–15 Years)

Vibe: High-energy, casual, budget-friendly, and ideal for mingling.

- **Public School House (Cottleville):** A unique historic venue offering versatile indoor and courtyard spaces with seasonal pop-up concepts, great for a stylish yet fun social night.
- **Cottle Village (Cottleville):** Offers customizable indoor/outdoor spaces, patio seating, and a vibrant atmosphere—perfect for a lively, informal gathering.
- **Frankie Martin's Garden (Cottleville):** A popular food truck park and live music venue with a large pavilion and outdoor lawn games—ideal for an informal, high-energy meetup.
- **Moudy's Bar & Grill (Dardenne Prairie):** A neighborhood staple with a casual pub setup, ideal for low-key night-out gatherings, drinks, and reunions looking for a local dive-bar feel.
- **Ethyl's Smokehouse (O'Fallon):** Features a massive outdoor beach/patio area with volleyball courts, stage music, and a laid-back vibe made for large, casual crowds.
- **Local Breweries & Taprooms (e.g., O'Fallon Brewery):** Great option for renting out a patio or back room for a relaxed gathering.
- **Topgolf or Entertainment Venues (Chesterfield):** Perfect for active groups looking for games, casual food, and an informal vibe.

Mid-Career Milestones (20–30 Years)

Vibe: Upscale casual, comfortable, spacious, and family-friendly or adult evening.

- **Public School House (Cottleville):** A beautiful historic space offering private event rentals, cocktail lounges, and full catering options for an elevated reunion night out.
- **Cottle Village (Cottleville):** A charming spot offering flexible layout options for mid-sized reunions looking for a stylish yet relaxed night out.
- **Moe & D's Restaurant & Bar (Dardenne Prairie):** A great local spot offering solid food, drinks, and room to host mid-sized gatherings in a relaxed neighborhood atmosphere.

- **Quail Ridge Lodge (Wentzville):** A scenic cedar lodge nestled in Quail Ridge Park, featuring vaulted ceilings and a deck overlooking the water (accommodates up to 180 guests).
- **Water's Edge Banquet Center (St. Peters):** Overlooks a golf course lake with flexible outdoor and indoor gathering areas.
- **Piazza Messina (Cottleville / St. Charles):** Offers charming indoor/outdoor spaces right by the water, great for elevated evening dinners.

Golden Milestones (35–50+ Years)

Vibe: All-inclusive, comfortable seating, accessible parking, and quiet enough for easy conversation.

- **The Christy Banquet Center (O'Fallon):** Full-service banquet facility capable of handling formal plated dinners, large crowds, and custom catering.
- **Krekel Civic Center (O'Fallon - Civic Park):** A clean, modern community facility with flexible multi-purpose rooms right near downtown O'Fallon.
- **Old Hickory or Whitmoor Country Club (St. Charles):** Elegant ballroom settings with full catering options and golf course views.