



Southport High School

Alumni
Association

A Message from Our President, Brent Bockelman

Summer, 2023



Fellow Cardinals,

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It has been a busy few months here at the association. In May, we held our annual scholarship awards banquet. The event was held in the historic Southport Fieldhouse and nearly five hundred people were in attendance. I want to thank our many donors. Without them, there would be no scholarship program. I would also like to thank our volunteers. They put in hundreds of hours over several months to help make this event possible. Our volunteers truly embody the Cardinal Spirit.

As our scholarship work concludes for the year, we shift our attention to reunion season. Some of the scheduled reunions are listed in this newsletter. We also hope to have a date set for our annual "All-Class Reunion" for any alumni who would like to get together but may not have their own class reunion this year. Please stay tuned for more details regarding our All-Class Reunion.

I would also like to mention our annual golf outing coming up on June 20th. This is our largest fundraising event of the year. We would love to see you on the links! If you can't attend but would like to contribute, please consider becoming a hole sponsor. Registration details are in this letter as well.

If you have any interest in working with us at the association, please feel free to contact me at bbockelman@perryschools.org. We have a variety of positions available that you may find interesting and hope to get more folks involved in various capacities. Go Cards!

-Brent Bockelman ('01)



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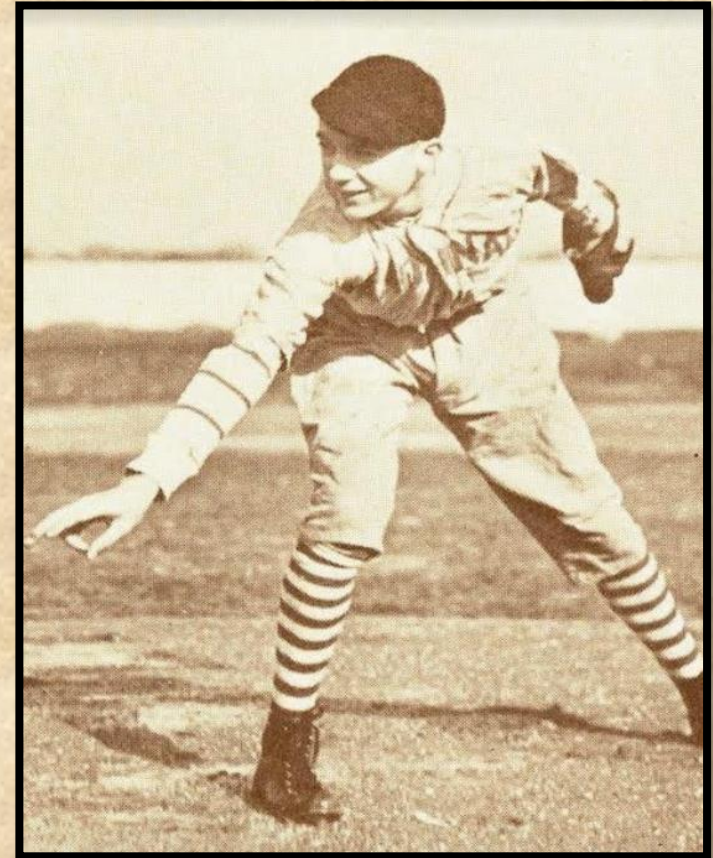
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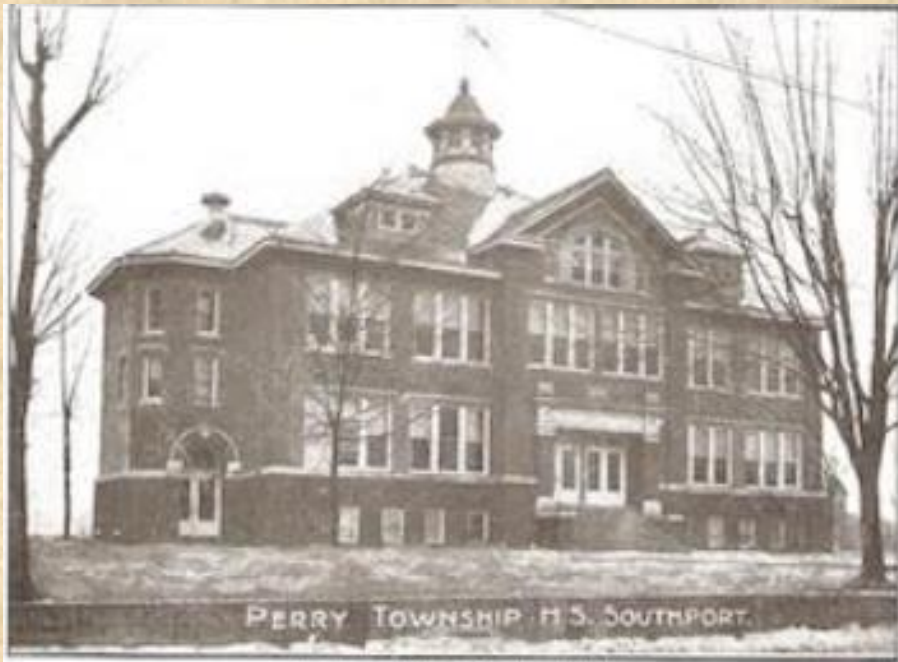
Our resident historian, David Ladd, has been searching the catacombs of SHS and found some interesting bits of history to share.



Southport Majorettes - 1942



Southport Baseball - 1936



PERRY TOWNSHIP H.S. SOUTHPORT.

Southport High School — 1911



SHS Greenhouse - 1937



SHS Band - 1944

Cardinal Golf Outings



10th Annual Southport Football Alumni & Friends Golf Outing

Date: **Friday, June 9th**
Location: **Smock Golf Course
3910 County Line Rd.
Indianapolis, IN**
Cost: **\$400 foursome/\$100
per individual**

REGISTRATION – [CLICK HERE](#)
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2022 RECAP – [CLICK HERE](#)

*The Legends
Golf Club*

**SAVE
THE DATE
(6/20)**

**Ray & Cindy Bertram
Alumni & Friends Golf Outing**

When: Tuesday, June 20th
Shotgun start at 12:00 p.m.

Where: The Legends Golf Club
2555 Hurricane Road
Franklin, IN 46131

Cost: \$100 for a single
\$400 for a foursome

*price includes dinner

We also have a variety of sponsorships available. All proceeds from the event will go to provide scholarships for SHS graduating seniors.

[CLICK HERE to REGISTER](#)

Please contact Joe Mercer: josephamercer2001@yahoo.com
for more information.

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Featured Cardinal



This issue's *Feature Cardinal* is Jack Christy, the **2023 Alumnus of the Year**. Jack Christy, a 1971 graduate of Southport High School, is well known in the Indianapolis and surrounding areas for his dedication to the community, both professionally and personally.

After graduating from Southport, Jack spent time working on the family farm and at a grocery store he and his father owned together. He attended Ball State University where he earned an associate degree in business administration and is also a graduate of the Certified Auctioneers Institute. In 1975, Jack became a certified auctioneer and his business shifted from the food and retail industry to auctioneering. As a youth, he was exposed to the industry through working at livestock auctions, developing practical experience he would soon put to use at his own auction gallery. Today, Jack serves as the president and owner of Christy's of Indiana, Inc. on the southside of Indianapolis.

As a professional, Jack Christy has earned numerous honors and accolades within his field. He served as president of the Indiana Auctioneers Association in 1996, was the winner of the 1990 Hoosier Bid Calling State Championship, and earned the Outstanding Service Award with Optimist International. In 2000, Jack was inducted into the Indiana Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame. More recently, Jack was honored by Indiana University and the National Auctioneers Association as a distinguished faculty member for 2023. Jack also demonstrates the value of being a life-long learner by continuing to develop his business acumen through ongoing education at various auctioneer-related trainings and certifications.

In addition to being a decorated business professional, Jack has dedicated both his personal and professional life to serving his community. He serves as an expert witness in state and federal courts and is a member of eight charity and foundation boards. His company employs individuals who have struggled with addiction and works to get them the resources they need to overcome their hardships. They also host several benefits and charity events every year to help those in need.

Jack and his wife, Teresa, have been married for fifty years. They enjoy spending time with their two children, Melissa Davis and Jack Christy Jr., and their nine grandchildren.



Jack Christy

Class of 1971

Entrepreneur

Owner of *Christy's
Auction House*

- Upcoming Reunions -

Class of 1973



CLASS OF 1973 REUNION

Class of 1968



CLASS OF 1968 REUNION

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Date(s): September 26th-30th
Contact: southport73@protonmail.com

[CLICK HERE](#) for full details
[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Date: Saturday, September 16th
Location: Dye's Walk Country Club
Time: 5:00-10:00 pm

Cost: \$40 (make checks payable to SHS Class of 1968 Reunion and send to Steve Hussey at 833 Frankdale Court, Indianapolis, IN 46259
Contact: Steve Hussey (huss1040@yahoo.com)

Additional Activities:

* **Golf Scramble:** Friday 9/15 late morning- mid afternoon. To sign up contact John Mobley at 317-965-1987 or jonmob@aol.com

* **Wine Tasting and Tour:** Friday 9/15 late afternoon-evening. No charge. To sign up contact Rhonda Delap Tipton at 317-887-9778 or rdtip@sbcglobal.net

* **High School Tour:** Saturday mid-morning 9/16. No charge. To sign up contact Mary Meadows Rollings at 407-538-8670 or rollingsm@aol.com

Any questions, please contact us. Thanks. Co-chairs:

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- Upcoming Reunions -

Class of 1978



CLASS OF 1978 REUNION

Date: September 23

Location: Smocktown Brewery

223 W Main Street, Greenwood

Time: 7:00-11:00

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

The association handed out over 103K dollars in scholarships at our annual scholarship banquet. -- [CLICK HERE](#) to view our past events gallery. --





Teacher & Coach Recognized for Long Term Career, Achievement



Recently, *The Southsider Voice* ran a story about SHS grad and coach, Herman Bueno.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full story

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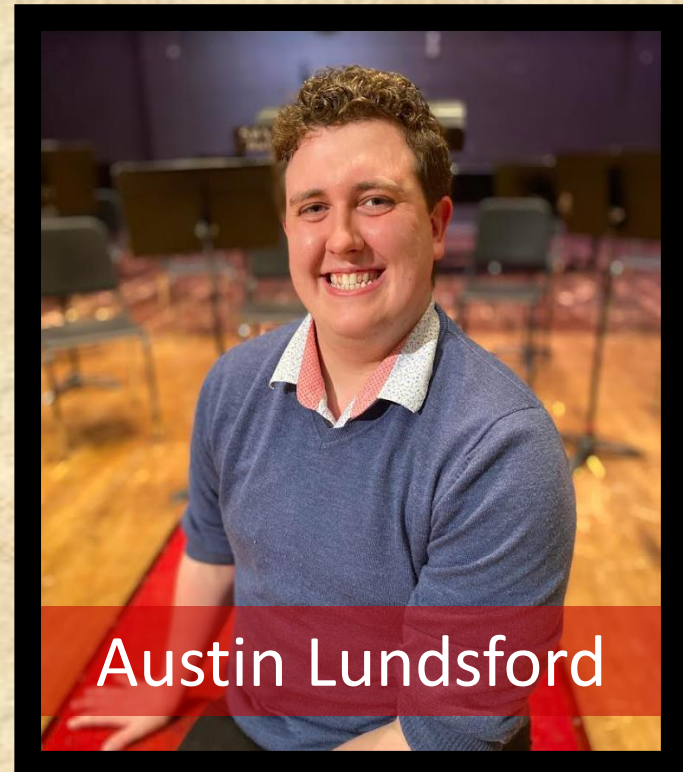
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SHSAA Welcomes Two New Board Members



Jody Matthews



Austin Lundsford

At the annual meeting in April, SHSAA voted unanimously to approve board positions for both Jody Matthews and Austin Lundsford. Both board members will be serving three year terms. Jody and Austin are both employed in the district. Jody Matthews is the principal at Homecroft Elementary and Austin works in various roles at the high school.



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-- Around the Building --



SHS Names Cullison Teacher of the Year



Math teacher Cathee Cullison has been named both the SHS and Perry Township teacher of the year. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

SHSAA Gives Back



Brian Knight (principal) accepts a check from Darrell Skirvin (SHSAA Social Chair). The association was able to donate over \$1000 to the high school performing arts and athletic departments for their help in putting on our comedy event.

Student Uses STEM Skills to Help Children With Disabilities



SHS Junior, Katie Essex

Photo credit: Indy Star

Great things are happening inside the halls of SHS.

During the annual STEM night, Junior Katie Essex and the Mini-Movers Club showcased their adapted electric cars to meet the needs of children with mobility issues.

To find out more:

[CLICK HERE](#) for the *Indy Star* Report

[CLICK HERE](#) for a video link from WISHTV



Looking for some SHS Alumni gear? Look no further. All proceeds from sales go to benefit SHSAA and current SHS students.



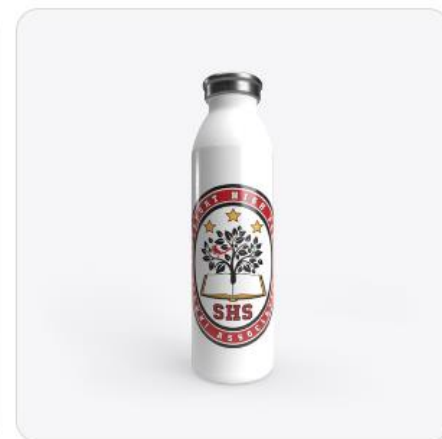
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