



# Southport High School

Alumni  
Association

A Message from Our President, Brent Bockelman

Winter, 2024



Fellow Cardinals,

[southportalumni.com](http://southportalumni.com)

We've had a busy few months. Many classes hosted their reunions throughout the fall season. Here at the Alumni Association, we also hosted our annual All-Class Reunion, the Homecoming Tailgate, and our Legends Luncheon where we honored this year's Alumnus of the Year, Jack Christy.

If you would like to nominate a fellow graduate for the school's Alumnus of the Year award, there is [a link](#) in this newsletter you can follow. The purpose of this award is to recognize SHS graduates who have demonstrated a high level of achievement in their fields of endeavor and/or who have made significant contributions through achievement, service, or leadership to the community. To be considered for recognition, the individual must have graduated from Southport High School at least 25 years prior to the recognition. Individuals not selected in the first year of nomination are automatically reconsidered with the next group. Nominations older than ten years must be resubmitted. The high school has stated that only online nomination submissions will be considered.

As we approach the spring season, we are gearing up for another successful year of awarding scholarships through our association. Be sure to check out our next newsletter with more updates regarding our impressive scholarship program.

Go Cards!

*-Brent Bockelman ('01)*



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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.



1919 Girls Basketball

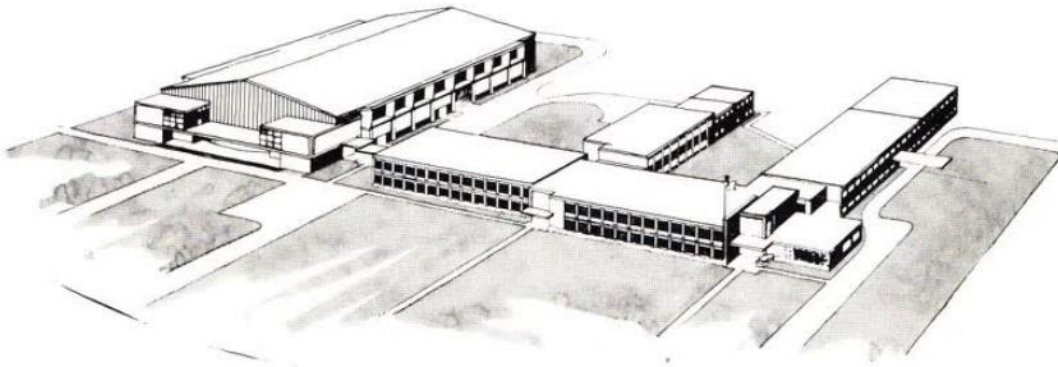


## 1915 Boys Basketball Team



*At Southport High School, as in most Indiana schools, basketball was the most popular sport. Toward the close of the decade, the basketball team began to gain prominence in the county. In 1922 and 1928 the team won the Marion County Tourney, sparking great pride throughout the small town of Southport. A.E. Pitcher, who was also the track coach, accepted*

# SHS 1959



Madison & Southport  
1927





# Check out some pictures from our Homecoming Social Events:

\* Alumnus of the Year Luncheon

\* Homecoming

\* All-Class Reunion

[CLICK HERE](#) for a look at our past events gallery.





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## 2024 Southport High School Wall of Fame Alumnus of the Year Nomination Form

\* NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1st, 2024.

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit a nomination for SHS Alumnus of the Year







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## THE JOURNAL

Gretchen  
Turner  
*Editor-In-Chief*



-- Check out these links to the current issue of the SHS Journal --

### Completing a Need – [CLICK HERE](#) for the full story

As soon as I was made aware of an SHS graduate who released a studio album, I knew it was a story we had to make happen. Here, reporter Lillie Youmans tells the story of 1999 grad Gerald Bailey and his journey to becoming a professional musician. It's such a fun story to read, and one I think many alumni will enjoy.



### The Wright Home – [CLICK HERE](#) for the full story

Orchestra Director Thomas Wright has been hosting foreign exchange students for years now, and it continues to have a lasting impact on the students he hosts. Reporter Lucy Len Dim does an excellent job delving into why Wright started hosting, and it's such a touching story.



### Time to Get Mean-- [CLICK HERE](#) for the full story

Our most recent online in-depth focuses on the annual fall musical, which was "Mean Girls" this year. Reporter Zing Par did an amazing job not only capturing the process of putting on a musical so different than SHS has done in years past. From the soundtrack to the set designs, the theater department put on a fantastic show, and Par showed that perfectly.





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**IndyStar.**

**Perry Township uses fall break to help with reading**

Recently, *The IndyStar* featured Perry Township schools and their efforts to develop the reading levels of their students during the fall break intersession. Featured in the video is SHS graduate and current teacher at Homecroft Elementary, Ben Danner

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full story,







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*Hoosier Basketball Magazine* recently featured the historic SHS fieldhouse on their site.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the video featuring SHS.



# Santa Bob's

*Annual*

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DRIVE**



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Call Bob**

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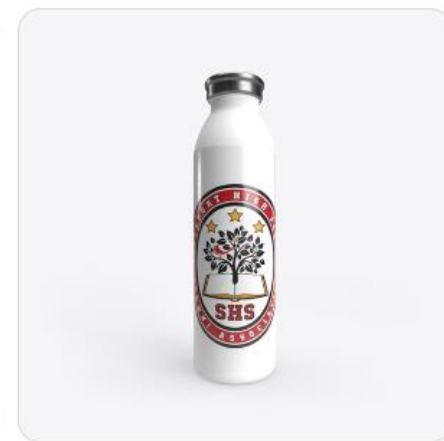
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