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Mather High School will be turning 50!

Mather High School was established on May 17, 1960. The year 2010 will mark our high school's 50th year. A celebration is being planned to mark this auspicious occasion.



We are now forming the 50th Birthday Party Planning Committee to plan the celebration. Our first meeting will be in the beginning of November. All alumni are invited to join. We need your ideas and expertise to help make this an event to remember. Contact us today for more information. Or, click [here](#) to join the planning committee. Once we hear from you a meeting date will be sent and you will be notified.

We want to include as many alumni as possible in the festivities. Our current mailing list contains over 5,000 alumni, 2,500 of which have e-mail addresses. We are looking for additional names and class lists. If you are in contact with any alumni please ask them to join our e-mail list. Also, please send us any class or reunion lists you might have. We will accept lists both electronic and/or hard copy versions.

Meet the 2007 Scholarship Recipients

Two \$8,000 scholarships were awarded this year. Antwaun Sargent is attending Georgetown University and Leah Bettig can be found at Northwestern University. We also awarded six \$500 special awards to Mather students to help them with their college expenses. [Learn more about our scholarship recipients.](#)



Save the Date for a benefit concert to benefit the Mather

High School Alumni Scholarship Fund!

7:00 p.m. December 9, 2007
Irish-American Heritage Center, Chicago
Admission: \$15

Hosted by Mather alumnus Gary Tuber
(1963) and Second Sunday Concerts



The show will present the best acoustic/folk performers in Chicago and from around the country. Some of the performers will be fellow Mather alumni. We will keep you get you more information as plans for the concert are finalized.

Learn more about [Second Sunday Concerts](#).

New Principal, New Face, New Fund

During the first few weeks of school we spent time talking to Mather's new principal, Chris Jones, as well as administrators, counselors and teachers to learn how the alumni can best serve the school and the students. From listening to the Mather community we learned that right now there is a great need for our direct support of activities, equipment and supplies for many school departments. For example the Athletic Department is trying to find ways to help students who cannot afford to purchase their own team uniforms. In addition, the theater is desperately in need of a new sound system. These are only a few of the items on their long wish list.

The Mather High School Alumni Scholarship Fund has always provided scholarship dollars. We are now developing a new fund, Making Mather Matter, that would directly help the school and the students while they are still attending school. This in turn will help the students be more prepared after graduation. Alumni can help by:

- donating money to the alumni association and targeting your giving to either the scholarship fund or the Making Mather Matter fund
- contacting a specific school department directly to offer in-kind services and/or materials (over the next month or two we will be establishing a Mather Wish List on the website)

We will keep you updated about this new fund.

You can also support Mather High School while you shop. Whenever you use your Target credit card 1% of your

purchases will go directly to Mather. [Enroll](#) in this program now.

Volunteer Today!

Volunteer for Mather's Career Fair November 16, 2007

Do you remember trying to determine what you wanted to be when you grew up? You can help Mather students today make career decisions for their future. You will spark their interest in different professions by sharing your career stories and expertise. Many students have not been exposed to the vast number of careers available to them. Just think of the world of possibilities you will open. As a Career Fair volunteer you will have informal discussions with students, share how you chose your career and watch their eyes open up wide.



We are looking for alumni working in all professions.

[For more information and to sign up contact Robin Bluestone-Miller \(1969\), Program Director.](#)

Other ways to get involved

Can't make the career fair? We are always receiving requests from teachers for alumni to speak to their students about different professions. And, students come to us with an interest in job shadowing. [Contact Robin Bluestone-Miller \(1969\), Program Director, to get your name on the list.](#)

School News

As the new principal of Stephen Tyng Mather High School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to our alumni's first e-newsletter. I am excited about returning to Mather as a graduate of class of 1986 and have many plans to make it a top notch school. Mather has changed over the years, but it is still a great place to receive a quality secondary education. Many different ethnic groups, speaking over fifty languages, have passed through our doors and each one enriches the texture of the education for both students and faculty. As our school approaches its 50th birthday, plans are underway for a massive \$26 million renovation project, designed to help alleviate space limitations and overcrowding at our school.



After the renovation is completed, we will welcome our Mather family back for a big birthday party celebration. We hope that you will get involved in the planning and can sign up on the web site.

I am also looking forward to many years of working with fellow alumni and want to continue fostering the relationships that have been developed with the Sandi Port Errant alumni Volunteer Program. These programs have already benefited many students through the scholarships and career programs. The alumni have also enjoyed giving back to their community.

We welcome you with open arms. Come watch us grow!

Go Rangers!!

Chris Jones
Principal

Alumni Connection

The most frequent question we received last year was - What is the date of my reunion? And the most frequent request was from reunion planning committees asking us to help them get the word out. We listened and are ready to help.



- Each issue of our e-newsletter we will publicize upcoming reunions that we know about
- We have reformatting our e-mail list to enable us to send an e-burst to alumni in a specific class

But we need your help! Our best source for reunion information is you. When you learn about an upcoming reunion please post that information in the [Alumni Connection](#) under Reunions. You can post a simple message with a date or the complete reunion plans, along with a contact number or e-mail. When we announce reunions through the e-newsletter or e-burst we will provide a direct link to that information.

Once your reunion is over send us a picture or two and, if possible, we will place it in the next e-newsletter.

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