



Abington Ghost Stories

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Abington Senior High School Expands Opportunities for Students with the Completion of the Additions and Renovations Project in 2022 *by Allie Artur '05*

The Abington Senior High School Additions and Renovations Project is in the home stretch as Abington School District prepares for the building's opening and the welcoming of the ninth grade class in September 2022. Planning is in the early stages for an opening event toward the start of the 2022-2023 school year, including community tour opportunities.

The former science wing (first floor) and English/world language wing (second floor) of the school, athletic wing, and S-wing and lower level of the building are all scheduled for completion this spring. The lower level will become one of the most dynamic spaces of the renovated building, as it will include an innovation incubator space, complete with a black box theater, television and production studio, Makerspace classroom, robotics lab, and virtual and augmented reality classroom. Abington School District is pursuing partnership with the Abington Educational Foundation (AEF) to assist in funding the technology for the space, including state-of-the-art equipment that will be beneficial across disciplines. The goal is for the incubator to become a space where students can work collaboratively on innovative ideas and concepts, and bring those ideas to fruition using real-world and hands-on learning experiences.

While construction continues, Abington School District administrators and staff, along with the subcommittees for reconfigured grade spans, have been hard at work planning and preparing for the ASD Grade Span Reconfiguration, in which ninth grade will move up to Abington Senior High School and sixth grade will move up to Abington Middle School. The Board of School Directors voted earlier this year to rename Abington Junior High School beginning July 1, 2022, to reflect the new 6-8 grade span and the philosophy for teaching and learning.

From the President

It seems that every calendar year presents major challenges to all of us. For the past two and a half years our lives have been stressed by the Covid Pandemic. Hopefully we are on our way to gaining some relief from the damage done by this health issue. We all don't agree on the issues but all have been working diligently to provide the best possible environment for learning. Society has recognized various groups as being HEROES. I would suggest that every individual involved in the Abington School District community including School Board members, Administrators and their staff, teachers, aides, transportation personnel, facilities department members, secretaries, food service personnel employed by Chartwells, construction workers, Students and PARENTS all deserve the recognition of HEROES.

The Alumni Association has had the pleasure of returning to In Person Meetings in our office. Several changes have occurred in the personnel serving the Association. Joe Muldowney'85 has resigned from the Board and Finance Committee. He will be replaced on the Finance Committee by Dave Clark'65 and Lauri Netroy'87 as an At Large Representative. Jane Bean'65 stepped down as Secretary and will stay on as a Member at Large. Roberta Clements'69 will take over as Secretary. A big thank you goes out to Joe for his years of faithful service.

I call your attention to an article detailing the progress and end product of years of planning and construction at the High School. We want to thank Allie Artur'05, Communication Director for the School District for providing the information included in that article. Get out your old high school maps and get oriented to the new building, lots of luck!

In the past we have made mention of a Community Survey designed to seek input from the Alumni and Community regarding issues impacting the School District. The issuance of this survey has been delayed until the spring of 2023 due to the deluge of tasks facing the School District at this time. You are encouraged to visit the School District website <http://www.abington.k12.pa.us/> so you may keep apprised of the happenings at our Abington Senior High School. Remember to check the website in March of 2023 for the Community Survey. Best of all things to the Class of 2022!



John Worthington '60

Where are they now?

Remembering Ray Coleman

Ray Coleman, a longtime Abington teacher and athletic director passed away at the age of 96 on September 19, 2021. Born in Tennessee he later found his way to Pennsylvania and graduated from Hatboro High School. There he lettered in four sports, and later was inducted into their Hall of Fame. Most of his life he resided in Doylestown, PA.

He then served in the United States Air Force in WWII. Ray went on to earn a Bachelor of Science from East Stroudsburg and a Master's in Education from Temple University. In 1950 he began teaching at Abington Junior High School., moving to the Senior High School in 1952. Ray taught Physical Education and served as Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Department. He became the Athletic Director and organized the Driver Education Program. During his time at Abington, he coached basketball, swimming, and golf. From time to time he coached soccer at Penn State Abington. In addition, Ray organized the athletic program at Shelton College in New Jersey. To keep busy he officiated the sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, and football. Then he retired from Abington School District in 1986.

Ray became the Executive Secretary for the Suburban I League, and was involved with the Scholar/athlete Scholarship, and other league functions. He received the League's first Lifetime Achievement Award. The Ray Coleman Scholarship is awarded yearly by the Philadelphia Suburban Soccer Association. Ray was known for passing out Suburban I passes, both yearly and lifetime, to every one he came into contact with over the years. He was reelected as Secretary of Suburban I until his passing, over 70 years later. He will be missed by his many friends and his Suburban I contacts, and also by the members of the 50+ Club of the Abington High School Alumni Association.

Wayne Ambler '65 pursued a career in teaching and would like to acknowledge the influence of AHS English teacher James Giordano on his choice of careers. Wayne loved Giordano's classes on Shakespeare and Dostoevsky, and took a summer course with him called "Modern Man and his Search for Values" He ended up teaching 40 years at the university of Dallas and University of Colorado and now podcast on Rome at getreadyforrome.com.

Robert Allison '96 just retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20+ years of service to our country. He lives in Florida with his wife and two daughters.

Walter Champion '68 now a professor, has written a new book "Blood In The Water". He is available for lectures, speeches, book signings, consultation and bar mitzvahs. He can be reached at wchampionjr@gmail.com

Rev. Jonathan A Mason, Sr. '90 after graduating from AHS Jonathan moved on to Norfolk State University on a full football scholarship majoring in Mass Communications. After graduating from Norfolk State he worked for twenty years in the Radio Broadcasting Sales with seventeen of those years spent in



New York City. He is the owner of JAM Media Solutions, Inc., an advertising and radio ownership group. He recently served a term as the International President of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. a community service organization with a membership of over 150,000. Rev. Mason currently serves as the Pastor of the Northeast Baptist Church in Philadelphia. A major focus of this ministry is supporting the young people of the community. He also owns and operates Camp Joy located in Virginia where at-risk young males are introduced to the tools needed for them to reach their full potential.

Marie Garrett '39 graduated from Temple in '43 with a degree in primary and secondary education. Later in life she received a religious degree. She turned 100 last year and lives in Bar Harbor Maine.

Charlie Greth '61 went to Temple and lived in Abington, Tredyffrin-Easttown, West Chester, Malvern, and Devon over 30 years. His profession was Real Estate business, broker/owner and that covered almost 40 years in Paoli, PA. He has 6 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He currently lives in Chapala, Mexico

Tom Weigand '80 after 20 years career with Lockheed as a project manager, he retired in 2009. Last year he was elected VP of The Corvette Club of Delaware Valley. Along with officership, Tom became the webmaster for their website CCDV.com. Stop by and see his new talent. He is also the owner of a trophy-winning 1971 coupe that will be featured this year at the 50th Cavalcade of Corvettes to be held at Middle Bucks County Institute of Technology on June 25, 2022

Craig Reynolds '14 went to Kutztown and started a career in Football. He signed with the Washington Redskins as an undrafted free agent after participating in a rookie mini camp with the team on May 13, 2019.

Reynolds was promoted to the Redskins active roster on October 19, 2019 and made his NFL debut the following day against the San Francisco 49ers, playing on special teams.

On November 12, 2019, Reynolds was signed to the Atlanta Falcons practice squad.

On September 14, 2020, Reynolds was signed to the Jacksonville Jaguars active roster on November 28 2020.

On August 12, 2021, he signed with the Detroit Lions and was elevated to the Lions' active roster before the team's Week 14 game against the Denver Broncos after running backs D'Andre Swift and Jamaal Williams were ruled out for the game. He gained 83 yards on 11 carries in a 10-38 loss. Reynolds was elevated again the following week and made his first career start in a 30-12 win over the Arizona Cardinals, rushing for 112 yards on 26 carries. The Lions signed him to their active roster on December 20, 2021, on a contract through the 2022 season. Craig returned to AHS on February 9th of this year to share his stories with fellow students.



Transportation 1920



The 1920 photograph of an Abington School District bus is parked in front of the Senior High School, located on Susquehanna Road. Notice the dress of the students waiting for the ride home. This equipment was no doubt “state of the art” for the 1920s. Considering the condition of the roads in those days, it had to be an exciting ride that sure beat walking. If any of our readers have any specific information regarding the early buses, we would certainly appreciate hearing from you. Transportation of school students in 2021, a hundred years later, is much different. Abington School District is responsible to transport approximately 7,000 students to 80 public and private schools located within a 10-mile radius of the district. This task is met through the utilization of 59 school district vehicles and 29 contracted vehicles. District vehicles range in size from 9 passenger vans to 72 passenger buses. Last year, the Transportation Department racked up 614,539 miles of travel. A staff of 68 drivers, 15 aides, 4 technicians, and an administrative staff of 3 keeps the wheels going “round and round”. Mr. Charles Rehm, supervisor, and his staff are to be commended for their outstanding job safely transporting the 7,000 students to and from school each school day.

Reunion Class of '87 35th Reunion

MaGerks in Horsham
November 26th, 2022. 7:00 P.M. till?
Contact Laurie Compter Nitroy
at imlaurie2u@comcast.net



Flag Carriers needed June 8

Members of the Alumni Association each year on June 8, we gather at 4:15 PM in the cafeteria to have a light dinner and prepare to assist the High School administration to perform graduation ceremonies. Each year is represented by a maroon flag with the year of graduation. Alumni line the sides of the stadium holding the flags on a pole and the seniors’ march between the two rows of flags. We gather at 4:30 to have a light dinner and then tour some of the new school facilities and get an update on the construction project. The group heads to the stadium flags in hand. We want to have every year represented so that’s where YOU come in. You don’t need to carry it for your year. We will find an open slot close to your year of graduation. After the seniors are seated in the center of the field the pole bears place the flags in the holders to the left or right of the stage. You are welcome to stay and can be seated off to the right of the stage and watch the ceremonies or leave. You can be on your way by 7:15 p.m. Contact Nancy Nesbitt Borkowski ’67. Her email address is NancyBorkowski@abington.k12.pa.us or call 215-884-4700 Ext. 2360 She will send you a letter of confirmation. Go Ghosts!

Membership & Donations 2021

K Club

Marie Koob Mounts '45 \$1000

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Martha Mc Monigle Crillym '59 \$50

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Joseph P. Neumann '67 \$100

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Anonymous \$2,000

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Walter T. Champion '68 \$75

50+Club \$873

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Membership & Donations Form

Membership

Life, \$25 (one-time donation)

Maroon & White, \$50

Century Club, \$100

500 Club, \$500

K Club, \$1,000

Bronze, \$5,000

Donations (any amount)

Booster donation

Memorial donations—other than life membership memorials

I am willing to give a little time to work for the Alumni Association.

Date _____

Class year _____ Present membership _____

First name _____ Maiden if applicable _____ Surname _____

Address—please check here if this is a new address

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Please add memorial donation information here. Attach second sheet if needed.

Total enclosed (make checks payable to Abington High School Alumni Association) _____
Please detach form and mail to AHSAA at P.O. Box 55, Abington, Pa. 19001.

Memberships also can be purchased online at www.abingtonalumni.com using credit card or Paypal.

Memorials

Alfred '39 & Sara Lizzio '41	by children Fred '68, Joanne'70 and Janet 74	\$75.00
Marie Garrett '39 100 th Birthday	by Georgina Garrett Duff, '49 sister	\$100.00
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Mark Stauffer '73	by sisters Brenda Weber '75 and Carol Peter '79	\$200.00

Class of 2021 Scholarship Winners



Kyla-Jordyn Barnhardt
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Francesca Bria
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

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Social Hour and Cash Bar – 11:30 a.m. • Luncheon – 12:30 p.m.

For general information please contact:

Patti Hartman ('87) 302-632-7978 pattihartman@comcast.net
or Joan Z. Mosler ('54) 267-575-0647 jzimmie@aol.com.

Please keep this portion as your only reminder!

Remember your menu choice by checking it here:

- CHICKEN CORDON BLEU
- HONEY DIJON SALMON
- GRILLED TWIN TORNADOES OF BEEF
- VEGETARIAN

Luncheon Price – \$35

Any profit from the luncheon will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Fifty Plus Luncheon Reservation Form

Menu Choice:

(Check one per person attending)

- CHICKEN CORDON BLEU
- HONEY DIJON SALMON
- GRILLED TWIN TORNADOES OF BEEF
- VEGETARIAN

Class year _____ Phone number _____

First name _____ Maiden if applicable _____ Surname _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

E-mail address _____

Reservation deadline:

Sept. 30, 2022

Please make checks payable to: **50+ Club**

Send with bottom portion of this form ASAP to:

Patti Hartman
301 Church Road
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Reservations will not be acknowledged.

Spouse or guest:

First name _____ Maiden if applicable _____ Surname _____

Class year _____

Number attending _____ x \$35 per person = Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Fifty Plus Club**

Table preference: Seat me/us with the Class of 19 _____.

Please use a separate sheet for any additional notes or special needs.

Thank you!

I cannot attend but want to contribute to the scholarship fund and alumni association. Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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Spring 2022

- Attend the annual Association business meeting at 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 22, in the Alumni Office in the Administration Building on Highland Avenue in Abington.
- Contact your class coordinator now to plan your next reunion.
- Visit the Association's web page for reunions: <http://www.abingtonalumni.com.pa.us>, or phone (215) 572-8899
- Please consider the Alumni Association in your estate planning.

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