



St. Albans High School Class of 69 Reunion

June 29, 2009

Dear Fellow Classmates

Can you believe it has been 40 years!!!

Plans are now pretty much finalized for our 40 year Class Reunion to be held Homecoming Weekend, October 2nd and 3rd. This also coincides with the Centennial Celebration being planned by the school to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of SAHS. What better way is there for us to celebrate Homecoming than to go to a football game and have a little dance! For those that follow Facebook and Classmates, you have had some hints of what is going on but here is the official scoop.

Friday, October 2, 2009:

Homecoming football game between SAHS and Woodrow Wilson HS (Beckley) will kick off at 7:00 pm. Pregame festivities will start at 6:00 and include recognition of former Homecoming queens, majorettes, cheerleaders, Drama Dragons, and players with a performance by former band members. We have arranged to have a section of seats reserved for the Class of 69 so we can cheer on our alma mater together. To reserve a space, however, you must get your ticket through us at \$6.00 each. Following the game, those interested are invited to enjoy post game fellowship and refreshments (cash bar) at The Café on Main Street in the former McClung & Morgan Department Store. We are planning to have the upper room open and reserved for alumni.

Saturday, October 3, 2009:

The day begins with a parade being organized and sponsored by the Centennial & Founders Day Committees. The parade forms at St. Francis on Park and proceeds to Kanawha Terrace, then up to the High School and Hudson. Again, they are looking for former band members, majorettes and cheerleaders to participate. Don't worry, you will not be expected to fit into your old uniforms.

Following the parade, the school with all its renovations and additions will be open for tours, with festivities and concessions planned on the grounds. We will have a classroom reserved for reminiscing and getting reacquainted. Principal Williams is scheduled to dedicate the Alumni Room in the Library at approximately noon.

Saturday evening concludes with a Dinner / Dance at the Charleston Town Center Marriott. A reception with light snacks and a cash bar starts at 6:00 on the second level, Salon C. At 7:00, a buffet dinner will be served featuring chicken and beef, potatoes, rice, mixed vegetables, salads and dessert. A class photo will be taken after dinner and the obligatory awards and announcements. Then for our listening and dancing enjoyment, classmates Steve Payne and Tim Coll with their popular group Soul Doctors will perform till we just can't party no more. You can check them out at <http://www.souldoctorsband.com>

For those needing hotel accommodations, we have blocked a number of rooms at the Marriott at the discounted rate of \$105 plus tax. When making reservations use code SAHSAHA. Space is limited so make you reservations as soon as you can. Rooms will be released after September 18th.

We have tried to make this event a little different than past reunions. With the game and other homecoming festivities, we really hope you will take this opportunity to come home and get reacquainted with fellow classmates. Cost for the entire weekend is just **\$69.00** per person. With economy what it is and cash a little tight, let us know and perhaps some assistance might be possible. We do not want anyone who would like to join us not be able to do so. If you choose only to come to the game, that is of course fine. We would still love to see you. After all, most of us are not getting any younger and who knows who will no longer be around when we get together at our 50th.

Attached is a reservation form that also includes space for contact and personal information. We would like you to complete and return the form even if you do not plan on attending as it will allow us to update our records and keep in touch. Registrations are due by September 18th so we can finalize plans and have a proper head count. Anyone needing additional information or has questions or suggestions can also contact me at rktect405@aol.com. I am also on Facebook as are several other classmates and I am sure one us can get the information to you or pass it along. Additional info will be posted on the St Albans High School Alumni web site <http://www.sahsalumni.org>

We have sent this letter to those we have either a street address and/or an email address. It will also make its way to Facebook and Classmates.com, but we need your help to get the word out. Please touch base with any classmate you stay in contact with to make sure we reach as many people as possible.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Harris', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Harris