

**IT'S OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION!!!**

**CCS Class of '73 Reunion Weekend: July 21-23**



Classmates,

It seems like only yesterday we left the hallowed halls of Chatham Central School but in June 1973, we all embarked on a new phase of our lives. While you may have attended various reunions over the past 50 years, you told us that you felt that this milestone was worthy of having more opportunities to spend time together. We decided to make this a multi-day celebration and we encourage you to attend some - or all - of the things we've arranged. Our planning team developed what we hope are different and interesting options to catch up and reconnect. Please note that these events are all open to you and your spouse/partner.

We'd ask that if you'd like to join an activity, **please complete this form and RSVP to Melissa Witthoft by July 8** so that we can coordinate the appropriate arrangements. If this was emailed to you, please return this page to [melissawitthoft@gmail.com](mailto:melissawitthoft@gmail.com). If this was mailed to you, please return a copy of this page using the enclosed pre-addressed, stamped envelope. You can also text a photo of this page or call Melissa at 203-722-5568 to share your preferred activities by phone.

In the box below, please include: **your name, your email and/or phone number in case we need to contact you, and whether you have any special dietary considerations for our Saturday 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion dinner.** *We hope to see you in July!*

Your name	Your contact information	Special dietary considerations for Reunion dinner

Here's the weekend lineup! **In the box next to an event, please add names of all those who expect to join that event so we can plan accordingly.**

Friday, July 21, 2023			
Name(s)	Golf Outing	Name(s)	Pub Get-together
Name(s): <i>Playing 18 holes @11am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TIME:</b> 11am for 18 holes; 1pm for 9 holes</li> <li>• <b>LOCATION:</b> Winding Brook Country Club, 2839 State Route 203, Valatie, NY</li> <li>• <b>COSTS:</b> For 18 holes: \$55 with cart/\$35 to walk. For 9 holes: \$35 with cart/\$20 to walk</li> <li>• <b>PLANNING TEAM LIAISON:</b> Jim Hogencamp</li> <li>• <b>OTHER INFO:</b> Very limited equipment rentals at the clubhouse/players should bring own equipment; please wear appropriate attire for golf course; payment on day of event to Winding Brook</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TIME:</b> 4:30pm (Happy Hour!)</li> <li>• <b>LOCATION:</b> Yianni's at the Chatham House, 29 Hudson Ave, Chatham, NY</li> <li>• <b>COST:</b> Self-pay for drinks/food (entrees range from \$14 to \$32)</li> <li>• <b>PLANNING TEAM LIAISON:</b> Barbara (Macarthy) Akers</li> <li>• <b>OTHER INFO:</b> Yianni's has a great menu in case you want to get dinner/appetizers</li> </ul>
Name(s): <i>Playing 9 holes @1pm</i>			
Saturday, July 22			
Name(s)	Tour of Martin Van Buren Home & Hike	Name(s)	50th Reunion Dinner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TIME:</b> 10-11am tour, followed by trail hike</li> <li>• <b>LOCATION:</b> Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, 1013 Old Post Road, Kinderhook, NY</li> <li>• <b>COST:</b> Free</li> <li>• <b>PLANNING TEAM LIAISON:</b> Bonnie Kring</li> <li>• <b>OTHER INFO:</b> Please wear appropriate footwear if you choose to go hiking following the tour</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TIME:</b> 4pm Cocktails; 5-7pm Dinner; 7-10pm DJ &amp; Dancing</li> <li>• <b>LOCATION:</b> Kinderhook Elks Lodge, 2750 Rt 9H, Kinderhook, NY; Outdoor event (<i>weather permitting</i>)</li> <li>• <b>COST:</b> \$45 dinner / Cash bar (see FAQs for more info)</li> <li>• <b>PLANNING TEAM LIAISON:</b> Barbara (Macarthy) Akers</li> <li>• <b>PRE-PAYMENT REQUESTED:</b> Please pay by July 8 to Melissa Witthoft:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>For Venmo:</i> @Melissa-Witthoft (To use this payment method, please write 'Class Reunion' in the payment box "what is this for")</li> <li>○ <i>To mail a personal check:</i> Melissa Witthoft, 9 Sierra Way, Danbury, CT 06810</li> <li>○ <i>Cash payment:</i> We understand that Venmo or checks may not be available to all so you can pay with cash on the evening of the event</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Sunday, July 23			
Class Breakfast			
Name(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TIME:</b> 10am</li> <li>• <b>COST:</b> Menu items are \$10 (or less); self-pay at the door</li> <li>• <b>LOCATION:</b> Kinderhook Elks Lodge, 2750 Rt 9H, Kinderhook, NY</li> <li>• <b>PLANNING TEAM LIAISONS:</b> Catie (McCarthy) Wertz, Barbara (Macarthy) Akers</li> </ul>		

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FAQ	GUIDANCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are the dates for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We've planned a weekend of events beginning Friday, July 21 and concluding on Sunday, July 23.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If my spouse/partner accompanies me, may they participate in the planned events?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We'd love for you to include your spouse/partner in any/all of these activities so they can enjoy getting to know your classmates.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>When, how and to whom do I RSVP for any or all of the events that are planned?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We ask that you RSVP to Melissa Witthoft <b>by July 8</b> so that we can coordinate your participation.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If you've received this by email, you can revert page 1 of this communication to Melissa at <a href="mailto:melissawitthoft@gmail.com">melissawitthoft@gmail.com</a>.</li> <li>○ If you received this by mail, you can return page 1 using the stamped, pre-addressed envelope.</li> <li>○ You can also text a photo of this page or call Melissa at 203-722-5568 to share your preferred activities by phone</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If I don't have to pay in advance for most of these events, why do you need me to RSVP?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The locations where we plan to host events requested a headcount from us so that they can ensure that they have sufficient seating, resources and/or other elements to offer us a positive experience so getting your 'votes' will help us achieve that goal.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Who should I contact to pre-pay for the Saturday, July 22, 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion BBQ dinner?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please send your payment to Melissa Witthoft <b>by July 8</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>For Venmo:</i> @Melissa-Witthoft (To use this payment method, please write 'Class Reunion' in the payment box "what is this for")</li> <li>○ <i>To mail a personal check:</i> Melissa Witthoft, 9 Sierra Way, Danbury, CT 06810</li> <li>○ <i>Cash payment:</i> We understand that Venmo or checks may not be available to all so you can pay with cash when you arrive at the dinner.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Because of current financial constraints, I may not be able to cover the costs for the Saturday Reunion dinner but would love to attend. What do you advise?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our most important goal is that <b>we want everyone to attend this event!</b> If you have a financial constraint, we are willing to offer assistance and encourage you to reach out to a member of the reunion planning team who will discuss your concerns in a confidential manner.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Because I have special dietary considerations, how do I communicate this for the Saturday Reunion dinner?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We want to make sure to accommodate all special dietary needs. On the confirmation form, please indicate your dietary considerations and we will ensure that we have the appropriate food for your dinner.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>I'm not interested in joining every event. Can I choose to join just one event?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are welcome to choose events that best align with your personal preferences; you can join all events - or a single one. Please indicate what events you plan to join on page one.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If I can't attend this Reunion, will you be sharing photos after this weekend?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We hope to compile photos of the weekend's events and share them with everyone. The Planning team is in the process of considering the most practical (and cost-efficient) method of doing so.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How do we find out more about the Class of 2023 Scholarship recipients? What were the guidelines for students who received their award? I know we hoped to raise \$1,000, but exactly how much did we raise?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was a one-time effort that allowed us to recognize students whose values reflected our own – service to class, service to school and service to community. When defining our expectations with the CCS administration, we asked that they not limit awards to just college-bound students, but also award students who may be pursuing trade or vocational school or joining the military. Recipients will be notified during a June 7 awards ceremony during which our classmates, Ruth Fitzpatrick and Dan Tuczinski, will be handing out these awards on our behalf. And kudos to you...you helped raised <b>\$3,300!</b> <b>Six deserving students will each receive an award of \$550!</b> You exceeded expectations and the CCS administration and scholarship recipients are grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Do we have a class Facebook page? If so, what is the link name and how can I join it?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Facebook page is – <b>Chatham Central High School Class of 73</b>. While we've tried to find all classmates on FB, we may have missed you in our searches. Please feel free to request to join the page and one of the page administrators will add you.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If I have additional questions about our Reunion weekend, who should I contact?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please feel free to speak with any member of the reunion planning team who can answer your questions.</li> </ul>