National Oak Park High School Alumni Association

Post Office Box 6495 Laurel, MS 39441

March 19, 2024

Dear Friends, Well-Wishers and Supporters,

We are excited about the approaching Biennial Reunion of the National Oak Park High School Alumni Association which begins on June 28, 2024. The Reunion will kick off with the Biennial Blue and White Oak Park Dragon parade! We hope you will participate in our parade this year by entering a float, bus, car, truck, van or walking group. There is no fee to enter parade; however, donations are gladly accepted and can be made by check or money order to:

N.O.P.H.S.A.A. P. O. Box 6495 Laurel. MS. 39441

Trophies will be awarded to the best float.

- All vehicles should be clean with legible signs.
- Floats are considered to be decorated flatbed trailers pulled by a truck or large transport vehicle.

Staging and lineup will begin on Deborah Hyde Avenue, in the parking lot across from Providence Baptist Church.

The parade will proceed down MLK Ave after turning left on East 18th St., cross Chantilly onto Victoria Avenue to East 1st St., cross Cooks to Central Ave and proceed to the "Turn Around" down South Maple Street and parade pass the Historic Oak Park Elementary School and turn left onto Jeff Rocket St. in front of the Oak Park Swimming Pool and disembark in the parking areas behind school at N.O.P.H.S.A.A.. Headquarters.

The committee has designated three community gathering locations along parade route which are: Nora Davis Magnet School, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church and the "Underpass" area near Saint Elmo Baptist Church. The designated area in Queensburg is Oak Park Elementary School. Everyone is encouraged to dress in your Dragon royal blue and white colors and wave and cheer us on as we parade to Oak Park Elementary School.

If you have any further questions, please contact our Parade Chair or Co-chair whose numbers are listed below. We would love to have a big welcoming turn-out from the Laurel Community to greet former Oak Parkites from all over the United States! We look forward to hearing from you! You may visit our website at https://nophaa2020.org. Additionally, if anyone is interested in volunteering to assist the committee as site managers or as helpers with parade staging and line/up feel free to contact us!

Yours truly,

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