The Olathe Public Schools Alumni Association will serve as a consistent source of information and assistance for graduates of all our schools, from all decades.

Reunions
The Olathe Public Schools Alumni Association may be a resource for those who are charged with class reunions by providing current class lists. The Alumni Association has a banking account that can also be a resource to keep seed money from the class to start the next reunion.

Scholarships
The Olathe Public Schools Alumni Association Scholarship has a goal to award a senior from each of the five high schools for being engaged in their school setting and plans to be an active alum.

Recognitions
The Wall of Honor is a special event held to recognize alumni and staff for lifetime achievements. Candidates must be Olathe Public Schools graduates, must have graduated at least 20 years prior to the nomination, and must have attained a high level of achievement in at least one of the following areas: personal and/or professional life; community/humanitarian service; or lifelong commitment to educational excellence.

Another award presented each year at the Wall of Honor ceremony is the Distinguished Person of Honor. These candidates are current or former employees of Olathe Public Schools. They must have made an impact and/or great achievement in at least one of the following areas: personal and/or professional life; community/humanitarian service; or commitment to educational excellence in the Olathe Public Schools.

If you know alumni or Olathe Public Schools employees who are deserving of either of these awards, please consider making a nomination. Forms are in this packet or can be found on the alumni association’s web page at www.olatheschools.org/alumni.
Olathe Public Schools alumni are all members of the Alumni Association. Under the direction of board leadership, support is provided for reunions and record maintenance, recognition through the Wall of Honor, scholarships, social gatherings and Old Settlers celebrations.

In 1865, public high school in Olathe was first held upstairs in the courthouse on the southeast corner of Kansas and Park streets. There were between 60 and 80 students.

In 1868, the Stone School was built at a cost of $10,000. (see photo on front panel) By 1898 it was considered inadequate and a bond issue was approved by voters for $15,000 to build the Red Brick School. By 1925 another new school was needed and John P. St. John Memorial High School opened in 1927.

Growth again dictated a larger school. Olathe High School opened in 1958 and was renamed Olathe North High School when Olathe South opened in 1981. In the following two decades, Olathe East (1992) and Olathe Northwest (2003) opened to serve a growing student enrollment. The district’s fifth high school, Olathe West, opened in the fall of 2017.

Alumni associations provide opportunities for graduates to stay connected with friends and the community. The Olathe Public Schools Alumni Association wants Olathe graduates to have the opportunity to periodically reconnect with classmates.

Recent high school graduates have many adventures ahead and alumni connections are an important part of their professional and personal future!

This association, with the help of Olathe Public Schools Community Development Office provides a link from the present to the future.

The Olathe Public Schools Alumni Association would like for you to provide your most permanent address information as of graduation. By continuing to update your address with us as you move through college and your career/life, others will be able to locate you for reunions and you may be able to locate classmates and buddies you have lost track of over the years.

As an Olathe graduate, we’d like to hear about your successes in the years to come. Please send your stories or those of other graduates that you would like to honor to our office.

We are proud of the students who graduate from Olathe Public Schools and hope you will have great opportunities to make a difference in our world while enjoying the adventures life has to offer you.