



The Latest Buzz

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PERRYSBURG SCHOOLS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

PERRYSBURG ATHLETICS:

STEPPING UP OUR GAME



Proposed Perrysburg Athletic Complex Renderings

Remember when you played sports for the Jackets? For many of you, your high school memories often revolve around teammates, coaches and memorable athletic contests.

You'll be happy to know the caliber of Perrysburg sports has maintained high performance standards:

2012 – Girls soccer team won the state championship

2013 – 6 league championships in football, girls cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, and volleyball

In spite of all this talent, you might be surprised to learn that these athletes are still using the same locker rooms you all did (since the 1960s!).

And, as the school district has grown, a variety of challenges have surfaced:

- Limited locker room space for the football teams
- Inadequate shower and bathroom facilities for athletes
- No facilities for other athletic teams, including boys and girls soccer and lacrosse
- A lack of food storage space at the concession stand

The Game Plan

A group of Perrysburg alumni and residents have stepped forward to form the Perrysburg Athletic Complex Committee. They've launched a focused capital campaign to build a stand-alone athletic complex on the north end of Widdel Field at Steinecker Stadium. The new facility will:

- Create locker rooms and expanded restroom facilities for at least 400 student-athletes
- Be used by all PHS football, soccer and lacrosse teams as well as track athletes
- Replace the current concession stand with two new concession stands
- Eliminate the need and security issues associated with accessing the Junior High
- Provide a larger, more modern weight room
- Centralize practices, games, meetings, and film study and reduce travel to and from the high school
- Create opportunities to host regional playoffs and tournaments (and ensuing revenue generation)
- Provide a community meeting space



Funding

The goal is to raise \$2 million in private money to fund the construction of a new Perrysburg Athletic Complex. The campaign kicked off in spring 2013, and lead individual donors, the Perrysburg Athletic Boosters and the campaign cabinet have all stepped forward to pledge more than \$800,000.

As a former Jacket, we're asking you to join the team to improve the PHS athletic facilities. All donations are tax-deductible.

A pledge card is included on the next page and may be returned to Jeff Abke, Development Director, Perrysburg Schools. Questions? Contact Jeff Abke at 419-874-9131, Ext. 2274, or jabke@perrysburgschools.net.

Thank you for your continued support of the Perrysburg Yellow Jackets!

For More Information, Visit
www.perrysburgathleticfacility.org

PLEDGE FORM FOR THE PERRYSBURG ATHLETIC COMPLEX CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

GIFT INFORMATION

☐ SPECIAL DEDICATION OPPORTUNITY

For \$2,500, you can leave your legacy with your nameplate on a locker. There are only 158 lockers available. Over 5 years, that's only \$500/year.

☐ OTHER GIFT AMOUNT

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To be paid:

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I plan to pay: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually

I/we intend to fulfill our pledge using:

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*As you wish it to be reflected on all recognition and promotional materials.

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THE PERRYSBURG ATHLETIC COMPLEX CAMPAIGN TEAM

HONORARY CHAIRS

Ray Frick
Jerry Glanville ('59)
Jim Leyland ('62)

CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

Jeff & Laurie Huskisson
Ken Widdel

STEERING COMMITTEE

Tim Bockbrader ('90)
Dave Matolyak, President, Boosters
Ray Pohlman, Athletic Director
Ken Widdel ('74), President-Elect, Boosters

"Perrysburg is a special place. I've been part of it since I was a kid. It's been very supportive of our kids. The new athletic complex is overdue. It will be a big boost for Perrysburg on I-75, and it will help keep student-athletes safe."

— Ray Frick, Honorary Chairman
Owner, Fricker's Restaurant

Perrysburg Schools Taps Abke for Development Director

When Jeff Abke got married five years ago, six of his groomsmen were Perrysburg High School graduates. It's not surprising. There is often a close bond between fellow Jackets that lasts a lifetime.

Fond memories of his high school days led Abke, a 1996 Perrysburg High School graduate, back to Perrysburg Schools as its new, full-time Development Director. "Perrysburg is a distinctive community and so are its schools," says Abke. "I want to do what I can to keep our graduates connected and to help further the goals and meet the needs of our students, faculty and programs."

When Abke attended Perrysburg High School, he was on the tennis team and was active in the Drama Club and theater productions, appearing in "Anything Goes," and serving as a Student Director for one of the "Winter One Acts." Abke was also on the Executive Board of the Student Council and served on the After Prom committee. "I was involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, and that allowed me to make friends with a lot of my classmates," says Abke. "We had a lot of fun back then, and I want all of our graduates to have the means to stay connected."

Abke has two main goals as Development Director. "I encourage our graduates to contact us through Facebook and other social media so we can build a network for them to connect with each other both socially and professionally. That will allow us to provide more services to them as Perrysburg alumni." In addition, Abke's major goal is to seek financial gifts from alumni and supporters to benefit Perrysburg Schools.

"Establishing a Development Director position for a public school system is a rather unique, but necessary, move," says Tom Hosler, Perrysburg Schools Superintendent. "We live in an environment where finding the funds to do those extra things that make Perrysburg special, is getting tougher and tougher. The only way to make that happen is to think and act differently. Our students need the support of our alumni and friends now more than ever."

The new Development Director is well-prepared for his role. The Miami University Political Science/History graduate was active in his college's

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Student Foundation when he attended. "Back then we were trying to raise money for student scholarships, and I thought it might be an interesting career field."

Abke graduated and spent five years as Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Programs for St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York as well as five years at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio as Director of Regional Development-East Coast. His latest career move, prior to joining Perrysburg Schools, was as the Assistant Director of Advancement for Pomfret School, a private four-year high school in Pomfret, Connecticut.

Abke and his wife, Rachel, have a son, Wally, who was born this past August. His parents, Glenn and Mary Ann Abke, live in Perrysburg, and his mother taught at Frank Elementary School for more than 20 years. He can be reached at 419-874-9131, Ext. 2274 or jabke@perrysburgschools.net.



Perrysburg High School Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team

Fall Sports Wrap-Up

- **Girls' Cross Country** – Team placed 5th in the state. Regional, district and NLL Champions.
- **Girls' Soccer** – District Champions, advanced to Regional Semi-Finals. NLL Co-Champions, 13-3-3 overall record.
- **Girls' Volleyball** – Undefeated 14-0 NLL Champions, 22-3 overall record. Ranked 9th in the state.
- **Girls' Tennis** – Undefeated 7-0 NLL Champions with 16-2 overall record. Six girls qualified for districts.
- **Girls' Golf** – State Qualifiers, District runner-up, and NLL Champions.
- **Football** – Undefeated 8-0 NLL Champions, 9-3 overall record. Defeated Akron Ellet to win first playoff game in school history. Advanced to quarter final game. Ranked 5th in the state computer polls.
- **Boys' Soccer** – Beat St. Francis to advance to the district finals. 4th in the NLL, 10-6-3 overall record.
- **Boys' Cross Country** – Team qualified for Regional race at Tiffin. 2nd in the NLL.
- **Boys' Golf** – 5th in the NLL.

Alumni Sporting News

Williams Shines as Boilermaker

Maddy Williams, a 2012 graduate of Perrysburg High School, has continued her exploits on the soccer field. As a scholarship athlete for Purdue University's soccer team, Williams was voted the Big Ten's Soccer offensive player and freshman of the week earlier this fall. Williams helped lead the Perrysburg Girls' Soccer Team to an undefeated season (23-0) and Division I state championship last fall. Congratulations, Maddy!



We'd Like To Know

We'd like to know how our former Jacket athletes are doing. Are you participating in a sport at college? Tell us where you are and what you're doing. Contact Jeff Abke, Development Director, at 419-874-9131, Ext. 2274 or jabke@perrysburgschools.net.



Jeff Abke ('96)

Alumni Sporting News

2014 Perrysburg High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class

Four individuals and one team will be inducted during a Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 ceremony at the Hilton Garden Inn Levis Commons. Dinner will be at 4:30 pm and the cost is \$35.00. Introductions and a reception will be held before the varsity basketball game. Congratulations to the following inductees:

Rick Schnittker ('70) Lettered in football, basketball, track, and cross country and was a NLL, District and Regional mile champion. He was undefeated in the mile and half mile races and finished 3rd at state with a 4:16.4 mile. Rick graduated from BGSU where he ran track and was an NCAA track All-American. He is a senior consultant at LIDP and resides in Naperville, Illinois.

Pat Aubry ('78) Lettered in football and track. As a punter, Pat netted 43.7 yards and was the best in Ohio in 1978. In track he qualified for state in the 300 low hurdles. He was awarded a football scholarship to Miami University. Pat is the Vice President of Wealth Advisor at Morgan Stanley and lives in Leawood, Kansas.

Michelle (Tamlyn) Nordhaus ('87) Qualified for state gymnastics four consecutive years (1984-1987). She has been the head gymnastics coach at Perrysburg High School since 2006, winning 6 NLL Championships. She also coached her daughter, who qualified for the state finals all four years. Michelle teaches in the Toledo Public Schools and resides in Perrysburg.

Lauren Hinkson ('02) Lettered in swimming and volleyball and was a nationally ranked middle hitter, blocker and outside hitter. In swimming, Lauren qualified for state competition in the 50 Free, 100 Free, and 200 Free Relay. She received the OHSA Scholar Award her senior year. Lauren attended Brown University where she swam and was 1st team All Ivy League in the 200 and 400 Free Relays. Lauren works as a Curator in Brooklyn, New York.

Baseball Team ('03) Senior members of the team had a three-year record of 36-6 in the NLL. Eleven team members played college baseball, two played professionally, and one made the Major Leagues. The 2003 team had a record of 23-8, were Sectional and Regional Champions and competed in the state final four in Columbus. Team members were:

Mark Badenhop, Dusty Baughman, Dave Cajka, Steve Clevro, Evan Calvin, Adam Gumpf, Matt Hoelter, Matt Kuhl, Brandon McFarland, Brent Register, Andy Selfe, Tyler Sherman, Matt Sondag, Mark St. John, Mike St. John, Kurt Wells, and Jason Whitcare. Coaches were Dave Hall, Brian Cannon and Dan Thompson.

Go Jackets!

Hollywood, Anyone?

How would you like to have a career working on Hollywood movies?



Sara Crall, a 1993 graduate of Perrysburg High School, has done just that, using her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Sculpture from Ohio University to land a job as a scenic artist in the film industry. Crall, who splits her time between New York City and New Mexico and has worked up and down the east coast where many movies are filmed, is a member of a scenic artists' union that implements the ideas of movie set designers. She is currently working on the television show, "Unforgettable," airing on CBS.

"I never knew the scenic artist profession existed until I got my first job sculpting for a shop that had contracts with Universal Studios in Florida," says Crall. "As I learned more about the opportunities in the industry, I became more intrigued and eventually began to work in TV and film."

Crall says the scenic artist career is not for everyone. "It's not always a job where you work 50-weeks a year. We work really long days for several months on a particular film or a season of a television show." Her job involves set painting, sculpting, wall papering, and creating faux finishes during the many phases of making a movie. Many times she works in the movie set shop, where there is more control over the climate and storage of materials. As an example, she uses her many skills to make metal look like wood and wood to look like stone or marble. Some of the movie sets are quite large and detailed.

"We've actually replicated an entire house on a movie stage rather than work with the real home, so the director and crew could control the traffic and ambient noise," explains Crall.

The projects Crall has worked on include: "The Pink Panther 2," with Steve Martin; "Mall Cop"; "Shutter Island," a Martin Scorsese film with Leonardo DiCaprio; "The Other Guys," with Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg; "The Amazing Spider-Man 2: London Calling;" and her current assignment on "Unforgettable."

"My work on a television set is a little different than a movie set," says Crall. "A network TV show set, like the one for 'Unforgettable', usually starts with a larger crew of scenics during the initial build, and then as the season goes on, a smaller crew is needed to work on each episode." Crall says that the scenic crew for a movie set is usually larger and works together to create the sets over a shorter period of time.

Despite the long hours, the Perrysburg graduate says she enjoys her job. "I get to spend time in places and buildings, which serve as locations, that I wouldn't have the opportunity or time to do so if I wasn't in this industry," says Crall. "There is a unique niche for artists to work as scenic artists in film, TV and theater. It's a rewarding, behind the scenes job."

Continued Growth

Unlike many school districts in Ohio, Perrysburg Schools continue to be considered a "destination" school district with continued growth. This past summer, two portable classrooms were erected in the parking lot of Ft. Meigs Elementary School to handle the increase in students. Here are some quick facts about our district's growth:

Students

- 2006 total enrollment - 4,516
- 2006 Frank School enrollment - 411
- 2013 total enrollment - 4,952
- An increase of 436 students (nearly 10%)

Over the last seven years, our school district has grown the equivalent of adding the entire 2006 student body of Frank Elementary School ... plus another 25 students, and we are educating these students with almost the same staffing level.

Faculty

- 2009 - 308 teachers & 205 non-teachers (513 total)
- 2009 - 4,585 student enrollment
- 2013 - 310 teachers & 202 non-teachers (512 total, .2% decrease)
- 2013 - 4,952 student enrollment (7.4% increase)

Perrysburg Schools Tests One-to-One Technology

This school year students in grades 5, 8 and 9 are participating in a one-to-one technology pilot program. Each student has been issued a laptop, which they use throughout the day and take home every evening.

"The state is requiring Ohio school districts to administer all reading, language arts and mathematics standardized tests online to students in grades 3-12 by 2014-15," explains

Tom Hosler, Superintendent.

"We need to make sure our students are prepared for this challenge."

"Last year we made twelve site visits to school districts that have implemented a one-to-one program," says Hosler. "It was part of our effort to assess the changing role of technology in the classroom. The site visits helped prepare us for the pilot program at Perrysburg."

Two different devices are being tested to determine which best suits the needs of students and teachers. Students in grade 9 were issued MacBook® Air laptops. Students in grades 5 and 8 were issued Samsung® Chromebooks®. The district will evaluate the program throughout the year to determine its effectiveness. Once proven, the goal is to issue a device to all students in grades 5-12 by the 2015-16 school year.

"We're very serious about preparing students to be career and college-ready, and this is the next step," says Hosler.





The Class of '63



Ellen Christina Swartz Limmer ('24)

PHS Alumni Information



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Class of '63 Celebrates

The Perrysburg High School class of 1963 was the last class to graduate from the Commodore Building on Louisiana Ave. Members of that class held their 50th High School Reunion on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Sixty-four classmates out of the 112-member class, along with spouses and guests, attended an evening banquet at the Belmont Country Club. Hille VonSeggern, a senior year International Exchange student who lives in Hamburg, Germany, checked into the event via e-mail. Preceding the banquet, a hospitality party was held Friday night at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, along with a buffet breakfast Sunday morning. Reunion events included walker races, wheelchair ballroom dancing, a "Please - What Is My Name?" contest, as well as the popular "I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up!" pub crawl.

Reunions

Planning a PHS reunion? We're happy to help you with press releases, door prizes, tours, providing contact information of classmates, etc. Please contact:

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Frank Elementary – Brent Swartzmiller

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Oldest Living Alumnus

This past summer the Perrysburg Schools honored Ellen Christina Swartz Limmer as its oldest living alumna. In the spring 2013 issue of *The Latest Buzz*, we advertised that we were seeking our oldest living alumna or alumnus. Mrs. Limmer's sons, Bill ('49) and Harry ('55) as well as Harry's wife, Jackie ('55), contacted the district and shared that their mother, at the age of 106, had graduated from Perrysburg High School in 1924. She still lives in the area.

Born in 1907, Limmer attended Glenwood School before graduating from Perrysburg High School in 1924. She graduated from nurses' training in 1928 from Robinwood Hospital in Toledo. In 1930 she married her husband, Howard. Although Limmer never pursued a nursing job, she cared for many family members while working for the family rabbit and chicken businesses.

"We're so proud to honor Mrs. Limmer," says Superintendent Tom Hosler. "Her love of family and nature, as well as her drive to always give back to her community and to those whom she loves, is an inspiration to all of us at Perrysburg Schools."

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