



SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

*Hail to thee, our Alma Mater
Thou art strong and true,
Honor to thy name so hallowed
Pledge we now to you.
Southwest! Southwest!
Ever onward
Shall thy colors fly
Orange and Black to all are sacred
Radiant in the sky.
Every son and every daughter
Bears thy hallowed name,
Far above all others always
Thou shall bring us fame.
Southwest! Southwest!
We are faithful
Proud in victory's song,
May thy banner always lead us
On and ever on.*



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Winter, 2005 Edition

Southwest High School – Kansas City, MO

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Southwest High School Alumni eTrail

We hope to put out a regular newsletter at least twice a year to help keep all our alumni up to date on what is happening with your classmates, fellow alumni and the school itself.

Southwest High School, the Home of the Indians has undergone some rough times over the past few decades, but one thing remains true – we are a group of proud Indians! The spirit shown at recent reunions and through the new website has shown that Southwest High School is still alive in the hearts of many people.

Most remember their days at Southwest with friends, classmates and teachers they enjoyed. The dances, games, parades and carnivals will forever be in our memories.

Reunions were held this past summer for those that graduated from up to sixty years ago. Tales of days in school and nights at Winstead's were told by all. Stories were different for each year, but one thing remained the same, they were all about people they knew and things they did at Southwest.

Share your memories or check out news and stories from others on our website: www.swhighschool.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Get-Together In Brookside

The Class of '74 is sponsoring a get-together for those of you who will be in town for the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend. Friday, November 26th at **Charlie Hooper's** in Brookside (63rd & Main), starting at 6:30. All are welcome. Contact Henry Leonard, '74 at 816 531-7774.

Upcoming Reunions

The class of '76 and '86 have contacted us about their upcoming reunions. Information will be posted to the website as we get it. If you know of plans or planners for your next class reunion, contact us at alumni@swhighschool.org.

Recent Reunions

The class of '45, '55, '65, '75 & '85 all had their reunions this past Summer. Some classes have posted info and photos on their on their websites (example: www.swhighschool.org/75). If your class does not have this info on the website yet, and you would like to see it on your site, please go to your class page and click on **Contact a Class Representative** to let us know.

Join YOUR Alumni Association Today!

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Keep in touch with friends and old classmates, share a memory, see some old photos or check out when the next reunion is scheduled. It's easy to sign up online!



Make a donation to the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association Newsletter and our website are maintained by donations from our alumni.

The Alumni Association is dedicated to keeping the memory of our once-proud school alive.

We work with each class' representatives to help them keep in touch with their classmates and make sure everyone has a place to come for information on upcoming events.

Even though the school may have changed over the years, the spirit and memories are alive and well in all those that graced it's hallowed halls.

You can make an online donation on our website, or send a check to the SW Alumni Association at our address below.



SWHighSchool.org

Southwest High School in Kansas City has a new website created by the Southwest Alumni Association for all SW alumni at www.swhighschool.org. The site was started in January, 2005, so we are just in the early stages. Be sure to go to the site and sign up with the Alumni Association. It's free and it will ensure that you keep in touch with your old friends from Southwest.

On the site you can find information on upcoming events and reunions, the history of the school, Hall of Fame inductees, class lists, photos, yearbook pictures and much, much more. We don't have everyone's information online yet, but we will be adding to the site – so check back often. If you have any information you want posted for your class, use the website's contact form to let us know.

Each class has its own sub-website. For instance, the class of 1976 is www.swhighschool.org/76. They are having a thirtieth reunion this year and their reunion information is online, along with a class list, Sachem yearbook pictures, messages from classmates and more.

Sad News

Our beautiful building stands empty once again. Southwest Charter School could not afford the increase in rent the Kansas City, Missouri School District (KCMSD) was imposing, so the namesake Charter School was forced to move to the northeast part of KC. It is possible the Charter School will try to relocate back to the southwest area, but a location has not been found. The KCMSD may once again open the school, but with the change in the KCMSD leadership due soon, everything is up in the air. Bottom line – the building looks to be empty for awhile.

All-Year Alumni Directory

In addition to the new website, the Alumni Association is talking with a company about producing an all-years Alumni Directory that will be available in a hardback book, a CD and an online Alumni Directory. Each class from 1925 through 1998 will be listed and you have the opportunity to add information about yourself. It is a great way to keep in touch with all your old friends. The directory will take about a year and a half to complete while we do research to find as many people as we can.

We can use your help!

We want to get in touch with each class' Reunion Committee to get the most current list of classmates so we can contact everyone and let them know about the Alumni Directory. If you know who was on your Reunion Committee, or who might have your class contact information, please let us know by going to our website and using our [Contact Form](#).

Keep the memory of our great school alive by joining the Alumni Association today. It is free to join and will ensure that you're on our list to receive information about events and news about your old alma mater.

Thanks,

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