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Dear David,

The Topeka High 150th Planning Committee hopes this letter finds you well.

In 1871, Topeka was on a fast track forward. The bitter war was behind them, and it was time to build. In 1871, the Board of Education decided to take that giant leap forward – a high school. There, Topeka's children could stretch their minds with Greek and Latin, algebra and geometry, botany and bookkeeping.

Topeka High School continues to give the capital city's children that opportunity to leap beyond a basic education, and it is time to mark the next milestone: **150 years of educational excellence.**

We ask you to join us in creating a celebration worthy of all Topeka High has given to the community over 15 decades.

As we are still facing challenges created by the pandemic and making our way back to a semblance of normalcy, the committee planning Topeka High School's 150th anniversary sees an even bigger obligation now to bring our community together in celebration in the year 2021.

The year 2021 will be full of events that fete this special anniversary. A document enclosed has a list of those events and activities. Events might need to be rescheduled as dates draw near.

We realize that budgets may be strained right now. But when deciding where in the community to invest your resources, please consider how a community wide celebration like Topeka High's sesquicentennial can lift us all up at a time we need it the most.


We are inviting you, alumni, multi-generational THS families, THS classes and business friends to help make 2021 the most memorable year yet.


Included are some suggested giving levels. There might be a particular event you wish to sponsor. Two events already have already been spoken for. Michael Stimpert (1962) is sponsoring the Sock Hop. Gayle and Alice Terry (1951) Vernon are providing birthday cake on the lawn for students and staff.

Contact Joan Barker at the THSHS with questions: (785) 234-5441, (785) 295-3200, thshs2001@yahoo.com, Contributions can be made online at topekahigh150.com and thshistoricalsociety.org or sent to the THSHS office.

All donations go to the Topeka High School Historical Society, a 501(c)3 corporation, for use by the Topeka High 150 committee. Any funds remaining will go into the THSHS operating budget.

Thank you for your consideration. Take care and best regards.


Nikki Ramirez-Jennings


Shayla Babb Kincade



150th Anniversary of Topeka High

February 18-20, 2021, THS Musical - Fiddler on the Roof - THS Graduates invited to join in the opening number "Tradition." Graduates will be expected to commit to several rehearsals in December and January as well as the performances. More information and pre-sign up information coming soon.

Saturday, April 24, 2021, Alumni & Friends Old Fashioned Sock-Hop. While the students enjoy their traditional Prom in the THS Student Cafeteria, graduates will be dancing to 50's, 60's and 70's tunes played by favorite disc jockey, Sal Cruz (THS 1989). Sponsored by Michael Stimpert (THS 1962).

Friday, May 28, 2021 - Crawl the Avenue with the THS Class of 1971 - The hundredth class invites graduates and the community to spend the evening in Downtown Topeka, enjoying the fine restaurants and establishments. The evening will culminate at the new Evergy Plaza at 7th & Kansas Avenue for the premiere showing of Gary Krohe's (THS 1971, Author of "Portraits of Troy") documentary of Topeka High School.

Friday, June 4, 2021 - Graduate Art Exhibit, THS Art Gallery. THS Graduates will be invited to submit their art. Honorary Chairman is Stan Metzger (Topeka Artist and THS 1963). Opening for the June First Friday Art Walk in the THS Art Gallery - open for the summer months.

Sunday, June 27, 2021 - Topeka High Chimes Concert - 33rd Annual Patriotic Chimes Concert played on the THS Deagan Chimes by Jerry Anderson (THS 1967). Food trucks and more.

Friday, September 17, 2021 - The first day of school in 1871. Cake will be served on the front lawn to current students and staff. Sponsored by Gayle and Alice Terry (THS 1951) Vernon.

September 24 - 26, 2021 - Homecoming Weekend

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Saturday, September 25, 2021 - THS Open House, Affinity Groups, Food Trucks - Graduate Variety Show in the evening and a surprise on the front lawn.

Sunday, September 26, 2021 - THS Graduate Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in the THS Woodward Library.

Black & Gold Gala – December 2021 - VIP Dinner in the THS Student Cafeteria, followed by a public concert in THS Hoehner Auditorium, featuring THS's Richetta Manager (THS 1971).

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Find the Topeka High school calendar at thsweb.org.



THS 150th Sponsor Opportunities

Sponsors will be recognized in event material

Events & More

- 4-5 fiberglass Trojan statuettes - \$10,000
- 150th banners on Tenth Avenue - \$1,500
- THS 150th city bus wrap - \$1,000 - \$3,000
- Birthday cake for students and staff - \$1,500
- 150th buttons for students & staff - \$2,700
 - Kick-Off Gala & Concert - \$6,000
 - Graduate Art Show - \$1,000
- Evenings/Afternoons with THS celebrities - \$1,000 per event
 - Graduate Sock-Hop - \$2,500
- 150 Years of THS, the book by Douglass Wallace (1965) - \$5,000
 - 150 Years of THS, the documentary by Gary Krohe (1971) - \$10,000
 - Grand Finale at Homecoming - \$20,000
 - Graduate Mailing - \$5,000
- Graduate Variety Show at Homecoming - \$5,000
 - THSHS 150th Office Assistant - \$7,500
 - Advertising/ Partnering/Publicity - \$5,000

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\$5,000

Salutatorian Sponsor
\$2,500

Magna Cum Laude Sponsor
\$1,000

Head of the Class Sponsor
\$500