

Planning Your Class Reunion

The following is a list of steps and helpful suggestions when planning your class reunion.

- 1. Choose a date, location and time that you believe would be convenient and enjoyable for your attendees. Ideally find a date 8-12 months in advance of your reunion event.
- 2. Inform the EHS Alumni Office of your reunion details as soon as you begin planning it (even if the dates are not yet 100% confirmed) and let them know you are the reunion coordinator.
 - If you need a class list for planning purposes, please contact the EHS Alumni Office, ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org, at least two weeks before you need it.
- 3. Promote your reunion at least 6 months in advance to allow classmates time to plan their attendance (a year in advance is <u>strongly</u> recommended).
 - Any invite should include the date, start time, fees (if any), and including nearby hotel information as some of your attendees may be travelling from afar.
 - Use free social media resources (setting up a webpage on Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to advertise, promote and create some excitement for your reunion.
 - Recruit your Madison-area classmates for assistance in arranging any reunion group activities such as golf outings, wine tastings, trivia nights, etc.
- 4. Recruit a few classmates to be your organizing committee to help coordinate and delegate tasks.
- 5. Develop a realistic budget.
 - As a reunion coordinator you are responsible for all costs you will incur for any catering, room rental, gratuities, decorations, vendors, entertainment, etc. <u>Note:</u> Edgewood High School is not fiscally responsible for any expenses relating to your reunion event.
 - Many reunion coordinators also opt to hold at a restaurant or social venue with a cash bar and ordering their own food off the menu to avoid incurring a large bill and dealing with fees.
 - Confirm all your reunion event arrangements with vendors by requesting a written quote in advance from each vendor for what the total costs will be, including tax, and when they expect payment.
- 6. Take lots of pictures at your reunion!
 - Please send these to ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org to be posted on the Edgewood High School website and social media pages.
- 7. Have an Alumni Table at your Reunion!
 - Collect new, and updated emails, cell phone numbers, and home addresses.
 - Reunion classes should also share this information with the EHS Alumni Office to help keep our contact lists current.
 - This will help you to plan and contact classmates for your next reunion gathering.
- 8. Consider a Class Reunion Gift to Edgewood
 - Consider collecting donations as a reunion class gift to the EHS Alumni Scholarship Grant Fund. This fund gives financial assistance to incoming students of alumni who have applied to attend Edgewood.
 - 100% of the donations support future students to receive the benefit of the Edgewood learning experience. Questions? Contact ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org