

Centennial alumni to celebrate 50th class reunion

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Editor

CENTENNIAL - Circle Pines resident Darlene Hults remembers her teachers and friends of 50 years ago when she was a student at Centennial High School. Back in the days of smaller class sizes and less technology, Hults said her learning experience was born out of a close-knit and dedicated group of teachers and students.

On Saturday, Centennial High School Principal Tom Breuning will give the class of 1964 alumni a tour at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4.

Hults invites all those from the class of 1964, including faculty, to take a photo together at the high school football stadium at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3.

"There were less than 100 in our graduating class," Hults recalled about the high school which was established in 1958.

Hults recalls junior high and senior high being a "scary experience" because Centennial High School looked "monstrous."

Currently, Centennial School District has about 500 students in the high school graduating class and strives to remain as engaging.

And it continues to see faculty remaining loyal to their community.

"A lot of the teachers who started when I was a student were fresh out of college, and they stayed there until they retired," Hults said. "There were some teachers I had that my children had."

Hults has encouraged her family to remain a part of the school system in some way.

Hults' two children David Jr. (class of 1988) and Danielle Sanborn (class of 1993) also graduated from Centennial.

Hults' 16-year-old granddaughter Hailey Hults is currently a junior at Centennial.

Darlene Hults said her granddaughter Julianna Sandborn, currently attends Living Faith day care in Lexington and will also be attending Centennial schools in the future.

Passing on good words and memories about Centennial is what Hults hopes to do this homecoming weekend with fellow classmates.

Homecoming parade update

According to Krista Bergert, director of Public Information and Community Outreach for Centennial School District, this year there will be no Centennial homecoming parade due to a 5 p.m. football game, which is an earlier start-time than in the past. She said for this reason it would be "very difficult to slide a parade between the end of school and the start of the game." She also commented because of the construction happening along Lake Drive, North Road is the detour and the district would have had to request the closure of North Road. She added because it was a Lake Drive detour route the district didn't think closing the road would happen.

Community helps students with school supply project

The 19th annual Community Backpack/School Supply Project ensured 418 Centennial 12 students started school with the necessary school supplies to be successful. Along with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines, the project sponsor, many community businesses and organizations participated in the drive including Anoka County Human Services, Blue Collar BBQ, Centennial Area

Education Foundation, Centennial Community Food Shelf, Centennial Community Education, Chain of Lakes YMCA, City of Circle Pines, City of Lexington, Curves, Dairy Queen in Lino and Lexington, Deluxe Corporation, Down Under Liquor, Eagle Brook, Centennial Square families, Festival, Gethsemane United Methodist Church, Green Mill, Kohl's, Lexington Liquors, Lino Lakes Police,

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Liquor Barrel, Matthew's, Molin Concrete, Press Publications, St. Mark, Summer Fun at Centennial Square and Lexington, Thrivent Financial and Twist Office Products.