

Hello again Class of '74! Here is the latest about our upcoming 50th reunion:

JULY 2024 UPDATE



**SANTA FE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1974 50-YEAR REUNION**

Dates: October 4-5, 2024 (Our Homecoming football game is on the fourth)

Reunion Events:

Friday, October 4th

Tailgater BBQ picnic for the Class of '74 at the Homecoming game.
Halftime Alumni welcome ceremony on the field.
Location: Stadium Pavilion at SFHS (Yes, there is one of those now!)



Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. (approx.) Kick off is 7 p.m.
Free Parking

Saturday, October 5th

Morning tour of [Bonnet Springs Park](#).



[Here is a link](#) to the history of how our classmate Carole Jenkins Barnett, among others, became involved in the acquisition and planning to repurpose the hundred-year-old Lakeland railyards, closed in the 1980s and unused for forty years, into this lovely public park and event venue.

George Lussier and Andrew Rybinski are volunteer docents in the park. We plan on their providing expert touring experiences for us!

Let us know if you plan to attend this tour so we can accommodate everyone interested.

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon (approx.)

Free Parking

Free Admission

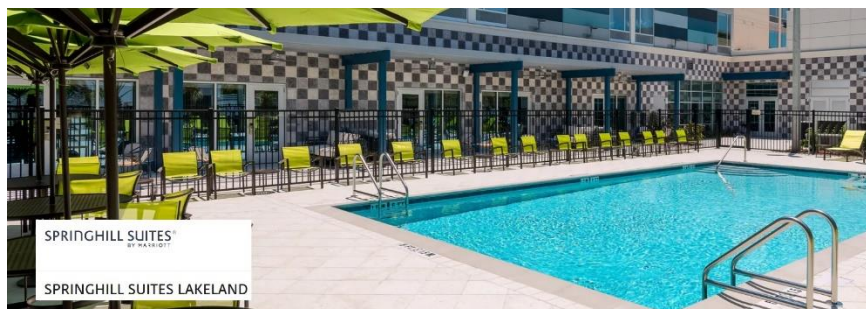
Evening event at [The Club at Eaglebrooke](#), 1300 Eaglebrooke Blvd, Lakeland, Florida
Food and Drink and lots of conversation



Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Free Parking

Headquarters Hotel: We've made arrangements for a hospitality suite and a block of suites at a discounted rate at the [Marriott Springhill Suites Lakeland](#).



If you are coming in from out of town and wish to stay at Springhill Suites Lakeland with the discounted rate, call Christie Hughes, the hotel's event coordinator, directly at 863.797.8628 and identify yourself as a Santa Fe Reunion attendee. Leave a message if needed and she will call you back.

Time & distance to our three events from Springhill Suites Lakeland:

- 14 min (4.6 miles) to Santa Fe
- 4 min (1.2 miles) to Bonnet Springs Park
- 22 min (8.7 miles) to The Club at Eaglebrooke

How We Contact You: If you prefer a different contact method than the way this reached you, please let us know. (Of course, please also let us know if you would like to be removed from our mailing list.)

Reunion Committee: If you are coming to the reunion and would like to provide help setting up, checking in, staffing the hospitality suite, taking and sharing photos during the events, or something else, please contact us.

Special Needs: Please let us know if you have any special needs (e.g., wheelchair accommodation) and we will see what we can do to help.

Interested? Please let us know as soon as you can if you plan to attend! We want to hear from our fellow classmates no later than **September 1st**, to have an accurate headcount for the venues.

\$50 for 50 years: Please send \$50 per attendee, which covers your way into all Reunion events.

Classmates can make a Zelle payment to the email jkcoffman1@msn.com, which will direct deposit into the account set up for our 50th Santa Fe Reunion.

Alternatively, send a check payable to classmate Kathleen McConnell Coffman (our volunteer 50th Reunion Treasurer), at

**Kathleen McConnell Coffman
SFHS Class of 1974
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LAKELAND FL 33813-1879**

IMPORTANT: On the mailed check or with the Zelle payment, **please be sure to identify who will be attending.** (We have already had to do some detective work to figure out who some payments have been for!) For money questions about the reunion, Kathleen's cell phone number is 863-409-1887.

Donations: If you wish, we would be pleased to accept donations to help offset the event costs. Several classmates have already made donations. If you choose to make an additional contribution in addition to the \$50 per person ticket price, Kathleen will classify your contribution accordingly.

Whether or not you donate to the event is irrelevant to your welcome return to the company of the Santa Fe Class of '74, in October.

Memorial Information: Sixteen of our classmates have already gone ahead to that last, celestial reunion. We will have a respectful memorial for them during the Saturday evening event. Here is the link to the best information we have: [In Memoriam - 1974 Classmates](#) . We do not have complete obituary information for Patty O'Neill, Reid Brandon, Ronnie Blackburn, Kevin Brown, and Phil Dahill. We would appreciate an obituary link, if you have it, or any contribution you can make to a eulogy that we would like to put together for them.

Santa Fe Memories: Please consider finding and sending photos or other Santa Fe '74 memories to us to share during and after the reunion! We would like to play a slideshow of photos during the Saturday evening event and share it with anyone who would like a copy. We plan to have a shared file folder set up soon for all to share!

Quick Links

- Social media: [Facebook \(Class of 1974 Group\)](#)
- Lakeland Public Library's Online [Year Books](#)
- Santa Fe's [Alumni Section](#)
- In Memoriam - [1974 Classmates](#)