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## **Elgin High School Prepares to Celebrate 150th Anniversary with All-Class Reunion**

*April 13 event to include visits to current and previous EHS buildings*

**ELGIN** - Alumni and retired staff from Elgin High School are invited to attend the "All-Class Reunion" on Saturday, April 13 as part of celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the school.

Both the current Elgin High School, at 1200 Maroon Drive, and the previous EHS building, now the District's Educational Services Center at 355 E. Chicago St., will be open for visits from noon to 1:30 p.m on Saturday, April 13.

Attendees will then be urged to gather in the auditorium of the current EHS for a free program starting at 2 p.m. that will include a brief presentation on the history of the school, which opened in 1869 at Kimball and Center streets with 12 students. The EHS band will perform a musical work especially commissioned for the occasion, written by EHS Band Director Robert Sanchez. A granite marker, created by Elgin Granite Works, will be unveiled outside the auditorium's doors, and the high school choir will sing "Alma Mater."

After the ceremony, attendees will be dismissed to catch up over refreshments at tables organized by graduation year or decade in the Fieldhouse and Commons. Reunion organizers are urging old friends and classmates to continue the celebration at one of their favorite local dining establishments, said John Devine, the Elgin High School history teacher in charge of the anniversary committee.

"We're hopeful that many alumni will come back and walk down memory lane and celebrate the school's 150th anniversary with us," said Devine,



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whose three children graduated from EHS. "It's a chance for people to renew relationships."

Devine is also excited for alumni to get a chance to visit with the many current EHS students who will be volunteering at the event.

"When you leave your high school years behind, if they were good, you imagine those were the good old days. But there's a lot of continuity of good at Elgin High School that continues to this day," he said. "I think people who attend will feel reassured that this young generation of Elgin High students will continue on with the traditions and good citizenship that has so long defined us."

Alumni and retired staff who want to know more about the All-Class Reunion are directed to the [EHS150](#) website and asked to use this [Google Form](#) to submit their RSVP to help event organizers with planning. More info can also be found on the [EHS150 Facebook page](#) and [event](#).

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