

South High School of Cleveland lives on...

South High School, originally founded in 1894, closed its doors in June of 2010. Prior to its closing, a group of retired teachers, coaches and alumni came to Bill Demopoulos (1969 graduate and owner of Mavis Winkle's Irish Pub on Rockside Rd. in Independence) with an idea! This passionate group of alumni was looking for a way to preserve the Hall of Fame from the walls of the building that was heading for its demise. Since Mavis was already hosting South High gatherings (reunions) on the first Friday of each month for several years already, the answer was an astounding "of course, we can dedicate an entire wall of our main dining room to South!" This wall continues to be alive and is always growing. Over these past 5 years, families have donated memoirs for inclusion on the wall too! Many continue to find enjoyment in seeing a mother, father, grandparent, great-grandparent or themselves up on the wall. A frequent inquiry from patron/onlookers is the request to talk to the "South High Guy," of whom Bill will immediately assume ownership of that role, and drop whatever he is doing to meet up with anyone who wants to discuss their beloved past! Each year since the inception of the wall at Mavis, inductions of noteworthy past alumni have been sought, nominated and then honored with an annual induction ceremony each May. These induction ceremonies have also served as fundraisers, providing scholarships to grandchildren and great-grandchildren of South High Flyers! South High Flyers really know how to preserve the past and pay forward to the future.

This mighty group of dedicated alumni are scheduling to make another move at the end of September. Since Mavis Winkle's of Independence will be saying farewell to Rockside Rd., the Hall of Fame will take up residence in the other Mavis Winkle's Pub, located at 8870 Darrow Rd. in Twinsburg. Mavis of Independence is offering a free \$10 gift card (valid for Twinsburg) for any Dine-In guest check totaling \$50 or more, to encourage folks to make that short 17 minute drive to Twinsburg real soon! The regular South High night for this month is this Friday 9/11/15, as whenever a Holiday weekend involves the first Friday of the month, the regulars know that the Flyers will meet on the 2nd Friday instead! And, note that 10/2/15 will be the grand "First Friday" in the new location of Twinsburg! It will be a celebration, as is, whenever South High Flyers meet up!

Visit Mavis in Independence through September 26th to get a look at the awesome Wall of Fame, which includes the beloved Pig Iron Trophy competitively shared between South High and Holy Name for years. Partake in some of the farewell celebrations including Clambake season, ½ way to St. Pat's Day, Live Music, Frank & Dean Dinner Show, and more. Details can be viewed at www.maviswinkles.com