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## WELCOME ALUMNI!

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## Jamesburg High School Memories

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State soccer champs 3 consecutive years, fast cars drag racing, tight pants, leather jackets, pretty girls, Mr. Matteo's gym classes, Mr. Gaeta, Miss Theoharris, Miss Casey, study hall, dances in the gym, basketball games, JFK Nov 22, 1963, Junior Prom, Senior Play, Graduation! Tom Griffiths '65

I am a 1978 graduate of Jamesburg High School who was known as Christine, Chris, or Chrissy Dyer. I have several great memories of being at JHS. The first was when I was asked to the Junior Prom by Michael Mihalov. Also other great memories were being in Mrs. Willis' class and always finding a reason to have a party. I loved working in the library with Mrs. Kline my senior year. Soccer games, basketball games, and being on the softball team. Riding in Kathy Perdoni's little brown car "PINTO". Christine Glidewell '78

Putting together an issue of the Warwhoop was always a chaotic time. Staff members would gather in the basement offices of the Monroe News to meet the deadline. But the true mission of that day was far greater. Assembling the newspaper meant that we, super nerds who would never consider breaking a school rule, could "legally" ditch classes. My specific delight was in cutting out on PE with Miss Pugliesi. Any day without having to wear my hideously huge JHS blue bloomers was a great day. The uniform was further enhanced by the huge "D" my mother had embroidered on the front. (Think Lavern and Shirley.) I have no idea what became of that stylish uniform, but I hope that it is in Fashion Hell somewhere! Dianne Becker Hermanski '65

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Drivers Ed, Bebe. Doreen: I was in love with you. shop class, Where is everyone. I enjoyed all of JHS and would like to thank all my classmates for being there I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to grow up with. I hope everyone is content in their lives today and look forward to seeing all once again. Richard Linke '77

Senior class play rehearsals for "A Majority of One". . . George Yahnel and No-Doze . . . Miss Casey & Shakespeare . . . Mr. Bruden's homeroom . . . <STRONG>MR. WOODWARD</STRONG> . . . Fencing Club with Mr. Yahnel . . . Chorus and Ralph Marriott . . . Coach Matteo . . . Good memories all. Linda D. Baumann '68

My family was relocating up North but stayed so I could finish high school in the 'Burg. I will be forever grateful. I still talk to the same group of wonderful friends I knew then. They have been with me through births, deaths, and life itself. I loved the closeness of the 76 in our class of '76, the bicentennial, the Nutcracker play, & cheerleading bus rides to away games, singing all the way. I'll love JHS forever. Janet Cialone '76

My years and memories of JHS were the wonderful people we knew and loved....We were only a small HS but a family from 9th to 12th grade...I can recall having played basketball with the girls against the fellows one day and so much fun.....Then of course there were the good ole dances during lunch hour...Everyone could not wait to dance with dear dear Joe Ball class of 42...Wartime did not stop us from going to our proms either even though there was a gas shortage. So many wonderful and cherished memories. They were the best days of my life and no shootings or drugs but fun fun fun. Our senior trip to Washington, one-way traffic in the halls and on stairways, playing field hockey in gym class, decorating the gym for dances, being intimidated by Miss Johnson who taught Latin and French, the bus ride from Dayton to Jamesburg. Barbara Gray '46

My memories of JHS, class of 1966, would have to be the senior class trip to Washington, D.C. I was always the quiet kid who never had many friends, but I became quite popular when I stole a parking sign at one of the monuments, put it under my coat. Thanks, Theresa Palumbo '66

My memories of JHS are all good ones. I had lots of friends, some great teachers and a lot of learning, some good some bad, but all in all I would do it all over again if I had the chance. Hello to all my friends at JHS....Kathy Lillie

Couldn't believe how life was so simple at JHS, and at the time I didn't know, and took it so for granted. But I would discover all the memories were wonderful, both good and bad, and I would think about them at different times in my adult life when things were rough--and the memories would make the road smooth again. Sonja A. Heckendorf, DDS '77

I have many happy memories of my days at JHS (65-69). What a great coach and man Coach Matteo was/is. As a freshman and a member of the junior varsity team, the varsity won the state championship in soccer. What a tremendous feeling! While I did not get to play, I was in uniform and at the game. I also remember a rare win in soccer against Hightstown. It was a home game and one of the guys on the front line headed a corner kick into the net. I remember many good times on the baseball diamond as well. I believe we went 9-4 in my senior year. As you know, there were some good teachers; I remember in particular Miss Casey, Miss Wells, and Mrs. Larkin. Please give my best wishes to everyone at the reunion. Michael J. Gibbons '69

I remember Mr. Mirsky at lunchtime on the basketball court, talking about the time in College when he played and almost won a volleyball game by himself because the rest of the team was late, he was dribbling the basketball and then palmed it at the foul lane turned around and shot at the other basket and made it.

I'll always remember Coach Matteo, I was in the locker room having a "talk" with a pesky underclassmen, letting him know it's not nice to mentally push someone too far. Coach came in and asked "me" if everything was alright, even though I had the underclassman jacked up against the lockers.

I remember forgetting my lunch one day and going home with a friend. We made tomato and mayo sandwiches, I hated tomatoes until that day, hadn't eaten them for years, but was too polite to look a gift horse in the mouth. I've loved them ever since.

I remember the day Mr. Kaniper, vice principal, pulled me out of class to look at a rather well endowed girl in a halter top he had standing in the hall, and asking my opinion. I was student council president and we just abolished the dress code, he was trying to make a point. I can't say I saw anything wrong.

I remember getting thrown out of "Boys State" because I had a beard and wouldn't shave. They changed that rule that year too. I still have the beard.

I remember how Steve, senior class president, and I always used to get each other out of class for an important meeting. I can't ever remember the meeting though. Maybe it was to go make another key to the set that completely copied Dr. Yahnel's key ring. We awarded them to Yahnel (science teacher) at class night with lots of laughs. The next day not laughing, Yahnel asked me where and how we got them. They all worked! Amazing what can be accomplished with clay, Steve's key machine at the hardware, and a well-guarded key ring that was never more than 3 feet away from him but often on the table while lecturing, and also while being cleverly distracted by Steve. I remember playing chess behind the curtain with Karl the night of graduation, I won, tying the our series at 26 games each. I haven't seen or heard from Karl since that night. He moved 3 days later. I did talk to a store clerk, selling upscale chess sets in California and told him the story, he said he had just heard a similar story a week before???? Hmm. Jon Held '72

I remember being in one of the two Auditorium homerooms in my Freshman year (that's the last year that South Brunswick sent all their high school students to JHS) and the next three years in Mrs. Carson's Room 6. I especially remember Mrs. Larkin and the special interest she took in me, making sure that I learned my Latin well (that's when you had to know Latin in order to enter

the seminary) and the many, many times Coach Matteo tried to get me to climb the rope! I remember my *Warwhoop* years and how it got me my first job as a reporter for the old *Monroe News*. They were a great four years! Fr. Ron Becker '63

I remember my friends the most like Ed Semansky, Patty Scott, Pat DePaolo, John Intravotola, Jerry Crapparotta, and many others. I had no enemies that I know of which was good for me. My typing and steno classes with Lorraine Theoharris, the Washington trip and the walks down to Mendokers for a sandwich at lunch. My Senior job at the RCA Astro Center in Hightstown, the GAA and of course the day I got hit by a line drive right smack in the stomach while I was pitching during gym. The locker room chitchats and the up and down staircases. Office practice and how embarrassing it was to have to deliver announcements to individual classrooms. My first car a Pontiac Lemans and the dances in the gym. Providing Mr. Hickman with a lifesaver first thing in the morning because he worked as a bar tender at night. It was a good experience and I don't regret a thing. Gerry Kulpa '67

My name is Helen Micelli (Vogel). I graduated from Jamesburg High School in 1945. That meant I was in High School all during the second World War. There was gas rationing, shoe rationing, and meat rationing. I lived on a small farm in Deans, N.J. So we always had chicken & eggs to eat. Also had a small garden, so there were tomatoes and corn, and string beans. However, if I missed the school bus, I stayed home that day. Once, I missed the bus at the school, and had to walk home. It was about 7 miles. I never missed the bus again. Girls couldn't wear slacks, so we always had to wear dresses, and sox ands adle shoes. Always had to wear sneakers for gym. Now everyone wears sneaks, even 70-year-old women. I took a commercial course in H.S. I actually hated bookkeeping, and typing. I only liked English, business law. Didn't much care for gym either. I also took French I &2. I sure wished I had paid more attention in that class, as I live in Hallandale, Fl. Helen Micelli '45

This is my memory for the newsletter. When I was in eleventh grade Janet Cooper was in the same gym class she could never remember my name she always called me girl. So Coach Matteo always reminded both of us about this nickname till we graduated. Susan Hall- Snyder '66

### ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Besides being the official newsletter of the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association, we hope to become a source of information about what's happening in the lives of our schoolmates and faculty members. E-mail your information to Fr. Ron Becker at [AlumniWarwhoop@aol.com](mailto:AlumniWarwhoop@aol.com).

### ABOUT THE JHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Now that our Alma Mater is closed, and realizing that it's getting harder and harder to keep track of JHS alumni, a group of interested alumni came together and formed the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association. The Association officially came into being on September 14, 2000. The group has since obtained the necessary Federal and State recognitions.

Membership is open to anyone who attended or was on the faculty of Jamesburg High School. If you are interested in joining the Association or would like more information about it, please contact Tom Dey via e-mail ([twdusafr@aol.com](mailto:twdusafr@aol.com)) or by telephone (732-541-9671). We are also looking for people to take an active role in the Association. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Auto Parts King, East Railroad Avenue, Jamesburg. If you're interested, please contact Tom.

Help us make our new Jamesburg High School Alumni Association a great success.

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