

**“We Were There...” the history of our times through the eyes of NVHS students.**

Please share a memory of a world or local event or what was popular in fashion, sports, dancing, fads, music, movies, comic books, etc. **while you were at NVHS. You don't have to choose your grad year.** E-mail your reflection to Laurel Gurnsey or phone her: 604-980-7429 or [lgurnsey@telus.net](mailto:lgurnsey@telus.net). An idea in italics means someone is doing it. A fun site is [www.vancouverhistory.ca/chronology](http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/chronology). We have delegates from class years back to the 1930's. Just for fun I've listed some world events than span those years.

1979 Cathy McNaughton / Ruth Green (alternate)

Terrorism leads the news stories...IRA, PLO  
The Shah of Iran deposed  
Thatcher is Britain's first female Prime Minister  
Rap is the new fad

1978 Les Erho /Dave Frank

Pope John Paul II is in  
First test tube baby  
The punk generation...punk rock...spiked hair

1977 Dean Homewood

Elvis Presley dies  
'Saturday Night Fever' and disco the big thing in music  
First 'Star Wars' movie

1976

Israeli raid on Entebbe  
Chairman Mao dies  
Nadia Comaneci scores 10 out of 10 at the Olympics

1975 Craig Ogilvie

One of the first home computers is made available  
General Franco of Spain dies  
Charlie Chaplin is knighted  
Aristotle Onassis dies

1974 Bernadette Woit / Joyce Schopp-Griffiths

Nixon resigns over Watergate  
The group 'Queen' makes one of the first music videos  
The CN tower is built

1973

Agreement to end the Vietnam War  
Picasso dies  
Skylab space station is launched  
Watergate affair

1972            Kent Brownlow

'teenyboppers' becomes a new term  
Vietnam photo that rocked the world...the little girl running from her village..burning  
First video recorder marketed  
Black September at the Olympics...athletes murdered  
Mark Spitz wins 7 Olympic medals

1971            Lucy Mason / Celia Hall / Doug Bonner

Greenpeace is founded  
Walt Disney World opened  
Idi Amin takes power  
Greenpeace begins protests

1970            Leslie Myers

Apollo 13 returns to Earth  
De Gaulle dies  
Pan Am starts the first Boeing 747 jumbo jet service  
Tidal wave in Pakistan kills 150,000 people  
Kent State tragedy  
'Love Story' hits the movies

1969            Gavin Soanes

'Sesame Street' first appears  
Woodstock  
Arafat the new PLO leader  
First man on the moon...did you watch it on television?  
Golda Meir Prime Minister in Israel  
Ho Chi Minh dies

1968            Diane Clemens

Nixon new US president  
Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinated  
'2001 A Space Odyssey' 'Hair'  
LSD, hippies, pot, psychedelic era... 'Retinal Circus' dance club in Vancouver.

1967

First heart transplant  
Che Guevara dies  
Six Day war in Middle East  
Apollo Spacecraft fire kills three astronauts

1966 Ron London / Alan Nixon

Walt Disney dies  
'Star Trek' begins on television  
Indira Gandhi new PM in India  
Twiggy is the new model of Swinging London

1965 Laurel Gurnsey

*President Kennedy's assassination*

Malcolm X gunned down  
Winston Churchill dies  
The 'Sound of Music'  
First space walk

1964 Linda Sellars

Mandela gets life sentence  
Civil Rights Act signed  
Cassius Clay wins title  
Rolling Stones do a US tour  
First mini skirt  
Beatles in Vancouver...did you see them?

1963 Bruce Hawkshaw VP

JFK assassinated  
"I Have A Dream" speech  
Great Train Robbery  
Profumo Affair  
First woman in space  
Lee Harvey Oswald murdered

1962 Dan London / Val Johnson / Eva Saxton

James Bond movies start  
Cuban Missile crisis  
Yves Saint-Laurent begins his fashion label  
Marilyn Monroe dies  
Thalidomide babies  
John Glenn first American in space

1961            Judie Whitby (Pruden)

Nureyev defects  
Berlin Wall is built  
'West Side Story' the big movie in town  
Bay of Pigs

1960            Richard Anvick

many African countries become independent  
JFK becomes youngest president  
'Psycho' movie  
U-2 incident

1959            Carol Ann Robinson

Buddy Holly dies  
Mini car launched  
'Ben Hur' movie  
Castro in power in Cuba  
Alaska and Hawaii become states  
Barbie doll!

1958            Bill Wedley / Margaret Chalmers / Don Homer

The hula hoop is a new fad  
First US satellite in space  
First land crossing of Antarctica

1957            Florence Edwards / Larry Terrace

Russian Sputnik I launch and then Sputnik II with Laika the dog.  
Common Market established

1956            John Cook

Princess Grace marries  
Hungarian refugees flood Canada  
Bus boycott in Alabama  
New phone lines cross the Atlantic  
Suez crisis

1955            Jim Hemphill

James Dean dies  
Disneyland opens  
VW Beetles a huge success

1954            Cec Stevenson / Joan and Ralph Bower  
                  Al McPherson / Phyllis Walsoff

Elvis releases his first record  
First shopping mall ...in Detroit  
First Boeing 707 flight  
First transistor radio  
Bikini Atoll h-bomb  
New rock and roll era with Bill Haley and the Comets

1953            Rose Hanberry / Wendy McManus

coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2  
First wide screen movie 'The Robe'  
Stalin dies  
Hillary reaches top of Everest

1952            Cecile (Tremblay) Van Nes /Lynn Cairns

Mau Mau uprising in Kenya  
Artificial heart  
BOAC has first passenger jet  
Evita Peron dies  
Anne Frank's diary published  
Elizabeth becomes Queen

1951            Carole March / Gerry Brewer

'Show Boat' musical  
MacArthur ordered home by Truman  
Bomb tests in the Nevada desert  
Huge changes in cars over the 50's...called the 'age of the car'

1950            Phyllis Malcolm

Korean War  
McCarthyism  
Apartheid in South Africa  
China goes into Tibet  
'Charlie Brown' comic strip starts

1949            Mary (Chamberlain) Mann

Soviets test A-bomb  
'1984' published  
Mao in power in China  
Germany split into East and West

1948 Pat (Whaley) Chappell / Jack Keast

LP records begin  
Creation of Israel  
Gandhi assassinated  
Berlin airlift  
Camera invented that can develop and print its own photos...the Polaroid

1947 Mike Parnell

Planes break the sound barrier  
India and Pakistan separated  
Thor Heyerdahl crosses the Pacific in Kon Tiki

1946

the bikini is invented  
Peron president of Argentina  
Nuremberg Trials

1945 Jim Lawrence *The end of the war is announced*

End of the Second World War announced  
Auschwitz liberated  
Victory in Europe  
Birth of Be-bop music

1944 Bob Richardson

D-Day  
Paris liberated  
V2 missiles hit London  
Anne Frank betrayed to the Nazis

1943 Mae McInnes

'Oklahoma' opens in New York  
zoot suits  
Warsaw Ghetto  
Frank Sinatra a huge hit  
Battle of Stalingrad

1942 John MacLean *World War 2 & grads who signed up*

Dieppe  
Glenn Miller  
De Gaulle French resistance  
'Casablanca' is the big movie

1941            Lorna Brown

First television ad: for Bulova Watches  
Bismarck sinks  
Rationing  
Jews to wear yellow star in Europe  
"Dumbo" by Disney  
Vera Lynn sings  
Pearl Harbor

1940

Battle of Britain  
Churchill Prime Minister  
Charlie Chaplin  
Nazi blitzkrieg  
Dunkirk  
"Fantasia" and "Pinocchio"

1939

Pan Am's first transatlantic flight  
Nylon stockings  
'Graf Spee' sunk  
First practical helicopter  
'Gone With The Wind'  
British children evacuated  
Germany invades Poland

1938

"Snow White"  
'Queen Elizabeth' ocean liner launched  
Ballpoint pen invented  
Germans into Czechoslovakia  
Benny Goodman  
New Nestle instant coffee

1937

Hindenburg explodes  
Golden Gate Bridge opens  
Stalin's rule of terror  
George VI crowned

1936

German Olympics used as a propaganda event  
BBC begins TV with sound  
Spanish Civil War

1935

Shirley Temple wins Oscar  
Electric guitars being used for the first time

1934

Bonnie and Clyde killed  
Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers dancing  
Donald Duck debuts  
Monopoly invented

1933

King Kong  
Dust Bowl  
Adolf Hitler new German Chancellor

And we go back all the way to 1910! Can you imagine what history our school has witnessed through the memories of our students?

Looking forward to collecting your memories.

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