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# Port Credit Secondary School



Homecoming  
 SATURDAY APRIL 26, 1980

## THE PRINCIPALS

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Welcome back to P.C.H.S. or P.C.S.S. depending on your vintage.

Your Alma Mater has served the Port Credit community well for 60 years, meeting the needs of the students as reflected by the times. As we move into the '80's the present staff is dedicated to this tradition.

We hope you enjoy your day renewing old friendships and rekindling fond memories of your years spent at Port Credit.

**The 60th Anniversary Committee**

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By September, 1927, the school had evolved from a continuation to high school. Several new teachers joined the staff, and new subjects leading to Senior Matriculation were now offered for the first time.

On March 28, 1930, the new high school was officially opened and the old Forest Avenue School now became an elementary school once again.

In 1950, Mr. Doupe retired as principal and was succeeded by Mr. W. J. Wood, who had been on the staff for many years. In his new post as Supervisor of High Schools in the South Peel Area, he was still closely associated with P.C.H.S. until his complete retirement in June, 1952. A farewell party and reunion of graduates was held at the close of the term and was attended by

several hundred former students. A portrait of H.A.D., painted by Hilton Hassall, a former P.C.H.S. student, was presented to the school by the Board of Education on this occasion. This portrait was subsequently destroyed in the fire and another painted by the same artist. This portrait now hangs in the foyer of the new Port Credit Secondary School.

It was always a source of great delight to him to hear from former students and teachers, to meet them in the Village, and to recall with them earlier days at P.C.H.S. This interest remained with him until his death on August 18th, 1966.

#### W. J. Wood - 1951-1955

It is with great pleasure that I accepted this opportunity to extend greetings and best wishes to all former students of P.C.H.S. on this very special occasion, the Diamond Jubilee of our school.

When we stop to consider the tremendous change in our community, our country and our world since 1919 it is almost beyond our mind's ability to grasp. The changes in our life-style and in our social standards are equally staggering. Since its inception the school itself has undergone far reaching changes. It has carried on in several different teachers and thousands of students. In fact the building where it all started in 1919 was torn down and replaced with a new public school several years ago.

Every school is subject to some change but none more than P.C.H.S. where even the name has been changed to P.C.S.S.

On occasions like this it is natural to think of the school as you yourself knew it, the building and the people who were in it. It is important therefore to realize that the P.C.H.S. that you remember may be quite different from the one remembered by others today.

One memory we all have in common however, is that from the beginning P.C.H.S. has always been notable for the high level of academic achievement, cooperation and school spirit of her students and for the dedication and skill of her teachers.

It gives me considerable pleasure therefore, to extend to all ex-students, young and old, my sincere best wishes that in celebrating this Diamond Jubilee you will enjoy many happy reunions with old friends, and that you will revive pleasant memories of your P.C.H.S. Lux Numquam Desit!

E. C. Scratch - 1956-1966

It was my privilege to be principal of P.C.S.S. from 1956 to 1966. During this period the fire occurred and the school was reconstructed. Later we moved to the new school on Mineola.

My memories of the general school atmosphere are of a dedicated staff and an energetic and cooperative student body.

I am assuming that these admirable qualities still exist in the present school situation.

To all former students and teachers as well as the present staff and student body this is my wish that you continue in happiness and prosperity during and beyond this 60th anniversary year.

J. A. Brown - 1966-1974

This opportunity to welcome back to Port Credit Secondary those former students who attended the school from 1966-1974 during my term as Principal is one from which I derive great pleasure and honour.

That particular decade is to me and I hope to those students and staff, very memorable and significant. How many times we look back and with difficulty try to recall the past. From those ten years we should recall the good times: the academic achievements, the championship teams, the drama and music productions, as well as the day-to-day events that brought us closer together as friends. Memories of tragedy also remain with us from that decade and, as I think back now, it is a mixture of sadness and happiness that makes up that particular time in Port Credit's history. This mixture, however, is one which we should expect and do receive from the experiences of life which we continue to have after high school. The fact that we can return to those associations and friendships is encouraging and it is probably an indication of our basic strengths.

If, in some way, my contribution to the school, basically to the lives of those at the school during my years as Principal was significant, then it was worthwhile.

I eagerly look forward to renewing the many friendships I have in Port Credit and to being there for this Reunion.

J.S. Zarn - 1974

On behalf of the staff and students of Port Credit Secondary School, it is an honour to extend a warm welcome on your return to Credit for the 60th Anniversary celebration.

One of the motivating factors for current students and teachers is the rich traditions which have been established at Credit over the past sixty years.

You, the former students and teachers, have established:

- a) a tradition of academic excellence which remains as the central focus of school life;
- b) a tradition of joie de vivre which has been exemplified on the playing fields, in creative endeavours and with special activities;
- c) a tradition of concern for others which often has taken the form of charitable drives, blood donor clinics and other 'people centred' activities.

We are proud of our traditions - our past; we feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to act as hosts for the 60th Anniversary Homecoming.

I look forward to your presence, enthusiasm and anecdotes to make this 60th year one which all of us will cherish for years to come.

REUNION ACTIVITIES

DECIDE REUNION ROOMS

Open 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

1920, 30's - Room 101

1940's - Room 102

1950's - Room 103

THE SCHOOL SONG

A song of praise proudly we raise  
To hail her noble name,  
The honour of our school, to sing,  
Her standards to maintain,  
To keep alive the spirit bright  
The flaming torch to bear,  
We hail the burning emblem light;  
Our loyalties declare  
So pledge we now our love to thee,  
And loud thy motto sing,  
"Lux Numquam Desit" evermore,  
Thy gold and blue, we fling.

GRAMA PRESENTATION

Auditorium 3:00 p.m.

"Chamber Music" by Arthur Loppis directed  
by Mr. D. Taylor.

This production will represent Canada at  
the 1950 National English Festival in May.



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1960's - Room 105

1970's - Room 107

Staff - Staff Room

### The School Film "The History of P.C.S.S."

Theatre Arts - Room 206

Showings - 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 p.m.

### MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS

Instrumental and vocal groups under the direction of Mr. O. Brezden and Miss S. Gung will perform in the auditorium at 1:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

### DRAMA PRESENTATION

Auditorium 2:00 p.m.

"Chamber Music" by Arthur Lopit directed by Mr. D. Taylor.

This production will represent Canada at the 1980 Brighton England Festival in May.

GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN

Gymnasium "A" - 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

SCHOOL TOURS

Every half hour starting at 12:30 p.m.  
Assemble in Room 129.

REFRESHMENTS

Cafeteria - 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY

Cafeteria - 3:15 p.m.

SOUVENIRS

Cafeteria - 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

T.V. PRESENTATION

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Watch the T.V. sets situated throughout the school for interviews and other highlights.

