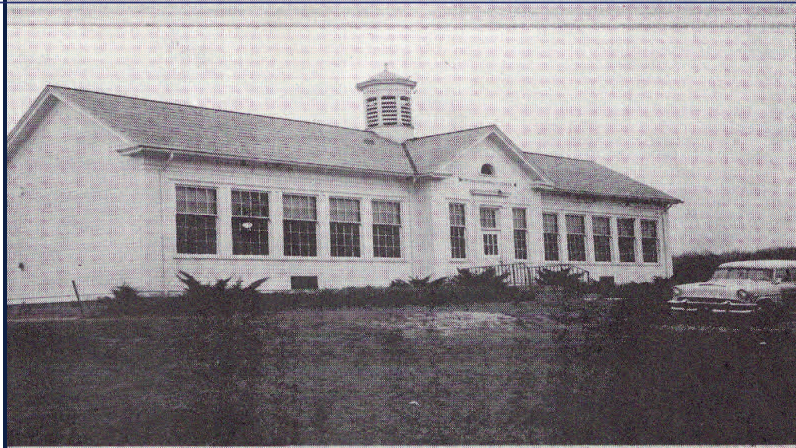


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THE 2016 ALL CLASSES REUNION WILL RECOGNIZE ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED BRONSON SCHOOL. See details on pg. 3

The History of Bronson School

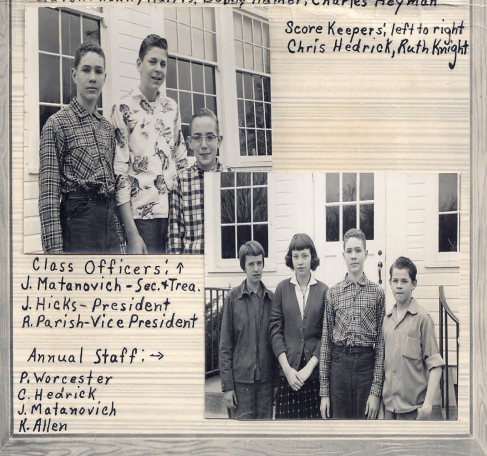
The first school in the district was kept by Lola Sutliff, in the log barn of Martin Kellogg in the year 1818. She had eleven scholars for which she received seventy five cents per week in wages.

The first school house was built of logs on Nathan Sutliff's farm in 1819. Martin Kellogg taught the school the next winter and was the first male teacher in the district. He had about twenty scholars and received fifteen dollars per month.

As the people came in to settle several schools were built, which shows that the good New England ancestors were aware of the advantages of a good education.



Top row : Cecil Couch, Kenny Allen, Jim Hicks, Verl Musser
2nd row : Ronnie Linder, Keny Hamer, Ronnie Kulin
3rd row : Kenny Harris, Bobby Hamer, Charles Heyman



Score Keepers, left to right
Chris Hedrick, Ruth Knight

Class Officers: ↑
J. Matanovich - Sec. & Trea.
J. Hicks - President
R. Parish - Vice President

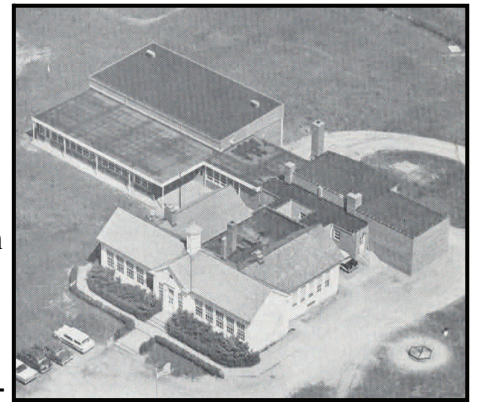
Annual Staff: →
P. Worcester
C. Hedrick
J. Matanovich
K. Allen

In 1938 when the present school was built there were eight one room schools still operating in Bronson and Norwalk Townships.

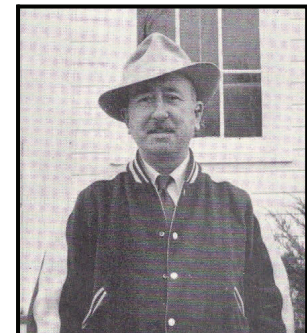
When the original school was expanded to one grade to a room there was also the addition of a multiple purpose room. The school was closed in the Spring of 1981 after 43 years of continuous service.

(Left) A page from the yearbook published by the 8th grade class in 1956.

- Top picture is the softball team who had uniforms donated by Norwalk Truck Line.
- Middle picture are the 8th grade class officers
- Bottom picture is the staff who produced the yearbook in honor of their principal, Mr. Bell.



Bronson School with additions before it was demolished



Mr. E. Bell, Principal


WRESTLERS HONORED AT THE 2015 ALL CLASSES REUNION



(L) **Dan Pugh**, '72, State Wrestling Champion in 1972 and coach, **Denny Corrigan**, who was inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1987. He won 7 NOL team titles.



(Above) Wrestling Program Master of Ceremonies, **Ty Linder**, currently the Director of Broadcasting at Kent State University. Ty was the voice of the NOL wrestling from 2002-2012.



Success
Continued in
2016



Braden Neuberger '16 placed 8th at state as a junior and 5th this year as a senior.



Charlie Nash '16, placed 2nd at state as a junior and this year he placed 6th. Charlie was the 1st Trucker to win a Championship at



Off to State 2016 **Silmi, Nash, and Neuberger** (picture courtesy of the Norwalk Reflector)



Abdullah Silmi went to state for the first time this year as a junior and placed 8th.

#truckerpride

The **2015 All Classes Reunion** continued the success of years pass. A total of 372 people registered as attendees. 298 were NHS graduates and 74 were spouses, friends or staff. 15 states were represented. The class of 1965 had the most in attendance with 27, followed by the Class of 1960 with 18. We hope to see YOU in 2016.

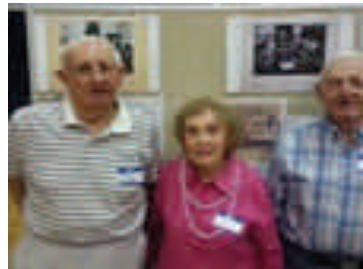


Lois Jastatt Smith, Ed Burr, and Vivian Helsel Eberly, Class of 1955.

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 The Trucker Line is in **COLOR** on the website.

Check it Out.



The Class of 1950 was represented by **Frank Hicks, Regina White Rider, and Dave Hester**.



**VINTAGE
DONATE YOUR VINTAGE NORWALK
ITEMS:
YEARBOOKS, CLASS PHOTOS, ETC.
OUR ARCHIVES ARE DISPLAYED AT
THE ALL CLASSES REUNION EACH
YEAR.**



Members of the set up committee for the reunion. Tom Gerrity, Bob Mitchell, Jan Schaeffer, Chuck Carpenter and Roger Parish.



Class of 1960. 100th class to graduate from NHS. Joyce Connor Link.



Joyce Connor Link '60 presents her class ring to N.P.S.A.A. president Tom Gerrity. Joyce's class was the 100th to graduate from NHS and is unique because it has "100" rather than the school crest.



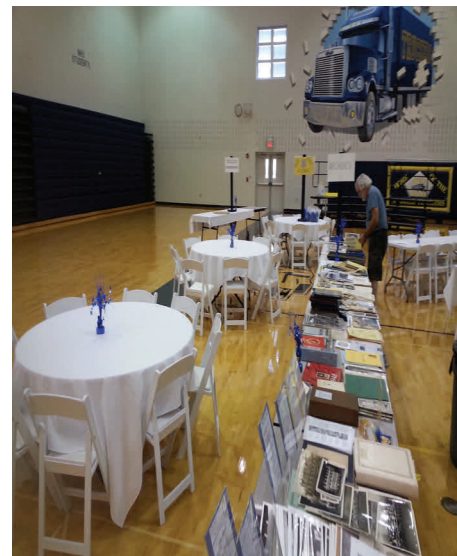
Members of the Class of 1960 who attended the All Classes Reunion for their 55th reunion.



**Girls Reserve Ring
1944
Esther (Antrim) Edwards**



**Norwalk Community High School
Class of 1930
Alvin Clair Wolfe
Donated by sisters:
Earline Wolfe Linder '34
Dorothy Wolfe Rodgers'29**



Roger Parish '60 checking out the archives tables before the reunion.

**Join us for the 2016 All-Classes Reunion
Sunday, August 21, 2016
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Norwalk High School**

NHS HALL OF FAME

Academic * Athletic * Distinguished Citizen

The purpose of the Norwalk High School Hall of Fame is to recognize past graduates of Norwalk High School who would serve as role models for members of the current student body. The criteria for eligibility are as follows:

*Graduates who have distinguished themselves at the state, national or international level through their chosen careers, vocations or accomplishments.

*Graduates who have made a significant contribution to Norwalk High School and Norwalk City School District, either as a student or an alumnus.

For more information and nomination forms got to www.norwalktruckers.com >Norwalk High School >Hall of Fame or contact Mr. Cooley, 419.660.6500.



INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2016
Robert Chapplelear, Class of 1975, cross country, Athletics
Janet Conway, Distinguished Citizen (accepting for her, Kathy Olak)
Jim Gregory, Class of 1989, basketball, Athletics
Jeff Phillips, Class of 1991, wrestling, Athletics
John Schroeder, Class of 1963, basketball, Athletics
Bruce “Skip” Wilde, Class of 1974, Distinguished Citizen

In Remembrance

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOD</u>	<u>Class of</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Audrey Bonstelle Kopp	5/27/2014	1944	Longtime area resident, Cleveland Indian fan, member of Townsend Firebelle,
Margaret Elaine Stiver Kudela	7/3/2008	1961	Certified Master Gardener and former owner of Sand Road Greenhouse
Audrey Bonstelle Kopp	5/27/2014	1944	
Harold Nease	9/23/2014	1960	Retired Lt Ohio State Highway Patrolman
Steven Lohbauer	10/4/2014	963	Worked in printing industry for 40 years; ham radio operator for 55 years
Joyce Delight Lombardo	10/17/2014	1949	Member of Norwalk Public School Alumni Association
Dollie Courtney Barnes	11/8/2014	1963	Taught for 36 years at both Osborne Elementary and Jackson Junior High School in Sandusky.
Raymond G Silcox	1/20/2015		Attended NHS through 1933, quit to help on the family farm
Mitchell Eugene Gowrylok Jr	1/22/2015	1946	Served in Army for 4 years in WWII. Retired from Columbia Gas in 1993 after 36 years.
Bertha Ellen Ash Fantozzi	1/27/2015		Attended NHS. Avid crafter and gardener.
Donna J Sayles Ballard	2/2/2015	1947	Life long area resident. Avid Flea marketer and active in the origiinal Shoestring Players of Norwalk.
James R Lewellen	2/10/2015	1949	Served in the Air Force for 4 years and then worked for Fisher Wayside Furniture and Prudential Insurance
Clarice A Stewart	2/13/2015	1955	Retired from Ashland City School system.
Gaylord J Sholes	3/7/2015	1949	Served in the US Navy in Korea. Co-owner of Fish Farm in Milan.
Michael P Edington	3/11/2015	1997	Attended both NHS and EHOVE
Beatrice Strimpfel	3/12/2015	1951	Lifelong area resident.
Shirley Jane Lee	3/22/2015	1954	Title agent for Tucker Abstract and Chicago Title in Norwalk
Majorie J Knoll	3/25/2015	1949	Graduated from Mount Union College. Lived in California for many years.
Robyn L Landenberg	4/4/2015	1992	Worked at Norwalk Municipal Court for 12 years. Active with Girl Scouts.
Joan Kathleen Mack Kiser	4/15/2015	1941	Teacher's aide at St Paul elementary and Montessori school. Worked at the City Light office during WWII
Lisa A Stibil	4/16/2015	1981	Graduated from both NHS and Ehove. Earned associate degree in Criminal Justice. Longtime chasier at Gardner's
Thomas V Carleton	4/27/2015	1968	Worked for Mark Schaffer, Kokosing and Norb Barman
Leland C Ringle, Sr	4/28/2015		Attended Norwalk Public Schools
Robert E Fordham	4/30/2015	1951	Navy veteran, serving during the Korean conflict. An Ohio State Highway Patrolman for nearly 30 years.
Laura "Chris" Penwell	5/4/2016		Attended Norwalk Public Schools
Margaret Faye Linder	5/11/2015	1935	Worked for Ohio Bell for 30 years. Lived to be 97 years young
Bonnie Jean Marcum Chavez	5/13/2015	1961	
Margaret "Peggy" M. Pollotta	5/18/2015	1950	First meter maid in Norwalk
Rodney E. Brown	5/31/2015		Attended NHS until he was 17. Employed at AJ Baltes and Stein Inc as mechanic
Gail Lynn Chaffee	6/5/2015	1967	Known for her wit and zest for Life. Worked for Riverside, CA, Sheriff's Dept for 23 years
Eric A Reed	6/13/2015	1986	Truck driver for R & L Trucking and worked for Berry Plastics
Austin L Pease	6/17/2015	1949	
Nina J Clark Parrott	6/19/2015		Attended Norwalk Public Schools
Rosemary E Wise	6/28/2015	1945	Enjoyed working outdoors in her lawn and flower beds and riding bicycles.
William J Ball III	7/9/2015	1989	Owned and operated a landscaping business, several Domino's Pizza and district sales coordinator for AFLAC
Maryella "Fritzie" Pittenger	7/11/2015	1955	Inspector for Saginaw Wire, also know as the VanDresser Corp.
Alfred (Joe) Weisenberger	7/13/2015	1946	Known as the "Flying Farmer". Lifelong farmer, mostly as dairy farmer. Obtained his pilot's license at 16.
Gladys Palm Petry	7/15/2015	1958	Homemaker and devoted Mother
Jack L Kramer	7/24/2015	1968	Taught diesel mechanic skills at EHOVE and was a licensed professional car transporter/jouneyman
Barbara Ann Reer Fox	8/3/2015	1979	
Marjorie Ann Marion Harper	8/9/2015	1951	
Betty Sweet Winslow	8/12/2015	1951	Life long area resident.
Harry Lehman Gordon Sr	8/26/2015	1944	US Marine Veteran of WWII. Retired from Sheller-Globe corporation.
Charles Leroy Penwell	9/11/2015	1957	Formerly of Norwalk, living in Mesa Arizona
Margaret M McGinn Ashley	9/14/2015		Attended Norwalk High School through 1946. Retired from Maple City Rubber Factory after 40 years of service
John A Dann	10/17/2015	1959	Retired from Norwalk Furniture. Also worked at Deeble's Sohio and Rotary Printing.
M. Earlene Linder	10/25/2015	1934	Taught at Lyme School, Norwalk City Schools, Perkins Local. Retired in 1977. 4-H advisor for more than 50 years.
Virginia Pauline Digby Leber	10/25/2015		Attended Norwalk Public Schools
Annette L Cole	10/27/2015		Attended Norwalk Public Schools
Phyllis J Marion Spencer	10/30/2015	1950	Lifelong resident. Involved in initail years of Head Start. Retired as Captain in Sheriff's Department.
Martha M Berkley	10/31/2015	1939	Avid supporter of animal welfare and the Humane Society. She collected books and was a creative writer of stories.
Martin Del Rey Garcia	11/2/2015	2015	Died in an auto accident.
Robin W Schaffer	11/5/2015	1975	Life long Norwalk resident
Luanne M Tinker Taylor	11/29/2015	1950	Fan of NASCAR. Donated canvas needlepoint projects to Florida Health to raise money for nursing scholarships
Henry E Young	12/4/2015	1941	Practicing attorney with Young & Young until 1992. Youngest mayor in Ohio in 1954. Served during WWII.
Donald C Alexander	12/13/2015		Attended Norwalk Schools and a graduate of EHOVE
Marilyn A. Hagdohl Smith	1/1/2016		Attended Norwalk High School.
Lewis H Sellers Sr.	1/6/2016		Attended Norwalk Public Schools. Lifelong area resident.
Elaine M McCoy Daugherty	1/8/2016	1949	Taught for 25 years at Monroeville Elementary.
Victoria Salmons	1/10/2016	1976	Worked as an X-ray technician and mammographer at Fisher-Titus Medical Center.
Mary E Carley Vogt	1/10/2016	1959	
Gladys A Ringholz	1/10/2016		Area resident for more than 70 years. Taught in many local schools from 1964-1989, including Benedict and Maplehurst.
Helen Mae Leber	1/19/2016	1951	Farm wife and homemaker who authored four books under the name of Helen Mae Wallace
Elise Marie Lachowyn	2/12/2016	1985	Cheerleader and leading tennis player. Worked for several major toy companies. 4 Toy of the Year awards.
Marvin (Marv) E Bolen	3/18/2016		Retired from the auto parts industry, restored classic muscle cars, active at Norwalk Summit Raceway
Natalie Claire Smetzer	3/23/2016	1951	Tutored GED classes, volunteered at Fisher-Titus. Wintered in Puerto Rico.

NPSAA Board Members

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The All Classes Reunion began in 2007. Listed below are all the alumni who have served on the NPSAA Board from 2007 to the present.

NPSAA Board Members 2007 to 2016

- Susan Martin Bakaitis – 1958
- Mike Battles – 1953
- Linda Lombardo Bersche – 1971
- Steve Bowen – 1953
- Anna Gregory Bristol – 1965
- Linda McLaughlin Camp – 1960
- Becky Baxter Carpenter – 1965
- Chuck Carpenter – 1960
- Lynn Walls Cole – 1961
- Susan Croft – 1962
- Johnna Bamhart Dial – 1965
- Joyce Rose Drake – 1978
- Judy Pool Emmons – 1963
- Tom Gerrity – 1983
- Mark Hazelwood – 1999
- Stephanie Schillig Hildebrand - 1964
- Jerri Snyder Hipp – 1970
- Dorlene Braker Landoll – 1956
- Tom Lane – 1953
- Joyce Dendinger Lombardo – 1949
- Ron McCreery – 1959
- Sue Crossen McCreery – 1959
- Bob Mitchell – 1957
- Sandy Reisig Nickoli – 1977
- Carroll Poling – 1950
- Virginia Poling – 1950
- Jean Geer Richards – 1951
- Duane Ringle – 1959
- Marilyn Hargraves Ringle – 1959
- Janet Brinker Schaeffer – 1960
- Sue Bauman Schindley – 1964
- Sondra Tutchings Schoenegge – 1954
- Natalie White Smetzer – 1951
- Kathy Gorman Veith – 1962
- Sharee Roscoe Weisenberger – 1959
- Barb Widman
- Joe Widman – 1971

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2016 All-Classes Reunion
 Aug 21st, 2-5, NHS



(L) Members of the Class of 1965 who gathered for their 50 year reunion.



If you are having an individual class reunion, email the details to widmanb@norwalktruckers.net and it will be posted on the District's website.

CLASS OF 1966

50th Reunion Details:

- Fri, Aug 26: 6 p.m. casual get together at Sue Rogers' 100 Norwood
- Sat, Aug 27: Dinner at Eagles Club, Cline St., Norwalk, beginning with drinks (cash bar) at 5:30, dinner to follow
- Sun, Aug 28: 10 a.m. Brunch at Eagle Creek, New State Rd.



Three years ago **Bill Reagan** ('63) stepped up to make the All-Sports Complex, a building that now bears his name, a real possibility. Of the over \$800,000 budget to build and fully equip the Complex, The William K. and Julia D. Reagan Foundation donated \$300,000. For the Norwalk Athletic Boosters and the many hard working volunteers, this dream articulated 5- years ago needed fresh momentum. It was at the 2013 All Classes Reunion where Bill Reagan stepped up to a table where volunteers Maureen Ringle and Joe Widman were soliciting donations. The rest you could say is history. Bill and Julia dedicated the building on August 16, 2015, the same day as the 2015 All-Classes Reunion, with many alumni, students, staff, and Norwalk dignitaries and residents in attendance.



Dedication Day
August 16, 2015



Mr. Reagan poses with football players at the Dedication.



Head Football Coach **Chris MacFarland** and **Joe Widman** '71, Asst. Football Coach were instrumental in raising funds for the project.



Thank You **Geotrac**

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Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.— Henry Ford

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The 2016 All-Classes Reunion will be held:
Sunday, Aug 21, at Norwalk High School, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
and will feature attendees from Bronson School.

NCSD Pride – 2015-2016 School Year

Academic Challenge

- Grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 won the Huron County Match

Student Giving

- League Elementary: Students raised \$1,492 for “Pennies for Patients”
- Pleasant Elementary: Students raised \$4,127.50 for “Jump Rope for Heart”
- Pleasant Elementary: Over \$1,700 was raised in honor of Evan Minor for the Humane Society through Pennies for Pets
- Pleasant Elementary: Student council raised \$550 to fund a scholarship for a graduating senior
- NHS Dance Marathon raised \$10,507 for the Children’s Miracle Network for Pediatric Cancer Research.

Project Lead the Way

- Capstone projects with NASA

NERD Nation (NHS Robotics Team)

- 3 teams qualified for the State Championship

NOL Championships

- 3 Winning State Wrestlers
- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Tennis
- Volleyball
- Boys Golf

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

Abraham Lincoln