

# WHS NOTE

## Class of 1963 Association

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**Hi Whistlers of “A Happy Weequahic Tune:”**

Sharon Balis Bauers (57) is newly registered as a Cyber Indian at [salavee@aol.com](mailto:salavee@aol.com).

**Phil Meadow (1/61) reaches out to classmates with reunion planning in mind:**

To the Class of January 1961, 2021 is 60 years since those wonderful carefree days at WHS. It is time to start thinking about a Spring 2021 reunion (in NJ, of course). If interested in assisting and for more information, my contact information by phone is 561-641-9357 and via e-mail, [keycinemas@aol.com](mailto:keycinemas@aol.com).

I would especially like to invite your participation in trying to locate the many classmates with no contact information and with, perhaps, incorrect contact info. There is a complete list of our classmates I can share with you in the effort to review for the correctness of your own contact info and whether you know of any classmates who are “missing.” With your help, the hope is to reach as many classmates as possible. Phil

**Judy Gottlieb (68) shares a special thought about a special WHS alumnus**

Recently we've read about the oldest Weequahicites. My sister, Helen Gottlieb Neadel (64) and I would like to add our story. Our mother, Thelma Goldberg Gottlieb (see photo, below), graduated from Weequahic in June 1937. She was part of the first four-year graduating class. Mom is doing well at almost 101 years old

and is an inspiration to her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and those she considers family (almost everyone). We're not sure if she is, in fact, the oldest graduate around. But she is a treasure and we're proud to be part of her life and world. Judy



**Alumindians respond to Arthur Chausmer (59), “Yes, there was a WHS Cafeteria:”**

Phil Yourish (64)

In reference to Arthur Chausmer’s (59) post about not remembering the cafeteria at Weequahic High School, I would like to offer a response and an update. As evidenced by this 1944 Star Ledger Photo by George Hatal, there was definitely a cafeteria at Weequahic. The menu pictured below is, I believe, from the early 1960s.



WEEKLY MENU	
The price of a subsidized school lunch is \$.37	
Hot Lunches	Cold Lunches
<b>Monday</b>	
Chicken Noodle Soup	Tuna Sandwich
Creole Sausages	Salad
Potatoes and peas	Fruit
Bread and Butter	Milk and Dessert
Milk and Dessert	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Tomato-Rice Soup	Egg Salad Sandwich or
Hamburger on Roll	Pastrami Sandwich
Mashed Potatoes	Fruit
Buttered Carrots	Milk and Dessert
Bread and Butter	
Milk and Dessert	

It was located in the middle of the 3rd floor. In the 1970s, a new cafeteria with North and South Wings was constructed adjacent to the walkway between Weequahic and Chancellor Avenue School. The original cafeteria became the Library/Media Center.

I remember eating lunch in the cafeteria almost every day at a table with four or five classmates. I rarely ate the cafeteria food. Instead, I brought a lunch from home in a paper bag. Occasionally, I would eat out at the Bunny Hop, where the *Jerry Bombs* were my absolute favorite. I also remember that Mr. Dultz, who also graduated from Weequahic, was one of the supervising teachers in the cafeteria.

Since 2001, one of the rooms in the Library/Media Center has served as the headquarters for the Weequahic High School Alumni Association. *"Do you remember what this large room (Library/Media Center) was used for when you were a student at Weequahic"* is a standard question that we ask alums when we do tours of the high school building for class reunions. And many cannot recall that it was their cafeteria. Phil

Norman Barr (6/54)

After I graduated in June 1954, I did not visit the high school again for 52 years until 2016 when I went to donate an item to the Alumni Association (see photo, below). Myra Lawson and Phil Yourish, the current and former executive directors of the Alumni Association took me on a tour of the School. They walked me into what was previously the cafeteria, but I did not recognize or recall that. They asked me if I remembered, which I didn't, before telling me that it had been the cafeteria. Now, I believe it is mostly used as a study hall, with a portion being separated out and utilized as the Alumni Association Office. This "Office" is where all of the Alumni memorabilia is displayed. If you go to visit the school, be sure to visit the Alumni Office. Norman



Bette Segal Livingston (1/61)

The lunchroom at Weequahic was on the second floor, running from front to back. It was in three parts, with the lunch line in the largest, middle section. It was used for Study Hall before and after lunch. I remember 2 cents for a half pint of milk, 3 cents for a pint. Bette

Jerry Krotenberg (1/60 WHS faculty 64-70)

The cafeteria at WHS was on the second floor. It overlooked a closed center courtyard as I believe the original construction of the school was built as two "square circles" with two open courtyards. I worked in the cafeteria to earn free lunch. Lunch was, if I remember, .32 cents with a half pint of milk and .34 with a pint. My favorite was the squares of vanilla cake, for .06 cents. My job was to add up the lunch on the tray plus any extras. e.g. cake. Then they would go to the lady who collected the money. Jerry

Neil Rothstein (59)

Yes, there was a cafeteria and it doubled as a Study Hall. I think it was on the second floor, in the back of the building. Milk cost 2 cents for a small and 3 cents for a large container. I loved the chicken parm and the slice of sheet cake with chocolate icing on top was delicious. My senior year, I would sneak out the back

door, go down the steps and go to The Hot Dog Haven. That is, until one day I ran into Leo Pearl (PE teacher). From then on, I always ate in the cafeteria. Neil

Steven Epstein (6/63)

Weequahic had a cafeteria. As a student at Chancellor Avenue, it was a big deal to eat at the WHS cafeteria. I believe it was on the second or third floor. By the way, they had great sheet cake for dessert. In high school I probably had lunch in the cafeteria with classmates Ron Kolber, Rich Moschel, Alan Simkowitz, Richard Pomp and anyone else who wanted to that day. We were in the Class of January 1964, the midterm graduating class from Weequahic, but we opted to take added courses and graduate in June '63. Had numerous good friends back then. Sadly, many are gone. I am in close contact with Richard Moschel. Thanks for bringing up another of the memories of growing up in the Weequahic neighborhood. Steven

Column II of the Cafeteria Menu next week. Thanks for the memories.

### **To Warren Grover (1/55) on memories of *Maple Dairy*:**

Mike Kopin (1/62)

Reading Warren Grover's (1/55) reminiscences of *Maple Dairy* brought back a flood of memories of childhood. I remember Clem and Irving keeping a notebook with a record of everything we purchased during the previous month. This was great for when my parents were away; my brother and I could go to *Maple Dairy* and sign for our purchases.

Next door was the vegetable store, the shoe repair guy, beauty shop and Throms Drug Store. The stretch of Maple Avenue between Hansbury and Chancellor provided just about all our daily needs. Fond memories of 70 odd years ago. Mike

Clifford Botwin (60)

In a previous *WHS Note*, Warren commented on “rolled beef” which I have always loved. But, for the last 20 or more years, most difficult to find any deli that even has the foggiest notion of what I'm referring to. I still enjoy good kosher style deli, but this is a childhood delicacy that I miss. I have done some research and the only place I've found that still makes it is Sarges Deli and Diner on 3rd Avenue in NYC. I hope this is helpful for any other nostalgic kosher style deli aficionados, but if

there is anyone out there that knows any other locale where “rolled beef” can be obtained, I would be most appreciative for this info. Cliff

Marvin Schlanger (65)

Thank you for reminding me of Clem and Irv’s on Maple Avenue. I remember going there as a kid for a dollar’s worth of white fish which would feed four of us for breakfast. Today, the same serving would cost \$15! I also remember them writing the cost of each item on the paper bag and adding up the columns of numbers faster than any calculator. Marv

Rona Ordower Berg (1/60)

Cannot believe after all these years that Clem and Irv of Maple Dairy can still be remembered in such a wonderful way. They were truly icons of their day. Not only were they good to their employees, but to their customers as well. Same for Maple Kosher Meats, the produce store next door and Belfers, the candy store on the corner. Rona

### **Thinking of things as they were:**

Alan Ginter (64/65)

To Cheryl Alterman Elblonk (64), yes, Harry owned the small Weequahic Deli between what used to be a women's dress shop on the corner (before it became a Chicken Delight type place) and the Garden French Bakery. Harry's son played accordion professionally and he was kind of my role model when I started playing. He had a picture of himself behind the cash register in a tuxedo and an accordion and I wanted to be just like him.

Yes, yes, of course Lerhoff's was on Chancellor and Wainwright with the best challah and rye bread. I don't know why I said that the wholesale bakery on Lyons and Schley was Lerhoff's but, since I apparently can't remember anything that happened in the last 20 years (I'm cool with the first 53, though), I claim ignorance of the facts (is that even a thing?). Thank you all who corrected me. We all agree on the smells coming from that bakery, especially on a cold evening.

Do you guys remember the barracks on Lyons and Schley? Alan

Fran Horowitz August (64)

In regards to Lehrhoff's Bakery, I remember going there on a Sunday and buying 6 hard rolls. I believe that's what they called their rolls. They were still warm and so delicious with butter. That was a great Sunday breakfast! Just a sweet memory of their baked goods. Fran

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