

IN RETROSPECT

1936 – Summer was extended for three weeks to allow time for the completion of the new East Haven High School. The doors finally opened September 28, 1936. William Gillis, superintendent/principal and William Fagerstrom, vice-principal welcomed students.

1937 – The Easties first baseball team ended the season with a record of 8-9 and a tie for the Housatonic League Championship.

The first Pioneer, 1937, was dedicated to Superintendent William Gillis and Principal Fagerstrom.

Robert Johnson was president of East Haven High's first graduating class.

Edward Scobie was captain of the first basketball team coached by John Maher. The team ended the season with a record of 7-13.

East Haven's first cheerleading squad consisted of three boys and three girls. One member, Louis Crescenti taught art at the high school for thirty-seven years. He retired in 1986.

Faculty players scored a hit in the production of the *Torchbearers*. English teachers Alice Gunnip, Margaret Hunt and Principal William Fagerstrom starred in leading rolls.

Joe Louis knocked out James Braddock to become world champion.

1938 – The Blue and Golf 440 yard relay team set a meet record with a winning time of 47.0 in the CT State College Annual Relays at Storrs.

The first Blue and Gold Varsity Show was presented under the direction of Joseph Mayo of the faculty.

Faculty member, Joseph Mayo, formed the Pep Club.

Germany invades Poland

1940 “*Sailor Maids*” was the first musical comedy ever presented in the high school

Marilyn Priest was selected for the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award. She was also named winner of the state award and made a trip to Washington in April to attend the annual D.A.R. Convention.

The basketball team completed the most successful season in the four years of varsity competition with a record of 13-6 and a third place finish in the Housatonic League.

The *Comet* received first class honor rating in the All American Newspaper Competition awarded by the National Scholastic Press Association. The first peacetime draft was approved on Sept. 14.

1941 – Lois Bradley received the DAR Award

Bobby Wetmore took first place in the 100 yard dash in the State Championships at the University of Connecticut.

Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, 7:55 AM Hawaiian time on December 7, 1941 ships sunk or damaged, 2,300 dead. The US declares war on Japan, December 8, on Germany and Italy, December 11.

Gary Cooper won the Oscar for Best Actor in *Sgt. York*.

The Easties won their second Housatonic Baseball Championship.

1942 – Rita Kelly received the DAR Award

The Battle of Midway, June 4 was Japan's first major defeat.

Greer Garson won the Oscar for Best Actress in *Mrs. Miniver*.

1943 – *Oklahoma* opened on Broadway.

1944 – U.S. and Allied forces invade Normandy on June 6 in the greatest amphibious landing in history.

1945 – Betty Tansey was the first female class president.

The Easties first swim team under Coach Frank Keefe, Sr. ended the season with a record of 3-3-1 defeating Bassick, Meriden, and West Haven.

President Roosevelt died in Warm Springs, GA, April 12.

The Atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, August 6.

Japan formally surrenders on September 2.

1946 – The Easties played their first football game under the lights behind the high school against St. Mary's. The game ended in a 6-6 tie. Under first year Coach Al Pullano the team ended the season with a record of 4-3-2. (

On Thanksgiving Day the underdog Easties having lost to arch rival Branford earlier in the season upset the Hornets 12-6.

Roy Briggs was appointed to be East Haven's first football coach, but resigned before the initial season began and was replaced by Al Pullano.

1947 – Anne Mascola received the DAR Award.

Frank Dooley was named to the High School All-American Swim Team and was ranked number nationally in the 220 yard freestyle. He was a National Collegiate All-American at Ohio State University from 1949-52 and was a member of the 1952 U.S. Olympic Swim Team that competed in Helsinki, Finland.

Jackie Robinson joined the Brooklyn dodgers breaking the color barrier in major league baseball.

Frank Crisafi was appointed East Haven's Head Coach of football, basketball, and baseball.

1949 – The Easties won it's first Housatonic League basketball championship, sharing the title with Lyman Hall. They completed the season with the best record, 19-7 in the school's history.

Although held to ties by four opponents, only eventual league champion Shelton defeated the Easties 14-0 and the season ended with a record of 6-1-4.

President Harry Truman is inaugurated, Jan. 20.

Steve Narracci set a school record with 497 points in one season.

Fred DeFelice was named Register Youth of the Year.

1950 – Elaine R. Barbary was named Register Youth of the Year.

President Truman authorized the production of the H-bomb.

1951 -ties won their first Housatonic League Football Championship sharing the title with Shelton.

1952 – James Streeto received the Register Youth of the Year Award.

The Easties won their second Housatonic League Championship only to lose to Lyman Hall 48-47 in the state finals and finished the season at 22-1.

The Easties rolled through the football season with a perfect 8-0 record, the Housatonic League Championship, and the only undefeated season in the school's history.

The first hydrogen device was exploded November 1 at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

Mario Mozzillo was the first East Haven football player to be named to the All-State team.

1953 – Gayle Knight received the DAR Award.

The Korean War Armistice was signed on July 27.

John R. DeSolo was named Register Youth of the Year.

The Easties won their second Housatonic League Basketball championship and finished the season with a record o 23-1.

1954 – Anthony Massari set a school record that still stands with 608 points in one season.

Coach Frank Crisafi's Easties ended the most successful season in school history, defeating Derby, 60-51 to win the State Championship and Winchester, MA, 72-60 in the Boston Garden to win the New England Class M Championship ending the season with a record of 29-0.

Anthony Massari ended his career with 1299 points, a boys' school record

Anthony Massari was named to the All-State Basketball Team for the second consecutive year.

Hank Luzzi and Len Orifice were named to the All-State Football Team.

Nautilus, the first atomic powered submarine was launched at Groton, CT, January 21.

Racial segregation in public schools unanimously ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, May 17 in *Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka*.

Francis Zampiello was named Register Youth of the Year.

1955 – The Easties defeated Rockville 17-12, the lowest scoring game in school history in a state tournament game.

The Easties defeated Wilcox Tech 54-39 to win their second consecutive State Class M Championship and end a perfect season at 25-0.

Ted Sullivan and Joel Gustafson were named to the All State Basketball and Football Teams respectively.

America's two largest labor organizations merged on December 5 creating AFL-CIO.

Michael Paolillo was named Register Youth of the Year.

Michael Brereton won the New England Diving Championship at the University of Connecticut.

1956 – John DeCaprio was the first East Haven athlete to be named All-State in two sports, football and basketball.

The Easties won their fifth Housatonic League Championship with a perfect league record of 12-0 only to lose to Stonington 62-60 in the finals of the State Class M Tournament at Yale's Payne Whitney Gym, ending a 77 game winning streak. They ended the season with a record of 23-1.

Ralph Paolillo and Rich Ezold were named to the All-State Basketball Team.

Don Larsen pitched his perfect game for the New York Yankees in the World Series.

Fances T. Quinlan was named Register Youth of the Year.

1957 – The Easties won their third State Class M Championship and ended the season with a record of 19-3.

The Soviets launch the first satellite.

1958 –

The Easties posted a 11-1 league record, 18-2 overall and won their sixth Housatonic League Championship. The Easties defeated Housatonic Regional HS, 1-0 behind the pitching of Bob Vetrone to win the State Class M Baseball Championship and end the season with a record of 16-2.

Explorer I, the first U.S. earth satellite went into orbit.

1959 – The Easties posted a 21-3 record, 12-0 in the league and won their seventh Housatonic League Basketball Championship.

Jerry Iannotti and Terry Holcombe were named to the All-State Football Team

Tom Gagliardi was named to the All-Housatonic Football Team.

The Easties defeated Abbot Tech 54-47 to win their fourth State Class M Championship.

Bruce Larsen and Sal Paolillo were named to the All-State Basketball Team.

Al Carbone, Sr. and Pete Barile were named to the All-Housatonic Baseball and Football Teams.

Robert J. Bethke was named Register Youth of the Year.

1961 – Marty DeMezza was named to the All-State Football Team for the second consecutive year.

Commander Alan Shepard, Jr. rocketed from Cape Canaveral, 116.5 miles above the earth in a Mercury capsule, May 5, in the first US crewed suborbital space flight.

Lt. Col. John Glenn became the first American in orbit on February 20 when he circled the earth three times in the Mercury capsule, Friendship 7.

Bruce Larsen was named to the All-Housatonic and All-State Basketball Teams.

1962 -otowski, Joe Scalabrino, and Mike DeMarco were named to the All-State Football Team.

1963 – Mike DeMarco was named All-State in basketball and football. He became the third East Haven athlete to earn All-State honors in two different sports.

The Easties won their eighth Housatonic League Championship, defeating Plainville, 38-25 to win their fifth State Class M Championship and ended the season with a record of 22-1

Phil Andros was named to the All-Housatonic and All-State Basketball Teams.

President John Kennedy is assassinated.

Bill Kotowski was named to the All-State Football Team for the second consecutive year.

Joe Scalabrino was named a scholar-athlete by the New Haven Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

1964 – The Easties won their ninth Housatonic League Championship with an 11-1 league record and 18-3 overall.

Bob Bernardo and Al Esposito attained perfect scores in a math contest sponsored by the Math League of the Greater New Haven area.

Bob Warner was named to the All-Housatonic and All State Basketball Teams.

The Beatles tour the USA.

1965 – Barbara Ricci was named recipient of the DAR Award.

Lynn Barthelson was named Register Youth of the Year.

1966 – Barbara Majewski was named valedictorian of the graduating class.

The Easties played Branford to a 6-6 tie on Thanksgiving Day to end the season with a record of 7-1-1 and a share of the Housatonic League Championship with Derby.

Mike Zito was named to the All-Housatonic and All State Football Teams

Wayne Wrzosek was named to the All-Housatonic Football Team.

Nile Hermans was named Register Youth of the Year.

Pete Lupoli and Jean Mitnik were named All-Around Boy & Girl.

1967 – Mike Rosen received the Yale Book Award;. Mike Zito and Sandra Welter received the All-Around and Girl Awards.

1968 – Corliss Kilburn was named recipient of the Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year Award.

Janice Barthelson and Valy Menkin were named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

Maureen Olinsky was named recipient of the DAR Award.

The Easties lost 6-0 to Stratford in the finals of the state tournament and ended the season with a record of 19-3.

Peter Cianelli marched with the McDonald All-American Band in the Macy Parade.

Charles W. Sizemore, Jr. was named Register Youth of the Year.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, April 4.

Senator Robert Kennedy was assassinated June 5 in Los Angeles.

Wayne Wrzosek, Kevin Sheehan and Charles Sizemore were named to the All-Housatonic Baseball Team.

Charles Sizemore was named a scholar-athlete by the New Haven Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

1969 – The senior class was the winner of the Magazine Drive with a total of \$6,348.27.

Maureen Olinsky received the DAR Award.

Edward Wilson was named Register Youth of the Year and received the Harvard Book Award.

Cheryl D'Amato was chosen Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year.

Mike Warner and Joe Connelly were named to the All-Housatonic Basketball Team.

Jim Misseau and Bob Migliaro were named to the All Housatonic Football Team.

1970 – Donna Bosco received the DAR Award.

There was a major revision in the Dress Code. A student committee met with the Board of Education and as a result girls were permitted to wear

slacks during the period beginning in November and terminating with the April vacation.

Pat Paulson and Pete Carrieri were named to the All Housatonic Baseball Team.

1971 - Mario Scalia and Donna Franchini received the All-Around Boy and Girl awards.

Michael Albis was named Register Youth of the Year and received the Yale Book Award.

The 26th Amendment lowering the voting age to 18 in all elections was ratified, June 20.

Robert Ronne was named to the All-Housatonic Swimming Team.

1972 - Maryellen Acquarulo won the Connecticut Junior Miss Talent Award.

Jim Lyons and Steve DiVinero were named to the All-Housatonic Swimming Team.

Jeff Saville was named to the All-Housatonic Swim Team for the second consecutive year.

Mark Gersz ran for 202 yards and three touchdowns on only 16 carries to lead the Yellow jackets to a 26-12 Thanksgiving Day win over Branford. (

Paul Criscuolo and Maryellen Acquarulo received the All-Around Boy and Girl Awards.

1973 – Terry Stratton was named recipient of the DAR Award.

The girls' basketball team defeated North Branford 52-47 for their first win under Coach Sandra Hawkes.

Diane Curren and Diane Kopjanski were named to the All Housatonic Field Hockey Team.

The new east wing addition was completed along with a new swimming pool on the west side of the school.

Anthony J. Manna received the Register Youth of the Year Award.

Joe Capone and Tom Ehrler were named to the All-Housatonic Football Team.

Roe vs. Wade legalizes abortion.

Mark Gersz was named a scholar-athlete by the New Haven Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

1974 – The East Haven Softball Team was defeated by Shelton 6-5 in the finals of the state tournament.

The East Haven Hockey Team completed its first varsity season with a record of 14-2.

Jennifer Parker set a school record scoring 39 points against Amity, December 21 and was named to the All-Housatonic Team.

Doug Wyllie was named All-Housatonic Diver for the second consecutive year.

Toni A. Cocchiaro received the Register Youth of the Year Award.

Streaking becomes a fad on college campuses.

1975 – Jennifer Parker set a school record, averaging 25.3 points per game.

(During the middle of the basketball season the gym floor rose about three feet in various parts of the court, caused by a broken pipe underneath. The remainder of the season was played at the Middle School.

After eighteen years, the popular sports dinner sponsored by the EH Stoners was cancelled for lack of response from the general community.

Bob Doheny was the winner of the first All-Around Athlete Competition.

1976 –Bill Parker was chosen the outstanding high school football player in the Greater New Haven area by the New Haven Gridiron Club. In addition, the Yale Club of New Haven awarded Bill the area MVP Award.

Bob Sembler had 21 assists in a game vs. Branford, February 13. He ended his career with 514, a school record.

Al Carfora set a school record for rebounds in a career with 822.

Al Carfora broke the single game scoring record with 47 points.

1977 Lou Matteo and Donna Pace were named All-Around Boy and Girl respectively.

Patty Turner was named to the All-Housatonic Track Team.

Jean H. Onyski received the Register Youth of the Year Award.

1978 –Mary Beth Johns, Nancy Mulvey and Margaret Schlegel were named CT State Scholars.

Mary Beth Johns set the school record in the shot put, 31' 2".

Mary Beth Johns and Steve Grande received the All Around Girl and Boy award.

Mike Miranda received the Harvard Book Award.

Charlie Lembo made 25 consecutive free throws, a school record.

Bonnie Rademacher received the Register Youth of the Year Award and was named valedictorian of the graduating class.

Pat "Butch" DiLungo was the first East Haven hockey player named to the All-State Hockey Team.

The first Powderputt football game was held November 18 at Crisafi Field with the Easties defeating Branford, 32-1

Liz Franco won the first All-Around Athlete Competition for girls.

The first “tube baby” is born.

1979 – Over 450 participate in the two Sports Marathon sponsored by the Physical Education Club. A total of \$9910.00 was raised for the Easter Seal Society.

Bob Purcell received the All American Hall of Fame Band Award.

The Easties 18-0 record gave them their eleventh Housatonic League Championship and an overall record of 19-3.

Bob Guarino was State Open Javelin Champion with a throw of 201’ 11”.

Mike Miranda won the Harvard Book and DAR Awards.

Kathy J. Main was named Register Youth of the Year.

Bob Purcell was named a scholar-athlete by the New Haven Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Michael Miranda set track records in the 120 yard high hurdles, 330 yard intermediate hurdles and was ECS indoor champion in the 60 yard hurdles.

1980 –Barbara Kelly was named valedictorian of the graduating class.

Sue Crisafi became the All Time leading scorer in East Haven basketball with 1418 points.

Sue Crisafi was named to the All-State Basketball Team.

Mike Luzzi was named to the All-State Football Team.

The Easties won their twelfth Housatonic League Championship and Fifth State title defeating Bullard Havens 63-57, ending the season with a record of 25-1.

The second Sports Marathon for Easter Seals sponsored by the Physical Education club raised \$7,000.00.

Ann Coyle was named Register Youth of the Year and received the Harvard Book Award.

The US Hockey Team defeated the Soviet Union 4-3 and goes on to win the gold medal.

Jeff Maffeo won the State Open Championship in the javelin.

Michele Luzzi and Sue Finer were named to the All-Housy Swim Team. The girls swim team snapped Amity's winning streak at 44. Trailing 82-76 and needing a 1-2 finish in the 400 Yard relay the Easties won the final event and won the meet, 88-84.

1981 - ;Mike Luzzi was named All-State in football and baseball and became the fourth East Haven athlete to earn All State Honors in two different sports.

Rhonda Ostrom had 33 rebounds in a game vs. Cheshire, a school record. (

The girls swim team posted the best record in school history, 10-1-1, losing to Branford 87-85, and tying Cheshire, 86-86.

Mike Luzzi received the Harvard Book Award and was named a scholar-athlete by the New Haven Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Mary K. Foley was named Register Youth of the Year.

Michael Narracci became East Haven's first All State swimmer.

1982 – Tracey Finer '83 (softball) joined her sister Sue '81 (swimming) as the only sisters to be named to the All-Housatonic Teams.

Paul Spadacenta was named to the All State Football Team.

Stacey DeGrand and Tracey Finer were the first East Haven athletes named to the All State Softball Team.

1983 - Tracey Finer set a school record for steals in a career (1980-83) with 305.

Tracey Finer was named Register Youth of the Year, received the Yale Book and DAR Awards.

Lisa Tremblay received the Harvard Book Award.

Lisa Tremblay was named valedictorian of the graduating class.

Julie Torre was named to the All-Housatonic Cross Country and Track Teams.

The high school band traveled to Washington, D.C. in April, gave several concerts and performed on the Capitol steps.

Alain Barthelemy received the Rensselaer Award.

Tracey Finer and Stacey DeGrand were named to the All-Housatonic and All State Softball Teams for the second consecutive year.

Tracey Finer was named Register Youth of the Year.

1984 – Nancy Lembo '84 (basketball/softball) and her brother Charlie '78 (basketball) joined Jennifer Parker '74 (basketball/softball), Bill Parker '76 (football) and Ed Crisafi '70 (basketball) and Sue Crisafi '80 (basketball) as the only brother/sister combinations to be named to the All-Housatonic League Teams.

Nancy Lembo set a school record with 13 steals in one game vs. Amity, January 10. She ended the season with 130.

Under Coach Ralph Castellon the Easties softball team defeated Norwich Free Academy, 7-2 to win the State Class L Championship and end the season with the best record in school history, 22-2.

Scott Mitchell was named to the All-State Football Team.

Ed Calandrella won the Harvard Book and Rensselaer Awards.

President Reagan was re-elected on November 6 in the greatest Republican landslide in history, carrying 49 states.

1986 – Anthony DiLungo was named to the All-State Hockey Team. He and his brother Pat joined Al Carfora '76 and Joe Carfora '80 (basketball) as the only brothers to be named All-State.

Ezra “Buddy” Goodwin set a school record scoring 50 points in a game vs. Seymour, February 19.

Paul Komarenko won the Yale Book Award.

Robert Narracci won the Harvard Book Award and was named Register Youth of the Year.

The space shuttle Challenger, exploded moments after liftoff killing six astronauts and Christa McAuliff, a New Hampshire teacher.

Todd Parker was named to the All-Housatonic and All-State Swim Teams, and was the State Class L Champion in the 100 Yard Butterfly.

1987 – Coach Mike Lucibello’s Easties defeated East Catholic, 9-1 at Muzzy Field in Bristol to win the State Class L Baseball Championship behind the pitching of Fred Peters.

The Drama Club presented three plays: *Barefoot in the Park*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *West Side Story*.

Peter Colombe won the Harvard Book Award.

Virginia Petrefesa was the recipient of the DAR Award.

David Basilio won the Yale Book Award.

The Alumni Association was formed and the first Hall of Fame Ceremony was held November 4 in the high school cafeteria.

Gino DelGuidice was named to the All-Housatonic Hockey Team.

Ann Korwek was named to the All-State Softball Team.

1988 – The wrestling team finished its’ first competitive year with a record of 7-4 under Coach Bob Murphy.

Marc R. Guidone was named Register Youth of the Year.

Karen Ursini was named to the All-Housatonic Softball Team.)

Joe Lucibello was named to the All-Housatonic Baseball Team.

Lance Helms was named to the All-Housatonic Basketball Team.

1989 – Wrestler Tung Hoang was named Register Athlete of the Week

Dave Coulombe was named to the All-Housatonic Golf Team

David Coulombe was named Register Youth of the Year

Tony Martone replaces Andy D'Amato as Head Football Coach

1990 Tung Hoang was named to the All-Housatonic Soccer Team
Operation Desert Shield Force, left for Saudi Arabia, August 7, to defend that country following the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, August 2.
Laura Kulick was named to the All-Housatonic Softball Team for the third consecutive year

1991 Albert Carbone, Jr. was named Register Youth of the Year
The Soviet Union dissolves.

Lisa DeGennaro was named to the All-State Softball Team for the second consecutive year.

German exchange student became East Haven's first All State tennis player.

Jeff Fletcher became East Haven's first All-State wrestler\

Al Carbone, Jr. '91 (baseball/basketball) and his father, Al, Sr. '60 (baseball) are the only father/son combination named to the All-Housatonic League Teams.)

Hank Luzzi '55 was elected Mayor of East Haven.

Tom Lacroix was named to the All-Housatonic Swim Team

1992- Pat Turner was selected to the All-Housatonic, All-Area, and All-State Hockey Teams.

Jason Gay was named valedictorian of the graduating class.

1993 – The Town Council voted to build a new 45 million dollar high school.

Jeffrey Bogue was named Register Youth of the Year.

Jeffrey Bogue was named valedictorian of the graduating class

Janet Reno became the first woman US attorney general.

Rusty Dunne replaces Tony Martone as Head Football Coach.

1994

Robert Huelin was named a scholar-athlete by the New Haven Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Denise Saunders received the Harvard Book Award and was named valedictorian of the graduating class.

1995 Mike Russo, Bill Buzzard, Anthony Russell, and Sean Clark , members of the 4 X 100 Relay Team were named to the All-State Track Team.

Matthew Davy was named a scholar-athlete by the New Haven Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

1997 – The Class of 97 was the 61st and final class to graduate from the high school on Tyler Street.

East Haven's dream of a perfect season ended in the finals of the Division II hockey tournament, losing to South Windsor, 7-5. The Yellow Jackets final record was 24-1.

T.J. Lavery was named to the All-State Football Team.

Michael Huelin received the Harvard Book Award.

1998 – Bryan Dion became the seventh East Haven player to score over 1000 points (1010)

The East Haven Hockey Team defeated Newington. 7-1 to win the Division II State Championship at the New Haven Coliseum

President Clinton is impeached.

Brian Chaput was named to the All-State Track Team and was the State Open Javelin Champion.

1999 Brian Chaput was named to the All SCC, All-Area, All-State, and All-American Track & Field Teams. He was also State Open Champion for the second consecutive year in the javelin.)

2000 – Senior quarterback Joe Glenn rushed for a school record 297 yards and six touchdowns while leading the Yellow Jackets to a 46-21 win over Derby. He was also named to the All-State Football Team for the second consecutive year.

Jeff Cretella was named to the All-State Track Team in the shot put.

Mandee Signor was named to the All-State Volleyball Team for the second consecutive year.

2002 – Josh Charboneau broke the school all time scoring record with 1454 points and was named to the All-State Team.

Julie Dougherty was named salutatorian of the graduating class.

Jason Canavan was named to the All-State Football Team.

Julie Dougherty received the Trinity Book Award and was named salutatorian of the graduating class.

2004 – The basketball team completed the best season in 20 years with a 15-8 record.

