

DID YOU KNOW.....

- **In the 1950's, copiers were called "test-duplicators".**
- **In the 1950's, the big hangout place for an after school snack for students was Shelly's.**
- **In the 1950's, there was a Pepsi machine in the cafeteria that dispensed glass bottles and they had the wooden box to recycle the bottles when finished with them.**
- **In early 1950's, chief cook and appetite satisfier was Mrs. Bernick.**
- **That our school seal stands for – faith, knowledge, courage and love.**
- **That Little Flower High School started out as a one room school with 41 students and flourished into a high school complete with an office, library, biology, chemistry and physics lab, five classrooms and cloakroom with 193 students in the first 4 years of the school's history.**
- **In the 1950's, at lunchtime, the favorite activity – after eating, of course –the seniors would dance to soft music played on the school record player.**
- **In the 1950's, the Sophomore Biology classes started the tradition of the annual trip to the Philadelphia Zoo.**
- **In the 1950's & 1960's, the school participated in May Procession ceremonies every year.**

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- **In pre-Lansdale Catholic years (1949-1959), Little Flower High School used the Lansdale Catholic name for their sports programs. This is very interesting since the school's name was not officially changed until 1960.**
- **In the 1950's & 1960's, your class ring was received in Senior year.**
- **The very first graduating class of 1953 had 33 students.**
- **In the 1950's, instead of using a landscape company for school grounds, they formed a garden club. It was a club that was divided into teams and assigned certain portions of land. Each team competes for a prize for the neatest and most beautiful landscape. Sounds like we should try this club and save some money?**
- **The first Spring Concert started in 1957.**
- **In the 1950's & 1960's, they had "Little Flower Day" where every student contributes some talent to produce the annual theatrical show, which is an official welcome to the Freshman class.**
- **In the 1950's, the students were responsible for keeping the school clean. They dusted the desks, windowsills, trophy cabinets, etc. They swept the floors. There was no mention of a janitor.**
- **From 1953-1958, the students would dedicate their yearbook to someone who touched their lives in their everyday activities.**

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- **It wasn't until 1959 that the yearbook started to put homeroom pictures of the students and list them by name in the yearbook.**
- **In the 1950's, everyone was required to do a monthly book report.**
- **In the 1950's & 1960's, they celebrated Mass together once a week.**
- **In the 1950's, each year at the Valentine's Hop a boy and girl from the Sophomore class are crowned King and Queen.**
- **In the 1950's, the students had a school bus that provided them with daily transportation from Doylestown.**
- **In the 1950's, after all their proms, they end by singing a customary song "Mother Beloved" because they would dedicate their proms to Mary.**
- **That an Athletic Association was started at Lansdale Catholic at or around 1959. There were 10 members and they were responsible for the presentation of the All-Sports and Crusader Trophies. The All-Sports trophy is awarded to the outstanding boy athlete. The Crusader trophy is presented to a Senior who has demonstrated exceptional school spirit.**
- **When our building was built, in the cornerstone of our building they put a container which contains a list of the student body, the names of the faculty, various coins, and a parchment written in Latin and English.**
- **There was a chapel built with the school when it first opened that had wooden pews and an altar.**

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- **The first public address system was placed in operation in 1961. Before that, they went room-to-room for announcements.**
- **In the early years, the students always opened every assembly singing the “Star Spangled Banner”.**
- **1962 was the first year when the Freshman had their own dance called the “Freshman Frolic”.**
- **In 1961, with the opening of the new school came the beginning of the school plays. The first play was actually considered the Christmas pageant entitled “The Everlasting Light”. The next year followed with another Christmas play “Amahl and the Night Visitors”.**
- **In 1962, the football team coached by Mr. Jarmoluk won the Suburban Catholic League Championship.**
- **In 1963, the first annual Science Fair was organized by the Science Club. All the students had to participate.**
- **In 1963, the first time any mention is made of a custodian for the school. His name was Mr. Fred Panico.**
- **The first production of the Drama Club was “Time Out for Ginger” in 1963.**
- **The first Track team started in 1963.**
- **In the earlier years (1950-1960’s), confession was scheduled weekly.**
- **In 1964, the first band was organized and met for weekly lessons. The band was made up of wind instruments and drums. The band instructor was Mr. Neil Weiler.**

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- **The statue of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, who is the patroness of Lansdale Catholic, was a gift to Monsignor Joseph Schade on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee as rector of St. Stanislaus Parish on February 9, 1962. The statue is tucked away for repairs but is still at our school as a gift from Monsignor Schade.**
- **In 1964, we purchased the official Lansdale Catholic flag with our school seal that we use for our formal school assemblies.**
- **The first time LC had a brother football player and a sister cheerleader duet, William Robbins and Jean Robbins, was in 1965.**
- **In 1965, North Penn and LC's Student Councilors exchanged visits and compared notes.**
- **In 1964, Mr. James Lynam was Lansdale Catholic's basketball coach. In 1965, as well as coaching, he started teaching Algebra, Geometry, and was Athletic Director. After a very impressive coaching career at the college level and in the NBA from 1968-present, today he is the Assistant Coach for the Philadelphia 76ers.**
- **New state of the art headphones used at LC for language translations in the language lab for French class in 1966.**
- **Vo-Tech comes available to LC. LC students were bused to Willow Grove to attend the Eastern Montgomery Vocational Technical School in 1967.**
- **High tech tabletop laboratory is a new addition to the Secretarial Department. In 1967, dictation records enable the girls to achieve higher speeds of taking Stenography.**

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- **Senior Prom makes a move to off-campus site for first time in 1966. The Senior Prom was held at the Oak Terrace Country Club.**
- **In 1967, the first mention of items being sold in stationery store besides stationery. Items such as pennants, sweaters, gym bags, megaphones, etc.**
- **In 1965, Holy Communion during lunch periods began**
- **In 1967, four LC graduates that became priests were welcomed back to concelebrate Mass with Fr. Doogan. They were Fr. Bartholomew O'Brien, Fr. Victor Sharrett, Fr. Salvatore Riccio and Fr. Soccorso Saldutti.**
- **Cross Country comes to LC in 1966 and believe it or not we placed 3rd in the Suburban Catholic Championship.**
- **In 1966 & 1967 Track placed 1st in the Suburban Catholic Championships.**
- **In 1968, there were 4 sets of twins at LC. Freshman twins, Joan & Janice Mulhern, Sophomores twins, David & Daniel Mask, Junior twins, Elizabeth & Barbara Miketta, and Senior twins Barbara & Margaret Craig.**
- **In 1969, an Executive Committee for the Parent's Association is formed at LC. The first members consisting of Mr. John Monagle (Pres), Mrs. Margaret Horgan (Secretary), Sister Cecile Therese (Moderator), and Mr. Eugene Lear (Treasurer).**
- **In 1969, Vocational Technical School students are recognized in the school yearbook.**
- **In 1970, Lansdale Catholic proudly presented a float in the Lansdale Christmas parade for the first time in history.**
- **Honors classes have started to appear at LC in 1971. American History being one of the first.**

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- **A big breakthrough in women's lib for Student Council at LC. The first female President of Student Council, Marian Thee, gets elected into office in 1971.**
- **LC starts a school newspaper in 1971.**
- **Girls Tennis comes to LC in 1971.**
- **A new subject added to the Sophomore curriculum, American History I, in 1972.**
- **Spirit Week has taken over LC. In 1972, LC dedicated a whole week to show how much spirit LC had. Monday, was a school holiday when members of each of the four classes arrived at LC burdened with banners and posters to be hung in various locations throughout the school. Tuesday, belonged to the Freshman. Wednesday, the Sophs had their chance. Thursday, Juniors attempted to outshine all. Friday, the Seniors went wild. It started with a parade of cars decked out which traveled from Lans Bowl to the school parking lot. It was also the first dress-down day in LC's history. The day closed with a grand pep-rally and skit and announcement of the 5 Homecoming finalists. Saturday, Homecoming was applauded by all and closed with a football game and a victory.**
- **A juke box is installed in the cafeteria in 1972.**
- **We had a Color Guard Club called "The Lansdale Catholic Pages". It began in 1973 and it was consisted of all girls and they dressed like crusaders.**
- **We had an undefeated Football season in 1973.**
- **In 1973, Lansdale Catholic won first place in the marching groups in the Mardi Gras Parade.**
- **A first was achieved by the Sophomores in 1974 by winning "The Spirit King" contest.**

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- **Crusader Beat hits print in October of 1973. It was the official school bulletin to inform students about school and community events.**
- **There was a special program called Mini-mester introduced in 1974. Its purpose was to involve the students in new learning experiences not offered in the regular school curriculum. It consisted of more than 80 courses and ranged from karate to psychology. Handicraft courses attracted many students.**
- **In the 1970's, green and gold jello was available for dessert in the school cafeteria.**
- **Sr. Theresa Clare was the longest appointed Principal of our school from 1949-1958.**
- **In 1976, the first National Honor Society was formed.**
- **September 8, 1976-A strike by the lay teachers postpones the opening of school.**
- **October 7, 1976-LC breaks ground for a new wing which will include additional classrooms, a lecture hall, a new library and biology lab.**
- **November 20, 1976-LC beats North Penn in football game 13-12. It was the highlight of the season.**
- **The Varsity Girls Basketball Team wins Bicentennial League Champs for 1976-77.**
- **The dedication of the new addition took place on September 16, 1977.**
- **Girls were allowed to wear pants to school in 1978.**
- **LC had Field Day back in the late 70's. It was like an all day Gym day for the entire school.**
- **The 1978 Lansdale Catholic Softball Team was led to the top of their league to become the Bicentennial Champs.**

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- **The chapel that is now in our cafeteria was dedicated in 1980. It was built by the fathers of LC students and is called the Chapel of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus.**
- **There was a Student-Faculty Field Hockey Game during Spirit Week in 1981.**
- **The Class of 1981 had the first class play in school history called “Ah, What A Life!”**
- **On February 17, 1981, four days after a stunning one-point victory over Bristol, the Boys Basketball Team defeated Holy Ghost Prep 66-55, clinching the first Bicentennial League Basketball Crown in Lansdale Catholic’s history.**
- **The Cross Country Team during the 1981 season captured the Bicentennial League Championship, finished second in District I Competition and for the first time in school history advanced to States and was the tenth best team in Pennsylvania.**
- **Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua visited Lansdale Catholic twice over the years. The latest visit was in 1998.**
- **The Sisters of St. Francis of Glen Riddle were the earliest faculty at Lansdale Catholic.**
- **On May 11, 1996, Lansdale Catholic High School named its new baseball field, Monsignor Paul J. Cahill Field. Monsignor Cahill was named Director of Lansdale Catholic in 1962. Lansdale Catholic lost a great friend on March 27, 1999, when Monsignor Cahill passed away.**
- **In 1983, the extra-curricular needs of the school community were met with the addition of locker rooms, showers, and an equipment garage.**

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- **In 1983, Lansdale Catholic became a member of the Secondary School system of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.**
- **In 1989, Lansdale Catholic grew with the addition of the William S. Fishman Center. The William S. Fishman Center enriched Lansdale Catholic with a two-story library, an up-to-date Chemistry Lab, a Physics Lab, and additional classroom space.**
- **In 1998, the O'Malley Computer Lab was installed.**
- **In 1999, the multi-use computer lab and the Library Media Center were added thanks to the Connelly Foundation's Academic Enrichment Program.**