

PRESS RELEASE

“The Best of Apponequet”

Apponequet Regional High School is celebrating its 50th Jubilee. ARHS was originally built for grades 7 through 12 with George R. Austin, superintendent and Charles P. Sawyer, principal. Due to construction delays, opening day for grades 9-12 was September 21, 1959 and September 22, 1959 for grades 7 and 8. The cafeteria was still not complete so the 607 students needed to bring their own lunches.

During the current school year, several activities are planned to celebrate our 50 great years. December 3rd-5th, Apponequet Players will honor our past by presenting *Arsenic and Old Lace*, the first play ever performed at Apponequet.

Invitations have been sent to approximately 80 retired and/or former colleagues to join together on November 10, 2009 for a Faculty Reunion.

To celebrate the 50th 50th day of Apponequet on November 13th, we are creating a Top 50 List of the “Best of Apponequet.” We are soliciting suggestions from alumni and the residents of Freetown and Lakeville to create the “Best of Apponequet” covering the years 1959 through 2006. Later in the school year, current high school students and staff will offer suggestions for “Best of Apponequet” list covering the years 2006-2010. Together they will represent a “Then” and “Now” representation of the best of Apponequet.

Suggestions for the “Best of Apponequet” list would include our alumni’s greatest memories or accomplishments during their time at ARHS, the biggest events or even the biggest personalities in the history of Apponequet. Please include the year the entry represents. We would like to have entries representing all decades of Apponequet history.

Other activities for the 50th 50th Day include filling all of our display cases with various collections of 50 items including all our yearbooks and selected trophies. Our school clubs and activities will each decorate a bulletin board with a 50th theme.

All entries for the “Best of Apponequet” should be forwarded by October 30, 2009 to Principal Gary Lincoln at glincoln@freelake.org.