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Class color: pink/green; flower: pink carnation; motto: Strive Not to Equal, But to Excel

In 1961, the original construction was under principal Mr. Clarence Harris. I received my graduation diploma in the class of 1964 from Euclid Jr.-Sr. High. Wow, that was a long time ago. Forty-eight years to be exact. My home room teacher was Ms. S.W. Dix. I enjoyed my school years. We had administrators with caring spirits who made it possible for all to succeed. Parents were very much involved and contacts with teachers were frequent. There were no clinics, so you see, you were not getting sick. It was all about education.

I was involved in activities as cheer leader, band, Ms. Sophomore, and clubs. But I still found time to get my lesson. Instructors like Ms. Charles (PE), Mr. Dandridge (Music) who did not hesitate to use the drumsticks on your knuckles, Prof. Jackson, and many more were instrumental in who I am today. Mr. Middleton, the band director would rock coming down the Boulevard for Christmas. Everyone wanted to be in the band.

There were 45 graduates in the class of 1964. Jimmie Johnson was president. The highlight of my life is the use of values instilled in me from my parents and educators to carry on the legacy by graduating, obtaining a college degree in nursing with continuing education to be a productive individual in this society. My siblings graduating from EJSJ are Shirley Graham-Ross(1960) and Charles Graham(1962). Our motto: it is better to be a first rate version of yourself rather than a second rate version of someone else.

Thanks.

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