

RCHS: a time of sleeveless shirts and mini skirts

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You're getting ready for school, so you tie your new bandana around your head, don your sleeveless shirt and then, in a mad dash, gather your homework for your 6 classes that last for the entire school year.

It sounds like a strange morning routine now but it was once normal. Through time our school has not only changed buildings and location, but policies, schedules, and the technology has changed as well.

"The dress code didn't use to be near as strict," pronounces teacher Ms. Polly Abney.

You can see the differences by just flipping through old annuals from the 80s and early 90s. Things like bandanas, sleeveless shirts, and short skirts were once a common sight on campus.

Other more profound privileges that would never fly today were once nothing new. There used to be a smoke break for kids to go out side at lunch and light up. Yet with all these privileges former students remember there were many more fights. Plus things like food and drink weren't permitted in class



In their glory days, 1984's seniors were in style with bandanas around their necks and tons of bracelets on their arms. Fashion has changed quite a bit since those days at RCHS.

at all.

Rules haven't been the only thing to change though. Living in the Information Age today it isn't uncommon to see technology change and improve at a fast pace. Can you imagine typing on a typewriter in business class instead of a computer? How about no internet to do a research paper with?

"We used to have to use The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature to do research," conveys Ms. Susan Norton teacher and 1989 graduate.

The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature are the giant red books currently collecting dust on the library shelves.

Most students believe technology is good.

"It makes things easier, and helps us to understand," relays sophomore Summer Owens. But, others such as Becca Alsip state, "Technology is good for students but it makes us lazy."

Even though students disagree on how beneficial technology is most agree that the transition from a 6 period schedule to our current block schedule in '94 after the new

building was a good thing.

"Time goes by faster," says Tasha Parsons, sophomore.

"You had to sacrifice some classes you wanted since you only had 6 classes," relates teacher and 1994 graduate Mr. J.D. Bussell.

He also said classes were taught at a much slower pace because teachers had the whole school year to teach the subject, but that time wasn't always used wisely.

With all the changes to the school policies, technology, and how things are scheduled and taught throughout time have the student's goals and ideas of fun changed, as well?

Students old and new still seem to define fun by cruising town, going to the football game, and meeting up with friends at the 'Hang Out.' Students still plan on furthering their educations going straight to work after graduation. Just as they have for years now.

So RCHS has seen many years of changes and will continue to do so, but whether the next generations to pass through these halls will be anything like we are now, only time will tell.

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