



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

**Western Canada High School
Class of '76 Reunion**

**June 12, 13, & 14 2026
Event Brochure**

WELCOME

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Fifty years ago, we were teenagers roaming the halls of Western Canada High - full of hopes, laughter, and maybe a little mischief. Today we gather not just to look back, but to celebrate how far we've all come.

This reunion is about more than memories; it's about reconnecting with old friends, sharing stories that time can't erase, and making new memories together. Whether you've traveled across the city or across the world to be here, your presence makes this milestone truly special.

So let's laugh, reminisce, and maybe even dance like it's 1976 again. Here's to friendship, to the Class of '76, and to a weekend we'll never forget.

“Funny, isn't it, how many of us, myself included, don't know exactly where our future lies.”

Diana Winter
Valedictory Address 1976



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An aerial, black and white photograph of a dense urban landscape, likely Toronto, featuring numerous skyscrapers and the prominent CN Tower. The image is used as a background for the text overlay.

LET'S CELEBRATE

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Welcome to our 50th Reunion! We are truly delighted to have you here as we come together to relive cherished memories, celebrate lifelong friendships, and honour the unique spirit of the Class of '76. This event has been carefully planned to give us the chance to reconnect, share stories, and remember the times that shaped us. Thank you for joining us - your presence makes this celebration complete.

The Committee would like to thank those classmates who generously donated toward making this reunion possible. Your contributions have helped us create an unforgettable weekend and keep ticket prices affordable. From all of us - THANK YOU!!



VERANDA AT THE STABLES

An inviting spot, perfect for gathering with old friends and enjoying relaxed conversations. A joyful start to our reunion weekend.



WCHS

The halls that hold our history. A chance to revisit our school, walk through familiar doors, and step back into the memories that shaped who we are today.



GLENCOE CLUB

A distinguished venue offering elegance and tradition. Here, we celebrate our gala night in style, surrounded by friends, music, and a chef-curated gourmet buffet dinner.



INN ON OFFICERS' GARDEN

The Inn offers the perfect setting to say our farewells. Within its charm and history, we close this chapter of celebration and carry the memories forward.

Together, these venues create the perfect journey: from casual reconnections, to nostalgic school memories, to an evening of celebration and elegance, and finally, to a setting of fond farewells. Welcome back to the spirit of 1976 — let's make new memories while honouring the old!

THE WEEKEND

Every moment will bring us back to
the days we once shared at
Western Canada High School.



Our 50th Reunion Weekend promises to be a time filled with friendship, laughter, and memories that span five decades. From the first cheerful greetings on Friday evening to the last hugs and farewells on Sunday, every moment will bring us back to the days we once shared at Western Canada High School.

Friday evening kicks off with a casual gathering – the perfect chance to reconnect, catch up on life's journeys, and ease into the weekend with good food, drinks, and plenty of laughter. Saturday morning invites everyone back to the halls of WCHS for a special school tour, where memories come alive around every corner. That night, we gather for the highlight of the weekend: the Gala Celebration. With music from the '70s, a professional photographer capturing new memories, and a delicious buffet dinner, it's bound to be an evening of joy and nostalgia.

The weekend winds down on Sunday with time for relaxed conversations, heartfelt goodbyes, and promises to stay connected. Together, we'll celebrate 50 years of friendship, history, and the unique bond we share as the Class of '76.

The Western Canada High School Class of 1976 is proud to celebrate its 50th Reunion with a weekend of events designed to honour our shared history and rekindle the bonds of friendship.





The ever expanding downtown Skyline of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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WELCOME RECEPTION

Our weekend begins Friday with an informal welcome reception for alumni at The Veranda at the Stables, taking place from 6:00 pm until midnight. This gathering provides the perfect opportunity to reconnect, share stories, and set the tone for a memorable celebration.

SCHOOL TOUR

Then, Saturday, step back in time with a guided tour of Western Canada High School beginning at 10:30 a.m. Walk the familiar hallways, revisit classrooms, and share stories that remind us of the many experiences that shaped our time together.

GALA CELEBRATION

The highlight of the weekend, our Gala Celebration, will be held Saturday at The Glencoe Club from 5:00 pm to midnight. The evening will feature a chef-curated gourmet buffet dinner, music from the 1970's, and a professional photographer to capture the occasion.

SUNDAY FAREWELLS

For those wishing to have a closing gathering where conversations, heartfelt farewells, and lasting connections will carry beyond this special milestone.

SAFE RIDE HOME POLICY

Your safety is our priority. If you require transportation at the end of the evenings, please ask a committee member for assistance. Uber Credits will be available to you at no cost.

VERANDA AT THE STABLES

WELCOME RECEPTION

JUNE 12, 2026 6:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT
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#200, 2566 FLANDERS AVENUE SW
CALGARY, ALBERTA T3E 7H9
\$25.00 PER PERSON UNTIL MAY 15, 2026
\$50.00 PER PERSON AFTER MAY 15, 2026
DRESS CASUAL



ARRIVE

There is free parking available in a dedicated lot on-site (ADA-accessible spaces included) and on surrounding streets. The main entrance and patio are easily viewable from the street.

The venue is in the historic Currie Barracks district - whose "K"-shaped layout whispers stories of cavalry days gone by. A short walk through artisan pathways adds to the experience.

HAVE FUN

Our celebration will be in the GIN ROOM and on the cozy patio. There will be mingling, laughter, clinking of glasses, and stories that bridge the decades all while enjoying plates of delicious food.

Familiar tunes will carry us back to the days of our youth while the smiles, embraces and laughter are captured by Gerry Thomas, our photographer for the evening, creating new memories to cherish for years to come.



Cash bar - all evening



Savoury bites all evening



Gift bags handed out to those who purchased their tickets before May 15th.



Balloon Photo Booth

1936

Built in 1936, The Stables was a single storey building and one of the first structures built on the Currie Barracks. It was the home to the 'B' Squadron of the Lord of Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Regiment.



REGISTRATION @ 6:00 PM

Please register at the doors and receive your gift bag.



BALLOON PHOTO BOOTH @ 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Our photographer, Gerry Thomas, will be set up at the Balloon Photo Booth to take portrait shots of individuals and/or groups.



THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

Enjoy a cash bar, savoury bites, selfies at the Balloon Photo Booth (until 10:00 pm), a cozy patio, laughter, shared memories, and a toast to 50 years!



WCHS TOUR

June 13, 2026 @ 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

If you'd like to join the WCHS tour on Saturday, June 13, simply meet on the front steps of Western at 10:30 a.m. — no sign-up or forms required. We'll take a group photo at 10:45, then join Mr. Darrin Whitbread at 11:00 for a walk down memory halls. 😊

Walk the familiar hallways, peek into classrooms, and see how the school has grown and changed since our days there. The library, gym and auditorium will bring back stories of exams, basketball games, and performances, while new facilities showcase the school's continuing legacy of excellence.



Western Canada College stood on this land from the early 1900's until the land was sold to the Calgary Board of Education in 1928. Western Canada College was a boys' college serving Calgary and Southern Alberta. It is from the college name that Western Canada High School derived its name.

SCHOOL MOTTO

Intellegentia, Vires, Virtus - or
Knowledge, Strength and Courage.

THEN: A single gymnasium, a bustling in-house cafeteria, and programs centered around the regular Alberta curriculum and our teams proudly competed as the Redmen.

NOW: Modernized campus, expanded gym facilities completed in 2011. New learning spaces where the cafeteria once was. Student body is now 2,200 learners, and athletics thrive under the banner of the Redhawks, a name adopted in 2014.

This is more than a building tour—it's a journey into our shared past. Together we'll reminisce, swap stories, and perhaps even laugh about those moments we thought we'd never forget (but somehow did). Bring your curiosity, your memories, and maybe even your camera—it's a perfect way to relive the spirit of Western!

GROUP PHOTO 10:45 AM



Our photographer will be taking a group photo at 10:45 am at the main door steps.

SCHOOL TOUR



Meet Mr. Darrin Whitbread, Principal, at 11:00 am. He will give us a 90 minute guided tour of the school.



THE GLENCOE CLUB

GALA CELEBRATION

JUNE 13, 2026 5:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT

BALLROOM AND BALCONY (ELEVATOR)

639 29TH AVENUE SW

CALGARY, ALBERTA T2S 0P1

\$75.00 PER PERSON UNTIL MAY 15, 2026

\$100.00 PER PERSON AFTER MAY 15, 2026

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE



ARRIVE

The Glencoe Club offers free, on-site parking for members and guests. The main parking area is directly beside the clubhouse entrance, accessible from 29th Avenue SW. Guest parking is permitted in the main parking area, just check in at reception once you've parked.

HISTORY

The Glencoe Club, named after the famous valley in the Scottish Highlands, was founded in 1931 and was to be active year-round for tennis, badminton, and curling. Today, the Club houses badminton, squash, tennis, curling, swimming, skating, fitness, and multiple dining rooms and banquet spaces.

GROUP PHOTO

6:00 PM ON STAIRWAY

Please make your way to the stairway for 6:00 pm. Our photographer will be taking a group photo there. Please be mindful of the Club's policies - do not climb on the banister for the picture or throughout the evening.

EVENING OF ELEGANCE

Our Gala is more than a dinner; it's a celebration of our journey over the past 5 decades. In the beautiful Glencoe Club Ballroom, we will share reflections, hear from our MC and guest speakers, and even enjoy a few lighthearted awards. Throughout the evening, we'll savour a gourmet buffet meal with fine wines and cocktails, have fun taking selfies at the balloon photo booth (until 10:00 pm), and have every moment captured by our professional photographer, Gerry Thomas.

DOORS OPEN

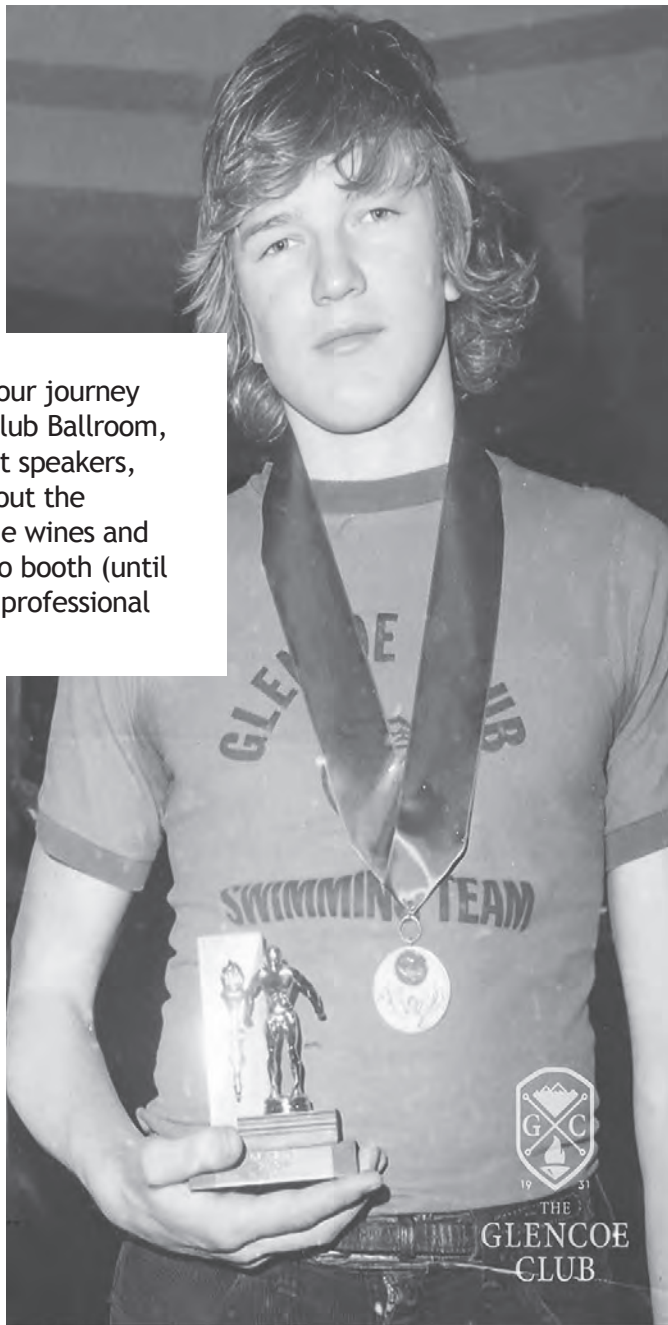
5:00 PM

Upon arrival, please stop by the registration table located just outside the ballroom, where you will be greeted by our committee members.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

Fill out the form provided at check-in and return it to a committee member for your chance to win an award during the evening. Cut off is 6:00pm Saturday

Mingle in the ballroom or out on the balcony. We'll have many laughs, maybe some tears, shared memories, and a toast to many more years!



5:30 PM



MC ADDRESS

Our Master of Ceremonies will officially open the evening with a warm welcome and reflections to set the tone for our celebration.

6:45 PM



BUFFET DINNER

Our dinner buffet begins at 6:45 pm. Please feel free to select a table and make yourself comfortable while you wait.

8:10 PM



AWARDS

5 winners will be selected from the submitted door prize forms, and then presented with their award along with a \$50.00 gift certificate.

3 SPEAKERS



SPEAKERS

We are honoured to feature three guest speakers during the evening - sharing reflections and stories that celebrate our journey as Class of '76

MC AND SPEAKERS

With a lively Master of Ceremonies and engaging guest speakers, the evening promises both entertainment and reflection. Together they'll set the tone for an unforgettable night - celebrating our history, highlighting our journey, and leading us toward new memories yet to be made.

David Clemis

There wasn't much this man was not involved in back in high school. From theater to politics to representing Western Canada High School on "Reach for the Top", his name was well known throughout the school.

Diana Winter

On May 17, 1976, Valedictorian Diana Winter delivered her Valedictory Address inspiring classmates with her reflections on our years together and her vision for the future.

Mark Tatchell

On May 17, 1976, Mark Tatchell joined Diana Winter as Valedictorian and delivered his Valedictory Address which captured the excitement of stepping into the wider world. With his metaphoric flavour of graduating, he bid us all, "Good-bye and good eating".

Lawrence King

In 1976, Lawrence King was the Department Head of Phys. Ed. as well as the senior girl's Basketball and Track & Field coach. That year, the basketball team were the City Champions and the Track & Field team were runners-up. Mr. King taught at WCHS from 1970-1979.

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THANK YOU

The Reunion Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to our MC and guest speakers for agreeing to guide us through this special milestone.

David Clemis - MC

"I'm delighted to be part of the WCHS 50th reunion. While some lessons came from teachers, many of the most memorable ones came from fellow students. For me, that included learning humility on the *Reach for the Top* team (0 for 3, but we had laughs), discovering that a giant pigeon costume could boost a Drama grade, encountering the knavery of politics in Model Parliament, and mastering the use of the corkscrew in the parking lot. I look forward to revisiting, and revising, the lessons and stories we shared in high school. See you in June."

Diana Winter

"Hi Class of '76!
Apparently being a valedictorian is a lifelong role - who knew? I'm honoured (and slightly surprised) to be asked to say a few words at our reunion next June. I'm genuinely looking forward to seeing everyone. Here's to reconnecting, reminiscing, and maybe even remembering a few names without reading the name tags. See you in June!"



Mark Tatchell

"Although slightly terrified at standing before you 50 years on (Mrs. Halstead failed to warn me this was a lifetime commitment), I'll make it lighthearted, maybe a touch poignant and, importantly, brief. My plea to the organizers is good lighting and name tags with large print. Hope to see everyone in Calgary in June."

Lawrence King

The Reunion Committee is honoured to welcome Mr. Lawrence King back to Western Canada High School as we celebrate this milestone. We look forward to hearing his reflections on those days and the achievements that followed.

FAREWELL

JUNE 14TH
2026

Back in 1976, we all shared the same classrooms, walked the same hallways, and cheered together in the red and white spirit. Today, half a century later, our lives have carried us across cities, provinces, and even continents.



This map represents the story of our journeys since high school - where we've built our careers, raised our families, and created new chapters of our lives. Yet, no matter how far we've traveled, a part of us is still connected to those days at Western Canada High.

From Calgary to coastline and beyond, we remain one class - scattered across the world, but united in memory, laughter, and the friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

THE PERFECT MEMORIES

A picture is worth a thousand words and memories are priceless. We are very pleased to announce that the images captured by our photographer, Gerry Thomas, will be available on the reunion website as soon as they are available. We will notify you when the gallery is ready and you will be able to browse, download, and keep your favourites as fully edited, high-resolution JPG files. And the best part....***there is no charge to you!!*** So, after the reunion weekend, keep checking the website for gallery updates.



THE TIME HAS COME

Thank you for sharing this wonderful time with us. We look forward to seeing so many familiar faces after all these years. We've come a long way since those days at Western Canada High School. We shared classrooms, laughter, and dreams, and it will be a joy to see how those experiences have all shaped us.

It will be an inspiration to see the paths that you've all taken, the careers you've built, the families you've raised, and the lives you've lived. While we've all gone in different directions, we carry a piece of each other with us.

When we part ways, there will be wishes for good health, happiness, and continued adventures for the future.

We also take a moment to remember our classmates who are no longer here. Let's keep their memories alive in our hearts and celebrate the impact they had on our lives.

BRUNCH

For those wishing to have a closing gathering, we have selected a venue location where brunch is served until 2 pm. A seniors discount will be provided.

The Inn on Officers' Garden began life as the Officers' Mess of Currie Barracks and is perfect for a special event, and don't forget to check out Flanders Market while you're there. It's a fresh food market right in the heart of The Inn.

THE INN ON OFFICERS' GARDEN

JUNE 14th, 2026
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
150 DIEPPE DRIVE SW
CALGARY, ALBERTA T3E 7L4



CLASS OF '76 REUNION COMMITTEE - 50 YEARS !

We're excited to be planning this milestone event for the Class of '76 and we would each like to share a few words.



GREG BAY

After graduating from Western Canada High School I went away to university. Returned to Calgary and took a job for a few years before moving to the West Coast. I have lived predominantly in West Vancouver for the last 40 years. Over the years my career has allowed me to reconnect with a few old high school friends and my Calgary roots. Enjoy hosting Stampede/Cowboy parties out here in BC! Have many fond memories of Western and look forward to hearing about where people are living, their careers and families.



DAN DUMETT

I have fond memories of my time at Western Canada High School, and I felt that this milestone should not go by without proper recognition. The previous reunions (25th and 30th) I attended were a wonderful opportunity to see old friends and reminisce, and I understand the previous committee members' desire to simply attend rather than organize. Hopefully, my contribution will help make our 50th Reunion truly memorable.



DR. KEVIN HAMM

I couldn't be happier to be involved with our 50th Class Reunion celebration. The hours spent looking at pictures and rehashing the high school years have been more than fun.

I'm looking forward to seeing friends from 1976 again, and to a few drinks and stories from our younger days.

I look a little different now but still have my hair (not grey yet), still over 6 ft and still have a mustache. If you're still not able to spot me, just look at the name tags. It will be great to see you all again!



MARK KAVANAGH

This is my third time working on the Class of '76 Reunion Committee, and I'm looking forward to this reunion more than ever. Every time we gather, my circle of friends and familiar faces from our Western days grows. I love hearing how everyone's lives have unfolded - the twists and turns, the places we've been, the things we've done, and the people who have shaped our journeys.

The Committee has chosen great venues, planned thoughtful events, and the menus look fantastic. I can't wait to see you all there.

P.S. Speaking of life's unexpected twists, I recently moved from Calgary to Woodstock, New Brunswick - a town of about 5,000 in the middle of the province. Why? Come to the reunion and find out!



RHONDA MOTTLE (MILLER)

I remember fondly my time at WCHS and am enjoying contributing to our 50th anniversary. Mr. Ferguson is still a favorite teacher and introduced me to my favourite, lifelong pastime: singing and theatre. It's a huge part of my life.

I'm looking forward to reacquainting myself with you all!! Let's reminisce and catch up. I'll be the one skipping around, smiling, and dancing.



MARY WALLACE (BELL)

Bringing the Class of '76 together again has been both a joy and a privilege. It's been so much fun reconnecting with friends from high school (and even people I didn't know in school) and chatting about the last 50 years. It's amazing to see where life has taken everyone, and there's so much more to hear about. So, see you all at the reunion, where we can spend time catching up as well as remembering the good old days.





50th CLASS REUNION

Western Canada High School

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Thank you for joining us on this
milestone occasion