

It just so happened I was invited to meet them at Anderson Pub and Grill. Which, it just so happens, is owned by Joe Dold, son of Patty Begnini Dold '71. Who, just happens, to be helping plan the Class of '71 reunion and the cousin of Bonnie Jones Biller '61 , who is helping to plan the '61 reunion, and the person who invited me to the lunch. (Remember it's called Connecting the Dots for a reason.) Eileen Murray has about thirty girls on the lunch email list, and they usually draw around 15-20 people for a typical lunch. I had the pleasure of meeting many new friends and the chance to connect more dots. Janet Cappel Parrot, is the sister of Bob Cappel from the story two months ago about Jim Sergers' book about Bob and Summit Meats. She is also sister-in-law to another Rocket legend- Ed Hoffer. They all agreed that the school was strict back in the day! Marlene McDole Schmidt admitted she got 10 detentions one day from Fr. Seaman, while she was waiting for a bus after school down in Mt. Washington, because her blouse was untucked! I'm sure others can remember those days! Shyly they also admitted that Fr. Dorenbusch was a very good looking priest. Although the school may have been a little stricter back in the day, they all loved their experience. I think Janet summed it all up best, "I think we all appreciate the education and the influence of the teachers there very much. The Catholic education in the basics of the three Rs through the secondary course offerings at McNicholas, including of course instruction in our faith, prepared us very well with the education that would serve us well throughout these many years. I think I speak for all when I say we are very grateful and we do appreciate McNicholas. After all, they also left us with a sense of humor and the ability to look back and chuckle over the less-than-perfect moments there, and what can be more important in meeting the future challenges of imperfect lives than the ability to see the humor in it all." If you class gets together, or has some special memory they would like to share, please send me a note. I would love to include you in our Connecting the Dots stories.