

School reunion celebrates recent past

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At their current rate, the students in the 1992 graduating class of Highmeadow Common Campus will have more reunions by the time they graduate from college than most people have in a lifetime.

On Thursday, Dec. 3, members of that class — reunited at the Farmington district school and reminisced about "the good old days" with themselves and with their former teachers. They already had a reunion in 1994, when they were eighth-graders. And, according to parent Aimee Ergas, plans are to have a third reunion in 2003, after college graduation.

"I thought it went terrifically," said Ergas, whose son, Ari Shwayder (a Farmington Harrison senior), participated in the reunion. "They got together and talked about old times, looked at pictures and saw some videos from their second- and fourth-grade years."

Ergas estimated that 60 of the 1992 class's 75 members were on hand for the reunion, hosted by their former fifth-grade teachers,



Pictures from the past: Scott Post, Tobi Cohen and Janet Pien, now high school seniors, leaf through a scrapbook of photographic memories from 1991-92, when they were fifth-graders at Highmeadow Common Campus.

Marilyn Greenstein, Jill Fleming and Brian Swinehart.
Former Highmeadow principal Jan Colliton, school district

Superintendent Bob Maxfield and Assistant Superintendent Judy White were among special guests. Several parents attend-

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ed, as did current Highmeadow faculty members Carol Apol, Gaye Williams and Robin Prinn.

Asked why the students are into reunions at such a young age, Ergas credited it to the "camaraderie" of the students, who comprised the very first second-grade class at Highmeadow. The students, who were part of the lottery process, have kept in touch and so have families, who have sent younger children to the school in recent years, Ergas explained.



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Winning smile: Farmington High School assistant principal Bob Crawford won the autographed Steve Yzerman jersey, the top prize at recent the "Spectacular Sports Raffle." The event raised money for the FHS football program.

FHS raffle is 'spectacular'

Farmington High School's Football Backers held their annual "Spectacular Sports Raffle" to raise money for the football program. Eleven prizes contributed by local professional sports teams were included in the raffle. The tickets were donated by Reliance Group Inc. of Farmington Hills. Football Backer Denise Albrecht chaired this year's raffle and the winners were drawn at the Football Banquet on Nov. 18 by FHS principal John Barrett and head football coach John Bechtel. Special thanks went to Dave Lewis, assistant coach of the Stanley Cup Champion Red Wings, who donated the top prize, an autographed Steve Yzerman jersey. Bob Crawford, assistant principal at Farmington High School, was the winner of the jersey.

The additional 10 winners were:

Scott Cave — Slava Fetisov's hockey puck.

Elden Snyder — Joey Kocur's hockey puck.

Angelo Jaimce — Viper Jeff Reese's hockey stick, four tickets and autographs.

Teri Riskell and Barbara Sansoterra — four-ticket packages to a Vipers game.

Steve Newton — basketball autographed by Grant Hill.

Houchins family — football autographed by the Detroit Lions team.

M. Bennett — baseball autographed by Tony Clark.

Michelle Siskosky — baseball autographed by Justin Thompson.

L.C. Lisa — embossed bat autographed by Bobby Higginson.

More than \$3,500 was raised from the "Spectacular Sports Raffle" with more than 100 parents, students and friends selling tickets. Farmington High School's Football Backers thanked everyone who participated in promoting the raffle to make it such a success.

How you've changed: During the recent reunion, Highmeadow Common Campus fifth-grade teacher Marilyn Greenstein greets former student Russell Green, who probably doesn't look anything like he did in fifth grade.



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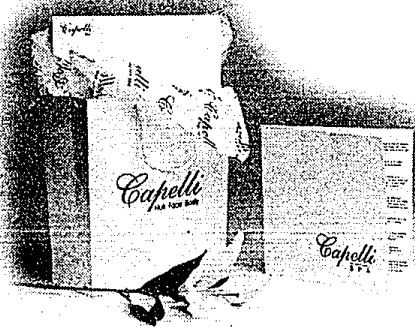
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