



## Greetings Class of 1964 St James Classmates!

This is the first issue of the St James HS Class of 1964 "Morning Star Redux" newsletter. We took the liberty to add you to the subscription list. If for any reason you prefer not to be on the mailing list, use the link at the bottom of the page to unsubscribe. If you have a problem in receiving your copy please let us know.

Wow, can you believe it has been 50 years since our years together as students at St James! We hope you enjoy taking a trip back to 1961 - 1964 when you were a student at St James High School in Grand Forks, ND. We had a great class, don't you think?

You will receive this newsletter from the Class of 1964 - 50th Reunion Committee about once a month until the 50th Reunion on August 24 & 25, 2014 at the Canad Inn in Grand Forks, ND

## 50th Reunion Registration Information is Now Available

We know you have all been waiting with anticipation for the 50th Reunion Registration Information. Well, the wait is over! We suggest you make your needed reservations with the host hotel – Canad Inn - now. Hotel reservations can be cancelled with no penalty if done so 48 hours before arrival date. Complete your registration form, include your check and mail as directed. Registration fees are fully refundable if requested no later than August 14, 2014. Here are the links:

Here is a link to the Main Registration

Page: <http://sjh64reunion50.com/Registration/Registration.htm>

Find the Registration Form

here: <http://sjh64reunion50.com/Registration/StJamesReunionRegistration%20Form.pdf>

Find the Canad Inn Reservation Information

here: <http://sjh64reunion50.com/Registration/Canad%20Inn%20Reservations%20Instructions.pdf>

## **50th Reunion Class Book**

For those who have attended previous reunions you may recall that we have put together a class book based on responses received from classmates. We plan to do the same this year, however, we will only do a digital version in the form of a password protected pdf file which will be available to all classmates who participate and complete the Class Book Survey. This is your opportunity to tell us where life has taken you over the last fifty years. Brag a little or be humble, it's your choice. Bill Burwell and John Wavra will accept your survey response and edit an entry for each participant. Any information you submit will be used only to produce the class book and for no other reason. Some of the questions in the survey are mandatory and others are optional to assist in telling your story. Please also send us a current snapshot of yourself for inclusion in the Class Book [Send it to us](#).. We look forward to your responses.

Find the online Class Book Survey here:

<http://sjh64reunion50.com/ClassBook/ClassBookSurvey.htm>

Please note that all of these links are available from the Reunion

website: <http://sjh64reunion50.com/>

## **Not Planning to Attend the 50th Reunion? What's your Excuse!**

If you are not coming to the reunion, you need a good excuse and a note from your Mom. The following reasons have been tried and are unacceptable:

**Excuse #1:** I'm overweight.

**Rebuttal:** You're not alone. Note t-shirt sizes being offered.

**Excuse #2:** I'm a different person than I was in high school

**Rebuttal:** Lucky for you, we ALL are. Let's face it: we could only have improved.

**Excuse #3** I don't look as good as I'd like. I (choose one or more) am bald, have wrinkles, saddlebags, grey hair and no one will recognize me.

**Rebuttal:** Guess what! You won't recognize anyone else, either. Using the reunion committee as a representative sample, our whole class looks like a "before" photo in a plastic surgery ad.

**Excuse #4:** I'm not successful. I'm not (choose one or more) a lawyer, a doctor or rich.

**Rebuttal:** You'll be pleasantly surprised to find how much everyone has matured. We may be plump and wrinkled (see Excuse #3, above) but we're not stupid. Money is not success.

**Excuse #5:** I was not in a popular clique in school.

**Rebuttal:** Now that we're old and smart, those cliques have dissolved just like the superficialities they were based on. The only cliques you'll notice at the reunion will be the sound of your joints as you and our classmates walk around the room.

Still have an excuse for not attending? We'd like to hear it – Please [send it](#) to us at:

\*\*Thanks to Dave Risky and Monte Wittman for providing this list of excuses and rebuttals and who may have tried to use some of these excuses for other events.

## **Want to Relive Some of the News Highlights of 1964?**

PBS's American Experience Series recently broadcast a program entitled "1964"

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/>

"Based in part on The Last Innocent Year: America in 1964 by Jon Margolis, 1964 follows some

of the most influential figures of the time -- Lyndon Johnson, Barry Goldwater, Betty Friedan -- but also brings out from the shadows the stories of ordinary Americans whose principled stands would set the country onto a new and different course.”

Check it out - It's worth a view. You may be able to stream it on your television if you have a Roku or similar streaming device that allows you to stream PBS shows or view it here:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/1964/player/>

Questions about the reunion? Have some photos you would like to share with the *Morning Star Redux Newsletter*? [Contact us!](#)

Until next month! - John Wavra, Editor

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