

1979 Sedro-Woolley High School

Principal: George Bricka
Assistant Principal: Ted Jansen
Vocational Director: Stan Omdal
Superintendent: Bob Warnecke
School Board: Madilyn Yarcho, President
Ray Houser
Dale Thompson
Fred Galbreath
Dave Granstrom
Librarian: Linda Noel
Counselors: George Miller
Donna Sullivan

Class of 1979 Hall of Fame:

Friendliest: Heidi Carrol Du Brey
Dan Hart
Most Gullible: Sharon Engstrom
John Janicki
Class Cut Ups: Tina Nichols Riggins
Mark Neiber
Most Talented: Dawn Young Knight
Dave Gross
Most Intelligent: Christine Johnson
John Thornhill
Flirts and Wolf: The Norbeck Twins
Jeff Mclelland
Cutest: Renee Hallman
Dave Coggins
Best Dressed: Lisa Kirkpatrick
Mike Sanders
Most Spirit: Donna Aike Bellos
Mike Moser
Craziest Laugh: Emily Brower
Mike Lee
Most Athletic: Sarah Runion Magnuson
Dave Stransky
Best Figure/Physique: Sherri Clark
Mark Crawford
Most Artistic: Sue Hagen

Shyest: Russ Latham
Rhonda Germain Huggins
Butch Gensburg

Class of 1979 Officers:

President: Karen Elliason
Vice-President: Julie Snelson Stuart
Historian: Kevin Gibson
Secretary: Elaine Fox Gersbacher
Treasurer: Donna Aiken Bellows
ASB Rep: Christine Johnson
Historian: Sharon Engstrom

1979 ASB Officers:

President: Mike Moser
Vice-President: Deidre Ridgway
Secretary: Heidi Carrol Du Brey
Treasurer: Racie Knudson McKee
ICC President: Barb Allen

Boy's State/Girls State:

John Janicki, Mark Crawford, Mike Moser, Hedi Carrol Du Brey,
Renaë Rasmussen Bluhm

Donna Aiken Bellow's Nickname: "Twiggy"

Sign in the Gym:

"Through these doors pass the greatest people in the world: Sedro-Woolley students, their parents and friends"

Two Sets of Twins in Class:

Bryce and Corene Greathouse
Lisa and Laurie Norbeck

We all know who was the football and wrestling coach (Ed Simons/Don Walley) but who was the cross country coach (Mike Gerde) or the volleyball coach (Sandy Fritz, team placed fifth in state) or for that matter the girls softball coach (Bill Coss).

Classmates no longer with us:

David Brookings

Terry Crosby

Anthony Grant

Julie Greenough-Binschus

Greg Hauenstein

Tom Higgins

Brian Hoyle

Kevin Nelson, Jr.

Kent Peters

Glenn Sittner

Dwayne Stringfield

1979

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Year by Year: 1900-2008

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World Events

World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion
population by decade

Nobel Peace Prize:
Mother Teresa of Calcutta (India)

More World Statistics...

- Vietnam and Vietnam-backed Cambodian insurgents announce fall of Cambodian capital Phnom Penh and collapse of Pol Pot regime (Jan. 7).
- Shah leaves Iran after year of turmoil (Jan. 16); revolutionary forces under Muslim leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, take over (Feb. 1 et seq.).
- Conservatives win British election; Margaret Thatcher becomes new prime minister (May 3).
- Carter and Brezhnev sign SALT II agreement (June 14).
- Nicaraguan President General Anastasio Somoza Debayle resigns and flees to Miami (July 17); Sandinistas form government (July 19).
- Iranian militants seize US embassy in Teheran and hold hostages (Nov. 4).
- Soviet invasion of Afghanistan stirs world protests (Dec. 27).

U.S. Events

U.S. Statistics

- **President:** James Earl Carter, Jr.
Vice President: Walter F. Mondale

Ford's Pinto automobile design allowed its fuel tank to be easily damaged in the event of a rear-end collision which sometimes resulted in deadly fires and explosions. It was first noticed by Ford in 1971 tests.

On March 28, **Three Mile Island Unit 2** (TMI-2) nuclear power plant near Middletown, Pennsylvania, had a near melt-down. No one was reported killed or injured, but the accident changed many regulations for American nuclear reactors.

1st appearances & 1979's Most Popular Christmas gifts, toys and presents:	Walkman cassette/radio
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Rock and Roll Death: Sid Vicious (heroin overdose)

Economics

US GDP (1998 dollars): \$2,557.50 billion

Federal spending: \$504.03 billion

Federal debt: \$829.5 billion

Median Household Income

(current dollars): \$16,461

Consumer Price Index: 72.6

Unemployment: 5.8%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.15

A gallon of gas (nationwide average); \$.86

A gallon of milk (nationwide average); \$1.50

A loaf of bread; \$.34

Sports

Super Bowl

Pittsburgh d. Dallas (35-31)

World Series

Pittsburgh d. Baltimore (4-3)

NBA Championship

Seattle d. Washington Bullets (4-1)

Stanley Cup

Montreal d. NY Rangers (4-1)

Wimbledon

Women: Martina Navratilova d. C. Evert Lloyd (6-4 6-4)

Men: Bjorn Borg d. R. Tanner (6-7 6-1 3-6 6-3 6-4)

NCAA Basketball Championship

Michigan St. d. Indiana St. (75-64)

NCAA Football Champions

Alabama (12-0-0)

Entertainment

Top 10 Songs:

1. My Sharona, The Knack
2. Bad Girls, Donna Summer
3. Le Freak, Chic
4. Da Ya Think I'm Sexy?, Rod Stewart
5. Reunited, Peaches and Herb
6. I Will Survive, Gloria Gaynor
7. Hot Stuff, Donna Summer
8. Y.M.C.A., Village People
9. "Ring My Bell", Anita Ward
10. Sad Eyes, Robert John

Albums Reaching Billboard #1 in 1979:

- 1/06 - **Barbra Streisand's Greatest Hits, Volume 2** - Barbra Streisand (Columbia 35679, 3 wks)
- 1/27 - **52nd Street** - Billy Joel (Columbia 35809, 1 wk)
- 2/03 - **Briefcase Full Of Blues** - Blues Brothers (Atlantic 19217, 1 wk)

- 2/10 - **Blondes Have More Fun** - Rod Stewart (Warner 3261, 2 wks)
- 3/03 - **Spirits Have Flown** - Bee Gees (RSO 3041, 5 wks)
- 4/07 - **Minute By Minute** - The Doobie Brothers (Warner 3193, 2 wks)
- 4/21 - **Spirits Have Flown** - Bee Gees (RSO 3041, 1 wk)
- 4/28 - **Minute By Minute** - The Doobie Brothers (Warner 3193, 3 wks)
- 5/19 - **Breakfast In America** - Supertramp (A&M 3708, 4 wks)
- 6/16 - **Bad Girls** - Donna Summer (Casablanca 7150, 1 wk)
- 6/23 - **Breakfast In America** - Supertramp (A&M 3708, 2 wks)
- 7/07 - **Bad Girls** - Donna Summer (Casablanca 7150, 5 wks)
- 8/11 - **Get The Knack** - The Knack (Capitol 11948, 5 wks)
- 9/15 - **In Through The Out Door** - Led Zeppelin (Swan Song 16002, 7 wks)
- 11/03 - **The Long Run** - The Eagles (Asylum 508, 8 wks)

Top Ten Grossing Movies of 1979

1. "Kramer vs. Kramer" \$106.3
2. "Amityville Horror" \$86.4
3. "Star Trek" \$82.3
4. "Alien" \$78.9
5. "Apocalypse Now" \$78.8
6. "The Muppet Movie" \$76.7
7. "The Jerk" \$72.6
8. "Rocky II" \$71.2
9. "Moonraker" \$62.7
10. "10" \$52.1

1979 Most Popular TV shows

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1. 60 Minutes (CBS)
2. Three's Company (ABC)
3. That's Incredible! (ABC)
4. Alice (CBS)
5. M*A*S*H (CBS)
6. Dallas (CBS)
7. Flo (CBS)
8. The Jeffersons (CBS)
9. The Dukes of Hazzard (CBS)
10. One Day at a Time (CBS)

Entertainment Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction: *The Stories of John Cheever*, John Cheever

Music: *Aftertones of Infinity*, Joseph Schwantner

Drama: *Buried Child*, Sam Shepard

Oscars awarded in 1979

Academy Award, Best Picture: *The Deer Hunter*, Barry Spikings, Michael Deeley, Michael Cimino and John Peverall, producers (Universal)

Nobel Prize for Literature: Odysseus Elytis (Greece)

Grammys awarded in 1979

Record of the Year: "Just the Way You Are," Billy Joel

Album of the Year: *Saturday Night Fever*, Bee Gees, David Shire, Yvonne Elliman, Tevares, Kool and the Gang, K.C. and the Sunshine Band, MFSB, Trammps, Walter Murphy and Ralph MacDonald (RSO)

Song of the Year: "Just the Way You Are," Billy Joel, songwriter

Miss America: Kylene Baker (VA)

More Entertainment Awards...

Events

- The Sugar Hill Gang releases the first commercial rap hit, "Rapper's Delight," bringing rap off the New York streets and into the popular music scene.

Movies

- *Apocalypse Now*, *All That Jazz*, *Kramer vs. Kramer*, *Breaking Away*

Music

- The Sugar Hill Gang, "Rapper's Delight"

Books

- Penelope Fitzgerald, *Rites of Passage*
- Stephen King, *The Dead Zone*
- Norman Mailer, *The Executioner's Song*
- Jayne Anne Phillips, *Black Tickets*
- William Styron, *Sophie's Choice*
- Tom Wolfe, *The Right Stuff*

Science

Nobel Prizes in Science

Chemistry: Herbert C. Brown (US) and Georg Wittig (West Germany), for developing a group of substances that facilitate very difficult chemical reactions

Physics: Steven Weinberg, Sheldon L. Glashow (both US), and Abdus Salam (Pakistan), for developing theory that electromagnetism and the ""weak"" force, which causes radioactive decay in some atomic nuclei, are facets of the same phenomenon

Physiology or Medicine: Allan McLeod Cormack (US) and Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield (UK), for developing computed axial tomography (CAT scan) X-ray technique

- An overheated reactor at the Three Mile Island nuclear facility in Pennsylvania threatens to melt down. It does not, but 144,000 residents of nearby Middletown are evacuated.
- The first human-powered aircraft flies across the English Channel: Bryan Allen pilots the *Gossamer Albatross* from Folkestone, England, to Cap Gris-Nez, France (June 12). Background: Famous Firsts in Aviation
- The accidental release of anthrax spores at a Soviet bioweapons facility in Sverdlovsk kills several hundred.

Deaths

- Arthur Fiedler
- John Wayne
- Charles Mingus
- Jean Renoir
- Nelson Rockefeller