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MARCUS MILLER 1993-2025

ENNEAGRAM TYPE 7

Often called the *Enthusiast*, an Enneagram Type 7 are optimistic, spontaneous, and versatile, but can also be scattered, undisciplined, and prone to impulsive behavior. At their best, they focus their energy on worthwhile goals, bringing joy and appreciation to their lives. At their worst they often avoid dealing with emotions and feelings. During one of the hundreds of small group discussions I led over the years, these particular students decided I was a quiet version of Enneagram Type 7.

To me this also sounds like a great description of someone trying to teach social studies in a small high school. You are optimistic as you believe you can get teenagers interested in history, versatile because you need to teach three -five different subjects in a semester. The words spontaneous and versatile may just be positive versions of “scattered, undisciplined, and prone to impulsive behavior.” Also, my wife (Beth) and others do tell me that I don’t do well with feelings and emotions, so as I write this, I’m trying not to get emotional.

HOW I FOUND MY WAY TO THE CLASSROOM

I dropped out of the education program at Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, VA) because I didn’t enjoy the education classes. Instead I took all the history courses, plus economics, sociology, political science and a few others. Little did I know, this would be helpful later when I got my Iowa Social Studies teaching endorsements.

My wife and I spent the summer after my junior year in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia working for the oldest Mennonite congregation in the country and a historical agency that owned the buildings. A year later, after graduating they hired me back, this time as their director. After ten years in that position, we moved again – back to Iowa. Right away, I found work as a carpenter and developed a large collection of rejection letters as I looked for work.

I attended the first IMS Commencement after moving back which featured a speaker from New York City who I was familiar with. As the program concluded, Dwight said something to me afterwards, asking if I had ever thought about teaching because there had been a lot of turnover in the social studies position. Soon after this encounter, I ran into **Merv Birky F '74-77**, the pastor at West Union Mennonite Church and a former teacher, who said maybe I should think about getting my teaching certificate. Then later, in another conversation, **Firman Gingerich '68**, a family friend and pastor at First Mennonite echoed that thought. I can be kind of dense sometimes but I felt this call to teaching piling on when my own pastor, Dan Johnston, preached a sermon about Jonah and people who avoid their call. So one day, I took time off from work, I called the University of Iowa Education Department and was told I was crazy. Iowa Wesleyan didn’t answer the phone so I tried William Penn in Oskaloosa. They asked if I could come over to meet in person. I did and by that afternoon I was registered for the education classes I needed. A year and a half later, in the fall of 1993 I started teaching, technically without doing my student teaching, something I finished for them in the spring. In other words it worked out.

I joined a group of experienced teachers who had been at the school for a while. I learned from them, and I also learned it didn’t work when I tried to teach the same ways they did. I had to develop my own style. Over the years I’ve been reminded that institutions live on, despite the faculty and staff who come and go. I’m leaving after 32 years but the school will continue and in a few years new students won’t know who I was. Marcus’s room will become Christopher’s room

To go back a step, when I was looking for work in the late 1980’s–early 1990’s a friend had been trained to lead people through a book titled ‘What Color Is Your Parachute?’ One of the things I remember from the book is the idea that we already know 95% of what God is calling us to do. This essentially is to love your neighbor as yourself, to think of others as better than yourself, to live in humility, to not grumble and argue. In short, as Christians we know how we are called to live. Choosing a specific job or career is an option and luxury most of the world has never had. In my case teaching at a small school feels like it has suited my temperament, my skills and my interests along with my foibles and what one former student called ‘my neurodivergency.’ Most of all teaching has given me, or allowed me the opportunity to try and do different things. Just a few things come to mind.

- I was an assistant baseball coach . . . twice. Both times for several games.
- Twice I helped students prepare for an instrumental concert. The most recent time, I tried to help a student learn to play the trumpet.
- I led somewhere between 15-20 class trips to Washington DC.
- Leading Service and Learn Term (originally Interterm) groups to Des Moines, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Jackson, Mississippi, and several times to Markham, a poor suburb south of Chicago. In my last SALT program, I helped plan the ‘Spirituality of Soccer’ group and along with soccer learned about drones, and AI, things that didn’t exist 32 years ago.
- Being a participant in many, many random plays or skits.
- I always enjoyed the times I had to sub for the art teacher, but always dreaded the times I subbed in a math class.
- Sponsoring Friday Night Lights in the fall along with ‘Capture the Flag’ games.
- Being part of a group asked to provide some entertainment for Junior Senior Banquet after the meal and before other activities started. Our men’s quartet sang a 50’s doo-wop song and we brought the house down with our rendition of the Backstreet Boys ‘I Want It That Way.’
- Participating in the annual events such as making apple fritters with our PTO at the Kalona Fall Festival and helping with The Chili Supper.
- The countless hours of discussion about dress codes including length or width of sleeves, length of shorts/skirts, etc.
- In the later years of my career, the countless hours of discussions about phones and computer usage.

- I learned to drive a school bus.
- The chance to travel to China for a month with all expenses paid.
- Being a chaperone on two trips to Costa Rica with Spanish classes. Spending a month in Poland with five students.
- Spending a month in western North Carolina where I was paid to learn about the Eastern Band of the Cherokee
- Taking a trip to the West Bank and Israel.

Soccer brings on even more memories.

- My first year of coaching, where I learned ‘on the fly.’
- Going to the State Championship match and losing in penalty kicks as the snow fell.
- Returning to State the following year (1997), winning the first game in overtime on ‘golden goal’, then winning easily in the championship game over Fort Madison.
- Sleeping on gym floors and weekend trips to Des Moines
- Years where we struggled record wise but in terms of improvement and growing in maturity, we did succeed.
- Going to State in back-to-back years (2018 and 2019).

It’s easy to be nostalgic about events of the past 32 years. When I was taking education classes 33 years ago, they still taught us how to thread a movie projector, and talked about how VCRs and VHS tapes might change the classroom. When I started, my room was the only one with a television which received any channels and later when the school opened its first computer lab, there was no internet. Once the school was finally ‘connected’, there was a short time where all the teachers shared the same email address.

My social studies classroom often became a petri dish, a place where we dissected and debated the complex events unfolding in the world around us. A big scandal was Bill Clinton’s relationship with Monica Lewinsky and many wondered how we could let such an immoral man be President. I was sitting in a fast-food restaurant with my Interterm group when we heard the news about the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma. It’s easy to remember all the feelings from the morning of September 11, 2001 and the turmoil it brought as a tidal wave of patriotism and nationalism washed over the area. Besides these moments of uneasiness happening in our country, there were also unpleasant and uncomfortable moments happening in the school community.

- Discussions in the principal’s office about something I had said or done in class or a lesson on a subject someone didn’t appreciate.
- Learning on a day that we started late because of snow, that two students had died and one injured in a car wreck.
- A mother literally screaming at me during parent-teacher conferences.
- Getting a call one Friday night asking if I could come to the school after a student had fallen and was being rushed to the hospital. The student later passed away.
- Having former student(s) die of cancer, in accidents, or by suicide.
- Having to learn to teach via Zoom during COVID (we all did).

AFTER 32 YEARS

At the request of my final group of boys who I led this past year during chapel small groups, I will leave you now with a few final thoughts.

Take care of the basics, read, pray, do your homework, help your parents around the house, learn how to talk to others even if you are shy and quiet.

Learn to know yourself, learn to feel comfortable in your own skin.

Do the things you enjoy doing, be curious, get your head out of a screen and learn new things.

Live some place other than Iowa for at least awhile. The ten years I spent in Philadelphia were life changing.

Just like I felt called to teach here, I sensed it was time to move on, or said another way the call to leave this year. Back in the fall, I mentioned to the Administration they should start looking for a replacement for me. I don’t know what is next but my hope is to continue to fulfill God’s purpose for my life. I do know I’d like to spend more time with my granddaughters in Virginia, and there are projects at home that I’d like to work on. Beyond that I don’t have definite plans. This uncertainty is reflected in this prayer of Thomas Merton which has spoken to me over the years.

*My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.*

*And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

Being here for the last 32 years has been a blast. **MM**

DWIGHT GINGERICH 1982-2025

FROM 'I'M A MESS' TO HEAD OF SCHOOL

It's tough to sum it up after 43 years at IMS/Hillcrest Academy! I have this memory from when I was very young, where I was trying to understand what IMS was because it felt like people were saying "I'm a mess!" My oldest brother Dan was in the Class of 1965 and I memorized his classmates' names from the Reverie, and did the same for each of five older siblings and most classes in between. IMS was an important part of my world and I later graduated with my best friends in 1976. Two younger siblings followed. I appreciated the commitment my parents made to have their eight children receive a Christian education and am grateful the people in my congregation of Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church made it possible through the Brotherhood Education Concept (BEC). I'm also mindful my parents trusted the leadership, though they did not align in every way theologically with the larger Mennonite Church.

When I was a college junior participating in EMU's off campus Washington D.C. Study Service Year program, IMS teacher and coach **Mike Brenneman '71, F '77-86** planted a seed, suggesting I consider returning to teach and coach after graduation. A year later, Principal Norm Yoder came to interview me in Virginia and offered me a position. The position had me teaching out of my major area, but I was thrilled for the opportunity to return and teach History and coach Varsity Boys Basketball. What I thought might be a one-year assignment became four years as I filled in for different people who went on a sabbatical each year. I then went to grad school at the University of Iowa to get my degree in Counselor Education and still coached. Principal Rod Janzen then reached out and asked me to return to teach, and a few years later when Wilbur Yoder became Principal, I stepped into the School Counselor role, still teaching some Social Studies and Physical Education classes. I later picked up the Athletic Director responsibilities and served as both School Counselor and Activities Director before becoming Principal/Head of School in the 2018-19 school year. The changing roles provided an opportunity to grow in many ways.

DOTTING THE JOURNEY

So many varied experiences dot the journey.

- My first year as a teacher when students with the same last name switched their first names, remembering the same thing happened to new teachers when I was a student.
- Several staff members pranked our principal when he wanted to shorten the day from 1:00 PM to 12:00 PM so lunch would not need to be served. We did this by calling the office pretending to be 'Ralph Peterson' from the Department of Education, resulting in him feverishly changing the plan for the day.
- Hitting a massive cow on the road just after leaving **Dean '68, F '75-77; '85-87; '91-01** and **Becky (Guengerich '68) Rhodes'** house at 5:00 AM as **Ron Swartzendruber F '87-05** and I were on the way to Mason-Dixon basketball camp with our players. **Larry Pickard F'73-77** later bailed us out by making his van available.
- Taking students to Jackson, MS, for Interterm (now SALT) and years later taking students to New Orleans where one of the students (**Jeff Gingerich '86**) from the first trip was now serving with MCC and hosted us.
- Having the opportunity to win a basketball State title with players that were talented and committed was special.
- Having the opportunity to coach a talented and committed volleyball team to the semis at the State tourney was amazing.
- Our son, Eli, was born at 7:00 PM on the only Friday night during the entire 1997-98 season when we didn't have a game.
- The opportunities to witness first-hand our niece and nephews and children flourish in their academic, drama, sports and music experiences was a source of great joy!

GRATITUDE, RELATIONSHIPS, AND A LASTING LEGACY

I will always be grateful for the relationships cultivated with colleagues, as many became close friends. We've shared a lot of laughs, we've worked through hard moments together, and through it all there has been a sense of deep joy. I am so grateful for the students I've had the opportunity to build relationships with, and I will miss seeing these former students when they stop by and say hello. While it seems obvious, it must be mentioned that our school is for our students. As we make decisions, I'd like to think we always ask, 'What is best for our students?'

I'm appreciative that **Wilbur Yoder '62, F '74-07** has reached out a number of times as I've been in the Principal role and offered support. Wilbur and Helen have often told Mo and me they pray for us, and I never tire of hearing that. It is a boost every time former classmate **Sharla Miller '76 Zasadny** texts and asks if there is something she can pray for. I've felt both humbled and empowered by the prayers offered on my behalf. Please continue to offer prayers on behalf of **Nate '96, F '22-** and **Stacy Ropp '95 Miller** as Nate moves into the Interim Principal/Head of School position.

I wish I could roll things back and have a re-do with some things, and I'm grateful for God's grace and mercy throughout my experience at IMS/Hillcrest over these many years. I am so thankful for the generosity and goodness of our special community and it's truly hard to step away from all of this. I shared Phillipians 1:6 with our students in my last chapel talk, "I'm confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in us, he will perfect and complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." I also shared with them that in response to the important question posed to Jesus by the expert in the law regarding what he must do to have eternal life, Jesus asked him to share his understanding of this. The man responded that the law says to love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself. Then the expert in the law asked Jesus who one's neighbor is, and Jesus responded by sharing the parable of the Good Samaritan and then asked the expert in the law who the neighbor was. He responded that it was the one who showed mercy. Jesus responded by saying to go and do likewise. In our sometimes complicated world, I hope we can keep it simple and keep Luke 10:27 close to our hearts as we seek to be a community of love.

It has been a joy to have the Middle School in place and I am grateful to all who helped make that dream a reality! I've loved having those students in our building at a younger age, as I believe it gives us more time to see them experience growth. Thank you to the amazing Operating Board that has supported me every step of the way and to the staff that I've been privileged to work with each day. A special thank you to our incredible students, who have made coming to work each day a joy!

Thank you to all who have traveled this journey with me, I am honored to have been able to serve IMS/Hillcrest for 43 years, it has been a labor of love! May God continue to bless and guide this special school community for years to come. **DG**

LIFE MOMENTS

FUTURE ALUMNI

RUE ROBERT to KATELYN SAVERY & **ROBY MILLER '05** | 8.14.24
LUCA NATHAN to **EMMA (YUTZY '11)** & **GARRETT SPRINGER** | 11.9.24
LILIBET YVONNE to REXINE & **KARL YODER '02** | 12.26.24
FREYA ROSE to **KATIE (ROWLAND '08)** & **JAY SCHERBRING** | 1.21.25
MAISIE JOANA to **JACEY (DEHOGUES '12)** & **KENNETH HOWARD** | 1.21.25
BARRETT LYNN to **KEILAH (BROKAW '13)** & **SHELBY GRABER** | 1.30.25
CHARLOTTE ANN & **MADLINE LEE** to HOLLY & **JORDAN BROKAW '07** | 2.24.25
WILLIAM KEITH to KAYLA & **HARLAN GINGERICH '10** | 2.13.25
MICAHA JOEL & ALIZA LYNN to **MIRANDA (OBERMAN '09)** & **DAN LAAVEG** | 3.12.25
NANCY DEE to **BAILEY (SCHROCK '08)** & **BRETT TROYER** | 3.15.25
WILLIAM KIDRON to **NATALIE F' 24-** & **LANCE SILBAUGH** | 3.29.25
SAWYER HAYES CRANSTON to **NICKI (SLAUBAUGH '01)** & **CLINT MILLER '01** | 3.30.25
HADLEY KAY to **BREANA (STOUT '15)** & **COLE YODER '17** | 4.11.25
VIOLET RUTH to **KAYCEE (MILLER '15)** & **WILL SPURR** | 4.3.25
GRAHAM RAY to **KYLIE (MILLER '11)** & **MICHAEL NETTINGA** | 5.30.25
LAYKIN JANE to HANNAH & **CAMERON GINGERICH '13** | 5.16.25
REMINGTON JAMES to **TAYLOR (SWANTZ '09)** & **TAVON BAGLEY** | 6.21.25

WEDDING BELLS

CAMERON GINGERICH '13 & HANNAH MOUGIN | 8.17.24
KAREN CARDENAS '19 & AXEL MARTINEZ | 3.9.25
COLE ROTH '19 & ROBIN GERBITZ | 4.26.25
DALLAS NYE '14 & LAURA MILLER | 5.2.25
KENNEDY ROTH '21 & ROBY ROACH | 6.1.25

THE PHOTOGRAPH from the 1976 Reverie shows working fellows, including **Marcus** and **Dwight** (somewhere in the photo), carrying in the new lockers for the updated girl's locker room.

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES ROPP '67 | 1.1.25
JOHN BLOUGH, JR. '55 | 2.13.25
DARVIN YODER '64, F '78- '14 | 2.25.25
DOROTHY (SCHROCK '53) LEICHTY | 4.13.25
WILLIS BUCKLES '99 | 4.14.25
ISY (VAN DER WERF '62) MILLER | 4.21.25
JAMESON LAMMER '14 | 5.8.25
DOROTHY (DOTTIE '63) YUTZY | 5.16.25
BRAD KNEPP '88 | 6.12.25



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1954

Loretta (Bender) Yoder

1955

Dorothy Logan

Kay Marner

William Shetler

Dale Stutzman

1956

Curtis Brenneman

Keith Hochstetler

Anna (Leichty) Lewis

Dorothy Yoder Nyce

1957

Joy (Yoder) Hess

Charles Rhodes

Howard Schrock

Ronald Wyse

Ezra Yoder

Wilford & Elaine (Kennel) Yoder

1958

Keith Brenneman

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1959

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1960

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1961

Myrna (Yoder) Kaufman

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Colleen (Rhodes) Stoltzfus

Kenneth Yoder

Winifred (Hostetler) Yordy

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1962

Mary Louise (Brenneman) Grieser

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Larry Hershberger

Wilbur Yoder & Helen Yoder*

Nyle & Lauralee Kauffman*

1963

Jay Brenneman

Ronald Guengerich

Marlin Hershberger

Kathleen (Yoder) Quinn

Dale & Charlene (Yoder) Rhodes

1964

Aliko Songolo*

Elaine Brenneman

Kay (Freymberger) Frunzi

Orval & Cleta (Roth) Gingerich

Ladella (Oswald) Hershberger

Ardell Swartzendruber

1965

Ken Gingerich

Karen (Yoder) Harvey

Millicent (Guengerich) Hershey

James Hochstetler

Marlin Miller

Myrna (Swartzendruber) Moyer

Margaret (Miller) Williams

1966

Ledru Freymberger

Mary (Yoder) Glick

Myron & Martha (Yoder) Graber

Phil Ropp

Merle Schlaubaugh

Bonnie (Slaubaugh) Stuckey

Marcia Yoder-Schrock

1967

Barb (Kinsinger) Miller

Ken Miller

James A. Yoder

1968

Nancy (Bender) Gehman

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Dean & Becky (Guengerich) Rhodes

Kathy (Brenneman) Walter

1969

Roberta Kandel

Diane (Schlaubaugh) Martin-Zane

Rex Miller

Virginia (Bender) Rew

Grace (Yoder) Weber

Tim Widmer

Frank Yoder

Wanda Yoder

1970

Ron & Lorene (Yoder) Bender*

Janice (Miller) Godshall

Marilyn (Wenger) Hershberger

Wendell Miller

Arden Miller

Gay & Gloria (Bender) Widmer

Sheldon & Letha (Mullet) Yoder

Curtis & Lois Yoder*

1971

Mike & Kris Brenneman

Mary Lou (Swartzendruber) Farmer

Loren Hochstetler

Marla (Hochstetler) Longenecker

George Yoder

1972

Lois (Bender) Gingerich

Elvesta (Miller) Hochstetler

Jim Miller*

Del & Patty (Yoder) Miller

Jon Widmer

1973

John Yoder

Anna Marie Guengerich

Jim Hestand

Leon Hochstetler

Bill Hochstetler

Deb (Yoder) Miller*

Merlin Miller

Harold Miller

Doug Stoltzfus*

1974

June (Miller) Hershberger

Gwen (Miller) Hurst

Barb (Yoder) Martin

Julie (Erb) Meyers

Ray Miller

Leonard Miller

Hope Nisly

***Pam (Brenneman) Stoltzfus**

1975

Brenda Nissley

Cindy (Yoder) Widmer

Stanley Marner

1976

Dwight Gingerich

Joann (Roth) Marner

Audrey (Hochstetler) Miller

Marcus Miller

Cindy (Swartzendruber) Steiner

James Yoder

Darrell Yoder

Sharla (Miller) Zasadny

1977

Paulette (Miller) Hershberger

Calvin Miller

Rose (Miller) Shetler

Melissa (Yoder) Thomas

Jane (Yoder) Widmer

Marlin & Joni (Doolin) Yoder

1978

Crandall Miller

Sanford Miller

Steve Ropp

1979

Ken Miller

Susan (Swartzendruber) Stoltzfus

Mitch Kinsinger*

1980

Gary & Donna Yoder*

Terry Erb

Rod Swantz

Karen (Stout) Unruh

Rhonda Yoder

1981

Holly Blosser Yoder

Joe Eichelberger

Sonya (Stauffer) Kurtz

Julie (Kelso) Marshall

Carol (Brenneman) Miller

Don Schwabbauer

Beth (Litwiller) Swantz

Linda (Bender) Yutzzy

1982

Karla Gingerich

Jewel Gingerich Longenecker

Marla (Ropp) Hess

Karla Gingerich

Leora (Miller) Troyer

1983

Ruth Brenneman

Forrest Miller

Maribeth (Yoder) Schlaubaugh

Tony Stutzman

Karleen (Kauffman) Uitermark

1984

Cynthia (Yoder) Bontrager

John Buckwalter

Doug Hochstetler

Nancy Kelso

Lyle & Bonnie (Hostetler) Miller*

Jim Schlaubaugh

1985

***Jon Beachy**

Ross Brenneman

Tim Litwiller

Karol Miller

1986

Jill (Schweitzer) Herold

Leah (Stutzman) Miller

Sheryl (Hostetler) Moreland

1987

Rose Bender Cook

Thomas Brenneman

Cindy (Miller) Grabow

1988

Lia Brenneman-Orr

Chris Rhodes

Chad Stoltzfus

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1989

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1990

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Marlow Yoder

1991

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1992

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1993

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1994

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1995

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Stacy Ropp Miller

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1996

Jodi (Hochstetler) Beyeler

Nate Miller

1997

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1998

Joel Beachy
 Jacob Huber
 Sarah Smith Baber
 *Kevin Zook & Kara Westerbeek
 *Rachel Swartzendruber Miller

1999

Jill (Stoltzfus) Hemachandra
 Kendra (Conrad) Bailey
 *Laurie (Bender) Miller

2000

*Adam & Katie Yoder
 *Chuck Miller

Erin Miller Milanese
 Jace Bailey
 Nathan Stoltzfus Detweiler

*Tyson Miller

2001

Erika Rodriguez Yoder

2002

Heather Bender
 Allison (Brenneman) Goertz
 Will Leichty
 Nathan Miller
 Caleb Yoder

2003

Benjamin Yoder*

Erin (Schrock) Yoder

Joel & Maria Blough Koerner*

2004

Tyler Coblentz
 Luke Yoder

2005

Del Borntreger
 Amy (Yoder) Landes
 Matthew Ropp
 Jason Widmer

2006

Thomas Davis
 Caleb & Heidi Gingerich Detweiler
 Laura (Stoltzfus) Jones
 Micah Miller
 Lindsay (Erb) Widmer
 Kaleb Wyse

2007

Hannah Ney
Marcus & Marissa Unruh*
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2008

Ethan Gingerich

Todd Hooley*

2011

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2015

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2016

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SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 10-11, 2025

We love when our alumni get together for class reunions to reminisce and remember the time they had in high school together!

This year the classes scheduled to have a reunion are the classes with graduation years ending in 5 and 0. If alumni have questions about Homecoming Weekend on October 10-11, 2025, or they need information for their reunion, please contact the Office of Advancement at jours@hillcrestravens.org.

CLASS REUNIONS



- The **CLASS OF 1960** will celebrate their 65 year class reunion on October 11. Put this date on your calendars and look for more info soon.
- Members of the **CLASS OF 1970**, mark your calendars for your 55th class reunion on October 10-12. And so you don't miss out on updates, be sure to check out and join the *IMS Class of 1970* Facebook page.



THE COVER

The school year's end marks our farewell to two Hillcrest Academy legends **MARCUS MILLER** and **DWIGHT GINGERICH** who are both gracefully fading into the sunset of retirement from Hillcrest Academy. The 75 years of combined service from these two school icons has deeply affected numerous students and transformed the fundamental structure of our school. The school celebrates their remarkable careers as it sends both men into retirement with joy and the proper acknowledgment they deserve.