

John Dewey High School Quiz

- (1) Name at least 2 of the 4 JDHS newspapers or literary publications.
(Answer: Crossroads, Gadfly, Vanguard, Streams of Conscience.)

- (2) What were class periods called and how many were in a day?
(Answer: modules or "mods" - 22 a day.)

- (3) Class schedules were called "bands". What were their names?
(Answer A thru K)

- (4) How many cycles did we have each year? What was another name used for cycles?
(Answer: 5 cycles. Also called "phases".)

- (5) A scene from what Oscar-winning movie was filmed in front of Dewey?
(Answer : The French Connection. Who can forget the scene with the B train?)

- (6) Name all the trains that went to the Coney Island terminus using the 1974 names.
(Answer: F, B, D, N, are probably all valid as of 1974.
Other possibilities, but my memory is faded: QJ or QB on the D tracks? and Joe Massey's all-time favorite the NX. The NX had the longest uninterrupted express run in NYC and ran on the N line.)

- (7) What were the archaic names for the Brooklyn portion of the train lines that ran to Coney Island? (very difficult)
(Answer) B train = West End Line
N train = Sea Beach Line
F train = Culver Line
D Train = Brighton Line

Ah the N, (Bay Parkway station) Dana's personal favorite. :-)

- (8) What was '4 and 1'? (Extra point if you participated in '4 and 1')
(Answer: I think '4 and 1' meant you studied or worked outside of Dewey one day a week e.g., at a museum or a hospital.)

- (9) What was the name for the toy made of two glass balls (or hard plastic) connected by a string which students tried to have bounce off of each other by having each ball travel in a semi-circle and making a loud offensive noise when they hit each other.
(Answer: Click-Clacks. Thank god they are gone.)

- (10) Who was Emma and where did she work?
(Answer: Emma may have been a hall monitor of sorts or perhaps she worked in the cafeteria. In Crossroads May 1972 she was compared to Patrick Murphy, the then NYC police commissioner. Emma was small in stature but could not be intimidated.)
- (11) What year did JDHS open?
(Answer: 1969)
- (12) Who was the first John Dewey HS principal?
(Answer: Joshua Segal (sp?), for the 1969-70 school year.)
- (13) Name all Dewey teachers who became Dewey principals.
(Answer: Lew Smith, Lawrence Pero, Mr. Sigelakis.)
- (14) What group from Dewey was asked to perform at the opening of the World Trade Center?
(Answer: The Madrigal Singers.)
- (15) What were the annual spring concerts called?
(Answer: Sights and Sounds)
- (16) What were the annual school productions for 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975?
(Answer: "Once Upon a Mattress, Oliver, The Apple Tree, Anything Goes, and ????)
- (17) Which two faculty members ran the school productions?
((Answer: Janet Lipschultz and Jerry Majzlin)
- (18) What was the special celebration that occurred on the last day of each cycle?
(Answer: Dewey Day)
- (19) What peculiar event occurred at the graduation of the class of 74?
(Answer: 2 people streaked)
- (20) What color were the lockers then?
(Answer: neon colors of orange, yellow and green.)

(21) What were self-study courses called?

(Answer: D.I.S.K.s - Dewey Independent Study Kits)

(22) Who were the chairpersons of the Art, Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language departments?

Answer

Art = Mr. Rubin

Math = Mr. Ewen

English = Mr. Zogby (in '74 and others?)

Science = Mr. Guilhempe (in '74)

Social Studies = Mr. Bruckner in '73 and Mr. Pero by '74

Foreign Language = Stephen Levy

(23) Where was the cast party for "Anything Goes" held?

(Answer: Deirdre Quinn's house.)

(24) Ira Ewen was the chair of the math dept. What comic book was it rumored that he owned, and kept tightly sealed in a vault at home?

(Answer: Superman #1. The rumor is true...Josh Massey saw the vault.)

(25) Name the Stanley Kubrick movie that was shown in the auditorium on a Dewey Day.

(Answer: "2001: A Space Odyssey.")

(26) Name the town in upstate NY that Lew Smith took his American Dream class to during the school year 1973-74 (and some of you were there).

(Answer: Unatego)

(27) What was the name of the teacher who also had a job of supervising the cafeteria, making announcements when the bell rang?

(Answer: Mr. Norflus)

(28) What was the name of the student from the Class of '74 who made the announcements each morning over the P.A. system?

(Answer: Simon Applebaum)