



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



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Remember those high school dances? You know, those times you really looked forward to socialization with the opposite sex. After the exciting anticipation wore off it finally hit you; I am going to be expected to DANCE. Most high school girls knew every dance step and how to execute them with precision, whereas most high school boys dreaded having to perform in front of their peers, falling over their growing feet and acting like they knew what they were doing on the dance floor. Usually if you did try to jitterbug, swing, or bop during the 50s, or did the twist or mashed potato in the 60s, the performance was not what your partner was expecting. In 1957 to remedy those sub par performances on the dance floor a dance club was organized at Flaget. Each Monday evening the group would meet under the tutelage of Miss Suzanne Williams and would be shown the proper way to swing and sway. During the ten week course the swing, mambo, waltz, fox trot, and jitterbug were all taught to the aspiring Fred Astaires of Flaget High. A couple weeks into the course, after some of the awkwardness was worked out, females were added to the mix to liven things up a bit. The idea of this club was well intentioned, but very few fumble footers took advantage of it with only about ten students enrolling. In the words of the Landmark reporter of the day, "at least there will be ten less conscientious objectors at Flaget's future dances".

The Flaget Museum invites you to stop by and reminisce. Be sure to sign the guest sheet when you visit. Should you wish to donate vintage items for the museum bring them to the monthly luncheon or drop them off at the museum. Call me if you need help getting that Flaget tuba or other big item out of your basement.