

## 1980-85

Mr. Joseph Lefft was named the third principal, assisted by Mr. Robert Spires (1980-82) and Mr. James Anderson (1982-85).

Five hundred twenty-seven students entered at the beginning of the year, grades 8-12. It was in 1982-83 that the school housed only grades 9-12. The *enrollment* at that time numbered 408.

Some faculty included: Mrs. Carolyn Hudson, Mrs. M. Richardson, Mrs. Mary Mintz, Mrs. Willie Haynes, Mrs. Delores Hiers, and Mrs. Elizabeth Corley.

Enrollment fluctuated between 1983-85. In 1983-84, there were 377 students; in 1984-85, there were 327 students.

During Lefft's administration, the band received their first uniforms and the school acquired its activity bus. Also, the school received its first incentive award from the state.

## 1985-1991

John Wesley Stephens, a 1959 graduate of Ruffin High School, was appointed principal; John F. Clark, a former teacher who worked with Stephens, was named assistant principal.

Although the enrollment had decreased, the administrators agree that there would be a great opportunity for academic success at the institution.

During this period, the school offered its first academic placement course in United States History.

In 1985, the number of Carnegie units for graduation increased from 18 to 20. Additional units must be earned in mathematics and science.

Honor roll students were granted "gold cards" that gave them special privileges.

The graduating class of 1989-90 was the first group of students to complete both the unit requirement and the exit examination to receive the state high school diploma. The present enrollment was approximately 276. Faculty and staff numbered thirty persons. They include: Mr. Anthony Ross, Jackie Ryant, Mrs. Sylvia Frazier, Miss Sharon Mole, Miss S. Hill, Mrs. Jacqueline Owens, Mr. James Stroman, Mr. James