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I am one of the lucky ones who has great memories of high school. I kept friends from elementary school at Wilder Penfield, and made more at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School, most of whom I'm still in touch with today. It's nice to have that resource of people who share a lot of the same memories. Woohoo Class of '85!!

It's like a social experiment to have that age group of teens spend their weekdays all in one building, trying to figure out who they are, what they like and where they want to go from here. The go-to joke could be that P.C.H.S. minimized the distractions by not having any windows, but we all did just fine without them... distractions were everywhere! lol!

I am thankful for teachers like Wendell McDougall, Frank Litschauer, and Mrs. Isler who still stand out in my mind as examples of making things interesting and giving me the right direction. Steve Murphy coached us in basketball, which means he gave us his own time outside of school hours. While rallying us through wins and losses, he also made us feel heard - a great lesson in mutual respect.

I am an on-air host at a radio station... a DJ!! at CHOM 97.7, and I just celebrated my 25th anniversary of rockin' Montrealers. Working in radio really brings together my love of music and chatting with people about it. There are a lot of ways to listen to music, so it's pretty cool that people still choose radio. It means a lot to me to know that we are a part of their routines. And kind of full circle when I think back to CHOM blasting through the speakers onto the senior back plaza at lunch time.

To any future broadcasters, or podcasters, know that there are opinions that will differ from yours, and hearing them might make your own experience better. Also, remember as you confidently move forward, that it's good to look back once in a while and remember where you came from.

Thanks for listening. =)