

Home Page

The screenshot shows the Classmates.com homepage. At the top, there are links for "SIGN IN" and "REGISTER FOR FREE". The main heading is "HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS /". Below this, a banner reads "Every yearbook is a window into the past." and provides a brief description of the site's offerings. A navigation bar allows users to filter yearbooks by decade (1920s to 1990s). Four featured yearbooks are displayed: 1965 Green Lake High School (WI), 1960 Thornton Township High School (IL), 1964 Wood-Ridge High School (NJ), and 1968 Lawrence Central High School (IN). On the right, a registration form titled "Explore & Interact with Yearbooks Now!" asks for graduation details and contact information. Below the form is a "Submit >>" button. A secondary navigation bar includes "Reunion Center", "Classmates Games", "Browse Yearbooks", and "See Your Visitors". A section titled "WE'VE GOT EVEN MORE YEARBOOKS /" offers a "Select a state:" dropdown menu with a grid of state names. At the bottom, there are social media links for Blog, Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter, along with a footer containing site policies and copyright information.

Logo**URL**

<http://www.classmates.com/>

Subject

School yearbooks – United States

Accessibility

Partially Free (Free registration to connect to one's alumni. Full access in each of the pages of few featured yearbook.)

Language

English

Publisher

Classmates.com

Brief History

With the idea of reconnecting with one's high school, the book has been initiated in the year 1995 located at the Downtown area of Seattle. Soon after it became renowned as the largest directory of high schools, class lists and digital yearbooks available

anywhere, covering over 70 million people including maiden names.

Scope and Coverage

A complete platform to revisit the high school memories, connect with old friends and everything that is High school, is here at this High School Yearbook. One can find their high school through a list of alphabetically ordered states of the United States. Each of the school yearbooks is comprised of many pictures of the school's students, happenings, writings etc. There is an index of the names of the school students from where the students profile can be reached. The site runs a blog named "Lounge" that provides insiders look into the schools, its fun activities, reunions, profiles of students who have made a big name for themselves in the section "Celebrities" . Through the site, one can plan their high school reunion, RSVP to attend, invite schoolmates and view the latest from their reunion. This is the largest collection of high school yearbooks, available on one's laptop, tablet and smart phone. It holds 300,000 yearbooks from over 200,000 high schools with 5,000 being added every month. The site has a paid service.

Kind of Information

Pictures of old school mates, photos for family tree, opinions, thoughts and ideas of school and associated areas, connecting with old friends etc. are available in this yearbook platform.

With the following url: <http://www.classmates.com/yearbooks/> direct access to each of the pages of few featured yearbooks is possible. At this page the yearbooks of some featured schools in the registered states of the US are found. The yearbooks are arranged by one's passing year chronologically in the following way:

1920s 1930s 1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s

Choosing one yearbook the full view of the same thus is obtained in picture format. After going inside the yearbook one can also search a particular student of that school through an index of names of the students.

Special Features

- Link to Pinterest! Here one may enjoy their favourite snapshots from the largest digitized collection of yearbooks on the web and much more.

- Apart from Facebook and Twitter, the site is also connected to Google Plus, Instagram and RSS feed.
- A blog named “Lounge” runs with interesting and insightful articles.

Arrangement Pattern

To find high school friends, at the classmates.com homepage, the States (within US) of one’s graduation is chosen from an alphabetically arranged list as stated below:

I graduated in ...
Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado,
Connecticut and so on.

From there on, the city of that state where the school was situated is chosen from an alphabetical list as mentioned below:

Select the first letter of the city you graduated in
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W Y

After this the name of the school is put for the final search.

The above arrangement is directed to connect one with their alumni through free registration.

For some featured yearbook, cover to cover access can be had.

Remarks

The site is easy to use and is dedicated in building student interactions, share memories and build something greater.

“I joined several years ago and then let it go. Just joined again and now I see why I quit. Difficult to follow. No current photos. NOT user friendly.” - Darla Joyce

Comparable Tools

- Trombi.com (<https://www.trombi.com/>)
- Reunion.com (<http://www.reunion.com/>)

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