



**1958
Midland League Champion
Basketball Team**

Front row: Mike O'Neill, John Cook, Fred Oldfield, Emilio Diotalevi, Dick Swift, Jack Salvia, Dave Usher. Second Row: Tony Williams, Pete Drugan, Coach Charlie Espanet, George Pyne, III, Bob Connelly, Tim Carroll

The 1958 edition of the Milford High School basketball squad, coached by Charlie Espanet, won thirteen straight games in route to the school's first Midland League basketball title. The team averaged over 70 points per game and scored 97 points in a game against Hudson. It was one of only eight teams to be invited to the prestigious Assumption College Tournament, Milford's first tournament appearance in 17 years!

The team was described in the 1958 OLI yearbook as "a team that had all the basic requirements of a winning team. Guards Emilio Diotalevi and Jack Salvia flawlessly brought the ball into position. Alternating centers Fred Oldfield and George Pyne had the needed skill and height to place themselves ready to either score or rebound. Forwards Dick Swift and Tim Carroll could shoot from either the inside or the outside. Each constantly hit the double figure brackets."

"Another factor taken into consideration was the strong bench headed by John Cook, Mike O'Neill and David Usher. On many occasions they were called in and performed as well as the regulars. There were no prima-donnas in this club. The spirit was always high and little regard was shown for the opposing club. They were out to win!"