

BEDFORD
HIGH
SCHOOL

50th
1965-2015



CELEBRATING **50** YEARS OF MEMORIES!

**COMMEMORATION
CEREMONY**

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The Planning Committee would also like to recognize Evelyn Powers for being the inspiration behind this event.

Special thanks also to Bedford Public Schools and all of the staff that helped to help make this event a success!

50th CELEBRATION PROGRAM

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

National Anthem

Conducted by Cory Meggitt, Bedford High School Band Director

WELCOME

Mark Kleinhans, Superintendent, Bedford Public Schools

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

Mary Lou Zaums, Retired Bedford Public Schools Administrator

March for Tomorrow

Bill Holcomb

Conducted by Leonard Salvo, Retired Bedford High School Band Director

Announced by Denise Ellsworth, Retired Bedford High School Band Director,
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ATHLETICS

Mark German, Bedford Public Schools Athletic Director

American Riversongs

Pierre LaPlante

Conducted by Ron Koch, Retired Bedford High School Band Director,
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ACADEMICS

Karen McMacken Adamski, Retired Bedford High School Teacher

THEATRE ARTS

Suzanne Carter Smith, Bedford High School Theater Arts

Dr. Natalie Emptage Downs

Shakespeare Reading: John Farnham Scott, Bedford Alumni

PRESENTATION

Pauline Tolly and Margery Shinkle

MUSIC

Jon Diener, Bedford Alumni

BHS ALUMNI CHOIR

Conducted by C. David Parker, Retired Bedford Vocal Department

Mark Smith, Bedford Public Schools Choral/Theatre Director

You'll Never Walk Alone from *Carousel*

Rodgers & Hammerstein, II, arr. William Stickles

All I Ask of You from *Phantom of the Opera*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Randy Sheline Britton & Steve Stevens, Bedford Alumni

Old Irish Blessing

Denes Agay

Let There Be Peace On

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, arr. Hawley Ades

PRESENTATION

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Conducted by Paul Stanifer, Retired Bedford High School Band Director

**Please join us afterwards for refreshments as we corral Mules
in the cafeteria.**



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE!

PAULINE TOLLY

Pauline Tolly began her career at Bedford Public Schools the Friday before the first day of school in 1956 as the secretary for Bedford High School Principal, Mr. Arthur Maschke. She served in that capacity for many years until she joined the staff of the newly formed Personnel Office where she remained until her retirement after 30 years of service to the staff and students of Bedford Public Schools. Even in her retirement, she remains excited to meet a Bedford graduate and learn about their accomplishments.

During her time at Bedford, she became a part of the Organization of Michigan School Secretaries. A few years after joining, she was elected and served as their president.

MARGERY SHINKLE

Margery H. Shinkle graduated from the University of Toledo and started teaching in Dearborn, Michigan in 1944. She first taught in Bedford at Banner Oak School, a one room school house, teaching the first four grades. She also taught elementary students at Douglas Road Elementary and Temperance Road Elementary. Mrs. Shinkle served as an assistant principal at Temperance Road Elementary, before becoming the first female principal for Bedford Public Schools at Jackman Road Elementary. She retired after 30 years of service dedicated to the students of Bedford Public Schools.

She was married to Ted V. Shinkle for 65 years, has 4 sons, 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERSONNEL

"However, even the most modern facilities cannot replace the teacher. The men and women who teach in this building will be chiefly responsible for the quality of education which children of Bedford Township receive."

—*PACT (Parents, Administration, Children, Teachers) Vol. 1 - No. 2,*
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For the past 50 years, Bedford High School has maintained a tradition of excellence in education. We wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to the many staff, former and current, who have worked hard to prepare our children for success and have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support that mission. Thank you to our teachers and instructional support staff, our administrators and their administrative staff, our board members, our technology staff, our counselors, our bus drivers and mechanics, our custodial and skilled trades staff, our cafeteria staff, our coaches and extracurricular leaders. You make us proud to be a Bedford Kicking Mule!



THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL

In August 1963, the Bedford Public Schools Board of Education selected a 40 acre piece of farmland belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brunt on the northwest corner of Dean and Jackman Roads to be the location of a new high school. It was chosen over eight other potential locations. The property was purchased for \$60,000 and the district contracted architects McLaughlin and Kiel of Lima, Ohio to draw up the plans for the new building. The project was financed by a \$2,350,000 bond approved by the voters on May 13, 1963 after being voted down twice before.

The existing high school building at 8486 Douglas, built in 1951, was overcrowded and students were attending on half day schedules and did so for 3 years. Junior high students were also attending on half day schedules at 1575 W. Temperance Road. Once the new high school opened in the Fall of 1965, the former high school would be used for junior high students.

On June 23, 1964, construction began. The new high school would be a series of wings, all connected. One corridor would be 600 feet long. With a capacity for 1,700 students, it would have 60 rooms including classrooms, lecture halls, study rooms, laboratories with \$21,000 of new equipment, a gymnasium designed with a seating capacity of 2,500 people, a separate 700 seat auditorium, cafeteria, and a vocational education wing with over \$100,000 worth of machinery. Machine shop courses and high school level art and music classes could now be offered for the first time.

After delays in approval from the Michigan public health department regarding sewers, an ironworker strike halting roof work, and other construction delays pushed back the first day of school three weeks, Principal Arthur Maschke was determined that the school should open "even if the busses sink in the mud and the kids sit on nail kegs!" The 1,086 students in grades 10-12 were delighted with the new school on their first day, September 27, 1965, even though the gymnasium, auditorium and music facilities remained to be completed.

In the years 50 years since that first day the students streamed into the new Bedford High School for the first day of class, many other changes have happened in this building and on its campus. Additions have been put on. A new stadium built. The evolution of technology has required new skills and changed the way students learn. Throughout it all, a tradition of excellence in education continues for the graduates of Bedford High School.

"The major responsibility of any public school system is to meet the educational needs of its pupils. In this respect the Bedford Public Schools are making excellent progress."

—Charles A. Scheltema, Superintendent, December 1965



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP!

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