

# Abbott Middle School

## Our School History



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The new West Bloomfield High School, located at 3380 Orchard Lake Road, opened to students in January, 1955. The building, with a capacity of 400 students, had all the latest features of a fully-accredited secondary school. Grades 8-12 were moved from Roosevelt to ease overcrowding.

Class of 1955 seniors, who had completed virtually all their schooling at Roosevelt, petitioned to hold Commencement at their old school. Administration denied the request and students received their diplomas in the new high school gymnasium.

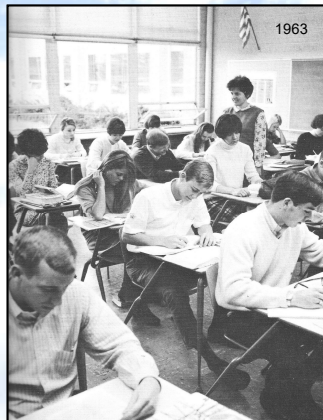
The Class of 1967 was the last to graduate from this school before it became Warren W. Abbott Junior High (1967-1970), then Abbott Middle School (1972 - ).



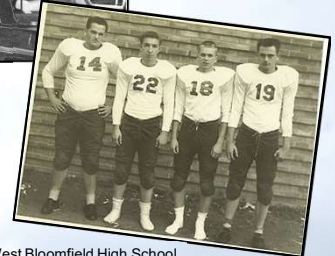
Warren W. Abbott  
First Superintendent of  
West Bloomfield School District  
1949 - 1952



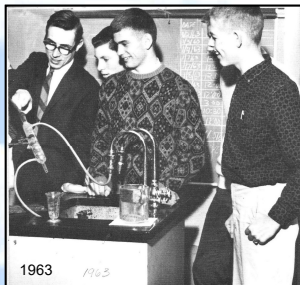
West Bloomfield High School,  
1963



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West Bloomfield High School  
football, 1957



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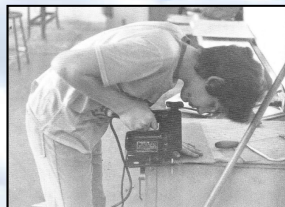
With the new high school set to open, and all middle school students moving to OLMS, Abbott was closed for the 1971-1972 school year as a cost-saving measure. During years of rapid population growth and construction, West Bloomfield high school students were housed in three different buildings over a six year period (1967-1972).



Yearbook staff, 1972



Computer programming first offered, 1985



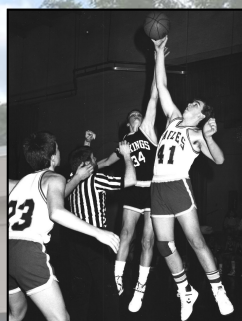
Industrial Arts Class, 1980



1990



High quality musical theater, originally called "Stages," has been an Abbott tradition since the late 1980s.



Abbott Eagles and OLMS Vikings  
cross-town basketball rivalry, 1990

Students huddle near the open-air "cat walk" connecting A Hall and C Hall, 1994.

Major renovations in 2002 included the enclosure of the cat walk to create D Hall, and the addition of the Hersch Family Fine Arts wing at the front of the school.



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*"Abbott Middle School's mission is to engage all students in a variety of rigorous experiences in order to close the achievement gap, prepare all students for college and career readiness, and cultivate multi-dimensional individuals who will be successful in a global society." 2015*



Eighth-grade WEB ("Where Everyone Belongs") mentors help ease middle-school transition for incoming sixth-graders, 2011



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