



Orchard Lake Middle School

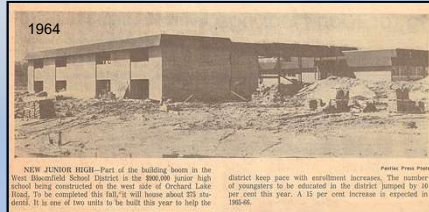
Our School History



The school at 6000 Orchard Lake Road has had several identities. It has been known as West Bloomfield Junior High (1965-66), West Bloomfield High School (1967-1971), West Bloomfield Middle School (1971-72), and since May 31, 1972, Orchard Lake Middle School. The building has also housed West Bloomfield School District Central Administration and Community Education Administration.

The classes of 1968, 1969, and 1970 graduated from this school when it served as West Bloomfield High School. Though the Class of 1971 completed requirements at this location, commencement exercises were held in the new, not yet finished, high school building at 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

Orchard Lake Middle School is one of two middle schools in the West Bloomfield School District and provides education in grades 6-8.



1964
NEW JUNIOR HIGH: Part of the building boom in the West Bloomfield School District is the 800,000 junior high school being constructed on the west side of Orchard Lake Road. To be completed this fall, it will house about 250 students. It is one of two units to be built this year to help the district keep pace with enrollment increases. The number of youngsters to be assigned to the district is expected to increase by 10 per cent this year. A 15 per cent increase is expected in 1966.



West Bloomfield Junior High library aides, 1966



West Bloomfield High School, 1970



1975



School renamed, 1972



In 1974, concerns about inequities in course offerings between Abbott Middle School and Orchard Lake Middle School led the West Bloomfield School Board to redistrict, moving 200 OLMS students to Abbott. Families upset about the "busing" of their students, urged the recall of several School Board members. Despite the protest, the Board moved ahead with the plan. Ultimately, enrollment at the schools was better balanced and course offerings were made more equitable.



6th Grade Flag Football Champs, 1992

Sports have played an important part in the OLMS culture from the beginning. Intramural and interscholastic competition includes boys basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, flag football, football, girls basketball, roller hockey, swimming, track, volleyball, and wrestling.



Yearbook staff, 1976



8th Grade Basketball Cheerleaders, 1985



2007



Orchestra, 2012

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