

## **Our History**

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(reproduced from the Catonsville High School 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book  
"A Century of Success 1903-2003" Published in 2003)

### **Locations through the years –**

Catonsville School officially became a high school in 1903 when a tenth grade was added to the existing school which was located at Winters Lane and Melrose Avenue. The brick building was constructed in 1898 at the cost of approximately \$8,700 on the same site that previously housed a one-room schoolhouse building in 1857. In 1905 the first class of seniors graduated, consisting of four girls and one boy.

The Frederick Road building (now Catonsville Elementary School) was dedicated on April 29, 1910. Limited bus transportation was provided from Randallstown, Halethorpe, St. Denis, Arbutus and Relay, but many students found other ways of getting to school from greater distances.

In 1921 the Board of Education purchased grounds and buildings from the Catonsville Country Club on Bloomsbury Avenue. In 1925 Catonsville High School opened (at the current site of the Bloomsbury Recreation Center, and remained at this location until 1953.)

In 1948, Frances Lurman sold the Farmlands Estate to the Board of Education. The main mansion and greenhouse were torn down in 1950 but the Carriage House and the Caretaker's House were incorporated into the high school campus. The present building at the intersection of South Rolling Road and Bloomsbury Avenue opened for students in 1954.

Ground was broken in 1998 for a 600 seat, 77,000 square foot addition to Catonsville High School, and the building was open for students in August 1999.

### **Principals through the years –**

1903 – 1911: Edward G. Comegys

1912 – 1921: Renee E. deRussy

1921 – 1926: Mary O. Ebaugh

1926 – 1932: Dr. Thomas Pullen

1932 – 1934: Dr. Benjamin Willis

1934 – 1942: Dr. David W. Zimmerman

1942 – 1945: William Sartorius

1945 – 1948: Reade W. Corr

1948 – 1962: Taylor F. Johnson

1962 – 1965: Harvey W. Kreuzburg

1965 – 1977: Samuel Clopper

1977 – 1984: Jules deFries

1984 – 1990: Lynn Mayer

1990 – 1992: Stephen Fisher

1992 – 1995: Donald I Mohler, III

1995 – 2007: Robert Tomback

2007 – 2013: Deborah L. Bittner

2013 – 2015: Dr. William Heiser

2015 – Present: Matthew Ames