



HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL

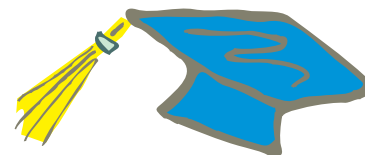
Celebrating 100 years of Excellence in the Academics, Arts, and Athletics 1909 - 2009



Hermitage is and always was a district of many schools. Education was offered as early as the 1800's. By 1871, Hermitage had 23 school houses, as a need grew for further education. In the year 1907, a progressive board of education not only represented the citizens of the township but also believed in the necessity of a high school. The new school was to be held in No. 5 wooden school building located at Hickory Corners and was to offer a two-year course under the guidance of Professor J. B. Edwards, the principal. The Maple Drive school, a new two-story building of concrete blocks, was built in 1909, with a three year secondary course of study. In 1927, it was replaced with a new high school which was the Hermitage Middle School, located along Route 18. As many of the small schools closed down, new elementary buildings were built in a complex behind the high school. The schools are the Hermitage Building, built in 1949, the Bartman (Artman) Building, built in 1954, and named for Captain R. C. Bartman, executive director for the state's public school authority (and later renamed for B. Lou Artman, Hermitage teacher and administrator); and later in 1969, the Delahunty Building was built and named for Kenneth Delahunty, school superintendent at that time. A new high school, called Hickory High School was built in 1959 and housed grades 9-12...and as of this year, grades 8-12. In 1976, our nation's Bicentennial, the school officially became the Hermitage School District.

The Class of 1909 Hickory Township High School Commencement was held at the German Reform Church on State Street (located at State Street and South Neshannock Road near the cemetery) on Sabbath Evening, April 25, 1909 at 7:30pm.

<i>Address to Class:</i>	<i>Dr. R. M. Russell</i>
<i>Presentation of Diplomas:</i>	<i>County Superintendent, G. P. Foltz</i>
<i>Class colors:</i>	<i>Green and Lavender</i>
<i>Class motto:</i>	<i>Vincit Omnia Veritas</i>
<i>Graduates:</i>	<i>Mr. Dan Phythyon, Class President</i>
	<i>Miss Marie Miller, Class Treasurer</i>
	<i>Miss Ella M. Hoagland, Class Secretary</i>
	<i>Miss Eva S. Lewis</i>
	<i>Mr. Albert W. Flowers</i>



Our school principals have led our district through many changes over the last 100 years...and we are looking forward to the positive direction that our high school will take over the next 100!!!

<i>First Principal:</i>	<i>J. B. Edwards</i>
<i>Next Principal known:</i>	<i>Mr. Bortz (led transition from Maple Drive to new school)(1925-28)</i>
<i>1929-1934:</i>	<i>Russell E. Springer</i>
<i>1934-1936:</i>	<i>Charles A. Bair</i>
<i>1936-1939:</i>	<i>J. Thomas Cathcart</i>
<i>1939-1942:</i>	<i>Kenneth R. Delahunty</i>
<i>1942-1945:</i>	<i>Arthur L. Houck</i>
<i>1945-1970:</i>	<i>Arthur R. Reimold</i>
<i>1970-1993:</i>	<i>Dr. Robert L. Anderson</i>
<i>1993-2001:</i>	<i>Dr. Kathleen Nogay</i>
<i>2001-2006:</i>	<i>Eric Trosch</i>
<i>2004-present:</i>	<i>W. Chris Gill</i>
<i>2007-present:</i>	<i>Nanci Hosick</i>
<i>2008-present:</i>	<i>Rice Whaley</i>

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2009...and best wishes for a super future!