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## Chapter 10. Changes to the early buildings after 1969

### 10.1. Changes through the years

Along with the new grade school classrooms in the middle of the north side of the school complex, the Chapter 8 “pink addition”, there were many more changes in room uses in the buildings and additions I have written about in Chapters 2-7. I witnessed only a few. Apparently the first home ec room became a “ladies’ room” based on the sign on the door just prior to demolition. I know that the former first lunchroom, then study hall, eventually became the math classroom. [I have no clue what became of the 1957 shop and music room, or what classes were in other of the high school classrooms.](#) Some of the changes in the earlier school complex that occurred along with the new grade school complex to the north have been described in the chapter on that facility, Chapter 9.

### 10.2. All good things come to an end

Sometime prior to 2015, it was decided that the buildings and additions I have described needed to be demolished and a new high school built in their place. There was an all-school reunion early in the summer of 2015, with recorded interviews with the earliest school alumni, and with a video tape made of all parts of the original school buildings I have described, to preserve those memories for posterity. Though copies of these two important videos were promised to those who wanted them, no one I have talked to has ever seen them, but [many would in fact love to see them. So, if anyone has a copy or any knowledge of one or both of those video recordings, these would be absolutely priceless for document what I have told in my document, plus much more!](#)

My brother Arrel and I toured the school a few days after that reunion and a few days before demolition began. A few of our photos that have not been included already are shown below. Had we known that the promised photos of the school would not be made available as promised, we would have taken many more photos!

The left photo below is the final view of the 1957 music room and shop addition, with many fewer windows. I believe that the photo to the right is inside one of the 1968 grade school addition rooms, [but I am not certain; it could also be a view of one of the original high school classrooms as renovated.](#)



Two athletic facility photos are shown below. Left photo below shows the west bleachers removed; what that area was used for is not known, but it appears to perhaps be a batting cage. Right photo below shows the weight room; this might be the former visiting boys' locker room, with a north door to the outside, and a new double-wide entry door from the hallway; **but I am not certain**.



The left photo below shows Roger Gossen teaching math in the former lunchroom, then study hall, at the north end of the 1951 addition. The right photo below I believe to be the now combined former Rooms E1 and E2, looking to the north.





### 10.3. Some demolition photos

This section shows a few photos from during the demolition that were shared with me by Gini Zaloudek and Peggy Harris; thanks to them!

The top left photo below shows the last remains of the west end of the 6-room red brick school, Rooms E and F remaining to the right of the power pole, high school to the right, gymnasium behind. The white wall in the center is the north wall of Room E, extended block off the original north end of the main north-south hallway. To the far left is the north end of the first shop, with its original north entry door, and nicely showing how far it was “recessed” to the south of the north gym wall. The top right photo below shows the remains of the 1951 addition, with all the 6-room red brick school now gone. The sloping floor into the 1962 hallway is visible in the center left, below the raised platform for access to the new girls’ locker room from 1968. Bottom left shows the 1951 high school being demolished. Bottom right shows only the far south parts of the building still standing.



The left photo below shows some of the demolition machinery and the last of the rubble piles, with the “new” grade school and gym at the left. Below right is the December 2015 Google Earth aerial photo of the demolished school, with the last of the rubble being removed.



#### 10.4. Only ONE construction photo

Below is what seems to be my only photo of the construction year for the new high school building, from August 2015. It shows the back of the grade school and gymnasium with the several temporary portable classrooms that were used during construction. The new school site to the left (south) of this photo was only mud at this time.



#### 10.5. The new high school

This final section shows a few photos of the new high school, mostly from a tour of the facilities by teacher Chelsea Lloyd Edington for my “Class of 1969” on the occasion of our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2019. The first two photos below show internet photos of the new school; left is from the architect or builder website, and right is the 2019 Google Earth view.



The photos to the right show the front of the new building and one of the interior walls, highlighting some of the ornamental features from the old 6-room brick school that were retained and built into the new building. Thanks to those involved in this!

There are several additional interesting photos inside the school at [kremlinps.com](http://kremlinps.com) and [tri-arch.com](http://tri-arch.com), the website for the architectural or construction firm for the building.





Top left below is the entry view from the west, with the high vaulted ceiling, and trophy cases both left and right. Top right photo below shows better view of the north trophy case and the mailboxes. Bottom left photo shows what I believe is the hallway to the south, showing the student lockers and some classroom doors. Bottom right photo shows the decorated ceiling tiles, I believe in the hallway to the north.





Top left photo below is a view from the science lab room into what I believe is the separate science classroom. Top right photo is the computer classroom. Bottom left is the metal shop area. Bottom right is some of the computer-guided laser-cutter woodwork art -- this was the only kind of “woodworking” that I remember seeing, with no memories of large lumber or table saws or woodworking projects like those in our days.



There is a new gymnasium in the new high school building also, left photo here. I believe this is for practices only – note no bleachers – with games played in the gymnasium at the grade school. But also note the small stage. The larger grade school gymnasium with bleachers on both sides is shown in the right photo, at this time set up as an auditorium for a musical performance.



## **10.6. The END!**

The end, for me at least, and thanks to those who followed my stories to the end, if any did. [Again, please note my many pleas for additional photos and memories, as well as any corrections, from any and all!](#)