

## **From One-Room Schoolhouses to an Educational Park**

The Cumberland Valley School District was established in 1952 as the Cumberland Valley Joint System, which included Hampden, Middlesex, Monroe, and Silver Spring Townships. Max C. Hempt donated the land now referred to as the Cumberland Valley School District Educational Park. In 1953 the Committee broke ground for the high school. The first year that students attended the high school was 1954. Prior to then, secondary students attended five nearby high schools. In August 1963, the school system became known as Cumberland Valley School District.

In 1954, Cumberland Valley High School got its first driver's education car. Driver's education was an essential part of the high school experience. The education involved in-class lectures and tests. After students received the temporary permit, they received hands-on training from a driver's ed teacher behind the steering wheel while accompanied by the Driver's Ed teacher.

Before the opening of Cumberland Valley School District in 1952, Silver Spring Township had eight one-room schoolhouses. The schools were first built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and located throughout the Township. When the Silver Spring Elementary School opened in 1955, the schools were auctioned to private owners who turned them into homes. Still visible are the New Kingtown (Village of New Kingstown), Mumma (Hogestown Road/R114), Simmons (Sample Bridge Road), Anderson (Texaco Road), and Hogestown (Village of Hogestown) schoolhouses. Schools no longer existing are the Eckels (Rich Valley Road), Ponds (Timber Road), and Trindle Spring (Bare & Sinclair Roads).

Doyle Sherman "Jack" Poorman donated ten acres of land for the building of Green Ridge Elementary School in 1960. January 1963, the school was dedicated. Edward P. Hair was its first principal.

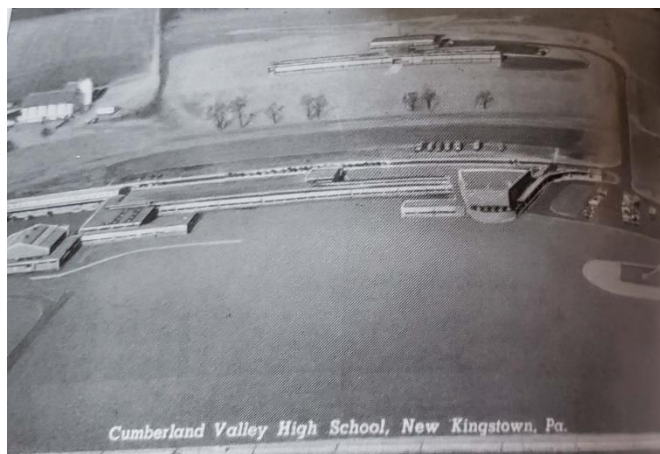
Cumberland Valley School District has surpassed any expectations that the planners had in 1952. Today it is one of the most sought-after school districts in Pennsylvania. There are approximately 9,500 students spread over in ten schools and four townships. The graduating class of 2021 is roughly 675 students. Conversely, the first graduating class was around 136 students.



**Anderson School**



**Silver Spring Elementary**



**CVSD Complex**