

Alumni Park Brick Order Form

Year of Graduation: _____

Alumnus Name: _____
(for verification) *First* *Maiden* *Last*

Name to engrave on Brick: _____

Purchased By: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail completed form to Karen Hess, 40 Mount Joy Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325
Include a \$ 50.00 check payable to GHS Alumni Association.



Commemorative Benches

In July 2018, two benches at Alumni Park were dedicated in honor of former association Secretary Nancy Klinefelter Heller and former Treasurer Paul Ketterman as a thank you for their years of service to the Association.

Location

The park is located at the corner of Baltimore and Lefever Streets near the entrance to the Gettysburg Middle School and Lincoln Elementary School campus.

Contact Us

Phone: 717-337-1148 (leave a message)
Email: gettysburghsalumni@comcast.net



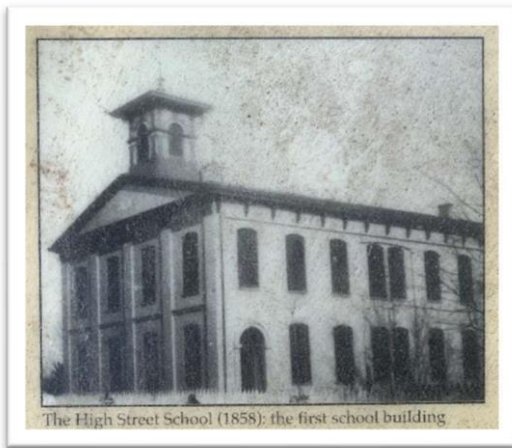
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Gettysburg Area Schools History

In 1834, Gettysburg established a “common school,” to provide its children with a free elementary education, which over the years evolved into the current Gettysburg Area School System.

Following 23 years of classes being held in multiple private dwellings (often the home of the teacher), the first consolidated public school building was erected at 40 East High Street in 1857, and began a 100-year tenure of classroom service.



During the Battle of Gettysburg, the school building served as a hospital while its bell

shared the cupola with a fugitive Union soldier who successfully hid from the occupying Confederate forces.

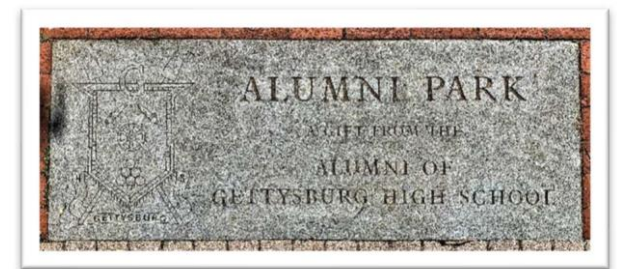
In the mid-1880s the public-school curriculum was expanded to include a secondary education program and the first high school diplomas were issued in 1887.



The old school bell from the High Street School symbolizes the connection between the history of our town with the history of our educational system. The original 1857 bell is beautifully displayed on a three-tiered brick platform under a small gazebo-like structure which protects it from the elements.

Alumni Park Conception

Dedicated in June of 1996, Alumni Park was a partnership project of Main Street Gettysburg, Inc. and the Gettysburg High School Alumni Association developed as part of the Gettysburg Historic Pathway project. Located at the mid-point of the Pathway, the park is designed as a resting area for the millions of Gettysburg visitors who walk this historic corridor.



Alumni Park honors graduates of Gettysburg Area schools. A pathway of over 1,000 bricks engraved with names and class years of

Gettysburg alumni winds through the tree shaded plot. Alumni can be individually recognized by purchasing a personalized brick to be placed in the park.