

SAMPLE SCHOOL WRITE-UPS

Buffalo Elementary

The original Buffalo Elementary building, in Sarver, Pennsylvania, was built in 1936 to replace the one-room schoolhouse, the Kelly Building. Additions to Buffalo Elementary were made in 1955, 1959, and 1962. The 1959 and the 1962 additions are being renovated and used as part of the new Buffalo Elementary building. The rest of the original building was torn down in the summer of 2001 to make room for the new school.

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Broad Street Elementary School

Broad Street Elementary School was built in 1976 and renovated in the 2001-2002 school year. The school was built on the site of the original Broad Street School which was built in 1895 and demolished in 1975. Broad Street School houses approximately 300 children in kindergarten through sixth grades. The school was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2001. It is the first school in the Butler Area School District to receive this distinguished award for educational excellence. The staff, students, and parents of Broad Street School work together and are committed to the philosophy that "It takes a whole village to raise a child."

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St. Margaret Mary School

In 1949, Pastor Francis Hertzog of St. Joseph Church, New Kensington, recognized the rapid growth of the area and bought three acres of ground on Leechburg Road in Lower Burrell. That purchase set the stage for a new parish. On October 17, 1950, the feast of St. Margaret Mary, Bishop Boyle of Pittsburgh gave permission for a church and school to be constructed on the three acre plot. The church was completed in 1953 and in 1955 Pastor Father Sullivan announced to the parish that plans were already underway to start their own parochial school. In the spring of 1957, ground was broken for a larger church. The original church was converted into a four room school and on September 3, 1957, just four years after the first mass was celebrated in the building, St. Margaret Mary School commenced classes. The students were taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Plans called for the school to house the first four grades the first year and add a grade each year until there was an eighth grade. Instead, when school was dismissed for the summer of 1958, the roof was removed from the building and a second floor was added and open for use by all eight grades when classes reconvened in September, 1958. The two-story school had an enrollment of 315 students.

The building received a new look in 1997 with the replacement of the doors and windows. A new Kindergarten facility was built adjacent to the original building in 1998. St. Margaret Mary School now serves students in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. St. Margaret Mary School is located within the Burrell School District but services children from various outlying communities.

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Helpful Hints

The above write-ups are samples of previous buildings we have done. They may give you some ideas.

Send your history to Just Around the Block. We prefer you e-mail this write-up if at all possible.

It is better to include too much than not enough. Your write-up can be edited, at your discretion, if it does not fit on the back. (The building size and shape will determine how much can be placed on the back.)

You will receive a sample label to proof before it is applied.



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