

**Farewell Tribute**  
**Champion Central School**  
**Champion Middle School**  
**May 24, 2018**  
**6:30—7:00 p.m.**



**Champion Centralized School**  
**Dedicated November 20, 1915**



**Champion Junior High School**  
**Dedicated November 21, 1965**

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to Central and Middle Schools  
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**Welcoming Remarks**

Mr. James Scher, 2018 School Board President

**“Alma Mater”**

Performed by members of the Champion Symphonic Band  
Directed by Mr. Tyler Husosky  
(Words to Alma Mater on the next page)

**Remarks by Champion Township Trustees**

Mr. Rex Fee, Chairman of Trustees/CHS Graduate

**Teaching Memories**

Mrs. Nancy Countryman, Retired Champion Teacher  
Taught 41 years in Champion/CHS Graduate  
Miss Charlotte Jessep, Retired Champion Teacher  
Taught 28 years in Champion Schools

**Board of Education Memories**

John “Jack” Mahan, Board Member for 28 Years/CHS Graduate

**Champion Alumni Association Highlights**

Mrs. Russella Cheredar, President/CHS Graduate

**Historical Facts**

Mrs. Babette Sisler of Champion Historical Society

**Keepsake Memories**

By Central Elementary School Staff and Students  
By Champion Middle School Staff and Students

**Thank you for attending!**

**2018 Board of Education  
Champion Local School District**

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**Champion Local School District  
Administration**

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\*Taken from Board Minutes 1889-Present. List may not include all names.

## **Champion High School Alma Mater**

Proud Merry and Strong  
Sing me a song  
Champion High to Thee  
Oh, Worthy art thou of fame

In land afar  
Shineth thy star  
Set the bond man free  
Beloved is thy glorious name  
Beloved is thy glorious name

Champion High School  
Champion High School  
Hail to thee Champion High  
Our dear high school.

Oh, Champion High forever,  
To all our hearts so dear.  
Our colors gold and purple,  
Shall loved be far and near.

Long reign in royal splendor,  
Our hearts shall by thy throne.  
Oh, Champion High Forever,  
Though reigneth alone.

## **Champion Centralized School**

**Dedicated on November 20, 1915**

The first 200 students in grades one through eight attended Champion Centralized School on October 11, 1915. Principal was Professor Ivan C. Meggett. High school-aged children, at that time, had to attend another district. The school then added grades nine through twelve, one year at a time, so that by 1919 students in all grades could attend.

Champion Centralized School was officially dedicated on November 20, 1915 with 400 residents and guests in attendance. Among the dignitaries attending the dedication was Ohio Governor F. B. Willis.

In 1925 four additional classrooms were built. The curriculum was expanded to include music, and the length of the school year was set at eight-and-a-half months. Inside restrooms, steam heat, and a gymnasium were also added at that time.

In 1931 a second addition was built at a cost of \$53,000. Twelve classrooms were added, and four acres of land were purchased behind the building for use as a playground.

A new gymnasium was added in 1939 to the south end of the building (where this Farewell is being held) at a total cost of \$78,000 with \$35,075 of that amount provided by President Franklin Roosevelt's Public Works Administration.

Final construction in 1949 added the two floors of new classrooms at the north end of the building, a new boiler room, and a cafeteria.

## **Champion Junior High School**

**Dedicated on November 21, 1965**

Champion Junior High School was built in 1965 for \$785,000 plus an additional \$100,000 for equipment. In 1965 students in grades seven through nine attended there. Students in grades five through eight now attend Champion Middle School.

## **Superintendents of Champion Local Schools**

Professor Ivan C. Meggett served 1915—1916

Earl C. Weygant served 1916—1917

A. L. Carter served 1917—1920

Frank Morris served 1920—1922

Gordon H. Adam served 1922—1934

S. B. Davis served 1934—1936

Carl C. Kiser served 1936—1963

Harold C. Butcher served 1963—1974

John R. Leeper served 1974—1990

Lewis C. Strohm served 1990—1993

Pamela S. Hood serves 1993—Present