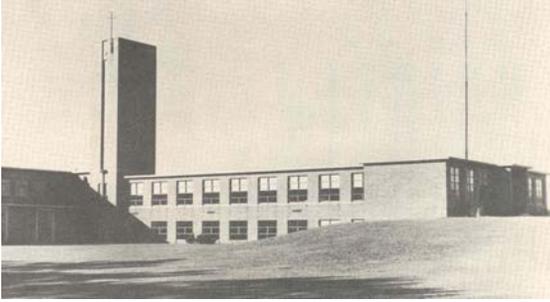


## Featuring St. Hugo of the Hills – Bloomfield Hills, Mich.



St. Hugo of the Hills School began its life as St. Hugo Country Day School in 1940, encompassing grades K-six.

Three IHM Sisters staffed the school for the 50 students. The convent chronicler reported that, "We had very little time for mischief or to be lonesome for the big missions we had left." The school was not completed by the time it was to have opened – the cornerstone had just been laid in mid-July – and the chronicler noted that,

"...teaching conditions were very trying."

The seventh and eighth grades were added in 1941. Four IHMs taught the 114 students. The first meeting of the PTA was organized by 35 women. The chronicler says, "It wasn't a very enthusiastic meeting and it remains to be seen how progressive they become."

St. Hugo's football and baseball teams were organized during the 1944-45 school year, as were both boys' and girls' basketball teams. The chronicler remained upbeat at the close of the seasons, remarking, "Although there were few victories, there was good sportsmanship." The very next year, the football team won the Northeast Division Championship.



By 1951, seven IHM Sisters taught 286 students in grades one-eight. "Because of overcrowded conditions, we were forced to give up our kindergarten," the chronicler says. (It was re-established in September 1991.)

The athletic teams improved dramatically in the early 1950s. The boys' basketball team was undefeated, and the girls were in the city playoffs. The chronicler was an avid fan, mentioning each game and its result in the chronicles. The late '50s though saw a reversal of athletic fortune. "The boy's baseball team rejoiced over

its only victory of the season...one more victory than last year."

In 1969, the news was bad again. Speaking of the boys' basketball team, the chronicler says, "Their efforts this season did not pay off in victories, but their game did improve."



St. Hugo of the Hills produced its first musical, *The Music Man*, during the 1973-74 school year. There were 839 students enrolled that year, and they were taught by 10 IHM Sisters and 30 lay teachers.

During our **Featured Class Year, 1988**, Sister Margaret Van Velzen, IHM, was starting her 12<sup>th</sup> year as principal. A team of 32 eighth-grade girls from St. Hugo participated in Marian High School's Scholastic Olympics and defeated 12 other schools for the first of many Scholastic Olympic trophies.

The play that year was *Cheaper by the Dozen*. **Anne Sertich, Adora Poon** and **Jeffrey Smiegelski** were the first, second and third place local winners in the Farm Bureau Insurance Group's "America and Me" essay contest.

The eighth graders enjoyed a field trip to Bob-Lo Island on June 6. At the June 7 awards presentation, **Kevin Kindt** and **Brian Hartwell** shared the Tom Anzick Award for the outstanding eighth grade boy. **Anne Sertich** received the Marian Conlan Award for the outstanding eighth grade girl. Graduation for the 92 eighth graders was held June 8.

St. Hugo of the Hills School remains open and active, with grades K-eight.

*If this brings back memories of your own school days with the IHM Sisters, why not [share](#) them online? The sisters would love to hear from you!*

## In 1988



Ronald Reagan was president of the United States, with the first George Bush as his vice president.

In the Persian Gulf, a U.S. Navy ship shot down an Iranian airliner, mistaking it for a jet fighter; 290 people were killed.

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North and Vice Admiral John Poindexter are indicted on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States in the the Iran-Contra case.

Pan-Am 747 exploded from a terrorist bomb and crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 aboard and 11 people on the ground.



Benazir Bhutto, the first Islamic woman prime minister, was chosen to lead Pakistan.



NASA scientist James Hansen warned Congress of the dangers of the global warming and the greenhouse effect.

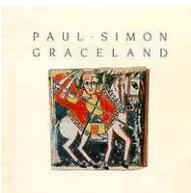


CDs outsold vinyl records for the first time.

The Washington Redskins defeated the Denver Broncos, 42-10, in the Super Bowl. The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Oakland A's in five games for the World Series. The Detroit Pistons lost the NBA Championship in seven games to the Los Angeles Lakers. The Edmonton Oilers swept their way to the Stanley Cup, trouncing the Boston Bruins.



Cher received a Best Actress Oscar for her role in *Moonstruck*. Michael Douglas was named Best Actor, for *Wall Street*.



Grammys went to Paul Simon's *Graceland*, for Record of the Year and "Somewhere Out There," by James Horner, Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil, for Song of the Year.