

Montague - TFHS School History (1800's - 2015)

- 1818 Ferry Rd. school in private house near old Davis Ice Co. at Unity Park
1872 L st. school (Hermanson Sons) lot: between 2nd -3rd st
1872 Montague City School established, closed 1972
1873 Center School (Montague) served as elementary school with upper grades as H.S.
Oakman School, Crocker Ave. named for 1st School Board chairman. TFHS used
upper floor from 1894 to 1905. Replaced in 1926 by Grammar School. Razed 1934
1876 Highland School, Millers Falls, closed 1974
1879 South End "Patch" School, closed 1972
1881 Central St. School, closed 1972
1884 1st four year class enters TFHS at Oakman School, Crocker Ave. T.F.
1885 Old 8th St. School, closed 1941
1887 1st four year class at TFHS graduates: 2 grads , 51 students ?
1896 St. Anne's Catholic, J St, grades 1 -8, closed 1967
1889 New 8th School, closed 1958
1904 TFHS on Crocker Ave plans. Opens 1905, 1st graduating class 1906
\$ 50,000 bond: Thomas Construction Co., T.F. 115 students
1905 Athletics programs 1st reported at TFHS
1907 Montague Center H.S. becomes an Agricultural school and other
students sent to TFHS on Crocker Ave. , T.F. 1908
1911 athletic " oval " developed behind TFHS for school teams - sports
Montague Agricultural H.S. closes. Students sent to TFHS
1914 Girls athletics 1st mentioned at TFHS (intramurals)
1916 "revival" of football at TFHS by William Shuster, no interscholastic games.
" school teams" fielded on - off prior

1926 Grammar School (Crocker Ave) replaces Oakman School. Grades 3-8.
All 9th graders at TFHS. Now grades 9-12.
1933 Double sessions at TFHS until 1937. "Indians " logo / mascot 1st used at TFHS ?
1936 addition to TFHS to alleviate overcrowding and double sessions (1933-36)
for 500+ students. Cost: \$ 197,000. Auditorium (800), Gym (1,200), 8 class rooms.
connected to Grammar School and all facilities housed grades 7-12. Opens 1937

Athletic field redone behind TFHS. JV and Frosh teams established
1951 Grades 7-8 from Millers Falls and Montague sent to Grammar School in TF
All 7-8th graders in town now in one building. JrHS athletic teams established
1952 8 A.M - 1 P.M. school day at TFHS & TFJHS
1958 Hillcrest Elementary opens: K - 6
1963 Grammar School (Crocker Ave.) now called TF Jr. H.S.
1965 Gill - Montague School District formed to build regional school 7-12 to replace TFHS
1966 8 A.M - 2:15 school day instituted at TFHS, TFJHS
1970 all Gill students now go to TFHS instead of Pioneer option
1973 TFHS, Turnpike Rd. opens replacing old TFHS. Cost: \$ 4,000,000. Fontaine Bros. -
Springfield / contractor. 1st class, 1974
Sheffield Elementary complex at old TFHS and TFJHS replaces closed: Central St.,
South End, Montague City
1974 Highland School (Millers Falls) closes
1980 Erving sends students to TFHS after withdrawing from Mahar Regional
1985 Great Falls Middle School separated from TFHS for 7-8 grades. Renovations of
school and grounds, fields
1987 Jan. 23, old TFHS, Crocker Ave. burns down (Sheffield annex)
1988 Sheffield annex rebuilt and attached to old TFJHS
1994 Edward Bourdeau Fields named to replace Gill-Montague Athletic Complex. Honoring
37 year teacher, coach, A.D. 1948 - 1994.
2003-5 TFHS and Gt.Falls Middle School undergo \$ 32.6 million makeover and athletic
fields redone. Lights installed May, 2005
2008 Montague Center School closed. Students sent to Hillcrest and Sheffield.
6th Grade added to GT. Falls M.S.

Mike Cadigan class '68
Nov. 2016

TFHS

- 1873 Montague Center school housed Center H.S. for area students (\$12,260) and Oakman School (\$14,490) on Crocker Ave., T.F. Named after the first person to serve on the local school committee in 1849. @ 50 students attended high school classes in Montague.
- 1884 First official classes designated as TFHS held in top floor of Oakman School on Crocker Ave. on the "hill" section of TF
- 1887 First graduating class from a four year program. Four graduates. ? 51 students ?
- 1904-5 TFHS built on "hill - plains" on Crocker Ave. next to Oakman School. Opened 1905. Cost: \$50,000 for building , land, fixtures, etc. Thomas Bros., Construction Co. T.F. July 27, 1904 town meeting votes to borrow \$50,000 and pay off at rate of \$5K yearly.
- 1906 1st TFHS graduating class at new H.S. - 9 grads
- 1907 Montague Center H.S. becomes an agricultural school
- 1911 Montague Center Agricultural H.S closes and students sent to TFHS
"athletic Oval" graded and seeded for TFHS sports teams behind school. P.E classes, Intramurals and sporadic varsity teams used grounds until modernized in 1936.
- 1923 Unity Park established. TFHS teams use fields until 1970's, especially baseball
- 1925 Grammar School built on site of Oakman School. Cost \$129,000. Crocker Ave. Opened in 1926.
- 1936 Additions to TFHS and connector hallways to Grammar School. New gym (1,100), Auditorium (900) capacities, 8 classrooms (2 stories) behind TFHS as well as Re-grading, updating ball fields behind school. Cost: \$195,000. Architect: Harold Mason, Leominster. Const. Co., George Reed, Greenfield. Opens 1937.
- 1948 Sheff Field (football) behind TFHS dedicated for teacher / coach killed in WW II.
- 1967 Gill - Montague School District formed (May, 1967). New school will have same name: TFHS to preserve old tradition of town and Indian (name) heritage.
- 1970 Gill sends all students to TFHS. No more to Pioneer Valley Regional H.S.
- 1973 TFHS relocated to Turnpike Rd. part of Gill-Montague Regional School District.
"old " TFHS becomes Sheffield Elementary school. Cost: \$4,000,000 for new TFHS including pool and fields. 1974 (143) graduates. Alfred Casella, Agawam, architect and Fontaine Bros., Springfield contractor. Construction started May 1972.
- 1974 last Varsity football game at Sheff Field, Nov. vs. Mt. Greylock
- 1980 Erving sends students to TFHS on tuition after withdrawing from Mahar Regional.
- 1985 Great Falls Middle School separated from TFHS for grades 7-8
- 1987 Jan.23 - "old " TFHS (Sheffield) Crocker Ave. burns down
- 1994 Athletic fields at TFHS now named Edward Bourdeau Fields after A.D. coach, teacher for 37 years and a 1940 TFHS grad.
- 2003-5 Renovations to TFHS and Great Falls M.S. Cost: \$32.6 million. Athletic fields redone, ball fields realigned, track, football field resurfaced and all fields lighted. 2002 plans, Finished 2005.
- 2008 6th Grade now at Gt.Falls M.S. - TFHS complex

Team logo / nickname: Indians (1933), Power town (1920's)
Athletic grounds: Edward Bourdeau Fields

Mike Cadran, class '68

TFHS Yearbook and School paper names

1905 ?	The Echo	paper
1919	The Review	paper
1920	Netop	paper
1921	Netop added pictures of graduating Seniors in June edition, now a magazine	
1933	Netop	June edition: 1933, served as 1st real "yearbook"
1934	Yearbook	no name, Class of 1934 named as "title", 1st separate Yearbook
1935-40	same as 1934, Turners Falls H.S. Class of "X"	
1941	Olympian	
1942	Red, White and Blue	
1943	We Hold the Future	
1944	Onward and Upward	
1945-49	Turners Falls H.S. Class of "X"	
1950	Wigwam	
1951	Our Town	
1952	Our Precious Years	
1953	Last Roundup	
1954	The Primer	
1955	Our Wonderland	
1956	Idylls	
1957	TFHS Indian Trails	
1958	The House of TFHS	
1959	Seniors Present	
1960-67	Peske Tuk	Indian name: split waters / river
1968	Retrospect	
1969-70	Peske Tuk	
1971	Us, Class '71	
1972-80	Peske Tuk	
1981	Peske Tuk - "once upon a time"	
1982	Peske Tuk - "greatest show on earth"	
1983	Peske Tuk - "round-up of 1983"	
1987	Peske Tuk - "a cruise through the years"	
1988	Peske Tuk - "a class of a different color"	
1989	Peske Tuk - "it's showtime"	
1990	Peske Tuk	
1991	Peske Tuk - "you had to be there"	
1992	Peske Tuk - "1992, too"	
1993	We All Shine On	
1994	Peske Tuk - "these are the days"	
1995	Peske Tuk - "Relection"	
1996	Peske Tuk	
1997	Peske Tuk - "changing courses"	
1998	Your Wildest Dreams	
1999	Peske Tuk - "Countdown"	
2000	Peske Tuk - "this is the year"	
2001	Peske Tuk	
2002	Peske Tuk	
2003	2003 Turners Falls H.S	
2004-12	Peske Tuk	
2013-16	Peske Tuk - Turners Falls High School	