

Classical



1845 — August 5

A new landmark added to our city — Worcester High School opened on Walnut Street with 142 pupils, boys from Latin School, girls from English High — first co-ed high school in Worcester — the pride of the city — the wonder of strangers.

1848

Beginning of "Excelsior," first school paper — written in longhand — last issue appeared in 1855.

1858

Eucleia Debating Society founded for boys — first organization in the high school and oldest group of its kind in the city.

1859

First printed school newspaper called "Thesaurus," — 32 issues — ran to 1866.

1860

Alumni Association organized.

1861

First diplomas presented.

1864

One daily session introduced — hours from 9:00 to 2:00 six days a week.

1870

Course of study divided into three groups including College, Classical, and English courses.

1871

Dedication of new building on Walnut Street.

1878

Simplification of marking system — letters used instead of numerals — one of first schools to adopt this plan.

1879

Saturday classes abolished.

1881

Formation of Aletheia Literary Society — oldest organization still functioning.

1885

Beginning of high school athletics with first Field Day.