

## Catlin Gabel detailed history

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### Earliest days

#### 1859

Portland Academy opens in downtown Portland.

#### 1911

Miss Catlin's School (a proprietary day & boarding school for girls, grades 8-12), founded by Ruth Catlin, begins classes in a Northwest Portland home. Teachers include Madame Edele Reed, who taught French at the school for decades.

#### 1913

Miss Anna Stillman begins teaching English at Miss Catlin's. [She retired in 1948.]

#### 1914

Miss Catlin acquires 3.5 acres on Culpepper Terrace in Westover Heights.

#### 1915



Living room at Miss Catlin's

"The pine tree in a circle" image adorns the cover of the literary magazine and yearbook at Miss Catlin's.

### Early days at Miss Catlin's

The school year at Miss Catlin's house in Northwest Portland begin with a "Bacon Bat" picnic to the country, a tradition that continues at Culpepper Terrace and soon includes a paper chase. Halloween hijinks and scary stories told by Miss Catlin are part of "initiation" of new students, girls wear middy blouses and bloomers for physical training classes or volleyball games with St. Helen's Hall, and a cowbell (still in use in the 1950s) calls students together for announcements. Every holiday season includes a moving play about Irish peasants called "The Nativity." Many dramatic productions, parodies, and skits feature lavish costumes and sometimes inventive scripts. A student-parent Garden Club helps to landscape the new campus.

The progressive notion of student government and concepts of responsibility, loyalty, and integrity are important. An "Honor Point Pin"—the pine tree in a rectangle— is awarded annually to the three girls who amass the most academic, athletic, and character points. The evening Installation of student officers involves a symbolic candle lighting ceremony, the pine tree lanterns, and a pledge "to do my best to uphold the standards of the school, and in all things to be gentle, courteous, fair, and kind." The school ring, the

pine tree set in an oval, becomes the symbol of office in student government. Students annually give the school ring to one senior who, in their judgment, represents the ideals of the school.

## 1915

Miss Catlin's students enjoy a "Bacon Bat" out "the Old Barnes Road."

## 1916

The main building on Culpepper Terrace is complete in time for Christmas festivities and decorations in the Studio. Miss Catlin's apartments are located on the second floor, adjacent to the Studio.

## 1918

The school closes for a time because of the Flu epidemic. Facilities now include a tennis court. Miss Clinton begins teaching history at Miss Catlin's, staying until 1942. Students share an outdoor May Day breakfast, cooked in the fireplace on the hill beyond the school buildings. (In later times, the platform here was a favorite play place for Hillside students.)

## 1920

The graduates of Miss Catlin's form the Alumnae Association. The school song, "Far Above the Broad Willamette," written by English teacher Anna Stillman, appears in the 1920 magazine. (Actual date of writing and source of the music are not known.) Portland Academy becomes the Preparatory School (a proprietary elementary school) directed by Miss Jewell and Miss Quigg. Miss Priscilla Gabel is a teacher.

## 1921

Catlin's intramural teams, the Peppers (green) and Terrors (red), compete, mainly in athletics. Team names derive from the school's street, Culpepper Terrace.

## 1924

Students enroll in lower school grades on Culpepper Terrace (perhaps earlier; this is the first mention found in yearbooks).

## 1925

Miss Catlin hosts the first Alumnae Tea.

## 1926

A covered court for outdoor activities is a welcome new feature of the Catlin campus.

## 1927

A "new house," the dormitory for boarding students at Miss Catlin's, is complete. (This building served as the preschool after the boarding department closed.)

## 1928

The Preparatory School, also known as Miss Jewell's, holds classes in a rented building at SW 13th and Montgomery. Formerly an athletic club, the second floor is a vast gymnasium whose mezzanine is a sloped running track.

The new Hillside building on Culpepper Terrace accommodates the elementary school (grades 1-6), "which has been combined with the [Cady School] of Musical Education." An important feature is a large auditorium with a stage for dramatic productions.

[The Cady School of Musical Education was a coeducational day school with students in grades 1-8. Its founding date, location, and other details are not known.]

Miss Catlin deeds the school to a self-perpetuating board of trustees. The Catlin-Hillside School is defined as a nonprofit, coeducational day school for students in grades 1-6, and a day and boarding school for girls in grades 7-12. Later descriptions refer to it as a non-sectarian school.

## 1929

Miss Ora Belden begins teaching Latin at Miss Catlin's, continuing until 1962.

## 1930s at Catlin-Hillside

The May Day celebrations are elaborate, including outdoor pageants with a crowned king and queen, plays and stunts, and morris dances by older students. Lower School students perform the May pole dance. Mrs. Giggs (Cuzzie) Schaffler teaches dance of all kinds and choreographs dramatic presentations. A series of vocational conferences occur over several years to acquaint girls with information about fields "open to women," including a lecture by Esther Dayman (later Esther Dayman Strong) in 1931, and there are many speakers on current affairs. It is unclear when in this decade Miss Catlin retires as principal and Mrs. Jessie Powers assumes the day-to-day running of the school.

## 1931

Lower School students present *St. George and the Dragon* as part of the "old English pageant" for May Day.

## 1934

Pepper-Terror competition expands to include spelling bees and other activities.

A small newspaper, "The Catlin Cricket," appears for the first time.

## 1936

Mme. Edele Reed is honored as an Officier d'Academie by the French government for her 25 years of work in French education.

Students publish a new paper, the *Pine Needle*, and this name sticks for many years.

## 1930s at Gabel Country Day

Miss Gabel acquires a traditional, downtown, elementary school in 1931. In just five years she develops a progressive, coeducational country day school for students in grades 1-12. Along with usual academic classes, both boys and girls learn to use tools in manual training classes, and the school property is a natural site for hands-on scientific studies. Art is also important, with students taking the featured roles in their carefully crafted and costumed portrayals -tableaux- of old master portraits. James Beard, who briefly

fills in for an ailing cook, also teaches English for a time, and regularly returns to prepare the annual Christmas pageant.

## 1933

Miss Gabel's School adds coeducational high school classes.

Ruben Ross coaches football, the British Mr. Harvey teaches badminton and woodshop.

## 1936

Miss Gabel acquires the former Multnomah Golf Club property in Raleigh Hills, reselling some portions for development, and incorporates her school as the nonprofit Gabel Country Day School. [The Manvel Schauflier report mistakenly says this occurred in 1933.]

Mrs. Raz drove a bus to transport Gabel Country Day students to the new campus, beginning a long association between the Raz Transportation Company and both Gabel and Catlin-Hillside.

Miss Gabel teaches Latin; James Beard teaches English; Rachael Griffin teaches art.

## 1937

Clean Up Day involves all students at Gabel Country Day School in caring for the campus.

## 1938

By some reports, Gabel Country Day School included about 60 students and half a dozen teachers.

## 1940s at Catlin-Hillside

Annual ceremonies include the first fire of winter in the Studio, May Day with a court of princesses from each grade, and Mother-Daughter teas. The afternoon graduation ceremonies in June involve a procession of all students, dressed in white. Ushers carrying the school lanterns escort the seniors, who wear white evening dresses (shoulders covered) and carry sprays of blue delphinium and white peonies from Burkhardt's Flowers, a shop in the brick building at the foot of Vista at Burnside.

## 1941

Catlin-Hillside School discontinues the high school boarding department.

The 8th grade production of *St. George and the Dragon* becomes a regular part of Hillside holiday celebrations.

## 1942

Mrs. Jessie Powers resigns and Anne Parker Wood becomes principal.



The Catlin School

## 1944

Esther Dayman Strong becomes director of Catlin-Hillside School.

## 1945

First Rummage Sale. Esther Dayman Strong sought out new fundraising opportunities, and Peg Jennings came up with the idea. The first sale, held in the fall, raised about \$8,000, a great deal in those days.

## 1947

*H.M.S. Pinafore*, directed by Nell Givler, was the first Hillside Gilbert & Sullivan production.

## 1940s at Gabel Country Day

The importance of community and participation is high at Gabel, with lots of plays, sports, social events, and special celebrations at Christmas. A centerpiece for Christmas pageants are translucent panels students make from colored, oiled paper to simulate stained glass in the library windows. This beautiful tradition later emerges at Catlin, where students design the same kind of windows for the Hillside auditorium.

## Early '40s

Two British brothers attend Gabel Country Day, a refuge from the London blitz and the threat of the European war.

## 1945

Last seniors graduate from Gabel Country Day School, and the high school closes. Some of the younger girls transfer to Catlin-Hillside, becoming double alumnae.

## 1946

Gabel teachers Catherine Jones (high school science until 1956), Rachael Griffin (art), and Nell Givler (music until 1978) join the faculty at Catlin-Hillside.

## 1947

Amos Lawrence becomes principal of Gabel Country Day School.

Pet Day begins at Gabel Country Day School, initiated by past parent and trustee Elizabeth Hirsch as an activity all ages could enjoy.

Elizabeth Hirsch's children or stepchildren variously attended all iterations of the school: Gabel Country Day, Hillside, Catlin, and Catlin Gabel. Before the merger of the schools, a daughter, Carol Conklin Ochsner, attended both Gabel and Hillside for lower school, and Catlin for high school. Years later, she returned to teach mathematics at Catlin Gabel high school before entering the engineering field.

## 1955

Thornton W. Moore becomes principal of Gabel Country Day School.

## 1950s at Catlin-Hillside

Activities period and the Independent List are new features at Hillside. The student newspaper is the *Hillside Herald*. In the fall, students snatch grapes from the vines growing on the tennis court fence; in winter, freezing temperatures lead to icing the courts for skating at recess. The 8th graders produce an increasingly hysterical version of *St. George and the Dragon* as a holiday entertainment each year, and there is a creditable production of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta by the 6/7/8 chorus every June.

New features in the high school include hosting American Field Service Exchange students. Among them is the school's first non-European exchange student, Belkis Disbudak, from Turkey, in 1955-56. Student activities include an annual religious conference at Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, the Pepper-Terror horse show, and day and overnight ski trips to Timberline. The newspaper is the *Pine Needle*, and team sports are volleyball and basketball, coached by Mary Whalen (later MacFarlane); opponents include Marylhurst College and St Helen's Hall (now OES). Senior privileges include use of the front stairs, seats in the front row in the Studio, and the option of buying coffee in the cafeteria at recess.

## 1956

E. Kimbark MacColl is a trustee of the school, representing the educational community — a goal of the board at that time — from his position as admission director at Reed College.

## 1957

The Terrors win the Rummage contest, collecting more toys, books, and records, and jewelry than the Peppers.

January or February: Catlin-Hillside School and Gabel Country Day School agree to merge as Portland Country Day School. After two or three months, the new board of trustees changes the corporate name to Catlin Gabel School, responding to alumni reaction. Esther Strong continues as director of the newly formed school.

Fall: First co-educational high school class (class of 1961) enrolls at Catlin Gabel. High school classes meet in Culpepper Terrace classrooms; preschool-8th grade classes use both Catlin-Hillside and Gabel Country Day facilities.

The Raleigh Hills Public School District acquires the Gabel campus by the right of eminent domain.

## 1958

Spring: The trustees purchase the 36-acre Dant property on SW Barnes Road, and the high school students visit en masse for an ice cream social.

Esther Strong retires as director of the school. E. Kimbark MacColl is named to the position of headmaster.

Fall: The high school students move to the Barnes Road campus. The Culpepper Terrace campus accommodates grades preschool-8.



Honey Hollow Farm  
Formal Garden

## 1960s at Catlin Gabel

The school year usually opens with a parent-faculty-trustee dinner in the Barn, and a ski carnival for the whole school is an annual event. Activities include folk dancing in the Barn and paddock, exchange of tapes and letters with the Fletcher School in Southern Rhodesia, competitions between "Team 1" and "Team 2" (later to become Blue and White teams), and frequent assemblies featuring speakers on world affairs. High school girls play field hockey, and boys play football and belong to the "Lettermen's Club." Student government has a new constitution, but officers are installed using the traditional candle lighting ceremony.

For several years, Middle and Upper school classes meet four days a week until 4 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and until midday on Friday. Lower School students study French; older students choose French, German, or Latin. Students attend conferences with students from other PNAIS schools. An AFS exchange student comes from Iran (1960), and the association with the Experiment in International Living begins. For a few years, students from both programs attend Catlin Gabel.

## 1960

Kitchen facilities make the Barn ever more useful. It serves as cafeteria, assembly room, theater, dance and music studio, the site of the prom, and, until Cabell Center was built, graduation.

The Oregon Indoor Tennis Club develops the first of two private tennis courts on campus that are available for student use during school hours.

## 1961

First coeducational class graduates from the Catlin Gabel high school.

## 1962

First issue of a student newspaper, *The Needler*.



8th grade teacher Manvel Schaufler becomes headmaster in 1967.

## 1963

The Rummage Sale nets more than \$20,000 for the first time.

## 1964

The game of 4-Square comes to Catlin Gabel.

Student initiative results in the Student Room down by the Barn, for hanging out or playing ping pong in free time.

## 1966

Edward Blair becomes headmaster.

## 1967

Manvel Schauffler reluctantly accepts recruitment as acting headmaster, then the permanent position, and continues as head until 1980.

The trustees release the option to acquire property west of the campus to the St. Vincent Hospital board and instead purchase a 21-acre walnut grove on the north boundary of the campus.

A portion of the walnut grove morphs into MacColl Field for athletic events.

The Rummage Sale nets more than \$50,000 for the first time.

## 1967-68

Grades 7 and 8 move to the Barnes Road campus, and the Middle School is born.

## 1968

Grades K-6 move to the Barnes Road campus.

Beehive construction is incomplete when school opens, and the preschool begins the year in a Cedar Hills church.

Dedication of the Upper School library, designed by John Storrs on the site of the Dants' formal rose garden. The building is dedicated as the Jean Vollum Humanities Center in spring 2007.

Installation of Al Goldsby sculpture, "Turtles" in the library's lower courtyard.

The Portland Art Museum purchases the Culpepper Terrace campus for art studio space.

## 1968-69

First year that classes for all grades take place on Honey Hollow campus.

## 1969

Senior-1st grader buddy partnerships begun. Shared experiences include a trip to the Pumpkin Patch and pumpkin carving, and a zoo trip.

Ron Tenison introduces the first computer at CGS, a Hewlett Packard 9100A.

First Rummage Sale at the Memorial Coliseum Exhibit Hall, fall 1969.

Catlin Gabel, ahead of its time, hires a development director.



Folk dancing was a popular student activity in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

## 1970s at Catlin Gabel

All-school events characterize this decade, given the lift of being together on one campus. The PFA back-to-school picnic starts the fall each year and the Spring Festival of the Arts begins May with a Renaissance Fair of art and music. This includes a book fair, garden shop, face painting, the Maypole dance, and a huge all-family spaghetti dinner in the Barn at the end of the day. The 1974 festival includes a hot air balloon launch and pony cart rides.

Student enthusiasm is high, for rollicking talent shows, a week of hard work loading rummage for the caravan to the Coliseum, complex Winterim schedules, and ambitious senior projects (including one pair's driving adventure to the tip of South America). A talented group of student and faculty madrigal singers, directed by Dave Schauffler, travels to California on a concert tour, and the Summer Theater Group takes plays on the road or even to Europe. A 7-a-side invitational soccer tournament develops into a Soccer Jamboree to kick off the fall sports season.

April Fools' jokes range from blocking a building's entrance with a huge block of ice to filling the headmaster's office with crumpled newspapers, and hiding classroom chairs in the rafters of the science building.

### 1970

Lower School students choose French or German. In the meantime, new language lab technology and the infamous "check-off" system combine with classroom work for Upper School students taking French, German, or Spanish. Latin is no more.

Catlin Gabel hosts its first 7-a-side invitational soccer tournament

### 1971

A garage door separates the two classrooms "Down Under" the Barn.

Fred Brooker joins the maintenance staff.

Dave Corkran's first year coaching track (he was still at it in 2007-08).



Boys basketball in the 1970s.

### 1973

The school dedicates the Cabell Center for the Performing Arts, honoring Henry and Margaret Cabell, benefactors of the school. Henry Cabell's leadership of the first Catlin Gabel School board helped ease the uncertainties surrounding the joining of the two schools.

Construction of the administration building, nicknamed "Toad Hall."

### 1974

The boys soccer team wins its 6th straight soccer championship in a game played on artificial turf at the Civic Stadium.

## 1975

"Deer," a sculpture by Tom Hardy, is installed near the Lower School entrance.

First year that the CGSA president serves as an ex-officio member of the board of trustees.

## 1976

High Country School leaders work with Grade 6 to create a maxi-map of the United States on the pavement in front of the Barn.

## 1977

The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta tradition is revived with a rousing high school production of *HMS Pinafore*.

Upper School French students travel to France.

The senior gift involves their sweat equity, to develop a (then) state-of-the-art regulation track on the upper field.

## 1978

First Grandparents Day.

Upper School camping trips spend one night at various locations on the coast, then come together at Ecola State Park for the final night.

## 1979

Jean Vollum invents and endows the Distinguished Writers Series to bring notable writers to campus to work with students.

Catlin Gabel hires its first learning specialist. The learning center makes its home in the old bookstore in Toad Hall, and the bookstore moves down under the Barn.

## 1980s at Catlin Gabel

Chaucer Day challenges sophomores to recite the opening lines of *Canterbury Tales* from memory, anywhere on campus teacher Bob Ashe encounters them. Under the leadership of Joey Day Pope '54, Honey Hollow Horticulture volunteers work to nurture the campus landscape, and new events such as Grandparents Day, the Distinguished Writers Series, and the past trustees dinner bring many people to campus in new ways. *The Stripper* newspaper comes out sporadically, and a Black Box stage in the Cabell Center wings becomes the site for informal Friday evening coffee house entertainments. Computer technology alters the landscape, quite literally, as faculty innovators develop in-ground cable links from other buildings to the mainframe computer in the Upper School. Students study computer programming, and offices incorporate computers into daily operations such as recordkeeping, communications, and mail processing.

## 1980

Steven J. Prigohzy becomes headmaster.

## 1981

The Rummage Sale nets more than \$100,000 for the first time.

An untitled sculpture by Lee Kelly is installed in the library courtyard in memory of Helen Wilson. (Library has been renovated for humanities classrooms.)

A young cat is found injured on Barnes Road by Dorbe Holden. She rescues him, names him Barnes, and he lives with the Medleys in the caretaker's house on campus for years.

First Lower School exchanges with Summit School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the Olinca School in Mexico City in programs developed through the Network of Complementary Schools.

## 1982

A Catlin Gabel bus transports delighted students and their chaperones to a Rolling Stones concert in the Seattle Kingdome in October of 1981. The driver, Clint Darling, dons a gift of blue love beads and a curious Mexican garment.

Middle and Upper School students examine nuclear issues in a community conference organized by alumnus and Catlin Gabel teacher Steven Saslow '61.

After-School Care programs begin for Lower School children.

## 1983

Clinton B. Darling is named acting headmaster.

25th anniversary of the merger of Catlin-Hillside and Gabel Country Day.

Entire high school attends a showing of the movie Gandhi.

Mary Whalen MacFarlane retires, completing 37 years of teaching at Catlin, Hillside, and Catlin Gabel.

## 1984

John T. Whatley becomes headmaster.

The school establishes the Catlin Gabel Foundation to manage the School's endowment of \$1.1 million.

US history teacher John Wiser receives a Certificate of Excellence from the White House Committee on Presidential Scholars and the U.S. Dept. of Education.

## 1985

Students raise \$2,000 during Mexican Earthquake Relief Month. Their interest is heightened by the Lower and Middle School student exchanges with Olinca School in Mexico City.

Alumni receive the first edition of the Catlin Gabel alumni directory.

James K. Scott becomes headmaster.

Enrollment preschool- grade 12 is 580 students.

## 1986

Physics teacher Lowell Herr wins one of the 54 national Presidential Awards for Excellence in teaching.

The Rummage Sale moves to the Expo Center.

Senior parents host a substance-free all-night senior graduation party for the first time.

## 1987

School receives \$3.8 million from the estate of Howard Vollum, founder of Tektronix and the father of four CGS alumni. The endowment reaches \$12.9 million.

Middle School students plant a memorial garden to honor those who died in the OES mountain tragedy.

## 1988

The Gilbert and Sullivan tradition revives with a high school production of *Pirates of Penzance*.

Inception of the Esther Dayman Strong Lectureship in the Humanities.

Boys are state soccer champions.

## 1989

New traffic light installed on Barnes Rd. in response to increased traffic and safety concerns.

Catlin Gabel is the first high school to connect to the early Internet through Bitnet, an academic network.

Catlin Gabel Chamber Choir wins the Oregon State Choir Contest.

## 1990s at Catlin Gabel

Increasing emphasis on becoming citizens of the world shows in exchanges with schools in Mexico City, Japan, and England, and choir tours and other experiential trips to Europe. Counseling programs develop, and many students become trained peer counselors. Individual sports opportunities include Tai Chi, bowling, rock climbing, croquet, and fly fishing, while sports teams enjoy many successful seasons. The school engages with the Portland community through the Summerbridge Program for disadvantaged students, and teachers pursue increasing professional development opportunities. The campus changes in material ways with the community-built playground, the LS Art Barn, opening of the new Middle School building, and dramatic additions and renovations to the athletics facilities and the Lower School.

## 1990

New Middle School opens.

New Upper School activities include MUN and Mock Trial.

Japanese classes are available in the Upper School for the first time.

## 1991

Gymnasium addition of 11,000 square feet includes new locker rooms, weight room, and a health classroom. \$1.2 million project.

Dedication of the Lower School Art Barn

First exchange student from China.

Five MAT candidates from Lewis & Clark College undertake year-long internships in Lower School classrooms.

## 1992

Lower School renovation, with the library at the center of the building. \$1.5 million budget.

Donation of "The Donkey, the Rocks, and the Bird" a sculpture by Brad Rude enhances the area between the LS science room and the Art Barn.

Safety of the campus improves with a new, community-landscaped parking lot, development of a new service road, and improved traffic control on Barnes Road.

The Joey Day Pope '54 Volunteer Award is established, in honor of an alumna whose decades of commitment to the integrity and beauty of the school have involved everything from care of Miss Catlin's antiques to cataloging the school's art collection, developing the school entrance, planning and fundraising for the collection of pine trees throughout the campus, and spearheading Honey Hollow Horticulture.

## 1993

First Elana Gold '93 Memorial Environmental Restoration Project.

Exchange programs with Gifu Kita School in Japan & The Forest School in England.

## 1995-96

Student trip to France.

Andrew Beyer becomes acting Head of School, and a year-long search for the new Head of School begins.

## Fall 1996

Lark Palma, PhD, is named Head of School.

## 1996

Alumni, parent, staff, faculty, and student volunteers build LS playground.

The Alumni Association honors Philip Hawley '43, with the first Distinguished Alumni Award.

## 1997

Edward E. Ford Foundation grants \$50,000 to CGS for a faculty professional development endowment.

Chamber Choir wins the Oregon State Choir championship.

Dedication of Eaton Field, the baseball diamond on the lower athletic field.

## 1999

Chamber Choir embarks on a summer concert tour in England, making CD recordings in the Lady Chapel at Ely Cathedral.

US mathematics building opens.

## 2000 and onward at Catlin Gabel

The turn of the century brings comprehensive development of the Upper School areas of the campus, the advent of the wireless network and laptop computer use, a revitalization of the outdoor program, and burgeoning class trips and experiential activities. Individual sports include ultimate Frisbee, bowling, golf, and tennis, while hard work earns sports teams success. The curriculum includes increased use of the computer in all fields, including study of digital design and photography,

## 2000

The remodeled Beginning School, a \$1.7 million project, opens, enhanced by "Bees" sculptures by Ann Storrs, '72.

## 2003

Dedication of Corkran Pond.  
Dedication of Schauff Circle.  
Opening of the James F. Miller Library and Hillman Modern Languages Center.

## 2004

Girls Soccer Team wins eleventh consecutive 3A/2A/1A State Championship.

The Catlin Gabel Racquetball Team earned first place in the National High School Racquetball Championships at the Multnomah Athletic Club, competing against 51 high schools from across the country.

## 2005

The Middle School arts curriculum includes drama classes.

School receives \$2 million endowment grant for financial aid from the Malone Family Foundation.

## 2006

The school offers Chinese language classes in LS, MS, US.

Imagine 2020 Conference works toward a vision of Catlin Gabel's future.

First happiness symposium for area high schools students occurs on campus.

## 2007

The Catlin Gabel Eagles earn the OSAA All-Sports Award for the seventh consecutive year, an award for the school with the strongest record in all sports combined.

Natural Steps process helps define school's commitment to sustainability.

Renovated Dant House and Vollum Humanities Center open.

Experiential summer trip to Turkey.

## 2009

Planning and Leadership Across City Environments program—PLACE—hired first director.

Rummage Sale retired at age 65.

Catlin Gabel selected by *Oregon Business* magazine as one of the 100 best nonprofits to work for in Oregon.

## 2010

PLACE urban studies elective offered in Upper School.

Global trips to Nepal, Cuba, Cosa Rica, and Martinique.

Two CGS students won top honors at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. This was the first time that two of the top three winners were from the same school.

Student enrollment is 730, and 25% of students identify themselves as people of color.

Today, the school facilities comprise a 54-acre wooded campus with 4 soccer fields, a state-of-the-art track, 2 outdoor tennis courts, 2 indoor tennis courts, and a fully equipped gym and weight room. Each division has its own area; all share the Cabell Center (theater), the Barn (cafeteria), the Paddock, an apple orchard, and the Fir Grove.

## 2011

Phil and Penny Knight make the largest gift in school history, endowing the Knight Family Scholars Program.

The Catlin Gabel Service Corps launches with multigenerations working together in the Portland community. The Service Corps emerged as a non-fundraising replacement of the Rummage Sale.

A challenge ropes course is installed in the woods below the Lower School Art Barn.

Boys and girls soccer teams and the girls cross-country team win state championships.

Campus expands to 60 acres.

The vegetable garden takes root!

## 2012

Tuition on the Track, a student and faculty-staff walkathon for financial aid, is introduced. The idea stemmed from a student "Agent of Change" essay written for English class.

Lark Palma announces her plan to leave after one more year as head of school.

The search for a new head commences with formation of a search committee and community input about the attributes the community seeks in the next head of school.

Arts teachers break ground on a new Middle and Upper School Creative Arts Center.

## **2013**

Seniors replace the map of the U.S. painted on the cement in front of the Barn with a new map of the world.

Tim Bazemore is selected to become the next head of school starting July 2014/

Celebrations of Lark Palma's 19 years of leadership dubbed Larkapooza.

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