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## It's Back to School Next Month For 17,000 Birmingham Area Pupils

### 3 Month Vacation Near End

It's back to the text books, the classrooms and the ivy leagues next month for some 17,000 Birmingham area youngsters.

That three-month summer break—much too short for the kids (and teachers) and sometimes much too long for mom and dad—is just about over.

School is reopening.

Before many more days have passed, the corridors of the area's numerous public, private and parochial schools will again be bulging with lads and lassies from 5 to 19, many just back from summer camps, vacation trips or a stay at the cottages.

SEPT. 2 is the key day for Birmingham district schools. Those in Bloomfield Hills open two days later, Sept. 4.

At Cranbrook and Kingswood, new students register Sept. 15, old students sign in the 16th and classes start the 17th. Dates apply for both lower and upper schools. The area's five parochial schools—Holy Name, St. Columban's, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, St. Hugo of the Hills and Our Shepherd Lutheran church school will all open shortly after Labor day.

Birmingham school district officials expect a registration of 11,109 pupils at public schools here this fall. Another 2,274 from the Birmingham district are expected at private and parochial schools.

**THE FIGURES** are based on a census of youngsters 5 through 19 years old as of May 31 of this year.

Enrollment at Bloomfield Hills district schools is predicted to hit 2,800. There are 3,662 school-age children in the district.

Four new schools are opening in the area—the Bloomfield Hills junior high, at Quanton and Wing Lake roads; the Pine Lake elementary school in Bloomfield Hills district, on W. Long Lake road; Sacred Heart convent, on Kensington in Bloomfield Hills city, and St. Columban church's elementary school.

**CONSTRUCTION** will also start this fall on a Birmingham junior-senior high school. Located at Thirteen Mile and Evergreen, it will serve the southern part of the district.

Also beginning this fall is work on the two-unit Central Catholic high school, one building for boys, one for girls.

A story on the new construction is one of several features in this special back-to-school section.

Also to be found: Stories on curriculum changes in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills schools.

**THE 1958-59** school calendars for Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield.

Maps of the attendance areas of each school district.

News bits on area collegians. Photographs of all schools, public and parochial, in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills districts and Lathrup.



### Getting a Preview of Kindergarten

Kindergartners this fall, Terry Banning and Pat Riley peer into the Valley Woods school to get a line on where they'll be going. The children are 5 years old, and so is the dalmatian—but Candy, poor pooch, will have to stay

home. Terry's parents are the John Bannings of 32750 Belvine, and Pat is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Riley, 32545 Bellvine. (Eccentric photo, by Les Line.)

ham and Bloomfield Hills districts and Lathrup.

Lists of the officers of your PTA's, their meeting places and times.

The names of the Bloomfield, Birmingham and Lathrup teachers, the subjects they teach and their grades.

**REPORTS ON** building repairs and maintenance at area schools, its cost and the type of work done.

Plus . . . fashions . . . the latest in styles for the back-to-schooler of all ages and photos of what's right to wear at old alma mater.

### School Bus Riders Safer, Thanks to Eccentric, Solons

Michigan's school bus passengers will be much safer this coming school term, thanks to the efforts of The Birmingham Eccentric and state legislators from this area.

A bill requiring motorists approaching stopped school buses to halt in both directions was signed into law by Gov. Williams earlier this year.

**THE ECCENTRIC**, third district representative Farrell E. Roberts and Oakland's state senator, L. Harvey Lodge, were responsible for the passage of the measure, introduced after a series of tragic accidents in the Birmingham area involving youngsters unloading from school buses.

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## Push 6 Big Projects In School Expansion

A multi-million-dollar junior-senior high school for south Birmingham.

An elementary school at Pine Lake.

Sacred Heart's new convent.

Birmingham's new two-unit Central Catholic high school, Bloomfield Hills' new junior high school.

St. Columban's elementary school.

Six major projects—four being rushed for completion for the opening of school this fall.

The rapid expansion of Birmingham area educational facilities continues.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** junior high, Pine Lake, Sacred Heart and St. Columban's will open their doors to their first pupils this September.

By then—or shortly after—construction will begin on two new high schools for Birmingham, one public, one parochial.

Birmingham's board of education, its citizen's advisory committee and architects Smith, Tarapata and MacMahon are completing the plans for this city's new \$4,500,000 junior-senior high school at Thirteen Mile and Evergreen roads.

**DESIGNED** with 2,000 pupils in mind, the school will include 28 classrooms, two study halls, an indoor-outdoor swimming pool, gymnasium, library and facilities for little theater, music, speech and radio workshop as well as for business education, science, arts and crafts, homemaking and shop, industrial arts, printing and journalism.

More than \$1,000,000 will go into each of two Catholic high schools to be built at Lahser road near Fourteen Mile.

**SIX PARISHES**—Holy Name, St. Columban's, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, St. Bede's, St. Hugo of the Hills and Clawson Guardian Angel—will be served by the boys' high school and the separate girls' high school.

Quarters for instructors of the estimated 2,000 pupils will be on the 36-acre site of the new schools.

The girls high school will be the first opened—by next fall, according to present plans. The boys school will be completed the following year.

**AN ESTIMATED** 650 pupils are (See **PROJECTS**, Page 10)