



MORRIS KNOLLS



Opened:	1964
Mascot:	Golden Eagle
School Colors:	Green, Gold and White
Yearbook:	The Talon (Eagle's Claw)
Newspaper:	The Quill
Publication:	Spectrum
Communities:	Rockaway Township & Denville

The first graduating class of 1966 voted on the name of the school, mascot and colors. Students wanted to name the school after President Kennedy who was recently assassinated but was vetoed by school officials. Another choice for the name of the school was Crestmont High.

For the past 50 years, this campus setting has been a special place where thousands of graduates can claim the Knolls as their Alma Mater. Opened in 1964 and built to accommodate approximately 1,000 students, Morris Knolls immediately established itself as a highly reputable secondary school. Starting with a staff of 74, and classrooms numbering 54, Morris Knolls High School expanded rapidly. By 1970, the functional capacity was doubled to 2,100 as a result of a major building addition, including more classrooms, a spacious auditorium, an expanded gymnasium and a second cafeteria.

By the late 1970's, Morris Knolls High School reached its zenith in the size of the student body with almost 2,200 students and professional staff of 150 classroom teachers, support personnel and building administrators. Along with the rapid enrollment growth in the '70s the curriculum was significantly broadened to enrich the educational experience of students. Our work study and vocational technical programs enabled us to provide learning opportunities compatible with the world of work. During that period of time, Morris Knolls affirmed its place as a comprehensive educational institution.

1973



As Morris Knolls High School entered the 1980s, a third major campus improvement was initiated, culminating in the dedication ceremony of Caruso Stadium in 1983. Outdoor athletic facilities were upgraded, a campus beautification program was implemented to maintain the high standards for site and facilities care. The 1980s saw the start of our innovative Gifted and Talented Program, a Freshman Awareness Program, Advance Placement courser, a Peer Listening Program and a host of state and nationally recognized special programs designed to meet the changing needs of our school population.



The 1990s brought dramatic changes in technology and Morris Knolls has kept pace with these changes by adding numerous computer laboratories, course offerings across the curriculum utilizing computers and a variety of computer software.

Entering the new millennium Morris Knolls again moved forward, this time by adding an addition to the building and improving campus facilities. In 2003 MK started construction on a two story science wing. Major renovations included a new gym floor and bleachers, locker and team rooms, tennis courts, new surface for the track, and chairs and carpet for the auditorium. The art and technology departments were also renovated. Construction was completed in 2007.

In 2013 the grass field at Caruso Stadium was replaced with state of the art turf field.

