

CARDINAL HALL OF DISTINCTION



Warren “Chris” Kreunen

Warren “Chris” Kreunen provided unselfish service to the Bangor School District from 1944 until his retirement in 1973. The successful fulfillment of his responsibilities as social studies teacher, principal, district administrator, and financial director of the Bangor Area Schools, made the growth, centralization, and continuing prosperity of the district possible. Chris was instrumental in numerous building projects within the district. The “white building” was constructed and added on to the high school in 1953 as the village elementary school. In 1957, a new gymnasium and additional classrooms were added to the 1917 high school building. Chris was the master planner for the 1967 elementary building project which consolidated students from twelve rural schools and the white building into one Elementary School building in the Bangor community. Students recall Mr. Kreunen’s friendly advice and untiring efforts for the betterment of the school an inspiration. Many students still remember, with a smile, Mr. Kreunen’s unique initiation of the daily announcements with the question “What’s the weather report for today?” Mr. Kreunen’s wife Evelyn often shared with community members, “Chris made education his life. He has always put the school and the students before himself. He even built his house near the school to keep an eye on things.”

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