

## **ROCHAMBEAU'S ARBORETUM**

An arboretum is a botanical garden specialized in the identification and presentation of trees, shrubs and bushes.

This site about the arboretum will be progressively completed with the development of the study of plants that we can find on our campuses.

Many of the trees are historical. They were part of the local forest ecosystem long before the construction of the high school on the *Forest Road* site (a name to ponder...). They are mostly tulip trees and walnut trees. There were still several oaks in the early 2000s: willow oak, white oak, and red oak. All of these trees have been cut down.

After the new buildings were constructed, many trees and shrubs were placed on campus. These are often horticultural varieties such as cherry trees. However, many young cherry trees with willow leaves have also been added.

This year, two sophomore grade classes are involved in building the first phase of our arboretum. Their work is limited to the Forest Rd campus only. Next year, the new campus should help expand our tree list.

Technically, QR codes will be placed at the feet of some of the trees and shrubs. Curious visitors will be able to discover information by joining this page of the website.

We will also build a virtual map of the distribution of species on the campuses.