

## HMHS Construction Updates

With a week remaining before the opening day of school, we wanted to bring you up to speed with the progress of the construction at HMHS.

**Air Conditioning:** The vast majority of the air conditioning was completed last spring and we were able to enjoy the benefits. Additional air conditioning work is being completed in the auditorium and we expect to have the unit functional for the first day of school. With this project completed, all areas of the A and C Buildings will be air conditioned with the exception of the A Gym.

**New Door Locks:** All interior doors have new locks in place. These were installed toward the end of the '17-'18 school year. These locks help to boost security with all teachers being able to lock every classroom or office door. In addition, doors can now be locked from inside the classroom so in case of an emergency, no teacher must enter the hallway to lock a door.

**Lunches:** As with last year, the lunch serving line will be located on the first floor of the A Building in front of the A Gym. We will have three designated eating areas for the first semester: Three interior locations - the library, the A Gym, and C8, along with two exterior locations - the courtyard and the picnic tables located in the area between the A Building and C Building. We are asking that students eat in these areas only. For purposes of cleanliness, we must restrict where food is eaten. Students in hallways and stairwells will be asked to move to a designated eating area.

**A Building:** The A Building is nearly complete as the roofers finish the front of the building over the next two weeks. When school opens next Wednesday, there will be no lifts or equipment in front of the school. The final gutter and downspout work will be completed from ladders. This work area will be isolated by the use of caution tape. There is still work to do on the Auditorium roof, but it will not impact the school day.

The Courtyard will be open for full use beginning the start of school. We will have picnic tables placed in the area to add additional seating spaces for students during lunch and open campus.

Room A213 suffered some water damage during the heavy rains last week. The soffits were exposed due to the roofing project. An area of flooring tiles has been damaged. Our maintenance team is addressing the problem, but there is a chance the room will not be usable until later in September. If the room is not available, schedules will be updated in Genesis to reflect the changes.

**C Building:** Work on the C Building has been completed. The two new classrooms, C212 and C214 were completed and in use at the end of the school year. There are no restrictions in this building.

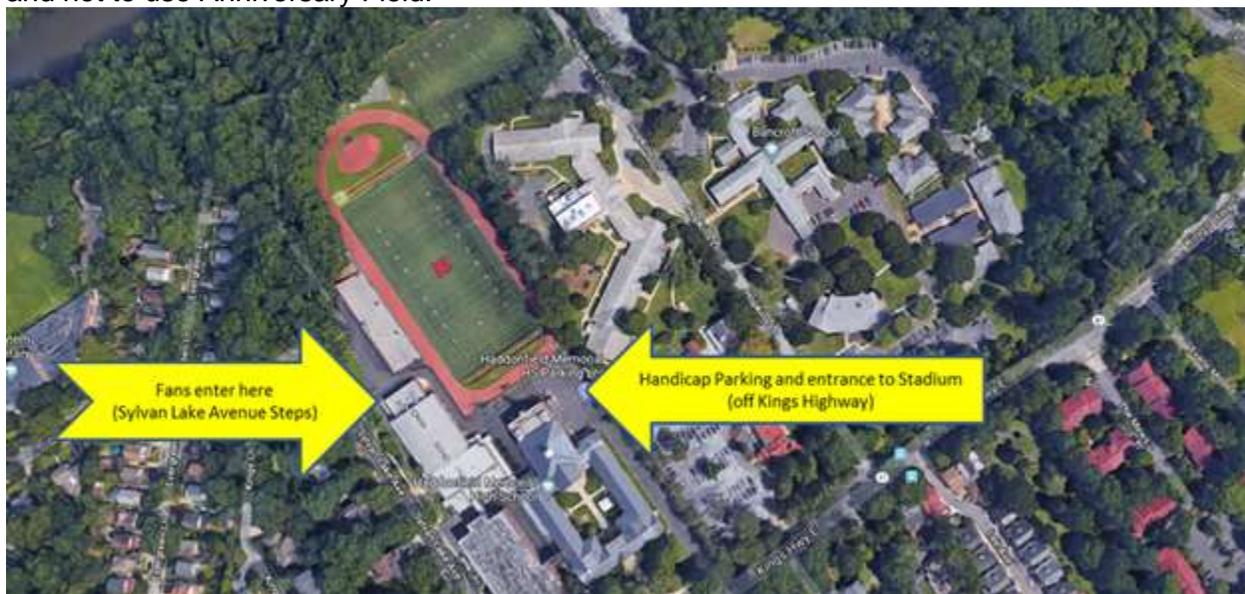
The courtyard area between the C Building and the A Building will have restrictions. This space is one of the focus areas of the HET's Beautification Project.

**B Building:** The B Building is experiencing the bulk of the work at HMHS. The cafeteria and dance studio were completely razed and are being rebuilt. At this time the roof is nearly complete and a majority of the masonry work has been completed. The estimated completion date for the

cafeteria and new black box theater is the end of January. This space will also include a new Athletic Director office and new bathrooms on both floors.

The B Gym renovation is also well on its way toward completion. The Sylvan Lake Avenue elevation is close to completion and the new entry foyer is taking shape. As with the cafeteria, the B Gym is expected to be completed at the end of January.

**Stadium and Track:** The stadium renovation is complete and the track has been resurfaced. At this time the complex is open for practice. Fencing and other work is still being completed on the backside of the stadium as we ready to host sporting events. Beginning next week, **after construction hours (3:00 pm)**, the stadium will be accessible from Sylvan Lake Avenue. There will be wheelchair access via the high school parking lot. Prior to this time construction equipment will be active in these areas. Spectators will be asked to enter the complex from these two areas and not to use Anniversary Field.



**Parking:** Sylvan Lake Avenue will continue to be the primary staging area as it is still "closed" as a staging area - heavy equipment will be traveling back and forth as the final stages of the construction come to completion. The Bancroft Lot closest to the high school is reserved for staff. Please use Kings Highway and the Bancroft Lots on the far side of Hopkins to park.