

Site Work Begins on New Field House



In 1956, when the doors first opened to the current CBHS campus, just over 500 young men and women joined together to launch the area's first co-institutional high school. Until the Science, Math and Technology wing opened its doors in 2001, the campus had remained virtually unchanged. That essential addition marked Phase I of a vision to achieve a long-term campus master plan which includes a number of additions and enhancements to better serve CB's students.

Today, 1,054 young men and women continue the legacy of learning and community that are at the very heart of a CBHS education. For more than 600 of them, education extends beyond the classrooms into the athletic arena as they participate in one or more of the school's 54 teams.

Unfortunately, current campus facilities simply cannot accommodate the dramatic growth in athletic programs following the school's transition to co-ed. At times, six basketball teams, three volleyball teams, and the wrestling team all need practice time in the gym. Teams are relegated to practicing in the early mornings, late at nights, at other locations, and sometimes not at all.

In October of 2007, CBHS began the advance site work for construction of a new, second gymnasium. Located just west of the football field and south of the Ron Limeberger Gymnasium, this new 18,000 square-foot "Field House" will include two practice volleyball/basketball courts, a 4,000 square-foot weight room and administrative offices. It will also house a concession area and restrooms for use during outdoor athletics activities.

"We have so many gifted student athletes at Christian Brothers. We just can't continue to ask them to be here at 6 a.m. or until 10 p.m. practicing," explains President Lorcan Barnes. "They should be home with their families and focusing on academics. The rich tradition of athletics at CB goes way back. We want it to continue well into the future."

The new facility will allow for better-conditioned athletes and competitive teams. It also will provide physical education teachers with the amenities to further help students establish lifelong habits of health and fitness – a critical need for today's young people.