

BHS Sports Construction News #4

"Our Objective: A Fully Functional Stadium Facility in 2012"

February 12, 2012



Progress!

Stadium Completion May 19

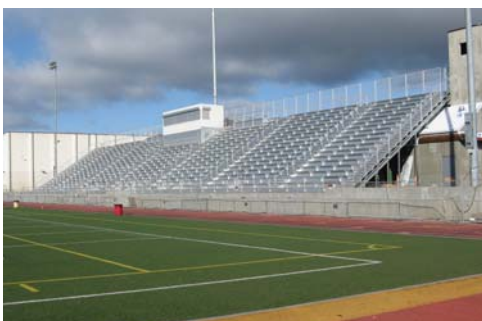
After unbelievable delays that deprived our student athletes a long-promised 2011 opening, the new Stadium is finally moving to completion. These photos show the rapid progress that has been made since the District started playing the contractor tough in October.



June 25, 2011



January 6, 2012



February 11, 2012

Committee Updates

The BHS Site Facilities Committee met on February 8. *Another construction site tour will be held for student athletes.* The training room will stay on the second floor, per the consensus of coaches, trainer and athletic director when the specifications were decided. But a temporary training room can be set up on the ground floor on game days. A long delay in the PG&E power supply hook up will hopefully not delay completion past May 19.

A new score board and public address system were not included by the 2008 Committee which decided requirements for the Stadium Project. We don't know why no one from football was on that committee! The good news is that the District will make every effort to get these important assets installed before opening day.

The furnishings for the Stadium interior were picked by administrators in a recent meeting. They will be convening a coaches' meeting soon to discuss.

Stadium alignment explained

Ever wonder why our new home stands are facing west, where we fans will be starring into the sun on fall afternoons? We asked the architects that question when we first met them in October. The answer was something like this: "It was felt that we need to open up the field to the west, so the main bleachers have to be on the east." Reason: "The School needs to be visible to people approaching (by car) on MLK from the south, to convey a welcoming feeling to guests to our city." When we

District Upgrades its Facilities Page

In response to high school sports parents, our School District has upgraded the Web page devoted to the Stadium construction project. Also included are future projects to create a replacement building for the Old Gym, visitors stands on the west side of the field and a softball field where the bungalows are currently located.

Google: South of Bancroft Project

Who we are

We are a group of Berkeley High football parents who have mobilized to address sports facilities issues at the school, starting with last year's perfect storm of uncompleted work and sudden condemnation of the bleachers and Old Gym. We are reaching out to parents, players and coaches in other BHS sports and to the community in our continuing effort to ensure that millions of dollars in bond money are used to give our athletes the facilities they need and deserve. If you want to get involved contact Coach Roy Meisner at calbearfamily@yahoo.com or Richard Boyden at rboyden87@gmail.com

heard this, we joked "They sent the football people out of the room when they made this decision!" The old bleachers will be replaced by aluminum stands for 500 visitors, only five rows high. For an artist's conception of what this will look like, copy and paste this URL into your browser <http://www.bakervilar.com/Projects/Education/On%20the%20Boards/BHS%20South%20of%20Bancroft/BHS%20S%20Bancroft%20Frameset.html> and click on number 4 under "Images" near the top right of the page.