

Big Changes Coming to Bainbridge High School

ACTIVITY IS well underway for the Bainbridge High School expansion and modernization project. Design is complete, and as of press time bids were to be opened May 1st. The project is ahead of the schedule anticipated when voters approved funding in 2006. In addition, the project has qualified for more than \$1.7 million in state matching funds and earned nearly \$500,000 in grants.

The centerpiece of this project is a new building to replace the aging and inadequate "200 building." The new building will be 70,000 square feet, roughly twice the size of the building it is replacing. It will accommodate an enlarged commons and cafeteria, much-needed additional classrooms, a new library, and space for administrative and student services. The design integrates sustainable strategies and native landscaping to provide increased efficiency and innovative student learning opportunities.

The old building has been vacated in anticipation of a spring start to construction. The project is scheduled to be completed by the time students start the 2008-09 school year.

Please join us! You're invited to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the BHS project, on Thursday, May 31 at 4 pm.

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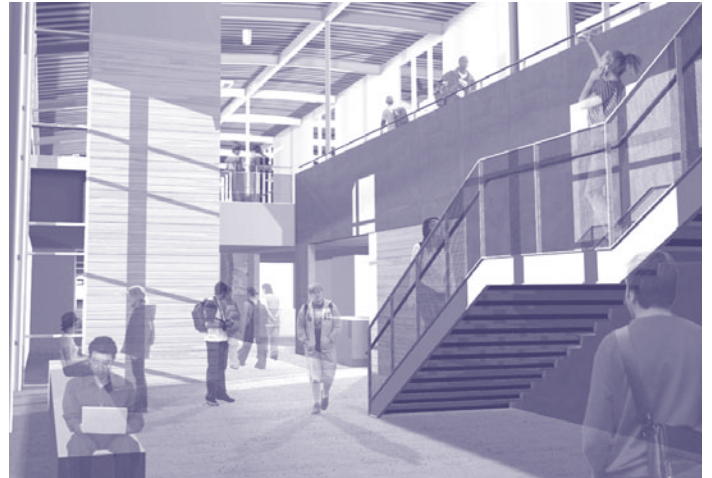
Conversations with Ken Crawford

You are invited to the next "Conversation with Ken Crawford" on Tuesday, May 15, 7 PM, at a private residence. A couple in our community is graciously opening their home, and you are welcome to attend. In fact, they would love to have a large gathering. Please call the Community Relations Office for directions, 206-780-1398.

The final Conversation this school year will be on Thursday, June 7, 10:30 am,

in Sakai Intermediate School, Room 103. You are also welcome then. Please check in at the school office.

Here's your chance to get to know your superintendent and school board members. Find out about current activities, successes and challenges, and district goals. They'll share some opening remarks, and then you'll have a chance to chat about topics that interest you.



Architectural rendition of lobby (above) and classroom level of new BHS 200 building.



IN THE KNOW

Building Our Schools

Between the BHS project and other capital projects, there has been an incredible amount of work accomplished in the last month - especially during spring break. Many classrooms, offices and programs at both the high school and the Commodore Options School campus have been moved to make way for the BHS expansion and modernization.

Construction work for a new data center (necessitated by the BHS project) was completed, the data center was moved, and all communication systems were brought successfully back online ahead of schedule. There are small works projects ongoing at several schools. In the midst of this work, the district's maintenance office was moved into a portable in preparation for a new maintenance facility.

Budget Corner

Although the details are still forthcoming as of press time, this seems to have been a positive legislative session for public education. Here are some of the highlights that will favorably impact Bainbridge Island schools' budget: Student Achievement (I-728) funding has increased \$75 per pupil; the funding ratio for classified (support) staff has been improved; and salary equity increases will help bring our teachers' pay closer to that of districts historically grandfathered at higher rates. In addition, there is "one time" funding for technology improvements and additional support for pupil transportation.

STUDENTS

BISD High School Gymnastics Team



BISD gymnastics is synonymous with Stars. The team took first place in the 2005 Washington State meet, second place in 2003, and third place this year. They were the Academic State Champions in 2003, and this year with an average team GPA of 3.8. They also achieved the State Sportsmanship Award in 2003 and 2005.

This year's team roster includes players Elly Angell, Kalise Ball, Emily Barreca, Aja Benninghoff, Katie Bonneau, Kathleen Callahan, Alex Dahl, Eva Fazzini, Lauren Fleming, Chelsea Mahnke, Katie Mathews, Shelby Nelson, Monica Saeger, Katherine Samstag (team co-captain), Mackenzie Teddy, Leela Weiss, Talia Weiss, Marie Welsh, Stella Wilson (team co-captain), Sophie Wenzlau, and Annie Zuckerman, and coaches Cindy Guy and Lorry Gilbreath.

With all the recent honors, what makes this team the most proud? That they have remained undefeated since 2002 in 88 consecutive regular season meets.

STAFF

National Board Certified Teachers at BHS



The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards advances the quality of teaching and learning by maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. Teachers receiving this certification have gone through an extensive process, demonstrating the knowledge, skills, dispositions and beliefs that the standards frame.

Currently, there are five National Board Certified Teachers at BHS: Denise Corso, Kaycee Taylor, Amanda Ward, and Ann Munro and Michael Holloway (not pictured). The district applauds these and the many other teachers in the district who exemplify professionalism in education.

Upcoming

MAY

- 15 Conversation with Ken Crawford (page 1)
- 16 Half-day Early Dismissal, All Schools
- 28 No School - Memorial Day
- 31 Groundbreaking Ceremony, BHS Expansion Project - 4 pm

JUNE

- 7 Conversation with Ken Crawford, Sakai Intermediate School - 10:30 am
- 16 High School Graduation
- 22 Last Day of School

AUGUST

- 22 EHHS Registration
- 22-24 BHS & Commodore Options School Registration
- 22-23 WMS Back-to-School Days
- 29 Odyssey 7/8 Back-to-School Day

SEPTEMBER

- 5 First Day of School

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