New Possibilities for Ninth Graders

In the fall of 2017, ninth graders from across the district will become part of the Stillwater Area High School community.

For years, ninth graders have been considered high school students and have been earning credit for their high school transcript. Now, for the first time ever, they will actually become a part of the high school community where they will have access to:

• More than 100 elective course offerings
• Higher-level courses, like Advanced Placement, College in the Schools and accelerated math and science classes
• Extra-curricular activities, including 45 clubs and 25 varsity athletics
• Nationally-recognized music program
• College and career planning with the help of counselors and other support staff

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Big Opportunities … Personalized

The addition of ninth graders to the high school will grow enrollment from 2,000 to about 2,600 students. But that isn’t a bad thing. In fact, some of the most highly rated high schools in the state have enrollments of 3,000 to 4,000. Research has found that it is the learning strategies, quality of teachers, curriculum and relationships with staff that impact the performance levels of a school. Larger high schools provide more opportunities for students, whatever they are interested in.

We’ve designed our new learning spaces, and renovated existing spaces, to make SAHS more intimate and welcoming for all of our students to learn and interact with others. We’re making an outstanding high school even better!

Stillwater Area High School
Expanding Pony Possibilities
– Coming Fall 2017 –

Stillwater Area High School was named one of the Top U. S. High Schools in 2016 by Newsweek.
Stillwater Area High School (SAHS)

Stillwater is home to the first school house in the state of Minnesota. The high school has graduated 140 classes of students in its history.

The current campus opened for students in the fall of 1993. In spring 2015 voters approved a bond to create new learning spaces to support the expansion of the school to a 9-12 grade facility. The bond provided funding to accommodate the movement of ninth graders to the high school, as well as create grades 6-8 middle schools and preK-5 elementary schools in the district.

Design Features of Expanded SAHS

- 127,369 square feet of new learning spaces
- Inviting common areas for students to gather to study or socialize
- Improved traffic flow throughout the building
- Flexible learning spaces – art, STEM, media center, yearbook/newspaper and large group meeting rooms
- Spaces for small group collaboration throughout the building
- Collaborative spaces for teachers to meet and work together

Construction Timeline

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Construction of the STEM and Humanities classroom additions, as well as the Pony Activity Center, will continue throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

Building Improvements

1. **Fine Arts**: Remodel music practice areas and instrument storage. Complete Orchestra Pit in auditorium.

2. **Science Labs**: Expand and renovate existing science labs, which are undersized and outdated.

3. **STEM Wing**: Add new science labs to meet need for increased science requirements and the addition of ninth grade. The new wing will include 9 new science spaces.

4. **Pony Center**: Create a fourth Pony Center to house counselors, support staff, and an assistant principal.

5. **Humanities Wing**: Add new classroom spaces to accommodate addition of ninth grade to the high school. The addition will include 10 new classrooms and will connect the existing social studies, language arts, foreign language and other social sciences classrooms into one wing.

6. **Cafeteria**: Expand cafeteria and commons areas by relocating former health classrooms and removing the former locker bay. The new cafeteria will include more seating and an additional serving area.

7. **Pony Activity Center (PAC)**: Add physical education and gym spaces, and new health classrooms. The PAC will also feature a walking track for both student and community use, a gymnastics gym, expanded training room, locker rooms, weight room and fitness spaces. Concessions, restrooms and entrance to Pony Stadium will also be incorporated into the PAC.

Outdoor spaces:

- Additional parking spaces for students, staff and visitors
- New turn lanes and reconfigured entrance to parking lot
- Multi-purpose practice fields and Pony Stadium
- New tennis courts