

Vivian Zisholtz z"l Sportsmanship Center

Q: Why do we need this?

A: Athletics and the social-emotional-ethical growth that accompanies it is crucial for our children. The new Center will be available for all AJA students, not just Upper School. A plan is underway to rent out the Center when it is not in use, so we can increase our financial bottom line and community outreach efforts. Having a Sportsmanship Center is crucial for retention and recruitment efforts. It will also improve our scheduling options. With two dedicated areas for Physical Education (PE) and Recess - we will now have more flexibility to schedule PE classes at more optimal times.



Q: When will this happen?

A: Groundbreaking is planned on or before 2/1/18 with a targeted completion of 11/30/18.

Q: What's in the Sportsmanship Center?

A: Plans include a gymnasium, weight room for use of boys and girls, wrestling room, lockers, concessions, home and visitor locker rooms. If you have input to other elements to include - we are all ears!

Q: How will construction affect the school and sports?

A: Construction will prevent full use of our soccer field. However, students will still have access to all the available space, including the Ninja playground! Some basketball games before December 2018 will most likely be played at the Raymond Drive gym and soccer matches will be held at visitor fields.

Q: How much will my tuition increase because of this Sportsmanship Center?

A: Not a penny.

Q: Why don't we use the money raised to lower tuition?

A: Much of the money raised was from out-of-state donors or those not part of our usual AJA network. Those people have specifically designated their donation to go to this Sportsmanship Center. The contributions from others who have also contributed to Annual Fund, as always, will go to fund the gap between tuition and operating expenses as tuition only covers 80% of our expenses.

Q: Will parents have to pay more to fund the building of this Sportsmanship Center?

A: No, and as a matter of fact, most of the funds have already been pledged, and we fully expect to raise the balance prior to November, 2018. Any incurred finance charges and future maintenance will come from the Capital Fund.

Q: Will this affect the Annual Fund?

A: No. The donors we have already connected with and those who we will be reaching out to are either out of state or not part of our usual AJA network. Those who have already contributed to the Sportsmanship Center have also continued with their usual Annual Fund support this year.