

REMODELING:

AT THE BARTRAM CAMPUS

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Bartram will be going through many changes in the next few years. All of this is to make a better working environment for teachers and students.

Phase One, which will begin in June and should finish up during the school year of '07, includes a fine arts building which will house an auditorium, an enclosed art gallery, and some storage. This 500-person auditorium will be an excellent alternative to our current "cafetorium."

In Phase Two, wings will be added to the fine arts building. These will be studios for band, chorus, dance, and drama. A spacious courtyard will also be added for students to use during free periods. In the end, the gym and the auditorium will face each other with the courtyard in between. In addition, the Williams Buildings (Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Smith, and Mrs. Adair's classrooms) will be replaced with a new classroom building.

Obviously, to accommodate the new building, some of the classrooms will have to go. This summer, the Curry Hicks Building (Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Wood, and Mrs. Mancosh's classrooms), the eighth grade lockers, and the volleyball courts will all be torn down. Three portable classrooms will be put in front of the library where the picnic tables now are. These will serve as Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Woods, and Mr. Mancosh's temporary classrooms.

One very exciting thing is the change in roads. After the remodel there will no longer be a road cutting through the campus. Traffic will be directed in a loop near a new courtyard. The existing road in front of the gym will also be torn up and the courtyard will go there. Then, students won't have to watch out for incoming cars while they are walking to class.

When learning about all the remodeling, I also asked some teachers what other facilities on campus they think need upgrading to improve the working and academic environment. Here is what I found out:

Teacher's ideas	Votes	Comments
Dedicated computer lab with student access all day	4	"There are too many classes that can't get computer access when they want it."
Teacher's lounge	7	"A lounge is a comfortable place for teachers to work or meet with other teachers without a passel of kids around. We don't have such a place. (Did you mean that eerie room with the photocopier and <i>very</i> public toilet?)"
More sidewalks	2	"Dirt gets all in your shoes..."
Cafeteria	3	"What <i>is</i> that thing anyways?"
Bathrooms	2	"Those really need some work."
Outdoor classrooms	1	"That would be nice."
Faculty phone on both sides of campus	1	"You have to walk <i>all</i> the way across campus to check [your] messages."

We are all very excited about all of these changes to our campus. I can't wait to see how it turns out!