Modernized Franklin Set to Open

The newly modernized Franklin is set to re-open on August 30th at the start of the 2017-18 school year. The Gym/Biomedical/Culinary Arts Building is complete and the rest of the campus, including the historic 1915 building, is in the finishing stages. Furniture is being moved in now and soon the entire school will be student ready. Staff will begin transitioning to the new campus in the summer of 2017.

Campus Tours and Student Registration

In mid-August, student registration will take place at the newly modernized Franklin campus. As students register they will be taken on a tour so that they can get familiar with the layout of the new school. Parents and the community will be welcomed to visit during various tours that will be scheduled in the fall.

Some Sports Activities Will Remain at Marshall Through the Summer

The new Franklin campus will remain an active construction site through most of the summer. This means that many summer sport activities will remain at Marshall or take place at other sites such as Clinton park. Please consult with your coaches to determine where you will practice this summer.

Grand Opening Ceremonies September 1st & 2nd

Two special events to celebrate the opening of the modernized Franklin have been set. Franklin’s Grand Opening Ceremony is on Saturday, Sept. 2nd at 10:45 a.m. The night before on Friday, September 1, another ceremony will celebrate the opening of Franklin’s new Track and Field. This event will include food and entertainment and will coincide with Franklin’s first home football game. For more information and all the latest updates please visit the Franklin Modernization website at http://FranklinBond.pps.net and the Franklin High School website.
New School Layout

There are some exciting changes and additions to the 100 plus year old Franklin. The main entrance will remain the same with the first floor of the historic 1915 building housing administration and community partners. In the east wing, the former auditorium has been transformed into the media center. Below it, where the cafeteria used to be, are now classrooms. Directly south is the new Student Commons featuring indoor and outdoor dining areas. It also houses Franklin’s counseling and other support service staff.

The west wing of the historic building houses science classrooms. This is directly connected to the new CTE classrooms, Maker Space and Performing Arts Building. The Performing Arts Building features a new entrance on Woodward and 52nd. At the back of the school, is the new Gym/Biomedical/Culinary Arts Building with classrooms, locker rooms, weight room and wrestling room. It sets alongside the realigned track and field that is now regulation for the first time in Franklin’s history.

New Franklin Fun Facts

- The 1915 building was seismically reinforced with over 30 shear walls and structural reinforcement steel.
- Entire facility is fully ADA accessible with new elevators and wheelchair lifts.
- All lights are LED for greater energy efficiency.
- New rooftop solar panels are generating power for the school.

Special Thanks

- The Franklin Alumni Association raised $90K to buy bricks for the West/South face of the New Gym Building.
- The Franklin Alumni Association also donated funds for special seats in the grandstands.
- Nike provided funds to help pay for the new track and field as part of the Great Fields Project.