



### **Exterior Work Rapidly Progressing & Students Return To The Site**

The new gym and classroom wing continues to come into focus every day. With the cinderblock walls nearly complete around the perimeter, the construction team has begun installing the steel beams that form the roof's structure. On the south side classroom corridor, elevated concrete decks are being poured to form the floor on the first and second levels. Once the building's structure is fully in place and the walls are enclosed, interior walls and finishing work can begin.

The masons have now moved their focus over the new auditorium wing, where the walls have begun to climb. The concrete slab foundations are now in place, which was no easy task given the intricacy of formwork necessary to shape the theater's orchestra pit. With openings in the walls left for installing doors and windows, the interior classrooms such as the Black Box and Industrial Arts Lab are beginning to take shape.

Interior progress has been rapid on the renovation of the old Auditorium building. Shear walls are now almost fully in place, which will strengthen the building during a seismic event. Contractors have even begun work on raising the floor up to the stage level in the Theatre-Library conversion. Even more impressively, interior walls have been framed in the Art classrooms underneath and will be ready for drywall imminently.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Duckworth's Intro to Construction class returned to observe the progress made in the two months since their last site visit. With a number of trades on-site, they were able to see masons, electricians, steelworkers, and others at work. It also provided some in field observation opportunities for what they are currently studying in the classroom. A collection of photos can be seen on the PPS Flickr site.