

Marin Catholic High School

Grandstand Replacement and Field House Project

November 2012

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is Marin Catholic doing this project?
 - a. The actual age of the existing bleachers is unknown as they were originally at College of Marin and moved here in the 1960's. The current bleachers are not ADA compliant, and we would like to have "real" restrooms versus the portables we currently use.
2. How will these be better?
 - a. The new complex will be ADA compliant and will be constructed to the current building codes and earthquake standards. The facilities will include public restrooms, modern locker rooms and weight room built for this purpose. The current weight room is housed in a storage room under the student center.
3. Why did you choose to go with a prefabricated grandstand?
 - a. There are many reasons we chose to go with a Design/Build prefabricated system including:
 - i. These are designed by people who design grandstands day in and day out for use all over the country, they know what they are doing, and do it well.
 - ii. Ease of construction, since the components are manufactured to order offsite, the erection process will be approximately two months, resulting in less noise and traffic.
 - iii. Cost, this type of grandstand system is more cost efficient than a poured in place concrete structure.
4. Why Field Lights?
 - a. We believe the addition of field lights will add to the sense of community by allowing the focus to be on specific games on 10 evenings a year.



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5. How many games will be played at night?
 - a. Marin Catholic has applied for 10 evening games per school year. These may be all football or a combination of football, soccer and lacrosse. We understand the sensitive nature of the lights to the neighbors and will agree to a limit of 10 games per school year. This equates to less than 3% of evenings in a given year.
6. What about traffic?
 - a. By agreeing to start any evening game at 7:00 pm we will avoid the traditional “peak” commute traffic which is between 4:30 and 6:00 PM. Games should be over by 9:00 PM when traffic is generally not an issue. We will also agree to have the lights off by 10:00 PM.
7. What are the Benefits of the Project?
 - a. The project will include an improved state of the art public address system which will direct the sound to the field area and will include improved clarity as well. The project will also include additional ADA parking at the field level, 16 ADA compliant seats as well as public restrooms.
8. What is “dark sky” technology?
 - a. Dark sky technology has evolved over the years to reduce the amount of light spill from outdoor lighting systems. The technology includes better optics that produces more focused light and shields above and “around” the lights. This keeps the light from shining on the surrounding areas.

