



**Construction Update
 Southern Hills Middle School
 Week of October 13 - 17, 2008**

Construction Overview:

- Completion of re-seeding of east field. **Note: No activity will be allowed on this field for approximately 10-12 months to allow the grass to get well established.**
- Metal stud framing in Science/Classroom addition along with installation of ductwork and internal mechanical materials.
- Continue both inside and outside work on Library addition. This includes steel work (studs), decking, ductwork, drainage and tarring of the roof.
- Continue masonry block erection in Gym.
- Continuation of masonry work on the Band/Orchestra addition as well as underground electrical and plumbing in this area. Prep for concrete slab pour in this area as well.
- Begin work on east parking lot extension – fencing will be extended on the northeast side of east parking lot.
- **Note: At this time construction of the four outside areas (Science/classroom, Library, Gym and Music) are either on or ahead of schedule.**

What you need to know:

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| Parking | Is extremely limited and will continue to be so for duration of the project. Note: Circle in front of school will now be used by the 3-4 buses that drop and pick up students. PLEASE AVOID DRIVING INTO THIS AREA FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF SCHOOL. |
| Pick up/Drop off | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access by car to the SHMS campus for this purpose will be more limited due to reduced room for vehicles. We strongly encourage you to use an off site drop-off/pick-up location for your student. Better yet...students can walk or ride if possible! 2. IMPORTANT: <u>If you have to drop your student close</u> |

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| | <p>to school (which we discourage), ask that you drop them on the WEST side of SHMS (in the former bus lane). Simply go completely around the roundabout on Knox and pull into this lane to on the WEST side of the school to drop off. Then continue south onto Knox to exit. Students can walk down the new, fenced in walkway, to the front of the school. Again, please do your best to avoid driving into the front of the school to drop off your student.</p> <p>3. Drop-off and Pick-up in the back (north) lot is not allowed.</p> |
| Traffic | <p>Is significantly more confined/heavier due to less space for cars. Longer lines to get in/get out if coming onto campus at the beginning or end of the day.</p> <p>Note: This will only get worse as we enter the “bad weather” as more cars come onto the SHMS campus.</p> |
| Bike and pedestrian access | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paved path from Greenbriar (which is between the soccer and FHS football field) is open and may be used by students to access SHMS from Greenbriar and the bus stop. We strongly encourage parents to use Greenbriar as a drop-off and pick up option for their students. ➤ Use fenced walkway area for pedestrian/bike access on the south road by the tennis courts. ➤ Sidewalk on the east side of Knox allows students to walk up Knox to the fenced in walkway which will bring students to the front of the school ➤ Additional bike rack has been installed to accommodate more bicycles. ➤ Please remind your student(s) to refrain from locking their bikes on the handrails in the front courtyard (on the stairs and the delivery ramp). |
| Deliveries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Most deliveries taking place in the back (north) lot and staging area on the west side of the school. This includes concrete in trucks, masonry and steel. ➤ Construction machinery, trucks, etc. will be delivered on a regular basis to the school depending upon the work being done at the time. ➤ Steel, masonry blocks and concrete being delivered on a regular basis. |

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| Utility disruption | None at this time |
| Noise | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Loud machinery, pounding, concrete sawing (at times) on the east, south and west sides of the building. ➤ Internal and external construction on the Library, Science/Classroom and Gym/Music additions could be loud at times. |
| Smells | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Possible low level diesel smell from machinery and welding of steel. ➤ New: Tar smell will be evident as roofing begins in the Library addition. This will continue for several weeks as roofing activity moves to the Science wing and then the Gym/Music area |
| Evacuation routes | Evacuation plan has been established and practiced by students and staff. We will continue routine practices/drills with the students throughout the year. |
| Daily routine/internal traffic patterns (lunch, recess, etc.) | Students attending class in the new west portable (Sanchez, Weinberger or Stensrud) or north portable (Eymer) will exit through the art room (Thal) and re-enter the building through the wood shop area (Donald). Signs and floor mats will assist in guiding students. |