A photograph of a woman with reddish-brown hair, seen from behind, sitting on a bright yellow cube ottoman. She is holding an open book and reading to three young boys. The boys are sitting on a long, low, blue upholstered bench with a light wood base. They are all wearing face masks and school uniforms (navy blue jackets and khaki shorts). The room has dark blue walls and a blue patterned carpet. The text 'News From HOME' is overlaid at the top, with 'HOME' in large, colorful letters (H in teal, O in green, M in yellow, E in orange). Below it, 'UPDATES ON THE CAMPAIGN' is written in white capital letters.

# News From HOME

UPDATES ON THE CAMPAIGN



## From the Head of School



When we hold meetings these days, each one is a special opportunity to see the new campus in action. On Mondays and Fridays, after signing in at the Welcome Center and traversing the breezeway toward the Social Stairs, parents pass middle school morning meetings being held at the community hearth or in the community square. Bells announce passing periods with students energetically arriving at their science or math classroom doors - they have a lot more ground to cover in our expanded space. On Wednesdays, special assemblies featuring music and cultural celebrations have thrilled and engaged our students and faculty alike. The campus is alive in every corner and space, filled with earnest students and joyful activities. It is better than we had even imagined. This is Harbor Day School today. We couldn't have done this without you, and we did this together.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Phase I** - Students are loving the new building, and we are testing out all the spaces in different ways each day. Over Ski Week, major items arrived that had been held up, and the hallways warmed with colorful furniture, pillars of character, and furniture that begs to be sat upon. Our Instagram is alive with images as the campus progresses and becomes personalized as our new school. The first donor recognition signage is installed, and interior door plates on classroom doors, in breakout spaces, and at student gathering areas is slated for Spring Break.

**Phase II** - Demolition of the Moiso Family Activities Center began on schedule the week of January 10. Although we anticipated demolition of the main building would begin after finals, the teams were ready and in place the Monday prior. All in all, it took just six full workdays to conclude the demolition of the main campus on February 3, 2022.

This spring, we will begin to see major progress as the Phase II site is graded, foundations are poured, and the east property line is prepared for sitework. Over the summer, work will begin on the parking lot at the front, and modular classroom trailers will be fully retired. Additional summer work into the fall will include Theater and Gymnasium concrete masonry and steelwork.



## PRESERVING OUR LEGACY

We will continue to honor and cherish the first 50 years of the main campus, where nearly 2,200 alumni graduated, while looking to the future in a new campus, complete and open for use in August 2023. We plan for Phase II to house our historical family donor recognition for those who supported and built the original campus, in use from 1972-2021. Phase II will also hold our leadership recognition and ever-growing collection of Blue and Gold competitive awards.



# Fall Festivities

## Grandparents' Preview - October 19, 2021

Grandparent donors were invited to a special evening gathering to preview the new building as it neared completion and learn more about Phase II. It was a joyful evening of passing friends at different stages of touring, looking out over the quad, and landing in the presentation room on the rooftop pavilion. With little electricity in the building, takeaways included Harbor Day School flashlights, and the exit path was lit with a brilliant full moon. Everyone present took a moment to breathe in the promise of the space and what it would be once we moved.



## Alumni Advisory Council - October 27, 2021

Each year, the Alumni Advisory Council gathers in the fall for a meeting with Student Council representatives and school leadership to learn about Harbor Day School today. This year, we were able to include a hard hat tour of the new building just days before they hosted our past faculty on a similar route.



## Past Faculty Preview - November 1, 2021

Hosted by our Alumni Advisory Council members, this reception and hard hat tour brought nearly 30 past faculty back to Harbor Day School. We were thrilled to share the details of the project, preview new spaces, and toast to some of the beloved spaces in our 50-year home. We relaxed by the old fireplace and laughed about the changes, decades of memories, and funny quirks that made the first campus so special.



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - December 16, 2021

The day we have been waiting for since breaking ground on June 25, 2020 arrived with bright sun, balloons galore, and a giant pair of scissors. Taking place immediately following the lower school holiday program, families, trustees, city officials, and project partners joined us for the student-focused remarks and ceremony. 408 students and 75 faculty sat in the quad, surrounded by their families before being dismissed for the holiday break in their new classrooms.



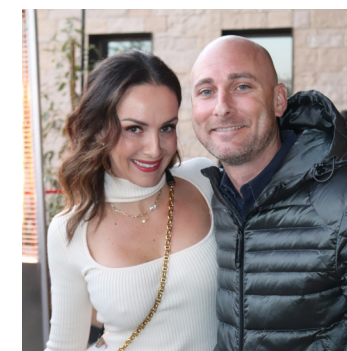


# An Evening of Gratitude

- November 29, 2021 -



For the first time since launching the campaign in 2018, we were able to gather outdoors for a memorable appreciation event to thank our first donors to the campaign - nearly 100 families at the time. The evening featured live music, craft custom cocktails, an open walkthrough of the new campus facility, and a seated dinner in the new community square. Event hosts and Campaign Co-Chairs Alex and Alan Airth and Kerri and Danny<sup>87</sup> Sonenshine made remarks, along with Board President Chris Shepherdson<sup>96</sup> and Head of School Angi Evans<sup>75</sup>. As evenings go, this is one we'll remember. It couldn't have happened without your help. Thank you.





## FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRS



As we write this newsletter, we are having conversations about all the great things that are happening for Harbor Day School. The building project is on pace, and your generosity has allowed us to move forward with a full building plan. Unfortunately, cost increases are a reality in 2022, and the capital campaign committee is working hard to keep pace and make sure the project is fully funded. As a school, our enrollment is full, the recently admitted families are excited for the fall, our academics are stronger than ever, and our

faculty are experimenting with the new space and program enhancements. Natural ebbs and flows aside, the sun shines on Harbor Day these days.

With gifts of nearly \$42M to the campaign to date, Phase II includes the following areas:

- The athletic field will be striped for a regulation football field and 200m track
- The kitchen will be fully functional to prepare meals on site
- The theater will seat 500 and includes a fixed mezzanine and retractable seating
- Locker rooms exit onto hard courts striped for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and four square
- The lower school playground will complete the outdoor activity spaces
- The conference room will host board meetings, parent council meetings, and many other gatherings

It is a premier campus for K-8 education nationwide. We are grateful to our existing donor families and are counting on everyone in our community to fully fund the project.

Please save the date for our Head of School Reception on June 7, 2022, where we hope to have more exciting news to share about the campaign.

*Alex and Alan Airth*

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