



## **Bond-funded Improvements Start at South Salem High School During Spring Break! March 2020**

Spring is steadily approaching and with it comes the start of bond-funded construction at South! In order to ensure construction progresses safely and swiftly, we will have to make some temporary adjustments to our normal school operations.

### **Classrooms are Moving**

During Spring Break, depending on the timing of construction permits, salvage and demolition activities will begin in the South High Annex/old Leslie Junior High School building. To keep students safe, walls and barriers will be installed to prevent access to the Annex.

Any classes currently being held in the South High Annex/old Leslie Junior High School building will be displaced to either the temporary portable classrooms or a new location within the main school building. Some classes within the main building will also move as part of the domino effect of making space for all programs. Our campus may take on more of a “community college” feel as students will walk from building to building to attend classes.

Here are a few examples of classroom moves following Spring Break:

- Most Drama and Band classes will be held in the north end of the cafeteria
- Most Choir and Orchestra classes will be held in the north end of the library
- Most Math classes will be held in the temporary portable classrooms on the track infield
- Some Health and Social Studies classes will move to the temporary portable classrooms

Portable toilets will be available near the temporary classrooms near the track.

As we adjust to an extended campus, staff will be monitoring foot-traffic to the temporary classrooms and may occasionally ask to see student IDs. Please be sure to carry your student ID at all times.

Students can find the locations of all classes in StudentVue, and posters listing new classroom locations will be hung in the hallways. Teachers will also communicate their new classroom locations to students before Spring Break.

### **Parking Changes and Challenges**

One unavoidable byproduct of a large construction project is its effect on parking. Construction contractors will need more than half of our on-campus parking for equipment, materials and construction zones established for safety. We have to make this sacrifice to provide our contractors with enough space to operate safely and keep the project on schedule.

Construction equipment will be accessing campus from both Howard Street and Rural Avenue at various times. This type of traffic requires an increase in the need for awareness and safe driving practices when driving around campus.

To promote safety and to avoid potential conflicts between construction vehicles and student vehicles, students who drive to school will park off-campus during construction. Gilmore Field on Hoyt Street near 12<sup>th</sup> Street is available for student parking and is only a half-mile walk (about 10 minutes) from campus. The district is currently exploring other off-site parking options within walking distance of the school.

**Students and staff are strongly encouraged to use alternative transportation methods to get to school – please walk, ride the school bus, ride Cherriots, carpool or ride a bicycle for the duration of construction. Please avoid parking in the neighborhood whenever possible!**

If your only option is to drive and park in the neighborhood, please be courteous and park politely. **Be mindful of parking time limits and don't block residents' driveways.**

***The good news is that when construction is complete, there will be 44 more parking spaces at South than before construction!***

#### **Thank you, Salem and Keizer Voters**

We are grateful to the voters in Salem and Keizer for supporting the bond that will provide over \$66 million in improvements at South Salem High School. When construction is complete in fall of 2021, South will provide a less crowded, safer and more modern learning environment for generations of students to come.

For more information about the work planned for South, please visit [www.salemkeizer.org/south-salem-bond](http://www.salemkeizer.org/south-salem-bond)