

# **“Game On” field renovation campaign will renovate Dartmouth’s Bishop Stang High School’s athletic fields**

Bishop Stang’s iconic chapel image of Christ is a window into the school’s soul, and what happens on the athletic fields offers a view into the school’s heart. Athletics at Bishop Stang builds on the mission to teach commitment, character, integrity, and community.

With a rich history of educating the whole child, Bishop Stang upholds that sports help prepare students for life by fostering teamwork, health, and well-being. For this reason, the school is excited to announce the GAME ON: Field Campaign for Bishop Stang.

The GAME ON field renovation includes installing artificial turf to enhance the experience for student-athletes and the wider community experience at “Spartan Village.” The upgrade of the Hugh Carney Stadium, Stanley Stankiewicz Baseball Field, Bishop Stang’s softball field, and the entire field complex will ensure the athletics facilities match the caliber of Stang’s academics. In addition, it will reconfigure access to accommodate fans with new seating, establish walking paths, and create a new, single gated entryway.

The turf field will allow for increased year-round athletics use and greater school-wide and community use. Teams that play on the fields include football, both the girls and boys soccer teams, as well as baseball and softball teams. The field hockey and lacrosse teams use the fields for evening games as well as post-season play.

President/Principal, Peter Shaughnessy commented, “This

project will allow our Spartan student-athletes to have a top-notch facility in which to compete. Athletics at Bishop Stang play a major role in educating the whole person, and this renovation will only strengthen that tradition! We are forever thankful to the donors and friends who helped us accomplish this goal and we look forward to forging new partnerships as fundraising continues.”

The GAME ON: Field Campaign for Bishop Stang has raised nearly \$1.6 million towards the overall goal of \$2.1 million required to complete the project. Alumnus Jim Black ‘69 leads the Steering Committee which has reached out to families, alumni, friends, foundations, and the broader community. Support from the Steering Committee, including lead gifts from Jim Black ‘69 and Mark & Marcia Ferreira P’23, has been critical to the success of the fundraising efforts thus far.

GAME ON has also received the generous support of foundations and banks, including the Carney Family Charitable Foundation, BayCoast Bank, the Thomas A. Rodgers Jr. Family Foundation, and the Yawkey Foundation. The GAME ON Committee will continue to fundraise until achieving its goal. Bishop Stang looks forward to recognizing all those who support the project at the new gated entranceway to the complex.

R.A.D. Sports, from Rockland, Massachusetts, which specializes in the construction of high-quality athletic and recreation facilities, is doing the work. Founded in 1994, R.A.D. has completed more than 450 projects in 25 years and established itself as one of the industry’s most trusted and successful athletic and recreation facility contractors. Parent Peter Clark ‘92 P’22 shared, “As a parent, I am committed to Bishop Stang for the promise to provide my child with the framework to succeed in life. For my son, playing on a team at Stang has been an important part of that development. Students deserve to practice and compete on state-of-the-art fields which reflect the same excellence as the experience taking place inside the school walls.”

The turf installation should be complete and playable by the end of October 2021. Work will continue into next summer to complete the installation of the remaining improvements in the design. Bishop Stang asks that anyone interested in being a part of this transformative project and contributing to the GAME ON campaign please visit our website at [BishopStang.org/GAMEON](http://BishopStang.org/GAMEON) or contact Jennifer Golden at 508-996-5602 x430.



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