



Fairfield Public Schools
501 Kings Highway East
Fairfield, CT 06825

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Dear FWHS Community,

In an effort to keep you informed we are providing the latest information about the turf field project at FWHS. The completion date for the project is September 28. However, we are hopeful that the project will be completed before that time. In the meantime, there are alternate plans so that all of our student athletes will have time and space to practice.

Please keep in mind that this is not just the turf field. We have four scoreboards, relocating the long jump, relocating the pole vault, restoration of the grass field, new goal posts, and the track to repair. The biggest update to the project was the addition of scoreboards (four in total) rendering the project more significant, but better for our student athletes in the end.

Please see the Q & A below:

1. This project seems to be taking longer than the FLHS turf project, can you tell us why? This project is bigger and does require more coordination.

FLHS Project: Turf Field New Goal Posts Repair Running Track/Reline

FWHS Project: Turf Field New Goal Posts New Turf Field Scoreboard, New Soccer Scoreboard, New Baseball and Softball Scoreboards, Relocate Pole Vault system, Relocate Long Jump System, Repair grass field, Repair Running Track/Reline

These projects must be well coordinated because the company cannot put down turf and then be driving trucks over the field. Four scoreboards also require electrical conduit, which runs under and around important turf and grass locations. In addition, adding additional scoreboards took more time for the order to ship from the factory. The product will be excellent, but it does require more time.

**The FWHS track repair is going to be pushed off until the spring in order to gain quicker access to the turf field. The track repairs must come after the installation of the turf given that access to the field is over the top of the track.

2. Is there a reason why the track repairs were not done last spring?

As stated above, the track repairs must come after the installation of the turf given that access to the field is over the top of the track.



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3. How do we know where practices/tryouts have been temporarily located?

Check the FWHS website and click on the sport of interest. The coaches are working directly with the student athletes and families to keep them updated.

Practice locations:

- Cross Country – Tunxis Hill Park
- Football – Grass field at Warde
- Boys and Girls Soccer – Varsity at Warde, JV at Tunxis, Freshmen at Woods
- Field Hockey – Tomlinson

*If the grass fields are closed, FWHS will have additional practices at Tomlinson.

It is anticipated that the first FWHS football game will be played on the FLHS field.

4. Are youth programs temporarily relocated?

The youth programs are impacted by the field usage. Please speak with the youth coach directly as the programs are making alternate arrangements collaborating with FWHS athletic staff and Park and Recreation. In the event of rain, the Rec programs that use Tomlinson after FWHS field hockey have been alerted that the TMS field would revert to FWHS's usage.

Regards,

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