

# Press Clippings - 12/17/2024

## - Chicago Tribune/ The Courier News - Plans for Larkin High School's \$11.8M sports stadium presented to school board

By: Mike Danahey

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An artist's rendering of the layout for the new Larkin High School sports stadium in Elgin shows where seating, concessions and other amenities for the proposed complex will be located.

The new sports stadium proposed for Larkin High School in Elgin is expected to cost \$11.8 million and could be ready for use by July 2026, administrators told the District U-46 School Board Monday.

"After 62 years, Larkin High School will soon have its own dedicated athletic complex, a long overdue transformation that underscores the district's commitment to equity and excellence," Deputy Superintendent of Operations Ann Williams said.

Larkin High School opened in 1962 and has been using Elgin High School's Memorial Field as its home stadium for decades.



This overhead view of the proposed Larkin High School sports stadium in Elgin shows how it will fit in to the existing campus. Construction could start in November 2025 and be complete by July 2026, School District U-46 officials said.

According to plans presented to the board, the football/soccer field surrounded by a running track will have an east/west orientation. It will include a turf field, field drainage system, locker rooms, lavatory building, lighting, bleachers, pressbox and concessions stand.

Located on the west side of McLean Boulevard, the complex will be south of the Larkin school building and situated on the site of the current running track. Funding will come from District U-46's capital budget with no funds from the \$179 million building bond referendum approved by voters in 2023 needed.

The district has checked with civil engineers to confirm the alignment is allowed by the IHSA, which regulates interscholastic sports competition at the high school level for the state of Illinois, Williams said. Several successful sports programs have east/west stadiums, including Mount Carmel High School in Chicago, Glenbard West in Glen Ellyn and Providence Catholic in New Lenox, she said.

U-46 officials anticipate work on the complex's design will begin in January with an eye toward groundbreaking in November and completion in July 2026.

"I would like to take a moment and even put on my Larkin parent hat. It's going to be huge for these kids to be able to walk into their own stadium," board Vice President Kate Thommes said. "Elgin (High School) has been fantastic (in allowing Larkin to use its stadium). Elgin has shared with us, even when we win the (Town) Jug Game (for football bragging rights in Elgin), and they lose. They've been fantastic."

Thommes said she can't wait for her daughter to come back and celebrate as an alumni at the new stadium.

Speaking during the public comments portion of the meeting, Larkin Principal Krystal Bush expressed her gratitude for the district's and board's support for the new addition.

"This initiative represents a significant step toward ensuring equity across the district's athletic programs, providing our student athletes with the resources and opportunities they deserve," Bush said.

The project must be formally approved by the school board before it can go to the Elgin Planning and Zoning Commission and the Elgin City Council for review and approval.

It's included among the \$57.4 million in maintenance and capital initiatives planned for summer 2025, which also includes \$5.1 million for work to be done at Elgin High School and Memorial Field. The district plans to improve and adjust EHS' roads and parking lots and move power lines, according to district documents.

# **- Daily Herald -**

## **High school sports for Dec. 16**

**Date: December 16, 2024**



Saturday's late results

Girls basketball

Belvidere 55, Lakes 35

Crystal Lake Central 47, Grayslake North 28

Crystal Lake South 53, Lakes 43

IC Catholic Prep 36, Timothy Christian 32

Kaneland 55, Winnebago 34

Larkin 60, Belvidere 37

Larkin 49, Crystal Lake South 46

Leyden 34, Niles West 26

Marian Central 60, Grayslake North 40

Streamwood 49, Elk Grove 37

Wheaton Academy 41, Rosary 32

Boys swimming

Barrington Bronco Relays

1. Lyons 145, 2. Barrington 120, 3. St. Charles East 116, 4. Lake Park 113, 5. Fenwick 111, 6.

Naperville North 90, 7. Naperville Central 89, 8. Waubonsie Valley 57, 9. Guilford 44, 10. Saint Viator 19

Glenbrook North Spartan Sprint Classic

1. Glenbrook North 56, 2. Glenbrook South 53, 3. Evanston 52, 4. Conant 31, 5. Mundelein 26, 6. DeKalb 19, 7. Niles West 15, 8. Warren 6

Hoffman Estates Candy Cane Classic

1. Vernon Hills 150, 2. Hoffman Estates 103, 3. Huntley 96, 4. Glenbard N/E 71, 5. Leyden 51, 6. Maine East 39

### Rolling Meadows Wild Stallion Jamboree

1. Maine South 331, 2. Prospect 300, 3. Buffalo Grove 268.5, 4. Whitney Young 244, 5. D300 28, 6. Cary-Grove 227, 7. Downers Grove North 197, 8. Elk Grove 171.5, 9. Rolling Meadows 136, 10. Notre Dame College Prep 99, 11. Addison Trail/Willowbrook Co-op 78, 12. South Elgin 64

### West Chicago Dan Johnson Relays

1. Neuqua Valley 148, 2. Oswego Co-Op 142, 3. West Chicago 142, 4. Glenbard W/S 120, 5. Wheaton Co-Op 116, 6. York 94, 7. IMSA/Yorkville Co-Op 61, 8. Lockport 57

### Others

New Trier 199, Hinsdale Central 157

### Upcoming

Tuesday, Dec 17

#### Boys basketball

Aurora Central Catholic at Chesterton Academy, 6:30 p.m.

Bartlett at East Aurora, 6:30 p.m.

Downers Grove North at TF South, 7 p.m.

Elgin at South Elgin, 7 p.m.

Evergreen Park at Addison Trail, 6:30 p.m.

Fenton at Glenbard South, 7 p.m.

Fremd at Lakes, 7 p.m.

Glenbard East at Ridgewood, 6:30 p.m.

Harvest Christian Academy at Westlake Christian, 7 p.m.

Horizon Science Academy at IC Catholic Prep, 7 p.m.

Larkin at West Chicago, 7 p.m.

Leyden at Reavis, 6 p.m.

Lisle at Manteno, 6:45 p.m.

Maine West at Buffalo Grove, 7 p.m.

Marian Central at Schaumburg Christian, 7 p.m.

Parkview Christian Academy at Wheaton Academy, 7 p.m.

Prospect at Glenbrook North, 7 p.m.

St. Laurence at Hinsdale South, 7 p.m.

St. Viator at Hope Academy, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Lockport, 7 p.m.

West Aurora at Streamwood, 7 p.m.

Westminster at Christian Liberty, 7:30 p.m.

Wilmot at Grayslake North, , 7 p.m.

#### Girls basketball

Antioch at Grayslake Central, 7 p.m.

Carmel at Stevenson, 5 p.m.

Elk Grove at Maine West, 7 p.m.  
Glenbrook North at Mundelein, 7 p.m.  
Hersey at Barrington, 7 p.m.  
Leyden at Morton, 6:30 p.m.  
Chicago Hope Academy at Timothy Christian  
CICS Ellison at Westmont, 5:30 p.m.  
Crystal Lake South, Larkin at McHenry North Illinois Tournament, TBA  
Downers Grove South at Willowbrook, 7:30 p.m.  
East Aurora at Bartlett, 7 p.m.  
Glenbard South at Fenton, 7 p.m.  
Glenbard West at Proviso West, 7:30 p.m.  
Harvest Christian at Westlake Christian Academy, 6 p.m.  
Hinsdale South at Proviso East, 6 p.m.  
Horizon Science Academy at IC Catholic Prep, 5:30 p.m.  
Kaneland at Stillman Valley, 6:45 p.m.  
Mother McAuley at Montini, 6:30 p.m.  
Oak Park-River Forest at Downers Grove North, 7:30 p.m.  
Ridgewood at Glenbard East, 7 p.m.  
South Elgin at Elgin, 7 p.m.  
Streamwood at West Aurora, 7 p.m.  
Westminster Christian at Christian Liberty Academy, 6 p.m.

#### Boys bowling

Bartlett at Glenbard East/South (Bowlero), 4 p.m.  
Elgin at West Aurora (Funway), 4:00 p.m.  
Glenbard North at Metea Valley (Fox Bowl), 4 p.m.  
Glenbard West at Metea Valley, 4 p.m.  
Hinsdale South at Willowbrook (Stardust), 4:30 p.m.  
Kaneland at LaSalle Peru Illinois Valley Superbowl, 4 p.m.  
Lake Zurich, Round Lake at Warren (Bertrands Lanes), 4:45 p.m.  
Larkin at Riverside-Brookfield (Elgin Lanes), 4 p.m.  
Marengo at Huntley (Bowl Hi Lanes), 4:30 p.m.  
Mundelein at Waukegan (Bertrands Lanes), 4:45 p.m.  
South Elgin at Fenton (Wood Dale Bowl), 4 p.m.  
York at Nazareth (Hillside), 4:30 p.m.

Zion-Benton at Stevenson (Fairhaven Lanes), 4:45 p.m.

#### Girls bowling

Bartlett at Fenton (Wood Dale Bowl), 4 p.m.  
Elgin at South Elgin (Streamwood Bowl), 4 p.m.  
Grayslake Central at Woodstock (Kingston Lanes), 4:30 p.m.  
Lake Zurich at Grayslake North (Lakes Bowl), 4:30 p.m.

Larkin at West Aurora (Funway), 4 p.m.  
Round Lake at Warren (Bertrands Lanes), 4:45 p.m.  
Streamwood at Glenbard East (Bowlero), 4 p.m.

Boys swimming  
Larkin, South Elgin at Fenton Triangular, 5 p.m.  
Riverside-Brookfield at West Aurora, 5 p.m.

***To read the full article, please click [here](#).***

## **- Chicago Tribune - Basketball and local scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County**

**By: Josh Krockey**

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Homewood-Flossmoor's Jayden Tyler (0) finishes off a fast break with a layup against St. Laurence during the Team Rose Shootout at Mount Carmel in Chicago on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024.

High school and local college results and highlights from the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County coverage areas.

### **SATURDAY'S RESULTS**

#### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Addison Trail 62, Elgin 25

Antioch 48, Grant 43

Beecher 55, Herscher 44

Beecher (6-3): Orlin Nesbitt 25 points, 4 assists. Dom DeFrank 13 points, 4 steals.

Deerfield 46, Highland Park 39

Highland Park (7-2): Simon Moschin 19 points. Hayden Kach 11 points.

Fremd 68, South Elgin 43

Geneva 53, Glenbard North 44

Geneva (8-0, 3-0 DuKane): Hudson Kirby 20 points.

Grayslake Central 69, North Chicago 50

Grayslake Central (7-0, 3-0 Northern Lake County): Alex Granville 21 points. Eric Brum 13 points.

Grayslake North 58, Wauconda 41

Grayslake North (6-3, 2-1 Northern Lake County): Jayden Hunt 15 points. Brady Ballentine 13 points. Uros Mitrovic 9 points.

Wauconda (1-6, 0-3): Tony Salemi 11 points.

Hersey 59, Bartlett 44

Joliet Catholic 52, Providence 50

JCA (4-2): Jack Superits 23 points. Jayden Armstrong 12 points.

Providence (1-7): Kelechi Enyia 17 points. Seth Cheney 12 points.

Lake Forest 64, Zion-Benton 37

Lake Forest (6-2, 1-1 North Suburban): Hudson Scroggins 14 points. Dominic Mordini 13 points. Grant Mordini 11 points.

Lake Park 46, St. Charles East 45 (2 OT)

Lakes 66, Round Lake 47

Lakes (3-5, 2-1 Northern Lake County): Jason Klimas 22 points. Ben Newcomb 20 points.

Round Lake (0-6, 0-3): Jaquan Jamerson 27 points.

Leo 62, Christ the King 50

Leo (3-4): Brian Kizer 16 points. Ethan Jackson 10 points. Jamarion 9 points, 6 rebounds, 4 blocks.

Libertyville 65, Lake Zurich 54

Libertyville (6-1, 1-1 North Suburban): Bryce Wegrzyn 17 points. Ryan Thompson 16 points.

Liam Hanson 15 points. Jack Cenar 12 points.

Lyons 70, Neuqua Valley 63

Mundelein 47, Stevenson 45 (OT)

Mundelein (4-4, 1-0 North Suburban): Derek Bishop 20 points. Nathan Hauf 13 points. Evan Salvador 9 points.

Stevenson (5-3, 2-1): Atticus Richmond 15 points, 6 rebounds. Donny Williams 10 points.

Naperville North 67, East Aurora 45

Plano 60, Woodstock North 46

Plano (3-4, 2-0 Kishwaukee River): Taron McGown 13 points 4 steals. Vinny Cesario 10 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals. Gabe Steele 19 points.

Waubonsie Valley 76, Oswego 42

Westmont 64, IMSA 38

Wheaton North 55, Batavia 43

Wheaton Warrenville South 48, St. Charles East 27

Woodstock 61, Indian Creek 54 (OT)

Indian Creek (9-2): Everett Willis 15 points. Cooper Rissman 11 points. Faustino Mora 9 points.

Yorkville Christian 84, Johnsburg 64

Yorkville Christian (6-3): Noah Aguado 25 points. Tray Alford 19 points.

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