

CHIPPEWA

ATHLETIC FACILITIES PROJECT



Promoting Unity In Our Community



Chippewa Athletic Facilities Project



MISSION

It is our mission to raise funds through grants, donations, and sponsorships to improve and maintain the athletic facilities in Chippewa Local School District.

We have facilities that are in need of repair which need remodeled or reconstructed in order to provide a safe environment for our athletes to compete. With the necessary improvements, there will be potential for the facilities to be utilized by community members young and old. We hope that our students, parents, alumni and community members will support these efforts so that we can make Chippewa Athletic Facilities something to be proud of.

DONATE NOW

*Your generous donation will enable us to update our athletic facilities.
See the **donation page** for information on commitment levels.*



One of our major projects will take place at Memorial Park. Beginning in May 2019, there are plans to replace the stadium's grass field with synthetic turf. This part of the project is a priority because our field is not currently in a safe, playable condition. Over the years, Chippewa Local Schools have attempted to keep the field well-groomed and safe for our athletes. The teams and band members have not been permitted to practice on the field, nor have the youth teams been allowed to use it. This has all been part of the effort to minimize the wear and tear. At the end of the fall athletic season, our soccer teams had to move home games (regular season and tournament) to neighboring schools due to the unsafe conditions of our field. Not only was this unfortunate that the teams couldn't play on their home field, but there were also costs that the district incurred to rent these other fields.

In addition to the field replacement, other amenities that will benefit all athletes and spectators include nicer concession areas, better quality restrooms and locker rooms, and improved parking areas.

WHY TURF?

From our perspective and research, we feel the greatest disadvantage of continually refurbishing the current natural grass facility is the liability of usage or wear and tear. In order to keep the natural grass in good condition, it not only requires much more maintenance, but it also forces us to restrict usage. Currently, the facility is able to withstand, at maximum, football and soccer games for the high school and junior high. (Practices cannot be held on the field in order keep it in optimal shape for game days). When we have seasons that are poor weather-wise, that usage obviously decreases. In inclement weather the band is not permitted to do their performance on the field. Instead, they must remain on the sideline. With the installation of a turf field, there will be no restrictions on usage.

We need to resolve this problem before the start of the 2019 fall sports seasons!



PLAYER SAFETY

Nothing is more important than the safety of our athletes! There have been many studies on synthetic turf and the sand and rubber materials used for infill. Synthetic turf has been shown to reduce athletic injuries in comparison to poorly maintained natural turf. None of the studies have documented health, environmental, or safety risks associated with properly installed synthetic turf materials.

Current field condition



Field after install of synthetic turf



MAINTENANCE

Not only does synthetic turf increase potential usage of the field, it also decreases maintenance costs. The field can be used continually without affecting cost of maintenance. Though the costs of installation are initially high, synthetic turf can be less than half the cost of natural turf when evaluating the costs on a usage basis.

Synthetic turf is also more environmentally friendly. It will eliminate the need to use thousands of gallons of water to irrigate the field. There will be no need for mowing, fertilizing, seeding or treating with herbicides and pesticides. This playing surface will also alleviate pressure on maintenance crews and event schedulers since the field can be utilized in all weather conditions. It is estimated that the time to maintain the field will be as follows:

- Weekly:** Sweeping/Raking of infill - high use areas <1 hour
- Monthly:** Static drag behind grooming <4 hours
- Seasonally:** Sweeping and Tine Grooming-- Spring and Fall



Below is a table listing the number of students that would benefit from a synthetic field.

Potential Students Impacted By Turf

STUDENTS THAT BENEFIT FROM NATURAL GRASS FIELD		STUDENTS THAT BENEFIT FROM SYNTHETIC FIELD	
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL	30	HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL	30
HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER – BOYS	25	HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER – BOYS	25
HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER -GIRLS	20	HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER -GIRLS	20
JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL	30	JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL	30
		MARCHING BAND	50
		YOUTH FOOTBALL	60
		YOUTH SOCCER	225
		HIGH SCHOOL TRACK	50
		JUNIOR HIGH TRACK	75
		HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL	30
		HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL	25
TOTAL STUDENTS	105	TOTAL STUDENTS	620

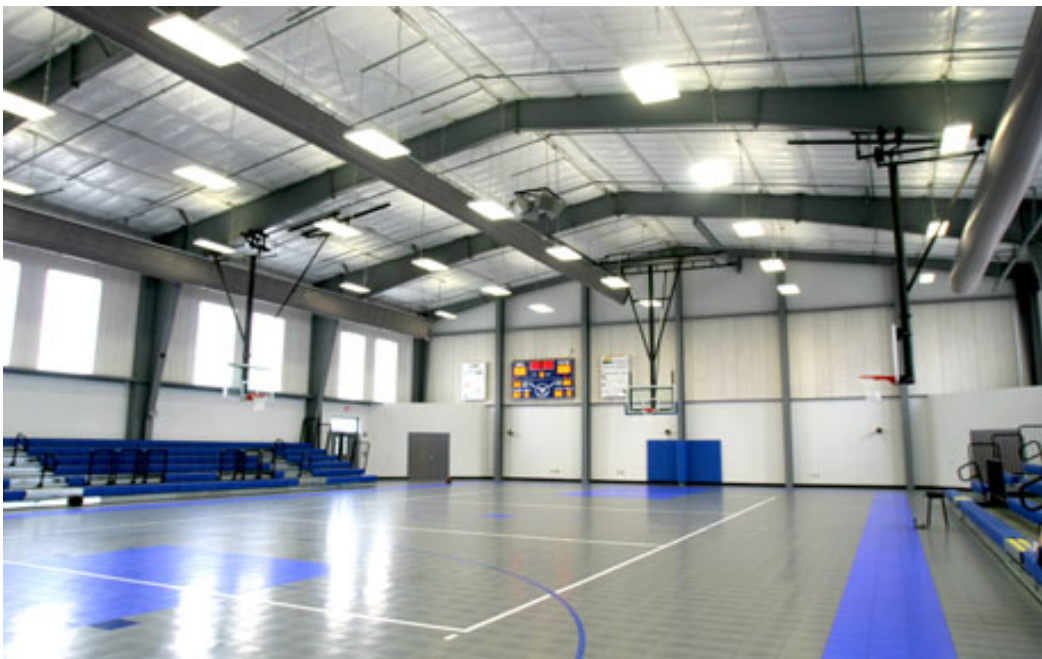
The renovated facility will not only allow us to accommodate our school programs, but to also accommodate youth programs and community groups. In addition to the groups already listed above, there are other activities that could utilize this upgrade. For example, Commencement and other major ceremonies could be held on the turf. Community Movie Nights, Pep Rallies and Relay for Life would be wonderful events to bring the community together. The Chippewa Marching Band would be able to host competitions and the OHSAA could also utilize this facility for tournament play.

The **Chippewa Athletic Facilities Project** will address needed improvements in all of our athletic facilities. Some of the needs that have been identified are as follows: parking at the stadium, a new location for the softball field, reconditioning of tennis courts, a dedicated wrestling room, reconditioning of the track, redesign of a cross-country course, additional basketball/volleyball courts, adequate locker rooms, and equipment storage facilities. Also included in this project are shelters for inclement weather where applicable. It has been recognized that our current facilities do not meet the needs of our students and community. A field with synthetic turf will alleviate some of our immediate concerns, but, as noted, there are several other areas that need addressed as well.

IS A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AN OPTION?

A multi-purpose indoor facility is a great option to address many of our current needs. Students and coaches are presently traveling from one location to another to conduct practices and participate in competitions. A multi-purpose facility in one location and large enough to house the needs of all Chippewa Jr/Sr High School Athletes is preferable. With the addition of this space, we will be able to provide an on-campus location that will alleviate many of the necessities as mentioned above. A facility of this capacity would have a major influence on all athletes participating in both indoor and outdoor sports. In addition to impacting all of the Chippewa athlete,s it will also be a potential place of recreation for our community.

*The future of our facilities is dependent on donations received.
Projects will be completed when funding becomes available.*



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