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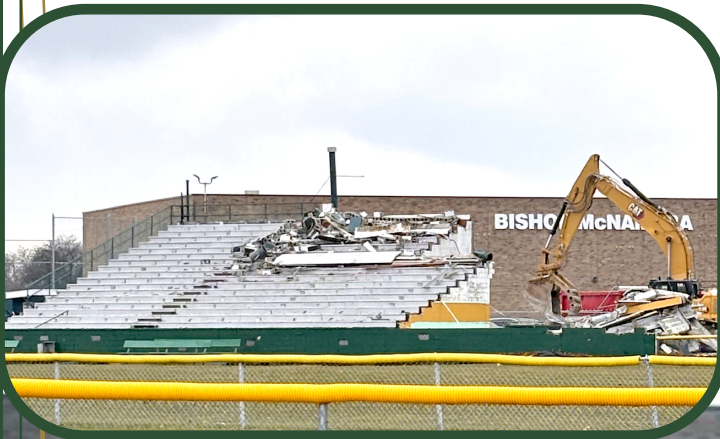


## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is so pleasing to see the benefits of your generosity each and every day during this academic year. It is a joy to witness our students not only using the three indoor projects—the Student Success Center, the newly remodeled Chemistry Lab, and St. Patrick Chapel—but also being in a space that enhances their social, emotional, academic, and spiritual well-being. Again, none of this would have been possible if it were not for the continued support, commitment, and generosity of you, the alumni and friends of Bishop McNamara.

As many, if not all of you know—and maybe even witnessed, either in person or through our live streaming efforts—the demolition of what many of us would call a historical landmark, the Rich Zinanni Stadium, took place on Monday, December 16th. When I witnessed the first strike on the stadium and saw the first brick fall, it was certainly a moment of mixed emotions. One of those emotions was a certain degree of sadness—a sadness that I, as an alumnus of Bishop McNamara, shared with all of our alumni. Many of you know what I mean when I say that some of the greatest memories of our time as students at Bishop McNamara took place on the many, many Friday nights over the sixty-six years that the stadium stood on what we call “the front porch” of our campus.

Although there was a sense of sadness, there was also an overwhelming sense of excitement—excitement for the future and for the new memories that will be formed, not only by our current student body but by all the Bishop McNamara students of the future.



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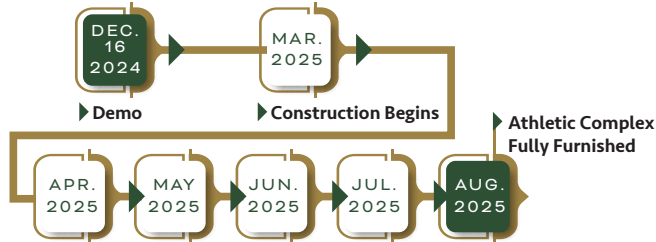


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## UPDATED TIMELINE

### ATHLETIC COMPLEX



I would be remiss if I didn't admit that, when looking out of the school or driving by or through our campus, there is no doubt a void when we look at the open space where the Rich Zinanni Stadium once stood. However, it will be an exciting experience to witness the new construction of the new athletic complex. The current plan is for construction to begin when the weather breaks in early March.

The next question that follows when we inform people of our start date is: "Will it be completed by the start of the 2025 football season?" Our general contractor, PSI General Contractors, has assured us that it will indeed be completed in time for our first home football game on August 30th.

We are excited about what the new athletic complex will provide for our student-athletes, coaches, trainers, and our loyal Irish faithful—you, the Fightin' Irish fanbase. The new athletic complex is designed to benefit not only our football program but also our spring athletic programs. It will feature two distinct locker room spaces, coaches' offices and locker room space, a trainer's room, an Irish Spirit Shop, public restrooms, storage space, and a new, spacious press box with state-of-the-art technology and streaming capabilities. The complex will have seating for 1,000 Irish faithful.

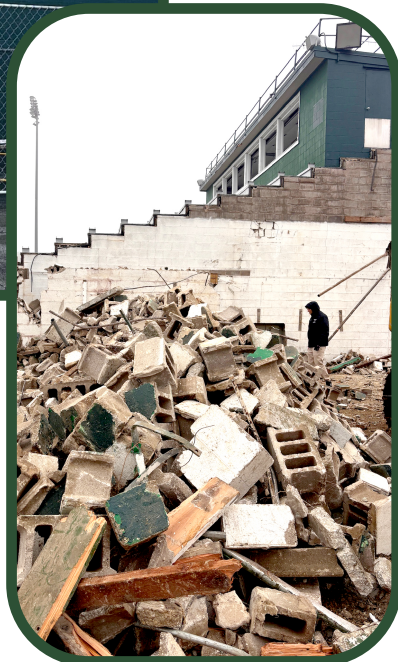
Again, none of this would be possible without your continued support—not only for our school and student-athletes but, more importantly, for Catholic education in our community, which is so critical and greatly needed in our world today.

I, personally, cannot wait to see that first game when the Irish will take the field and you, the loyal McNamara faithful, will be enjoying the benefits of the new athletic complex. Again, thank you! Thank you for all you do for our students.

**God bless and Go Irish!**

**Terry Granger**

*President Emeritus*



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