



BISHOP WALSH SCHOOL

700 BISHOP WALSH DRIVE
CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

Alumni and Friends:

Bishop Walsh's gymnasium is a very special place. In 1968, we played our first basketball game there. In 1967, BW won its first City Basketball Championship, and in 1968, BW had its only undefeated varsity basketball season, which led to more All City basketball wins in the 80s and the 90s, as well as a Girl's Volleyball All City victory in 1990. Above all, most of us received our high school diplomas in that gym. In many ways, our minds, bodies and futures were shaped in a meaningful way inside those walls. After 40 years of faithful service the gym needs some attention.

The bleachers and lights are beyond cosmetic repair and must be completely replaced. Replacement parts for handrails, brakes, wheels, etc. are no longer commercially available. The school has received an estimate of \$70,000 to replace both sets of bleachers and lighting.

We have already received a generous commitment of \$20,000 for this project. However, there is a catch – that \$20,000 needs to be matched in order for us to receive it. This is where we need your help. Please consider a donation that can make a difference to our children's children. We know times and finances are tough for everyone, but the safety of our athletes and guests is of utmost importance.

While we will gladly accept donations of any amount, please know that a contribution of \$1,000 will secure naming rights for a bleacher, \$5000 will secure naming rights for a section and \$10,000 will secure the away side naming for you or your family. There are 44 bleachers on each side, which if fully named, could secure \$88,000 and while assuring the \$20,000 matching commitment we need.

Take this opportunity to honor or memorialize someone special to you or the Bishop Walsh community at the place where we all launched our adult lives, the gym. With talk of reunions in the air, this is also a perfect time for entire classes to get together and secure naming rights for their class or to honor deceased classmates.

To make your donation, go to the website, www.bishopwalsh.org and link to Giving. Please reference Bleacher Project or mail to the school. Also, please feel free to contact me or Ray DiGilaro, Bishop Walsh Director of Development, at 301-724-5360, x107.

Thank you for considering a gift to this important cause and joining us in making Bishop Walsh a safe place for future generations.

Sincerely,

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