



Athletic Complex Capital Initiative Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I contribute to the High School Athletic Complex when I already donate to Sion? The High School Athletic Complex will help Notre Dame de Sion School develop superior student athletes by upgrading our current facilities. The campus improvement from this campaign will help current students improve their abilities, as well as attract potential students to our school.

How is the Athletic Complex Initiative different from the Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund is the cornerstone of Sion. Each year, the Annual Fund allows us to bridge the difference between tuition income and the actual costs of educating our students and is used for general purposes. Contributions to the Athletic Complex Initiative are restricted to only be used for this project.

Will my gift to the Athletic Complex Initiative be counted as my pledge to the Annual Fund? Contribution to the Initiative will not count toward a donor's Annual Fund gift. Donors are encouraged to maintain their present level of giving to the Sion Annual Fund in order to continue to meet the needs of scholarship funding and operations.

What is the total cost of the project? The total cost of the project is \$4 million dollars.

Is my gift to the Initiative tax deductible? Yes, your gift is tax-deductible. Sion is registered as a 501(c)(3) organization with the IRS. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Will I be able to spread out my financial support to the Athletic Complex Initiative over a period of time? Pledges to the campaign can be made over a period of up to five years. The timing and the amounts can be structured to best meet each donor's giving abilities and tax consideration.

Can I contribute matching funds? Yes. Matching gifts will be credited to you. Many companies have restrictions on matching contributions and donors should consult their employers before submitting the forms to Sion.

What is the timeframe for construction? We anticipate construction beginning at the start of the 2014 school year and ending during the summer of 2015.

Will construction affect any sports seasons? Yes. The Athletic Directors will schedule practices and games at other facilities.

Are there additional ways to give beyond monetary contributions?

Yes. A project of this magnitude provides numerous opportunities for in-kind donations relating to construction, raw materials, equipment and design expertise.

How much needs to be raised before breaking ground?

The Board of Trustees prides itself on maintaining excellence for Notre Dame de Sion School. This includes being fiscally responsible. The full cost of the project needs to be committed in order to proceed with construction.

Will outside community organizations be able to use the facilities?

Yes. The upgrades in this project will allow us to open the facilities to a wide variety of community groups. Rental fees and contracts will be determined at a later date.

Why are we launching this project at this time?

Private schools are in competition for the most outstanding applicants. These improvements allow Sion to remain competitive. The new complex will also boost interest in our summer camps for younger children, drawing even more families of potential Sion students to see our campus and meet our coaches. We have successful athletic teams because of our student athletes and quality coaches. We will not remain competitive for serious student athletes without first-class facilities. Improved outdoor facilities are necessary to give Sion athletes the extra advantage they deserve.

What donation opportunities exist?

Every gift really does make a difference and any size of gift is welcomed. Gifts range from \$25.00 to over \$1 million. Currently, naming opportunities exist starting at \$10,000 but additional naming opportunities will exist for gifts under \$10,000 at a later date.

Why this initiative now? Shouldn't we be concentrating on other projects like more classroom space and a performing arts center?

Sion is proud of all our extra curricular activities and the roles they play in developing teamwork, perseverance and dedication in our students. With this in mind, nearly 75% of all Sion high school students participate in one or more competitive student athletic programs. Our student athletes have the opportunity to participate in 11 sports across three seasons: basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track, and volleyball. With so many students participating in athletics, it is important for the school to address not only the desire for improved facilities, but also the need. The Board of Trustees and Administration also understand the need and desire for visual and performing arts space. We are working to expand our Arts curriculum and developing partnerships with local venues and institutions, such as Avila University to grow the program.