



## Lakeland Basketball Locker Room Proposal



Lakeland Basketball Family,

I have exciting news regarding Lakeland Basketball. We are in the process of a locker room renovation! Lakeland Athletic Director Michaels and Principal Gmelin support our locker room project and have encouraged us to begin fund raising for this project. There are still several steps in the process of complete approval, but we need to be proactive in order to have this locker room ready for next basketball season.

Please join us on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm in the LHS Fieldhouse to discuss all details of this project. As this will benefit not only our current team but many teams to come in the future, I would encourage present and FUTURE Lakeland Basketball families to attend the meeting.

Below you will find the proposal I submitted in May regarding this project. I hope reading it provides more information and helps prepare you for our meeting next Wednesday. It is going to take all of our involvement to make this a success!

I hope to see all of you on Wednesday to discuss this very exciting opportunity.

Coach Brugger

## Boys Varsity Locker Room Renovation Proposal

Every school has a locker room that gets used by hundreds of athletes every year. Locker rooms are often messy, uncared for, and do little to boost the morale of student athletes. If Lakeland student athletes are representing themselves, their team, their school and their community, then they deserve a space that honors their commitment. An athletic team's purpose is to reinforce the concept of team and community pride, then creating a basketball-specific locker room for our program would be an outstanding way to accomplish this. Students who are a part of Lakeland's basketball program would certainly derive a great sense of pride in their room and give these young men a huge advantage. Community partners and stakeholders who help take on this task would feel greater pride in our school's athletic program.

- A) I am proposing the small locker room on the boy's locker room side be converted to an exclusive Varsity Boys Basketball Program locker room. I would like for players and coaches to work together to create a "TEAM" locker room which will be used and maintained exclusively by the boys basketball team. While freshman and junior varsity players will use the locker room for meetings, film, etc., it would also serve as motivation to stick with the program and improve in order to have the honor of using the locker room when they reach the varsity level. Just as an incoming freshman dreams of receiving a varsity letter, Lakeland basketball players will work toward the goal of having their own lockers. The locker room would be state-of-the-art as far as high school basketball is concerned and would rival the facilities of some small colleges.
- B) Lakeland High School didn't have any new locker rooms created for athletics when the Pools and Fitness project was completed. This has been an ongoing issue with locker room security and availability, which has had a negative impact on building a cohesive team. It has gotten so bad that for the past several seasons, boys' basketball players haven't even used a locker room to store their basketball clothing. Currently, our players must bring their bags out to the gym during practices and home games. Furthermore, the lack of a consistent meeting place for watching film and discussing strategy makes it very difficult to provide an environment in which our student-athletes can focus and reach their full potential.
- C) Upon completion, our Boys Basketball Locker Room would contain 18, 24" wide, wood lockers each complete with name plate, stools, and lock boxes. The floor would have royal blue carpet with a section cut out to maintain space for drying off outside of the shower area. The walls would be painted with Lakeland Basketball logos and slogans. The locker room would also contain a table and chairs that provide a study area for our student athletes to work together on homework either before or after practice. There would also be a tv and/or Smart Board on a wall mount where athletes could watch game film. This locker room would have a separate core so that only coaches or administrators could gain access. Custodians would not be needed as Lakeland basketball players would take the responsibility of cleaning and maintaining the area, thus creating ownership within the program.
- D) Currently Lakeland Basketball has roughly \$14,000 in our basketball account which has been raised and saved through fund raising activities. This project would cost approximately \$22,000 with ZERO money coming directly from the Lakeland Athletics or Lakeland High School budget. Once given the green light, I'm extremely confident parents and community members would jump at the opportunity to create a special place within the school that demonstrates pride and ownership of Lakeland High School. This locker room could help begin a resurgence of school pride in the locker room area and athletic facilities. When students see something nice created through

their own hard work it will be contagious with other students wanting something similar. This would be a complete paradigm shift in the current state of the Lakeland locker room.