

From: Principal [<mailto:principal@bishopblanchet.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 3:09 PM
To: [neighbor]
Subject: BBHS Jan. 25 Open House/Your comments

Dear Neighbor

Thank you for your comments regarding the Master Use Permit application for the Bishop Blanchet athletic field improvements. Your concerns are important to us, and we would like the opportunity to meet with you to answer any questions you might have. Bishop Blanchet invites you to an Open House at Bishop Blanchet's Haggerty Hall on Wednesday, January 25, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The school's senior administrators along with the project design team will be present to provide you information regarding the field lighting proposal and answer any questions you may have.

In case you are unable to attend the Open House, below are answers to some of the questions/concerns that have been raised:

Why does Blanchet need field lights?

The Seattle high school football league typically plays their football games on Friday nights. Blanchet would like to accommodate a Friday night game schedule throughout the football season. Blanchet plays a total of 4 or 5 home football games per year.

Why do the light poles need to be 70 feet tall?

By raising the height of the light fixtures, the lights can be focused downward instead of horizontally. The light fixtures are specially designed to direct the light onto the field to eliminate light spillage off site. Shorter poles require the light to be projected horizontally which could cause the light to spill onto the neighboring properties.

Will the field lights shine onto my property?

Because the light is focused onto the field, the light levels provided by the field lights will be substantially less than the ambient light levels that currently exist on the adjacent streets surrounding the school. This will benefit our neighbors.

Why is Blanchet adding a new sound system?

Our existing sound system that is used for football games is substandard. Our proposal is a new sound system that will provide self-directed coverage to the spectators and not carry the sound into the neighborhood; again, lessening the current sound impact on neighbors.

Will the proposed field improvements increase traffic and parking problems?

The number of football games will remain the same as previous years. The addition of the field lights will move 3-4 Saturday games to Friday nights. The number of people attending the games should be the same.

Will Blanchet pick up litter after football games?

Yes, Blanchet will patrol the neighborhood after games picking up trash left behind by people who attended the game.

We hope this answers some of your questions and hope you can join us at the Open House next Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you.

This letter, also, is being sent in the mail to you tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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Principal