

## Joseph F. Pappano Stadium—InfoCision Field

Originally the Minutemen played their home games at Bath Field located next to Bath School at the corner of Cleveland-Massillon and Bath Roads. In the fall of 1955, construction on a new field began. The field was located at Revere High School, at the corner of Everett and Revere Roads, and included a new lighted field and track. The field was financed through the Revere Booster Club (and that debt later paid off by Ira Road resident, Raymond C. Firestone). On September 20, 1957, the first game was played on the field—a 6-0 win over Copley. On October 31, 1958, Revere High School Football Field was officially dedicated. On September 8, 1962 a dedication ceremony was held to commemorate the completion of a number of projects to the field, including new 1,200 seat steel bleachers. In 1994 the stadium received a major facelift with addition of new visitor bleachers, an all-weather track, new permanent fencing around the field and stadium, and paving around the stadium to replace the gravel. In 2002, new home bleachers were added along with an impressive press box.

In 2003, the stadium was rededicated and named after [Coach Joseph F. Pappano](#). The honor was bestowed upon Coach Pappano who coached for 26 years (1977-2002) and became one of the area's best coaches. He finished his career with 160 wins, 9 league titles, 7 state qualifying teams, a 20-6 record against Copley, Ohio High School Coach of the Year in Division II in 1980 and '89 and in Division III in '90, and was inducted into the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

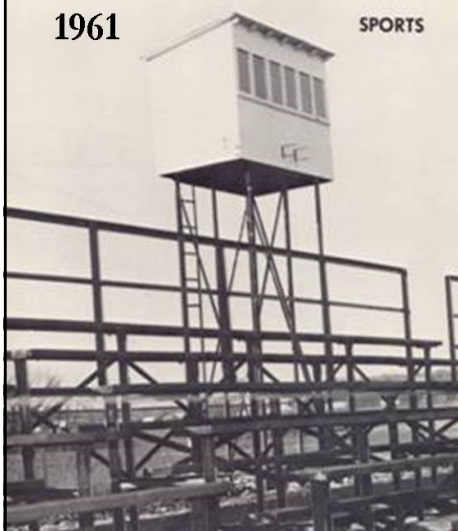
In 2009, field turf was installed in the stadium thanks to the efforts of a community organization (Revere Turf Committee) along with the Revere Administration and the Revere Board of Education. The Stadium also received an expanded playing surface, new fencing, a new all-weather track, new paving around the stadium, and play clocks on both sides of the field.





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1961



1966



1977



1981



1981



2008





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In 2008 with the Revere Board of Education (BOE) identifying the need to replace the deteriorating track at Joseph F. Pappano Stadium, a group of Revere parents proposed raising funds to replace the natural grass field with an artificial surface. This group of parents then formed the Revere Turf Initiative which sought to fundraise in order to make this vision a reality.

The project cost is estimated at \$1,380,000. The Revere School District provided the initial \$500,000 it had reserved for the required track replacement and any remaining cost of the total project (the reduced annual maintenance cost of the new turf as compared to natural grass will also financially benefit the school district. The Turf Initiative's goal is to privately fund \$650,000 towards the project. The initial push has been a tremendous success—As of August 15, 2009, approximately \$500,000 has been pledged by 185 different local families, businesses, and organizations!



2009



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Tatiana and Richard Harris  
Thad and Emily Hete  
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Revere Lantern—May 27, 1955

## Athletic Field Being Planned

The Revere Booster Club has just finished surveying Revere's athletic field-to-be.

Present plans are to level the area and plant grass so that it can be used this fall. At present, Revere is borrowing Bath's football field for games.

The goal of the Booster Club is an athletic field with concrete bleachers under which will be dressing rooms and, in addition, a baseball diamond near the field.

The source of money for this equipment is the Saturday evening square dances. Last year the club had a sponsorship drive instead of the usual membership campaign. Much support comes from donations.

The Booster Club will again have a membership drive this year. Mr. James Rand, secretary, hopes to increase the membership from the present 200 to 1,000. Hoping to arouse interest in all who belong to the P.T.A., he stresses that this is not a project for parents alone. All interested adults, with or without students in the Bath-Richfield schools, should join the Booster Club.

Revere Lantern—December 2, 1955

## Plans New Athletic Field; Will Hold Raffle Feb. 14

A modern athletic field with adequate facilities for football, baseball, track, and tennis is what the Booster Club is aiming for as they sponsor a raffle for a 1956 Buick.

Approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000 is needed to complete the athletic field. Included in the plans for the field are a baseball diamond, tennis courts, a track, and a football field. Also in the plans are permanent bleachers with locker rooms beneath them for use by the teams. A swimming pool is expected to be added in the future.

The field will be used for summer recreation facilities for the whole community. The summer sports would be supported by funds received from the receipts taken in during the school's athletic season.

The athletic field is a com-

munity project needing the community's support. Each family in the community will be contacted by a member or a representative of the Booster Club and will be asked to give its support to this project.

"To put this project over the top, each family in the Bath-Richfield community should be responsible for the selling of three books of raffle tickets," stated Mr. E. G. Clor, chairman of the raffle committee.

The first prize in the raffle is a seafoam green and white 1956 Buick "Century" hard-top convertible. Second prize is a CBS 21-inch television set. An RCA Hi-Fidelity phonograph completes the list as the third prize.

The raffle drawing will be held on February 14, 1956. The tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of six for \$5.00.

Revere Lantern—October 18, 1957

## Revere Downs Copley 6-0

For the first time since 1941 the Revere Minutemen defeated the Copley Indians, 6-0.

The game was played at the new Revere field Friday, September 20, before a crowd of more than 600 people.

The lone score of the game was made in the first quarter on a brilliant 45 yard run by Earl Holderfield.

For the rest of the game the two teams engaged in a defensive battle. Copley came close to scoring; however Revere rose to the occasion and stopped Copley on the six yard line.

It rained all of the second half, but the crowd stayed and watched one of the finest games of the year.

Revere gained 174 yards while Copley gained 171. Copley made 12 first downs to Revere's 6.

## Field Nears Completion

Eight recently erected sets of lights shone on Revere's new football field at the first game of the year when the Minutemen battled against Copley.

There were no dedication ceremonies at the September 20 game. "But we hope to have it dedicated later on, when everything is complete," stated Coach Frank DiNapoli.

Revere Booster Club, financiers of the field, has to date about \$20,000 in it, with the current project being permanent.

Revere Lantern—October 31, 2003

## Football team honors coach

The Revere Board of Education has approved a proposal to rename the current athletic stadium to "Joe Pappano Stadium." The ceremony took place at halftime of the last varsity football home game versus Green on October 24.

"There will be a temporary sign placed on the existing scoreboard, and eventually we will hopefully get a new scoreboard in his honor," Athletic Director David Flegal said.

Joe Pappano, a former physical education teacher at the high school and head coach of the Minutemen for twenty-six years, retired last year. Pappano still plays an active role in the program and comes to practices and games.



Joe Pappano being honored for his 25 years of coaching the varsity football team.

Akron Beacon Journal—March 26, 2009

## Revere agrees to contracts to fix stadium

By Jody Miller  
Special to the Beacon Journal

**BATH TWP.:** The Revere school board has signed off on plans for the renovation of the district's stadium.

The board has awarded contracts totaling \$1.37 million.

Contracts were awarded to Vasco Sports for \$744,979 in site improvements, plus synthetic turf installation for \$440,600; R.B. Thomas Electric for work totaling \$53,640; and Goddard Coatings for the track surface at \$132,500.

Funding for the synthetic turf project will be paid through an agreement between the district and the Revere Turf Committee, which has successfully campaigned to raise donations to pay for at least 75 percent of the installation.

District Treasurer David Forrest said the committee has exceeded its goal and raised more than \$400,000 toward the synthetic turf.

The entire project cost is significantly less than the original \$2.5 million estimate, board President Chris Kostoff said.

The savings have allowed the district to move forward with the project in time for fall 2009 sports, Kostoff said.

District funding for this project will come from Revere's Permanent Improvement Fund.

Forrest said a \$5,394 grant from the Akron Community Foundation will be used toward the turf project.



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## Revere anticipates installing turf next year

By RYAN KATZ

The Revere Local School District is working on installing field turf at Joseph F. Pappano Stadium, the Revere High School football stadium, for the 2009-2010 school year.

The district administration, the school board, and the athletic director have been planning this project since the beginning of the school year and are currently blue printing plans to renovate the field.

Athletic director Todd Osborn is heading this project and anticipates only good things. A group of community members are putting significant funding into getting the new field built.

"On November 19, I took a group of the head officials and funding personnel along with me to visit Green High School, Lake High School, Massillon High School, and Fawcett Field at the Football Hall of Fame to see what their turfs are like," Osborn said.

The project will be expensive, but will pay for itself in the long run. Also, new opportunities will be available for the school.

"The project will cost between one to two and a half million dollars. The school does have the money to pay for the field. Extra funding will be needed if we are to expand the soccer field and the track," Osborn said.

Osborn hopes to modify the visitors section so that the school has a NCAA regulation soccer field and can host bigger tournaments. The plans also include modifying the track.

"The visitors section will be pushed back but raised in height. If we have a college regulated soccer field, we can gain revenue from hosting tournaments. The track will be red, and the turns a little sharper, making it a 'fast track'. We would expand to ten lanes," Osborn said.

Osborn said there are so many benefits from having turf instead of traditional grass field.

"You can overwater grass and underwater grass, but turf does not

need water. If snow is on grass, you have to wait for it to melt, but if snow is on turf, you can just shovel it off. With grass, the school has to hire someone to cut it periodically. With turf, no cutting is needed. Turf is very cost effective," Osborn said.

Lake High School athletic director Bruce Brown has had good experiences with his turf. He recommends it to other aspiring schools.

"We just got the turf installed this year. It helps out with various events that you could not host when having traditional grass fields," Brown said.

Brown stressed that the turf should not be only used for athletic but also for the community.

"The community has a right to ask why the turf will benefit them. We have used our turf to host many community events. I know Revere: planning on doing the same," Brown said.

Many people have been concerned with the safety of the athletes on turf, but Brown assures there is little to worry about.

"Turf toe injuries occurred a lot in the 70's and 80's when the turf was of less quality. Now with modern technology, the turf is just as comfortable as grass, and very few turf related injuries occur," Brown said.

Revere's head football coach Terry Cistone is excited for the new turf, and hopes it will bring new opportunities to the high school.

"I am hoping that we will be able to host state playoff events soon as we get the turf. It should benefit the school in other ways, too. High Schools have so many sports, and the community is going to want to utilize the new turf also. Even physical education classes will be able to go outside and have a class without worrying about getting muddy," Cistone said.

Cistone promoted turf to any school, not only for its opportunities, but for its cost effectiveness.

"This turf is virtually universal for any sport," Cistone said.

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## District replaces field, benefits athletics

By CASEY RUGGLES

In venues around the world, many major league teams use artificial turf as their playing surface. After a large amount of planning and half a million dollars, turf has come to Revere Local Schools.

Recently the Joseph F. Pappano Stadium took on a great transformation with removing the real grass field and replacing it with artificial turf. The entire project, named The Turf Initiative, took the whole summer to install. The new area consists of a new playing field, track, and visiting bleachers.

Co chairman of the Turf Initiative Jim Giltner believes that the project is going as planned by making sure that it is a success for the football and soccer teams.

"We're almost there. We've raised over 500,000 dollars with over 200 donations from various families. It's amazing that the dreams of many children can be fulfilled even in the given economy," Giltner said.

The life expectancy of the new field seems to be the biggest upside to the project.

"The turf can't be worn out. It's expected to hold between 250 and 300 events per year for the next eight to twelve years. It is now a regulation size soccer field and one of the few that are in Ohio. This allows us to hold national events, and the field to be up to standards," Giltner said.

He predicts that this project is just the beginning of bigger things to come.

"This is just phase one out of an indefinite number of phases. There are so many other things that could be done to improve the rest of the stadium. When the project is complete, it's still not finished," Giltner said.

Athletic director Bill Schumacher feels that this new field will bring a whole range of people to come and get a good use out of it.

"This project is a testimony to the direction the district is going to provide quality venues for the Revere students, [as well as] the community, physical education, and outside groups. Prior to this project the field had to minimize its use because the grass would take such a beating," Schumacher said.

Another addition to the project is all Revere students can attend all home athletic events free of charge.

"Essentially the student fees went from 75 dollars to 100 dollars. For that additional 25 dollars a student can attend all home events for free," Schumacher said.

Schumacher is impressed by the amount of effort everyone is showing in the short period of time he has been at the school.

"The school district is really making strides to providing the best opportunities for students, whether it be academics, arts, or athletics," Schumacher said.

Treasurer of Revere School District Dave Forrest considers the project a success in that the turf committee has met their goal of the stadium being playable by the first home football and soccer games.

Perks for the new turf include a safe environment for all athletes, cheap operation, it is not weather dependant and can be used year round. Forrest hopes that these points will increase community involvement.

"Hopefully the field will increase Revere pride in the community and in-turn increase attendance at events. We also hope to attract new activities to our stadium and all of these things will increase sales," Forrest said.

The new field, track, and bleachers will be beneficial to all that use them and should be taken as a positive addition to the school district.

"Students need to be excited about all of these areas and embrace these opportunities that are readily available to them," Giltner said.

The possibilities of the new turf and track are endless. This project was only feasible by the community donating money and planning by the turf committee.

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Joseph F. Pappano Stadium

HOMEcoming

September 25, 2009

## "The Helmet"—(1988 to 1994)

In the fall of 1988, Selby Industries donated a huge 12'x12' football helmet to RHS—the helmet was installed over the scoreboard. A year later, they added an illuminant face and then added several other features over the next few years. It was retired and taken down prior to the 1994 season. But everyone that was around Revere football still remembers it and countless number of visitors still remember getting directions that ended with "just look for the helmet."

