

Roy Gilbreath Auditorium

The new Bismarck High School auditorium will be dedicated to former BHS graduate Roy Gilbreath, who has made a donation to the project.

Roy Gilbreath was born on June 11, 1930 in Mott, North Dakota. He attended first grade in Minneapolis, MN. He then attended 2nd grade through high school in Bismarck where he graduated from Bismarck High School in 1948.

Roy attended the University of Minnesota for one year before enlisting in the United States Air Force where he served four years during the Korean War.

After his service in the Air Force, Roy continued college at Montana State University and graduated with a degree in Agronomy. After graduation he worked several years for Doane's Agricultural Services. He later returned to Bismarck where he worked for as a Land Leasing Agent. During the time he was a Landman, Gilbreath also worked for the North Dakota State Legislature. Roy is best known for being the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives from the late 1960's through 1997 with the exception of the 1983 legislative session.

Roy still has his Bismarck High School letterman's jacket which, on occasion, he still proudly wears!



Facts About the Bismarck High Project

Bond:

- The bond for these projects was approved March 7, 2017, by 85% of the people who voted. BHS's cost is \$17 million.
- As other bonds for school projects come off the taxrolls, BPS will replace them with mills for the 5 projects, resulting in a flat debt service mill levy so local taxpayers would not experience an increase in this levy.

Project:

- Added 25,600 sq. ft. auditorium/theatre. This space will be used by the music and theatre departments, and classroom teachers.
- Improved security at east and west entrances.

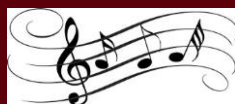
History:

- BHS opened as the first true high school in Bismarck in Oct. 1912 with the first graduating class in 1913.
- Hallways had no lockers but students were impressed by the large classroom windows and indoor plumbing.
- By 1934-35, the 649 students enrolled more than doubled the original number planned for BHS.
- The School Board decided to build a new high school to replace the old one. It was the longest Public Works Administration (PWA) project in the state at that time using ND laborers, creating jobs during the Depression.
- In Sept. 1935, a new 3-story BHS was ready for occupancy. The first junior high school moved into the former 1912 high school building.
- BHS has been remodeled and added on to many times since then (1962-68, 1976-78, 1981-82, 1997-98).
- Today, Bismarck High has 1,163 students; it's projected to have 1,465 students by the fall of 2021.



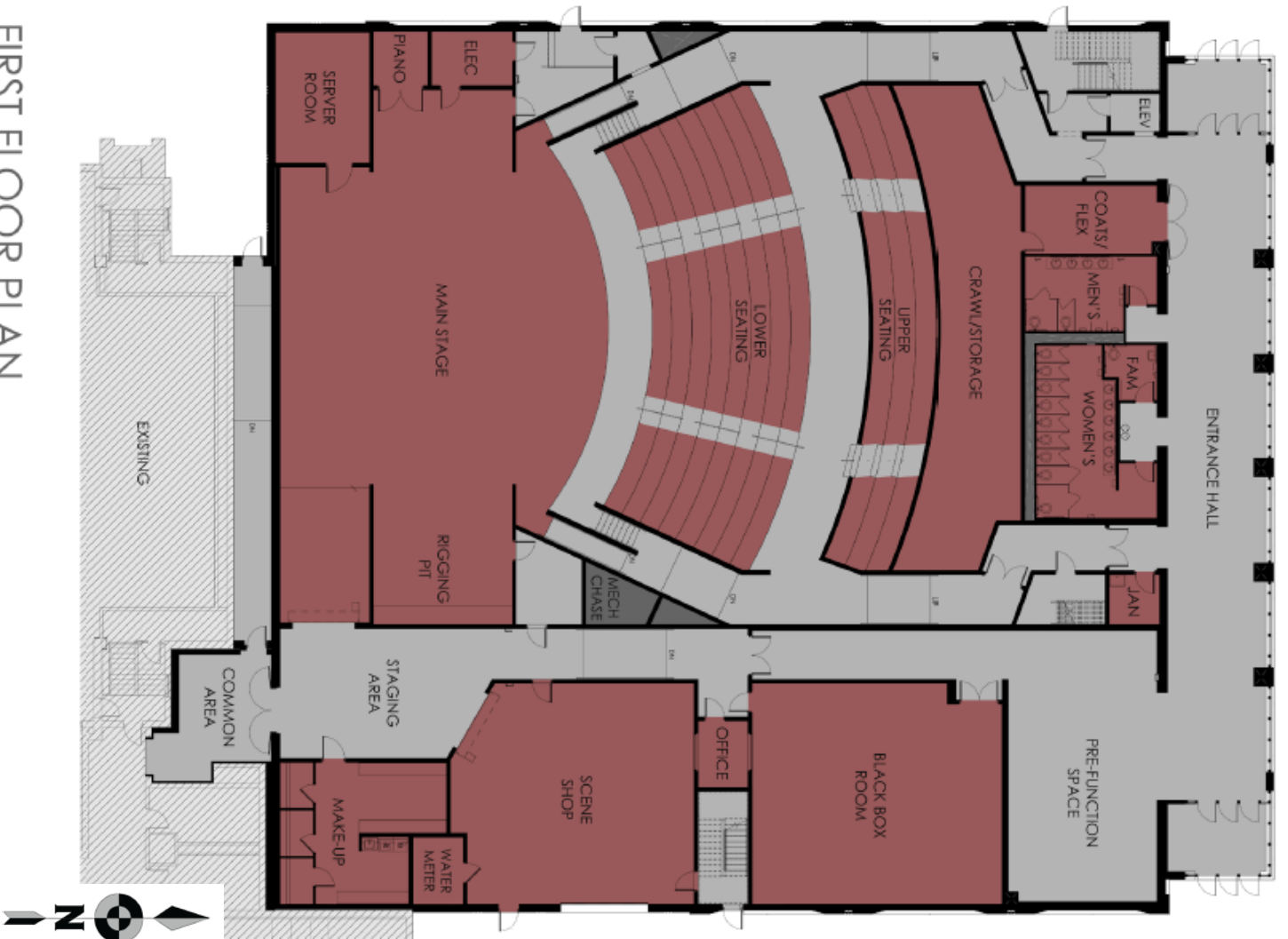
David Wisthoff, Principal
Lynette Johnson, Asst. Principal
Ryan Johnson, Asst. Principal
Scott Nustad, Activity Director

Thank you for attending



Robert Peske & Neil Tafelmeyer, Band
Brian Saylor & Alyssa Nelson, Choir
Dana Van Heukelom, Orchestra
Jennifer Bedard, Drama/ Theatre

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

