## **OPERATIONS**

### NEWSLETTER

#### The Creation of a Locker Room

How does a building go from an idea on a napkin to a finished, usable product? Here is a peek behind the scenes of how our new locker room happened. Jim Shea, an HVAC technician for The Ops Department and football coach for everyone else, asked us what we thought it would cost to get a temp structure(modular building) built based on the size of our existing PE modular. This would be a temporary solution to help Athletics and PE until we could move forward with our Master plan. The "idea" was born and the floor plan was scratched onto a napkin you see pictured below. Then the question was, how do we make this come to life? The normal path you follow for constructing a new building can be construed as a complicated thing, but it is really quite simple. Once you have an idea of what you want/need, you hire an architect with an engineering firm along with a general contractor and the idea gets put onto paper in the form of a set of documents call blueprints. Budget is an issue for most projects and this one was no different. We played architect to save some money and drew the colorful layout you see below, then utilized the engineering firm at the modular factory to save additional funds and the final print was born. That is pic #3 below. After some back and forth regarding specific types of doors, lighting, flooring and lockers, we had a viable product. There was a lot more





involved obviously, like the philanthropic assistance provided by an awesome parent and board member, Tracy Hunt, who worked with us tirelessly to get companies to donate contracting services to help make this possible. At the end of the day, we have a pretty nice space that can be used across all divisions and sports, that should hold us until we can move forward with our future Master Plan for the campus. This is one project that definitely goes in the win column for the Patriots!

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## What are those Facilities guys up to? The Ops department getting it done! PE Modular Remodel ECC Shade Structure Senior Lounge Makeover Pavilion Storage Cages Dumpster Demo and Rejuvination 1 Converted Stairwells to LED lighting Clasroom AIZI Electrical Eurniture Upgrades Turf Installation Student Union Installed Donation ts Lunch Upgrades Plaque Facility Dudeś ROCK!

## BY THE NUMBERS

There are times where my team feel the perception of our department may be several of us sitting around the break room waiting for a staff member to reach out with a work request so that we can get busy, and that isn't quite reality, lol. My team works spring break, Thanksgiving break, winter break and every day in the summer while the rest of the school enjoys time with their friends and families. In addition to working all the holidays, we have a rigorous preventative maintenance program, which we conduct in-house, that we do our best to stay on top of while also allotting time to the multitude of work orders received from staff members that we are here to support. There is no such thing as down time for my department. See below, just a few examples of the numbers of items we take care of when we aren't actively handling work orders.



159 HVAC systems

23 large construction projects and too many small projects to mention





Other Items we handle/repair:

28 Urinals 11 Showers 45 Water fountains Refrigeration units (lots) Light fixtures (too many) Event Setups (way too many) Packages received & delivered (way, way too many)





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Beyond all the preventative maintenance we handle, Beyond all the reactive maintenance, emergencies and non emergencies we handle, Beyond all the stop us in the hall and ask us for things we handle, We solved 1,871 work order requests from staff over the last school year and 104 work orders the first week the teachers came back this year.

# FINAL THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR



Most of you are aware at the recent passing of Mark Cotton, a dedicated and loved Facilites Department employee. We lost Mark on July 4th and he is missed greatly. Mark started working for CDS in 2017 but my affiliation with his family goes back 20 years to when he worked with his brother Mike in the door hardware business. Mark was a kind soul that called CDS his home away from home. His normal shift was from 2pm - 10pm but he would show up to work every day at least an hour early and couldn't wait to get here just to talk to us. Most of the time he would talk about whatever his brother had him helping with during the day before his shift but much of the time it was just random talking. Mark was a very social soul and viewed us all as his extended family. He had an uncanny ability with locksmithing and was my go-to guy for years for our door locks. We have an extensive key system network on our two campuses and Mark was my rock for keeping the ever changing requests for changing keys in peoples' offices and spaces straight so that everyone was happy. He also helped us wrangle many a raccoon when they tried to get in the dumpsters during school time. His job description was some of the worst duties my department has to deal with and he never complained. No task was too small for him nor too large and he was always willing to help. We are better people for having known him and poorer for losing him. His warm heart touched many and he will be missed greatly. Until we meet again, brother.

Mark Cotton June 24th, 1959 - July 4th, 2024

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