

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

St. Francis Aquatic Complex

Who is the sponsor of this project?

St. Francis Catholic High School is the sponsor for an Aquatic Complex to be located on the school campus at 5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento.

What is the scope of the project?

St. Francis Catholic High School is planning to construct one 25-yard competition swimming pool, an additional smaller, four-lane programming and instructional pool with ramp accessibility, shaded viewing stands, three sand volleyball courts, improved paved parking, restrooms, and an event-only concession stand. An existing maintenance building will be converted to a fitness center.

How will you notify the neighbors & neighborhood?

St. Francis Aquatic Complex professional representatives will notify neighbors via personally delivered informational brochures. All neighbors within 600-feet of the school property will be mailed information outlining the scope and probable timing of the project. The school will also host one or more town hall meeting(s).

What activities will be occurring at the Aquatic Complex?

Practices and competitions for swimming, water polo, diving, underwater robotics, and sand volleyball will take place on campus. The smaller pool will be used for water safety training and instruction, water exercise and strength training and sports rehabilitation therapy.

How often will these activities take place?

Practices will generally take place on weekdays and occasional weekends. Most competitions will occur on weekday afternoons and evenings, and on some Saturdays and Sundays.

What activities will occur after school hours and on weekends?

See above.

What will be the typical hours of such events?

Competitions will generally start at 3:30 pm on weekdays and typically end by 9:00 pm. Weekend competitions may begin as early as 7:30 am on Saturdays and 8:30 am on Sundays and will end by 5:30 pm both days. Aquatics related and team volleyball practices will occur after school hours (approximately 3:30 pm) and may extend to 9:00 pm on weekdays.

Will these sports activities conflict with typical school and student pickup activities?

Competitions will not be held during core school hours (8:00 am – 3:00 pm) or during student pickup and drop off times.

What areas of the St. Francis Aquatic Complex will be lit during evening events?

The plans include lighted areas directly facing the sand volleyball courts, the two pools and the pedestrian areas around the pools, the viewing stands, and the parking areas.

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What supervision and security will occur during events?

School personnel are always present and performing supervision at every event. For the more common smaller events, school personnel will provide security, crowd control, parking assistance, and parking lot and perimeter monitoring. Large events will have private security personnel stationed on the property. School personnel will also assist.

How will parking be handled for both school and sports activities?

School parking will remain the same as present with students requesting a parking permit at the beginning of the year. All student, faculty and staff vehicles are identified, and the vehicles will have a parking permit visible. Visitor parking is generally in the front of the school during core school hours; for school events held in the afternoons, evening or on weekends, the back lot is open for parking. Aquatic Complex events will be held when school is not in session eliminating any potential vehicle flow and parking conflicts.

What activities will be available to the neighbors or the public?

Aquatic Complex programs will be available to St. Francis students, families, and invited guests and competitors. Competition attendance will primarily be limited to participants and their families. Some competitions may be open to the public to attend. Any competitions open to the public and any future aquatics programs involving the public will limit attendance to meet permit conditions regarding parking and attendance.

How tall will the lights and shade structure be over the pool?

The shade structure (including solar collectors) over the viewing stands will be 24-feet high. The lights over the pool will be 60-feet high and designed to guide light directly onto the pools; walking areas will have 12-foot lights, lights on the volleyball courts will be between 40 and 50-feet high (pointed directly onto the courts) and parking lot lights will remain 20-feet high.

Will there be spill-over glare into the neighborhood from new lights?

The lighting will be intentionally designed to prevent glare spillage into surrounding properties or the neighborhood.

Where will the pumps and other equipment be stored?

The pumps, filtration, disinfecting equipment and pool chemicals will be in a concrete mechanical room below the bleachers. The pool cover is planned to be stored under the front of the bleachers.

Will a sound wall be constructed, and will it affect neighbor fences and yards?

A masonry sound wall will be installed (as required by the city) along the boundary of the project where it comes in contact with residential yards. The contractor will meet with all affected homeowners to determine the exact location of the wall and its footings. The sound wall will not intrude on yard improvements, desired fence retention, fountains, artwork, or major plantings.

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Will there be new vehicular access to the school property from adjacent neighborhood streets? Vehicular access to the school is not anticipated to change. Vehicle access to the Aquatic Complex will be through the school parking lots using the existing school driveways.

What are your plans for the former Armory building?

The Armory building will continue to be used as an auxiliary gym and includes some multi-purpose rooms. There will be a small conference room in the space, and the existing locker room will be upgraded, and a new locker room added.

Will there be an on-going conversation between neighbors and the school to address issues that may come up over time?

The school will conduct periodic meetings with interested neighbors to address any issues that might arise before, during and after construction of the Aquatic Complex.

How will neighbors be able to participate in discussions and presentations?

One or more town hall meetings will be conducted to provide updates, gather neighborhood input, and address any concerns. These dates are to be determined.

What is your Outreach Plan?

- An informational flyer about the scope of the project will be hand delivered to nearby neighbors.
- Aquatic Complex representatives will meet with East Sacramento neighborhood associations to provide updates, gather input, and address any concerns.
- A website will be created to provide informational updates and will include a place for readers to send comments.
- A town hall will take place and neighbors and other stakeholders will be invited to participate.

