



**Breaking New Ground**

**WASHINGTON ACADEMY**

# WA and Community Athletic Fields Fund



**RAIDERS**





## THE GROUND WE'VE HELD

### Our Athletic History and Heritage

Washington Academy represents nearly 225 years of educational excellence in Washington County, Maine. From the earliest beginnings, athletics has been an integral part of that legacy. Baseball photos from the 1900's and track trophies from the 1930's memorialize the sense of Raider Pride that has gone hand in hand with academic achievement.

Today, we serve over 375 high school students from every corner of the county to every corner of the world. Two hundred thirty of those students continue to sharpen their education and expand horizons through the rigors of athletic competitions.

Our success on the fields and in the classroom can be measured by continued growth, expansion of programs, and our reputation within the community. WA teachers and staff believe in measuring student success in terms of individual accomplishments, hard work and team effort.

**However, our rapid growth and expansion of athletic programs through the years has uncovered a fundamental deficit: access to quality fields for WA students, Raider youth programs, and surrounding community teams.**

*"Athletics provide an integral part of the educational process, providing the opportunity to integrate with students from other towns and forging friendships which last a lifetime. Important life lessons are taught on the fields, lessons that are not found in the classroom."*

Blaine Steeves, Athletic Director

## WHAT WE'RE DOING

### We're Creating an Athletic Complex

In order to meet the needs of students in Washington County, and uphold our commitment to develop the whole person, Washington Academy is embarking on a capital campaign to build a competition football and soccer field and significantly improve the existing baseball, softball and practice football/soccer fields.

Under the current situation, the soccer and football field overlaps with the baseball and softball outfields, creating an extreme case of overuse in a very compact area. By creating a separate competition field for football and soccer, we can alleviate the strain on the field

and create a greater sense of community in a separate, stadium like atmosphere.

An additional field would also allow us to become a community center, offering our fields to the growing youth soccer, baseball and football programs.

Our families have repeatedly communicated their support for these athletic field improvements. They desire the value that the fields will bring to the school in terms of strengthened school community and identity, increased safety and additional opportunities for younger students in greater Washington County.

*"WA's commitment to offer the general public access to their athletic facilities is a positive investment in our youth and in Washington County's future. The enthusiasm to provide youth athletic feeder programs is growing well beyond the County's resources. The opportunities that these fields present to the local communities is immeasurable and we are excited to see the positive impact they will have."*

Amy Sheehan, Pembroke resident and parent



## WHY IT'S CRITICAL

### We're Growing

Six of our high school sports teams, and three pee wee and junior high teams, use the same field space for practice and competition. Overuse threatens to destroy these fields. Toward the end of the fall season, the field is in such poor shape we have had to move soccer games to different venues because of safety issues. In the spring, the problem continues as the turf does not have time to recover. In addition to time and money, canceled games and games intentionally scheduled away deprive athletes of that home town advantage and sense of community fostered by a cheering audience.

A safe, quality and readily available field will support growth in our athletic program, enabling students to achieve excellence in their physical development. In addition, the athletic complex will become Washington County's only extensive, all-encompassing sports center with facilities for tennis, cross-country, baseball, softball, football, soccer, basketball and volleyball all in one convenient location. WA has always had an open door policy with our field usage. We desire for that legacy to continue.

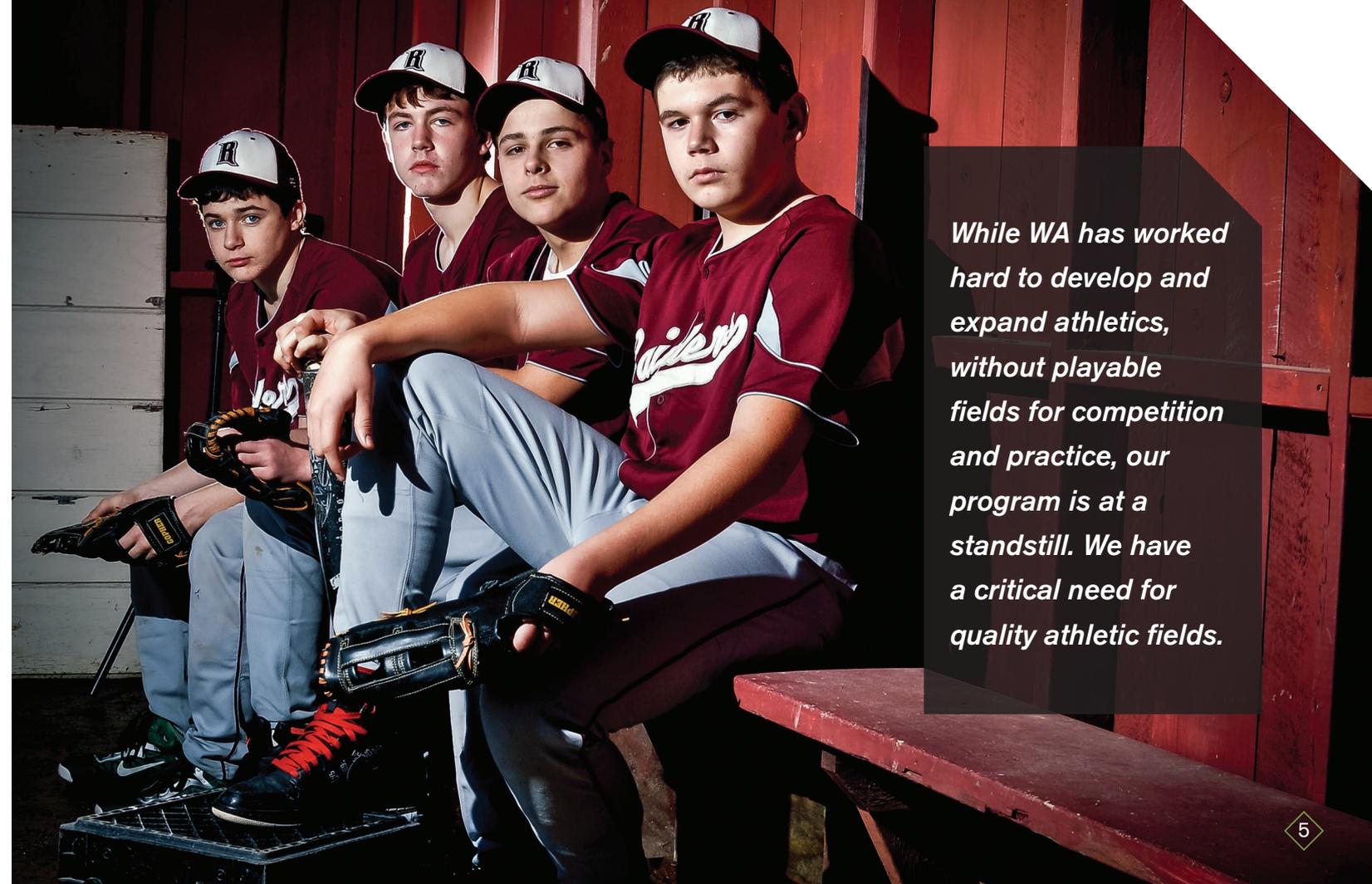
### The Significance of Athletics

A first-rate athletic program can transform a student's educational experience. Students who engage in athletics learn life lessons taught best, not in the classroom, but on the field of competition. A well-rounded student, who benefits from the physical, social and mental rewards of athletics, discovers the character of sacrifice, courage and discipline. Athletics provide unique opportunities to build camaraderie and are a unifying element in any institution.

While WA has worked hard to develop and expand athletics, without playable fields for competition and practice, our program is at a standstill. We have a critical need for quality athletic fields.

*"Our teams are growing stronger every season, but our field space supporting athletics is grossly limited. We want to foster Raider Pride, giving our students access to the best facilities available, but right now, our fields are below standard."*

Larry Barker, Campaign Chair, Parent



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## GAINING GROUND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

### Athletic Fields are in High Demand

Washington Academy's new athletic fields will have the capacity and potential to serve additional Washington County families by offering use to local elementary schools, clubs and organizations. The lighted, high quality fields will provide a consistent playing surface and convenient location desired by local community teams.



*"The Downeast Youth Soccer Association signed up 136 kids and 16 teams in its first season. Additional field space will be critical as we expand programs for kids to play soccer in Washington County. The proposed fields would be a great asset for our community."*

Kevin Athearn, President, Downeast Youth Soccer Association

## WHAT WILL IT COST?

**\$450,000**

### The Community Athletic Complex

#### Competition Football and Soccer Field

Ground work for the field was completed through Washington Academy's previous capital campaign. This campaign seeks to make the new field operational with needed equipment.

Lighting	\$75,000
Parking	\$35,000
Bleachers	\$30,000
Press booth/Storage	\$25,000
Scoreboard	\$15,000
Sound System	\$5,000
Administration/Contingency	\$5,000
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#### Improvements to Baseball, Softball and Practice Football/Soccer Fields

Grading, drainage, and resurfacing all fields	\$150,000
Softball infield, backstop, pitcher's mound, fence	\$30,000
Baseball infield, backstop, pitcher's mound	\$30,000
4 New Dugouts	\$25,000
Irrigation system for all fields	\$15,000
Batting Cage/Bullpen	\$5,000
Administration/Contingency	\$5,000
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## HOW WILL IT BE FUNDED?

### In Partnership With Donors Like You

Washington Academy has committed \$50,000 of its own resources toward the athletic field improvement fund. These funds are being used for the initial groundwork on the new competition football and soccer fields and the infield improvements to the softball field.

We are seeking \$400,000 in pledges from individuals, foundations and businesses to be paid over the next five years.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$450,000
WA'S COMMITMENT	\$ 50,000
TOTAL DONATIONS NEEDED	\$400,000

### DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

The following naming opportunities are available:

New Competition Football and Soccer Field	\$175,000
Softball Field	\$35,000
Baseball Field	\$35,000
Practice Football and Soccer Field	\$35,000
Press Box	\$25,000
Scoreboard	\$15,000
Dugouts (each)	\$7,500
Batting Cage/Bullpen	\$5,000

## WHEN WILL IT BE READY?

Like dominoes, each portion of the athletic field improvement builds on the previous project. We are implementing the following phases over three years:

#### Phase 1: November 2013-July 2014

- Initial Groundwork, leveling and seeding of the New Football/Soccer field
- Renovation of Softball Infield

#### Phase 2: August 2014-August 2015

- Completion of Football and Soccer Competition Fields
- Installation of lighting
- Set-up of Bleachers, sound system and scoreboard
- Construction of Press booth

#### Phase 3: June 2015-April 2016

- Resurfacing of practice football and soccer, baseball and softball fields
- Dugouts
- Batting Cage/Bullpen

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### STUDENT PLEDGE - We Need a Place to Compete.

*We're asking for a place to train with the right tools and resources so we can develop our whole self as we prepare to be leaders of tomorrow. And we need to look up and see you in the bleachers as we grow stronger, faster and wiser. This project will help us become people of discipline, who will rise to any challenge, stay focused under pressure, handle defeat with dignity and success with gratitude. We want to make you proud and build confidence in ourselves as advance the Raider Legacy in our generation.*

WA Athletes

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## Ways to Give

There is a rich variety of ways to make a gift to the Capital Campaign for Washington Academy. The list below is not exhaustive and is meant only to provide a stimulus for further inquiry. We encourage you to consult with your tax advisor to consider your individual circumstances, the range of gift options, and details on how current tax laws affect your financial planning.

### Gifts of Cash

Gifts of cash are the most convenient way of giving. They are fully deductible for federal income tax purposes, provided you itemize your deductions.

### Pledges

The Capital Campaign for Washington Academy encourages pledges over a three to five period. Pledges enable a donor to plan a giving program that is most convenient and tax-wise.

### Matching Gifts

Many corporations have matching gift programs in which an employee's gift may be matched in greater or lesser amounts by the company.

### Securities

Gifts of marketable securities are a convenient and tax-wise way to benefit Washington Academy. The Development Office will work with your to facilitate this method of charitable giving.

### Planned Gifts

A planned gift could be structured in many different ways including a gift through a bequest included in your will, or by naming Washington Academy as survivor beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan.

Other planned gifts with distinct tax advantages include Gift Annuities, Remainder Trusts, Lead Trusts, Life Insurance gifts, and Real Estate gifts.

Washington Academy can provide you with specific tax savings estimates at your request.

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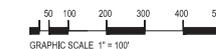
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B ORIGINAL ACADEMY BUILDING	L PRACTICE FIELD	T CLIFFORD HOUSE
C ALUMNI BUILDING	M PRESS BOX AND BLEACHERS	U HEADMASTER'S HOUSE
D GARDNER GYMNASIUM	N TENNIS COURTS	V INDUSTRIAL TECH.
E MARINE VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	O PARKING	W LARSON DORMITORY
F CATES DORMITORY	P PARKING	X GREENHOUSE
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H ARTS AND MUSIC ADDITION	R NOT USED	
I TALBOT DORMITORY		
J EXISTING SCHOOL GARAGE		

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