



# Greater Things are Coming to **RAMSEY**

## We're Building our Future...

### Completed Projects:

- Smith Middle School STEM Room
- Smith 6th, 7th and 8th grade Science Lab renovations
- High School synthetic turf field and track replaced
- Dater, Hubbard and Tisdale new security vestibules and video camera systems (similar to our other schools)
- Air conditioning in more areas, with AC in all K-5 schools in Spring 2022
- Tisdale and Hubbard additions to fully accommodate the All-Day Kindergarten program that started in Fall 2020
- Smith Band and Chorus building addition

## There has never been a better time to be part of the Ramsey School District!

Our facilities are getting more than \$43 million in major upgrades to support our curricular and extracurricular ambitions and ultimately our students' success.

Most of the projects are funded by the 2018 voter-approved bond referendum, which enables the district to take advantage of more than \$10 million in state aid to help cover costs. More good news for homeowners: When the Dater School loan is paid off in 2024, they'll soon see the tax impact of our school improvement projects significantly drop by about \$240 for a home assessed at Ramsey's average.



### In Progress:

- Smith Cafeteria and Stage renovations
- High School STEM Woodshop and CAD Lab renovations
- High School Fitness Center addition and renovated Locker Rooms

### Starting Spring/Summer 2022:

- High School Band and Choir suite addition
- High School Grandstands enhancement
- High School Tennis Courts renovation
- High School Media Center/Learning Commons renovations
- Additional security measures at all Ramsey schools





## Points of Pride:

High School social studies teacher received the prestigious **Milken Educator Award**, aka the "Oscar of Teaching."

Our students are going places! **Nearly 100% of recent graduates enrolled in a post-secondary institution.**

**SAT scores** regularly outpace the state average by 9–12 percent.

Ramsey High School is **consistently lauded as one of the state's top high schools.**

Hubbard is a **National Blue Ribbon School.**

Tisdale is a state **High Performing Rewards School.**

RHS Band and Chorus members **annually earn seats in honor ensembles** across the county, region, and state.

Athletic Rams have a **strong history of capturing league, county, and state championships.**

There is nothing standard about a Ramsey education, but the standards by which today's schools are measured validate our own formula for excellence. That formula includes:

### We are a Learning Community

- Ramsey's rigorous curriculum prepares our students to excel, and outcomes such as high test scores and college admissions prove the value of our approach.
- Our comprehensive mental health program, our social-emotional learning initiatives, and our commitment to equity are among the ways we foster an environment where all students can thrive.
- **Design Thinking course**, unique to Ramsey, requires collaboration to tackle complex problems in creative ways.
- **Teaching for Understanding** framework used by teachers puts emphasis on what students can *do* with what they know .
- **Profile Projects** completed in grades 3, 5, and 8 challenge students to apply what they have learned and build key competencies. Grade 12 students reflect on their growth with **Defense of Learning** presentations, common in colleges but rare in high schools.
- More than 90% of RHS students participate in our extensive complement of **musical, artistic, athletic, literary, dramatic, social, cultural** and **service opportunities.**



**Strong performing arts** include the Big Blue Marching Band, vocal ensembles, and theater.

**20 Honors and 20 AP courses annually**, plus AP Music Theory every other year.

Learn more about what sets us apart!  
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