

*Become a permanent part of NRHS history*

## Design finalized on High School Bell Tower

Members of the North Royalton High School Alumni Association have been busy working on plans to construct a 14-foot high Bell Tower Courtyard on the north side of North Royalton High School and invite you to become a part of it by purchasing an engraved brick to be installed around the base of the tower. By purchasing a brick you will help preserve an important part of North Royalton School history and your engraved brick will make you a permanent part of that history.

The Bell Tower Courtyard will feature the original school bell which hung in the bell tower of the first high school on Royalton Road. (In the early history of the building the bell was rung at the start of the school day – once the building was torn down the bell was placed on a mobile cart and rung at athletic victories.) A 14-foot high replica of the original Bell Tower will house the bell and will be constructed near the north entrance of the high school. The eight-foot high basic tower will be made of gray rock faced block stone, similar to the stone on the first high school. The bell will hang from a three-foot high pitched roof enclosed in a lighted three-foot glass enclosure.

To pay for the structure, engraved bricks of two styles are offered. The standard 4 x 8 inch bricks can be engraved with up to 20 characters per line (maximum three lines) and are \$50 – symbols such as sports and school activities can be added for \$6. Individuals can also purchase 8 x 8 bricks for \$100 with up to 20 characters per line (maximum six lines.) Businesses can purchase an 8 x 8 brick engraved with up to 20 characters (maximum six lines) for \$250 (business custom logos can be added for \$85.) These bricks will be given a prominent place on the patio as pavers around the Bell Tower. Corporations, businesses and individuals, may also want to consider making a donation of \$500 or more which will recognize their donation with an engraved 24 x 24 stone installed on the east wall of the tower.

The Alumni Association will need approximately \$35,000 to construct the tower and donations can also be made to help with construction costs. The North Royalton Chamber of Commerce has pledged \$500 toward the Bell Tower Courtyard project and the Kiwanis Club became the first business to purchase a \$250 8 x 8 brick. Alumnus Walt Zimlich, Class of 1947, has made a three dimensional mock-up of the Bell Tower Courtyard and has been presenting the project, including a slide presentation, to various organizations around the city with good success.

Order forms for bricks are available at the Board of Education office at 6579 Royalton Rd. If you know of a business which you think would like to donate a brick please contact Walt Zimlich at 440-526-8442 or [wizim1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wizim1@sbcglobal.net). Dick Fowler, class of 1951, is chairman of the Bell Tower Courtyard project and can provide order forms and additional information (he can be reached at 440-230-1475.)