

New LFHS Woodshop considered one of the best in the state? See Why...

When developing your opinion of the schools \$55million addition don't forget to venture down to the basement and see what's going on in the new wood shop. Many people that are familiar with the industry are saying that this one could be one of the best woodshops in the state. Certainly, instructors Darren Barndt, Todd Johnson and Chuck Spagnoli would agree with this assessment. Covering over 5,000 square feet, the new woodshop was carefully designed by course instructor Todd Johnson. Each machine is strategically placed with an optimal amount of work area. Safety is also the utmost concern as \$10,000 was used to purchase two table saws by the SawStop company, these saws come equipped with a safety mechanism that immediately shuts off when the saw senses moisture... such as a finger. The wood storage room, project storage, supply room and ventilated staining booth are great additions. Students now have the space, tools, and curriculum to master craftsmanship. With 8 levels of WoodCraft and a new course called Home Improvement and design students are learning skills that are both enjoyable and useful.

What people are saying:

"Superior attitude leads to superior craftsmanship. The Lake Forest Woodshop shows their dedication and excellence by providing a shop that is as clean and safe as it is functional. This woodshop raises the bar by even the most professional of standards."

-Jon Wilson, Loss Control Consultant, Gallagher Bassett Services

The Woods Course offered by the Technology Dept. can help one explore and develop skills and creativeness. Projects can range from making clocks, cutting boards to furniture for your room. The machinery used by the students is state of the art and is being used today in the manufacturing industry.

-Ray Kracik, former teacher, LFHS

Lake Forest's new "state of the art" wood shop will enable students to explore their interests and aptitudes in cabinetmaking or construction trades before immersing themselves in a possible career. With many school districts cutting back on their Industrial Technology programs it is refreshing to see Lake Forest's commitment to all students' needs.

-Jack McArdle, Regional Sales Manager, Paxton-Patterson



Students make use of the Project Storage and Wood Storage room.



Home Improvement & Design students utilize the new space as they construct a dog house which incorporates framing, roofing, door & window installation, tiling, flooring, and painting.



New luxuries such as a top quality tools and complete air compression system throughout the shop make this work area practical, convenient and fun to use. Above students use a nail gun to construct a window frame.



On the left, students make good use of the new table saws. One of the final major purchases for the new wood shop was to install two SawStop table saws. These saws are equipped with a computerized safety device that completely shuts down the blade when the blade senses moisture such as a human finger.



A student uses the new finishing room which is complete with a stain storage bin, staining table, staining racks and a ventilation system.



During Advanced Woods class, instructor Chuck Spagnoli's students gain more than just superior wood working techniques. Here Dean Laura Clegg helps teach students a little bit about manners and table etiquette.