

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Brentwood High School Football Storage

Updated Equipment Room is a Game Changer

CHALLENGE

Nashville's Brentwood High School football equipment room houses gear for more than 150 players comprising three different teams – varsity, junior varsity and freshmen. Equipment storage is separated into two different rooms: one for loose items (think helmets, shoes and balls) and “cloth” items (re: uniforms), and another for shoulder pads.

After nearly 20 years of use, it was time to upgrade the athletic shelving/storage in both rooms. In the “cloth” room, items were being stored on an older system made of simple posts, hangers and a few dividers. Constructed by a few school parents, it had

reached the end of its usable lifespan. Shoulder pads, meanwhile, were being stacked 30 sets high on seven improvised racks made of a base and PVC piping.

As one of the largest and most prestigious high schools in the area, Brentwood wanted its athletic storage to reflect its overall passion for teamwork, performance, and camaraderie. If success on the field could in any way be influenced by organization behind the scenes, Brentwood was determined to make it happen.

SOLUTION

Teacher, coach and equipment manager are all titles that describe Brentwood's Gabriel Evans. His expertise is American History in the classroom, offensive line on the gridiron, and organization in the equipment room. With the full support of the school's booster club behind him, Evans did some research on his own to find out what solutions in the marketplace could help him achieve his equipment storage goals. That research eventually led him to Patterson Pope and Sales Representative Paul Myers.

After several congenial meetings, shared expertise, and a bit of back-and-forth with space planners and designers, a game plan came together. In the Cloth Room, 12 feet of static four-post shelving with Oblique garment rods were added to one wall. It is comprised of a trio of 48" W x 24" D units. On an adjacent wall, a pair of 36" W x 24" D four-post shelving now

accommodates pants for all three Brentwood squads. In the shoulder pad room, a combination of wall-hung cantilever shelving and Oblique shoulder pad storage created more organization and added a highlighted focal point for visitors, as well. In an area measuring nearly 200 square feet, Evans can now store shoulder pads seven or eight high, each pair resting on its own support structure.

"It was such an easy process," said Evans. "As a teacher and coach, my availability for face-to-face conversations was limited. Paul and Patterson Pope made communication incredibly smooth, and they were always ready to answer my questions."

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ACHIEVEMENT

When the athletes returned to school for the 2018-19 academic year, they walked into an equipment area that was clean, organized, and welcoming.

"Everyone loves the new setup," added Evans. "The kids especially love the shoulder pad room because it just looks really cool. The students think it looks more like a college setup. They take pride knowing that their stuff looks great, is super organized and clean. I like them feeling that they're being taken care of and that we're doing things the right way."

Boosters, parents, players and even students who help Evans out with some sports equipment tasks all smile

when they walk through the newly outfitted areas. Two rooms, unified with one central idea; namely, to showcase the pride in Brentwood High School, the Bruins players, and the continued commitment to excellence.

"When you look at the long-term cost-effectiveness of a project like this, it's plain to see that it's definitely worth the investment, at whatever level," said Evans. "It's a game changer, especially for coaches at any high school where they're also teaching, and maybe doing the equipment, too. Anything that makes the transition from one to the other easier is a win in my book."

