

History of the Week: Did you know...The tradition of topping out a new building has roots in ancient Scandinavia and Native American practices, where a tree was placed atop buildings to honor tree-dwelling spirits. Norwegian ironworkers brought this custom to the U.S. in 1898, though Native Americans already honored forest spirits by topping structures with evergreens. Topping out marks a significant milestone in construction, usually involving the placement of the final steel beam, with a tree or leafy branch, often adorned (see pictures below)

Project: Hank Aaron Academy Additions & Modifications

Week Ending: April 18, 2025

THIS WEEK:

- Ongoing work on exterior & load bearing CMU walls
- Ceiling grid completed in cafeteria and serving line
- All underground utilities completed
- Started wall mock-up
- Three existing cafeteria windows demolished and infilled with split-faced block
- Continue in-wall electrical and plumbing rough



CMU Load Bearing & Exterior Walls



Ongoing Electrical Rough-In





Ceiling grid in cafeteria



Mock-up wall being painted

NEXT WEEK – April 21 - April 25

- Finish blockfill and apply 1st Coat in cafeteria
- Complete construction of load-bearing and exterior CMU walls
- Continue in-wall rough-in for electrical and plumbing



SCHEDULED DATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

- December 1, 2025

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