



Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

November 2006

A monthly progress report on the construction of our new Regional Catholic Elementary School

What's the Latest?

You know a building is nearly ready to be opened when you see STOP signs and lined parking spaces around it. And, that's exactly what you will see if you drive up to Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. The topcoat of asphalt has been laid, the landscaping is complete, all the exterior doors and windows are in place, and workers are busy in every room. Off in the distance, the very necessary wastewater treatment system (sewage plant) continues to take shape.

Inside the school, almost all the walls are painted. The VCT (vinyl composite tile) has been laid on the classroom floors and ceiling tiles are being installed, as well as everything that needs to be in place above them. Every classroom is required to have a sink, and these are being installed, too. Clocks are hanging in every classroom and the speakers for the sound system are to be found in the ceilings throughout the school. Oak windowsills are being installed in all the windows and the cabinets are being set in place in all the rooms. The ductwork for the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) is being closed up and wrapped. Six basketball backstops hang in the gymnasium and measurements have been taken for the wall scoreboard. Handrails have been welded in place in two of the four stairways. And, the two-story arched ceiling in the school foyer has just been studded out and dry walled; it makes for an impressive entrance way. The interior doors have arrived; ready to be hung throughout the school. And, now that we have permanent electrical power, the elevator is being installed.

Meanwhile, the orders for all the desks, chairs and tables that will be needed when the school opens have been signed. They are scheduled for delivery in mid-December. And, bids are being developed for a final cleaning of the building as we take ownership in just a month! Yes, OUR new school building is very close to being ready!



Standing in our new gymnasium on October 28, 2006;

Front Row Left to Right:
Graciella Schofield (17 months)
Emily Ettien (Kindergarten next year)
Angelina Franciscus (Kindergarten)
Jack Kiely (Kindergarten)

Back Row Left to Right:
John Byler (1st Grade)
Emma Byler (3rd Grade)
Blakely Ettien (3rd Grade)
Anthony Franciscus (4th Grade)

If you would like to have your child or children featured in an upcoming edition of Building For Tomorrow you have two more chances. The pictures will be taken on Saturday, November 25 and Saturday, December 30; 10:00 AM on each day, at the new school site. Any past, present or future CACES/PJPII student is welcomed, even if they appeared in a previous issue. For more information please email Thom Lee at tlee@leesafety.com or call him at 610-384-8269

Financially Speaking

A merlot-red Ford Fusion, generously donated in memory of Angelo and Angela Gazzillo, continues to make the rounds and is being parked outside a different church each Sunday. The Knights of Columbus are coordinating the sale of raffle tickets (\$25.00 each, 5 for \$100.00); they are being sold at each parish and through CACES as well. We need everyone's extra support as the construction phase reaches completion. Let us continue to generously build God's kingdom right here among us!

Silent Auction

Many thanks to the committee members and all those who helped with the 8th Annual Silent Auction scheduled for this weekend. You'll be able to read about their successes in next month's Building for Tomorrow.

Final Steps On A Long Journey; The Move

The week beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2007 has been set aside to move the material from our current three buildings in Coatesville to our new School in West Brandywine Township. As it looks now, the bulk of the move will take place on January 2 and 3, 2007.

Many things must be considered as we plan this project and the coordination is well underway. But one thing is certain - we need your help!

If you can make yourself available these days, please call Thom Lee at 610-384-8269 to be added to the list of volunteers. You may also send an email message to tle@leesafety.com. More information and details will be made available as we approach the historic day. Thanks so much to those who have already responded.



The faculty and staff, with Sr. Helen Loretta, Principal, and Frs. Brouwers and Fitzpatrick, recently met for a tour of the school.

For additional information please contact your pastor or the school principal, Sister Helen Loretta, I.H.M. at Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School, 605 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320 Phone: 610-384-5961

If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, please send a donation.

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