



Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

December 2005

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

What's the Latest?

Those who haven't been to the construction site since the groundbreaking will be surprised to learn what's been happening to the former cornfield! A school is rising from the ground as a result of your generous support and the expert work of all those involved in the construction. The foundation footers have been poured halfway around the school building and much of the concrete foundational wall is up as well. The elevator shaft foundation has been dug and the concrete footer has been poured. The road around the school is being excavated and most of the storm water pipes have been laid and inlets and manhole risers have been set in place. The parking lot next to the school has been graded and curbs are being poured. The baseball and soccer fields have been prepared and seeded; it will be great to see the grass growing on them come spring! The water line to the wastewater management treatment plant has been installed.

And, as construction work on the school progresses, work on the new site for St. Peter Parish, Honey Brook, also continues on the property adjacent to the school. The trailer for *Adams-Bickel, Associates*, the general contractor, has arrived and land development is continuing.



The temperature in the twenties didn't stop these brave students from being part of history. This picture was taken on November 25, 2005 as they stood in front of our new school's first wall!

In the front row: Michael Stutzman (K), Kylie Souza (K), Matt Hampson (K), Cole Steidler (1st), Mark McClure (K), Alyssa Dell'Arciprete (1st), Hope Sabin (2nd), Kelsey Duca (2nd), Rachel Bernard (2nd), Brian Hampson (2nd)

In the back row: Gia Fiorenza (3rd), Bridget O'Sullivan (3rd), Tori Ennis (3rd), Carley Stutzman (3rd), Rachael DiGuglielmo (4th), Lauren Dell'Arciprete (4th), Ronald LaPorta (4th), Matthew McClure (2nd), Alex Lee (4th), Brian Gale (6th)

Any current or future student of our school may be in the monthly photograph. For the next scheduled session, please send an email to buildingfortomorrow@comcast.net or call Thom Lee at 610-380-0597.

We're Making Progress

As the school rises from the cornfield, people are coming forward to demonstrate renewed financial support as well. The Conservation Committee reported that it had recorded \$85,111.00 in donations during the month of October. This included a \$15,000.00 contribution that a skeptical parishioner made once he saw that the construction had actually begun. In November, a parishioner contributed \$30,000.00 to memorialize a classroom (only 14 remain available!) and the Silent Auction brought in \$40,000.00! Meanwhile, behind the scenes, a contract has been signed with Chambers & Sons Hardwood Flooring Inc, for a hardwood flooring system in the gymnasium and the electronic telecommunications system contract is ready to go out to bid. And, the Capital Campaign Steering Committee continues its work to capture the remaining funds needed. The Committee is proud to report that both pledges and actual cash continue to come in. To date, \$3,400,597.00 has been pledged and \$2,850,742.00 has been given in payments. We are getting closer and closer to the funds we need to complete the school project. Please continue your all-important financial and prayerful support!

Silent Auction Speaks Volumes For Support Of School

Our 7th Annual Silent Auction was a huge success. We realized a profit of \$40,000. Since we did not need to rent tables, pay BSHS a maintenance fee, hire a caterer, or buy tablecloths we actually saved approximately \$1,100 by having the auction at the Inn at Chester Springs. The evening included a martini mashed potato bar, carving station, butlered hors d'oeuvres and open bar. Thank you to everyone who contributed and all who attended this year's auction. And special thanks to our dedicated volunteers without whom the evening would not have been possible.

Honoring Our Beloved Late Pope

Pope John Paul II loved children. We are building our school in his honor. What better way to pay tribute to this great man than to help pay for the elementary school named after him? Your significant contribution can go a long way to help properly complete this important project. If you are blessed with material wealth, or know someone who is, and would like to pay homage to this great man, now is the time! Please speak with your pastor to find out how your contribution can make a huge difference.

Need An End Of Year Write-Off?

The following Memorials are still available:

Gym:	1 @ \$250,000
Cafeteria:	1 @ \$100,000
Computer Room:	1 @ \$75,000
Kindergarten:	2 @ \$50,000
Intermediate Unit Classroom:	1 @ \$50,000
Classrooms:	14 @ \$30,000 each

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.
Checks should be payable to *CACES School Fund* and sent to your pastor.**
