



Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

January 2006

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

We Are Making Progress

Have you made your resolution for the New Year? How about resolving to continue, renew or make your pledge for your new school! The school building, as well as the roadway, parking lots and playing fields, are all clearly taking shape as work continues on site. The foundation footers have all been poured and 90% of the below-grade concrete foundation wall has been completed on the building. During the week between Christmas and New Year, half-dozen trucks arrived carrying the first shipment of steel beams! Weather permitting; erection of these steel beams will begin this week. At the same time, the underground plumbing work will begin; this must be in place before the ground floor can be poured. And, to accommodate all the new trades that are coming on site (e.g., plumbing, masonry, electrical, etc.), half of the stone base has been laid in the parking lot next to the school for these tradesmen. The PA Department of Environmental Protection, West Brandywine Township, Earth Engineering, Inc., and a select group of well-qualified parishioners have all continued their inspections of the site.

Off site, water and fire, gas and telephone line designs are being finalized, reviewed and approved. Three companies submitted bids for the wastewater management system. These are being reviewed and a contract will be awarded in the near future. The stone facing for the school has been selected. The telecommunications package has been prepared and put out to bid.



The Jonik children: Harrison (Kindergarten), Benjamin (Fifth Grade), Sarahrose (Second Grade) and Jackson (Kindergartener next year) posed for this picture on December 28, 2005 as construction continues on their new school.

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.

Financially Speaking

Since the report in last month's Building For Tomorrow, the Conservation Committee has collected \$80,487, and the total amount collected is \$2,931,229. To properly finish this beautiful school during the year of 2006, we will need to collect approximately \$100,000 each month until the school is completed next winter. So many hurdles have been crossed and huge milestones have been met thus far. Now, much of the attention is focused on ways to raise the funds to get this job done! Please continue your vital financial and prayerful support.

A School And So Much More

This will, indeed, be a Happy New Year for our students who are looking forward to their new school. By this time next year, they will be in their new school building! And, for all of us, the dream of a new school will be realized. The many other uses for this new facility will just begin to unfold, however, as CCD/PREP programs, Bible Study, RCIA and other evangelization endeavors may find themselves better situated here and sports programs discover a new gymnasium and playing fields available to them. It is now the time to plan so we can all make full use of the New Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School!



One of the two parking lots is taking shape that will provide plenty of parking at the new school. Ample parking space is a luxury not available at our current school buildings.

Honor A Loved One In A Remarkable Way

A permanent plaque with the loved one's name will forever mark the designated room to honor the memory of that special person who supported Catholic education. 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
- First Through Eighth Grade Classrooms: 14 @ \$30,000 each

Please call your pastor or Sister Helen to discuss reserving a room.

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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