



Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

March 2006

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

What's the Latest?

Mother Nature finally showed her fury in February, and interrupted work on the school for several days. The 15" of snow that came in the middle of the month slowed down the laying of the metal deck sub-flooring for the second floor and for several days prevented the iron workers from welding the pins and screens on the decks in preparation for the pouring of the concrete for the floors. But, despite the cold, they have resumed that work now. The cold has also frozen some of the wet ground so the plumbers have not been able to complete their work of laying the pipes in the soil below the ground floor; that work will resume once the ground has thawed and dried sufficiently to allow for proper compaction of the soil and gravel surrounding the pipes.

Behind the scenes, however, the work continues. Aided by the watchful coordination of John Shields and by the expert advice from Barbara Knezo, the plans for the telecommunications packet had been developed and submitted for bid. After careful review of several bids, the contract has been awarded to Commonwealth Communications, LLC. This company will install 50 telephones throughout the school as well as the school's public address system with its 70 speakers. It will also provide the access points for the computer stations, installing a local area network (LAN) so that computers will have access to the internet through both wired and wireless connections. Finally, it will install the sound systems in both the gymnasium and the multipurpose room with both corded and wireless microphones.

A separate contract is being prepared with the Gilbertson Group to install a security system in the school. Television monitors will allow the school's receptionist to see who is at the various doors and magnetic door locks will prevent unauthorized entry.



Back Row:
Dustin Gehringer (5th)
Adam McVicker (5th)
Alexa Fuller (5th)
Jackie Jilek (5th)

Front Row:
Peyton Griffin (2nd)
Brooke Hartshaw (2nd),
Jenna Hartshaw (3 yrs old)
Hannah Gehringer (2nd)
Cameron Hartshaw
(Kindergartener next year)

Financially Speaking

Funds continue to come in and every contribution is appreciated. But we are falling behind on our goal of collecting \$100,000 each month. The Capital Campaign now totals \$2,985,000. In order to finish out all 27 classrooms, we still need to collect an additional \$1.3 million by the time the school opens next January. If you were waiting to make your investment into Catholic education for the children in our area, now is the time! Please contribute as much as you can and pray that enough donations come forth so we can properly complete this beautiful new school.



This space will be occupied with an elevator to help the children with special needs easily get around in the new school. This is just another feature that our current schools do not offer.

Two Fun Ways to Show Your Support

CACES Cabaret 2006 will be held on Friday, March 10th, 7:00 PM at the Coatesville Area Senior High School Auditorium. Come out and enjoy a great evening of entertainment. For more information go to <http://CACESCabaret.home.comcast.net>.

Mark your calendar for the Fourth Annual CACES PACES Walk-A-Thon to be held on Sunday, April 30th, Noon to 4:00 PM at Bishop Shanahan High School. Please consider sponsoring a student or advertising your business. Grandparents have a special opportunity to help. For more information, including photos from the first three years, please go to: www.cacespaces.ccis.net.

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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