



Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

October 2006

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

What's the Latest?

We have water and gas! And, PECO is scheduled to hook up permanent electrical power later this week. Yes, the utilities are being connected to Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School as we race toward its opening, just three months away! And, as the school's opening approaches, the various trades that have been so involved in its construction are beginning to button up their work. The Progress Report presented at the 26th Job Conference on 21 September 2006 reported that the binder, curb, underground roof drains and soccer walkway were 100% complete, the grading of the entire property is 99% complete as is the cable rough-in for the telecommunications system, and the wearing course (the top layer of asphalt) is projected to be laid in the next three weeks, and the landscaping, which is well underway, is projected to be complete in the next two weeks! The soccer and baseball fields are receiving their final treatment - grading and seeding - to be ready for use next spring. Beyond the baseball field, the wastewater management system (sewage plant) is well underway as well. The various tanks - holding, aerating, polishing and sludge - have been delivered and are being buried in the ground.

Inside the school, all four stairways are now in place, the walls are being painted, drop ceiling grids are being installed. The ceramic tile has been installed in some of the bathrooms and a few of the 27 classrooms already sport a handsome design of VCT (vinyl composite tile) on their floors. The boilers, condensers and air handlers are now in place and are being hooked up to the miles of pipes and air ducts that will carry hot and cold water throughout the building. Fr. Brouwers, Sr. Helen and Sr. Jeanne continue their bi-weekly walk-throughs with Gary Schaeffer and Les Hartsell from Branch Valley Associates and F. Patrick Szustak, Architect, to make sure that all the details are being addressed. They are also making final decisions on the furniture order for all the desks, chairs, tables that will be needed when the school opens.



Soon to be a familiar site; students walking along the expansive sidewalk in this countryside setting.

Fifth graders Alexandria Lee and Colleen Griffin share a laugh; to be sure, the first of many in the new school. Photos in this Building For Tomorrow edition were all taken on September 24, 2006



Support Our School; Maybe Win A New Car!

A merlot-red Ford Fusion, generously donated in memory of Angelo and Angela Gazzillo, is now making the rounds and is being parked outside a different church each Sunday. The Knights of Columbus are selling the raffle tickets (\$25.00 each, 5 for \$100.00); they are being sold at each parish and through CACES as well. As was outlined in last month's Building for Tomorrow, we need everyone's extra support as the construction phase reaches completion. In fact, we need to raise approximately \$800,000.00 before the end of the year. Otherwise, we will need to borrow this additional amount, which will increase our \$7.3 million loan that is already approved. Remember, we will have to pay all of this back, with interest!

8th Annual Silent Auction Coming Soon

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 4, 2006 to attend a special annual event. Once again, a silent auction will be held and the proceeds will go toward the construction of our new school. The bidding begins at 6:00 PM. Personalized prints signed by artist Richard Bollinger will be available to purchase along with some unique and one-of-a-kind items. The evening is guaranteed to be filled with excitement, laughter and camaraderie as we come together and show our school spirit. To donate an item, please call Mary Pat Dell' Arciprete at 610-466-0372. To learn more about this fundraiser, please call the school at 610-384-5961. Let us continue to generously build God's kingdom right here among us!

Help Wanted

Starting Tuesday, January 2, 2007 we will be moving the materials from our three current schools to our brand new school. In order to conserve our funds, we will conduct the move ourselves. This is where you come in. If you would like to help with this momentous occasion, please send an email to Thom Lee at tlee@leesafety.com or call him at 610-384-8269. More information and details will be made available as we approach the historic day.



The paved sidewalk leading to the ball fields is now complete.

Any current or future student is welcomed to be in the photo for future editions of Building For Tomorrow. Only three more chances remain. To be included, please email Thom Lee a note at tlee@leesafety.com.

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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