



April 2010

Greetings from the Development Office:

"Do not grow weary of doing what is right." Thessalonians 3:13

Last Phase of the Campaign Kicked Off by GALA 2010

Thanks to everyone who attended, worked, donated to or bought at GALA 2010! You provided essential support to our three Saunders County Catholic Schools!! This event has been an integral part of our first campaign and renovation efforts and Fr. Townsend asked me to do a quick review to share with folks last Saturday night. Here is an outline to answer the question...**"Where Are We?"** in the context of all of our fund-raising efforts!

1. **Teacher Future Funding-PACE \$250,000 Match** - April 25th was our deadline for meeting this \$250,000 match - AS OF April 19th we had received \$219,707.48!! We made it – with the help of some great folks!
2. **Kitchen/Cafeteria Project** - Early GALA gifts allowed us to begin this project that was completed during the Summer of 2008 for a total cost of \$1,560,048. This project cost about \$43,000 more than originally projected, and required us to borrow \$1 million from the diocese in order to complete it. But thanks to GALA and early campaign gifts we have reduced that loan to \$143,000.
3. **Bleacher Replacement** - This \$111,563 project was completed in August 2008 and was partially funded by a \$40,000 gift from the Athletic Booster Club.
4. **Bathroom Renovation** - GALA 2009 helped fund these extremely necessary renovations that were completed during the summer of 2009. Budgeted at \$90,000 we were pleased to complete this project for \$55,656!
5. **Air Conditioning** - At last! This year's GALA proceeds will be used to add air conditioning and upgrade ventilation to the original classrooms and the gym. Budgeted in the campaign at \$850,000, we are cautiously optimistic since preliminary cost estimates are below that number.

And to answer the question **"Where Are We Going?"**...we are excited about the results of our preliminary meeting with HVAC experts, architects and engineers last Tuesday!

The information they shared motivated the decision to definitely schedule the last phase of our renovations and campaign efforts this summer! We are still awaiting firm costs on the entire project, because as you know, there are always opportunities that present themselves when you plan a project like this!

The new air conditioning units also have heating elements as new air vented in must be warmed. How much will this change our heating needs? The process of installing air ducts means removing ceilings and lighting. Is this an opportunity for us to replace the 1964 lighting that was upgraded back in 1994? We also are looking at the steps needed to "protect" our classrooms' 15-year-old carpet during the project! Or should we instead just replace it?

Lots of questions...but all answers mean a greatly improved, more efficient facility! We still need \$578,261 in campaign gifts and/or gift commitments to reach our goals. We are working to get this done within the next 6 months so that we don't have to borrow any more! Thanks for all you are doing to help with the campaign!

GALA 2010 will once again be a huge part of making this summer's campaign efforts successful! Thank you to all who attended and participated in anyway! Next time you are in Neumann, please look around and see the results of your support of GALA and of this Campaign! We are almost ready for the next 50 years!

Sincerely,

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