



Newport Central Catholic High School

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NEWPORT CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES NEW BUILDING, MAJOR RENOVATION

There have been many important dates in the history of Newport Central Catholic High School, but none as big as tonight, as the school dedicates a new addition and major renovation.

This evening the work of hundreds of volunteers over the past five years will make a dream a reality. More than seven hundred alumni, families, friends of the school and community philanthropists have helped fund a new Newport Central Catholic High School. The site has been minimally changed since 1954 until now. The facilities are definitely 2009, with an eye to the future.

A 27,000 square foot addition provides seven classrooms and over 18,000 square feet of space for academics, as well as a beautiful new chapel, a new health center facility and a black box theatre. The existing building and school chapel have also been completely renovated.

“Tonight as we open up our new facility to the public we are extremely fortunate to have with us the Most Reverend Bishop Foys, Bishop of Covington, who is dedicating our new chapel.” Bob Noll commented. “As a Catholic school the chapel is definitely the center of our education. What is so outstanding with this project is that it brought together new and improved facilities to address what we profess as Catholic school educators what is so very important – the spirit, the mind and the body – a complete education.”

Over the course of the evening, alumni and staff reminisced about their time at NCC's current site. "When they opened this building in 1955 I helped carry in the desks from our Corpus Christi facility." commented 1955 graduate, current head football coach and 50 year teacher at NCC, Bob Schneider.

Carl Foster joked that he had spent a lifetime plus at the school. "What is happening today is so very exciting because it is not only needed, but that it prepares the school so well for the future." Foster came to the school in 1960 as a student, came back in 1968 as a teacher, served as Principal for 22 years until 2000 and still teaches at the school. "The joke about a lifetime at NCC is a little misleading. I have by my calculations spent many, many lifetimes here, and hopefully I have positively influenced all my students as they went on to graduate, serve God and our community."

Fundraising for the \$7.5 million project is nearing completion, NCC Director of Development Tessy Krebs said. "We are closing in on our goal. Hopefully the opening this evening will spur on those last few major donors who we need as they clearly see before them our bright future."

On August 19, NCC will open the 2009/2010 school year with 425 students. "It is in many ways a new beginning, but it is one that is possible only because of the generosity of our school's community," Noll said. "An extraordinary amount of time, talent and treasure made what you see before you a reality."

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