

November 13, 2017

To: Students & Parents entering St. John Paul II / Faculte Jean-Paul II

We are looking forward to moving into our newest school, St. John Paul II/Faculte Jean-Paul II, on January 29, 2018. **In order to prepare for the move and opening, please be advised that there will be no school for students on Jan. 24-26, 2018.**

Construction crews are hard at work finishing up the building, including a beautiful chapel, commercial cooking facility, the gymnasium, and classrooms. The Commercial Cooking facility will be installed and ready for use this winter and the gymnasium's hardwood floor installation begins November 16th. Our Information Technology staff have already moved into the building and are setting up the wireless network, computers, Smart Boards and other critical technologies.

Students at St. John Paul II currently have access to a large variety of junior high school options like Construction, Fabrication, Small Engine Repair, Fashion, Cosmetology, Food Studies, Visual/Graphic Arts, and Band. These complementary programs will continue to be offered in the new building and students can look forward to even more options at the high school level as the specialty spaces in the building are completed. We are looking forward to a 350 seat multi-level performing arts theatre, a Green Room, Construction Lab, Cosmetology Lab, Welding Lab, Drama Room, and Media Design Studies spaces to be finished and ready for full use next school year. Driver Education, Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAP) will also be added to the roster of available programming.

In addition to academic and options programming, St. John Paul II will also focus on developing our athletic programming. The large new gymnasium is surrounded by tempered glass walls on two separate floors for spectators and onlookers and will be the ideal location to develop our sports teams and athletes. Shamus Campbell, Physical Education Co-ordinator, mentioned that, *"...our first couple of years at the new school will be focussed on building a strong athletic base for our students. Our combined efforts with the Celtic Sports Academy will be an important aspect of any programs we build in the future."*

"We also plan to create sport programs that take a holistic approach to physical education. We want students to be empowered by sports and apply those lessons to their everyday lives, and to see the healthy benefits of physical activity beyond competitive sports," said Rebecca Gonci, Physical Education Co-ordinator.

On the second floor adjacent to the French Immersion area is an Outdoor Classroom that will be used as an alternative room for classes and study space. The French Immersion wing of the school has a large gathering area for cultural activities and is connected to the second floor of the theatre that looks down into the main gathering area.

We are currently working with First Student to build new bus routes to better serve St. John Paul II, routes which are quicker and more direct to the school. There will be changes to existing bus routes which will begin in Mid-January and these changes will be published closer to the opening of the school. This year an interim solution will be in place to transport students to St. John Paul II; we are currently rebuilding the transportation routes so they serve St. John Paul II in a more direct way.

We continue to pray for your support and a successful transition into our new home!

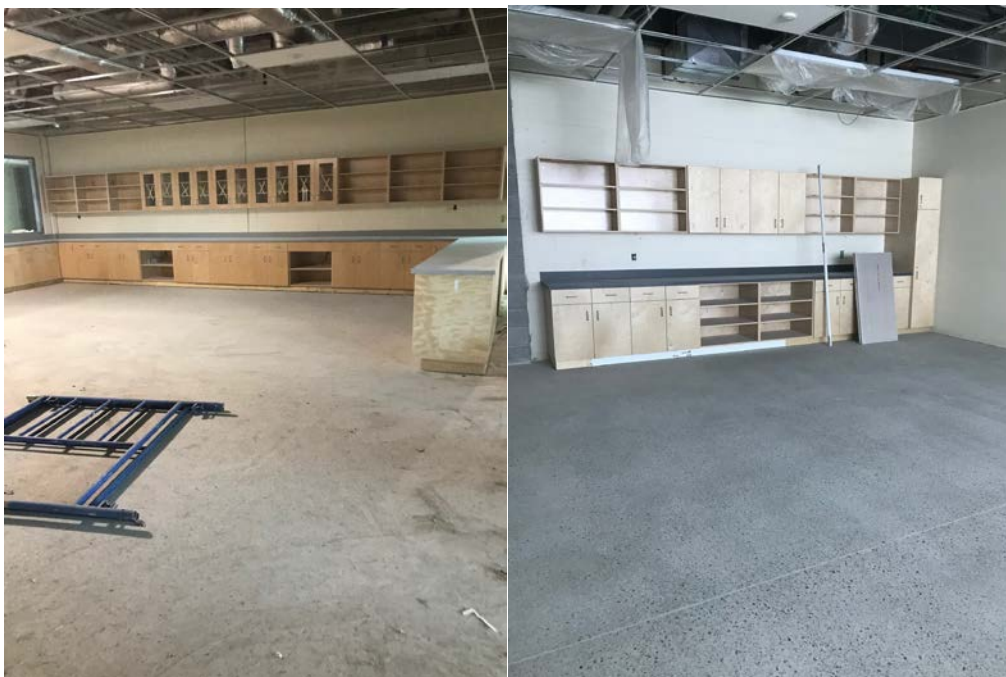
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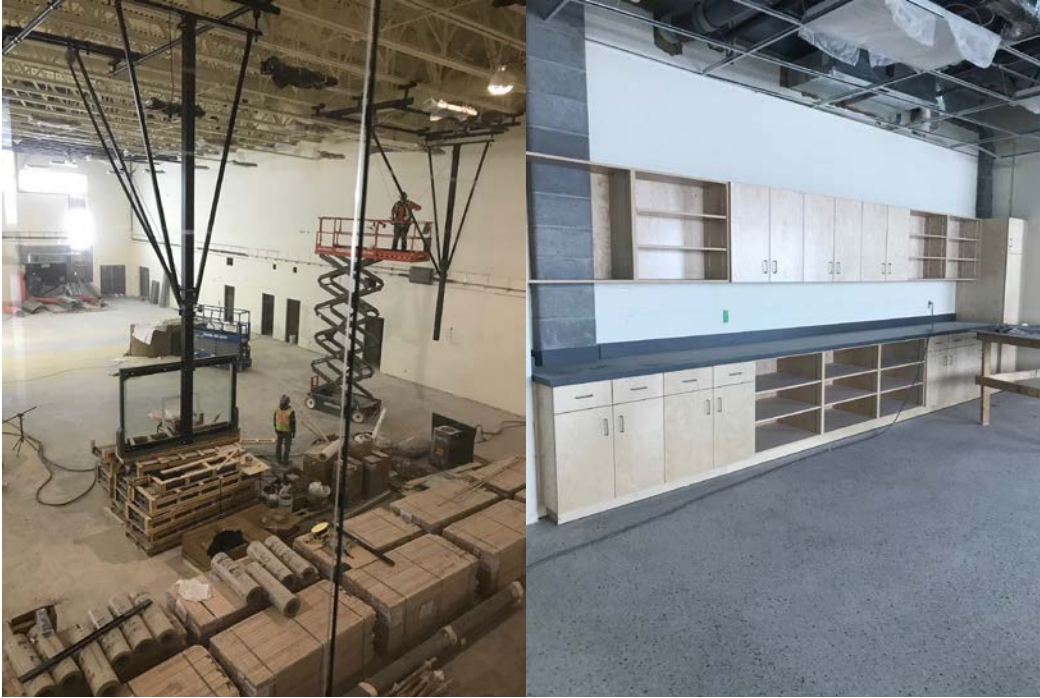
Interior 2nd Floor Classrooms



2nd Floor Science Lab



Gymnasium and 2nd Floor classrooms



Outdoor Classroom and Cathedral



Outdoor Classroom



Commercial Cooking Lab

