

Catholic Schools Week

CJ expands campus with student conditioning center

DAYTON DEANERY — Chaminade Julianne's downtown footprint is growing a size larger as the school's campus expands north to include a new student conditioning center scheduled to open this summer. The \$1.1 million renovation project will result in CJ's first new building in 25 years, transforming a warehouse currently located on Eaker Street into an indoor physical activity center for students and athletes.

In addition to an expanded weight room, the 25,000 square foot building will house an outdoor sport training area floored with synthetic turf, an indoor multi-sport area suited for volleyball, basketball and tennis conditioning and a wrestling venue.

"We expect that the center will be one of the best such facilities in our boys and girls athletic leagues and will rival those in some small colleges," said Mike Raiff, CJ athletic director. "Our coaches, students, gym teachers and athletic trainers are very excited about the possibilities."

"The addition of a student conditioning center is the most visible step we have made toward realizing our campus master plan," said Daniel J. Meixner, CJ president. "This is an important investment in our goal of creating a comprehensive downtown campus that will serve the needs of all of our students, attract new

families to the CJ community, and improve, in a small way, the south end of downtown, which has been our home since 1886."

In the last 10 years, CJ has acquired six nearby parcels of land and, last fall, made several improvements, including the opening of Blue and Green Field on the site of a former steam plant and the closing of portions of Perry and Franklin Streets which had cut through campus.

"We have been blessed with great support from our alumni, parents, and the Dayton community in this effort," said Meixner, highlighting the gift of the steam plant from Dayton Power and Light in 2005 as one of the critical successes of the campus development effort.

The new center will replace the converted bus garage on Perry Street currently being used for student conditioning. That building is slated to be demolished for the extension of Blue and Green Field, opening up possibilities for a soccer and football stadium in the future, according to Meixner.

Financing for the student conditioning center project was approved by the school's board of trustees in November following a year of analysis of students' needs; consideration of the financing arrangement; and efforts of many volun-

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Cardinal Pacelli's four sets of twins in kindergarten are, from left, Caroline and Kathryn Schulte, Owen and Katherine Albanese, Luke and Anne Giroir and Zachary and Megan Yates.

Four sets of twins quadruple the fun at Cardinal Pacelli

ST. ANDREW DEANERY — When school started this year, Cardinal Pacelli kindergarten teachers Kelly Keene and Shannon Foley expected the usual fun and academic exploration that comes with classrooms full of 5-year olds. They also got four sets of twins.

"In my six years of teaching, I have never had more than one set of twins in class," said Keene, "This is a first."

Grateful that they are not all identi-

cal twins, the teachers take extra steps to make sure the students are known not just as a twin, but for who they are individually. "What is really neat," said Keene, "is how they all look out for each other. It's a great example for the other students."

Kindergarten is not the only grade with multiples; there are three additional sets of twins and one set of quadruplets at Cardinal Pacelli School.