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Jordan Catholic School to Dedicate New Wing

The dream of a unified campus, where all children may learn and grow together, has finally become a reality at Jordan Catholic School in Rock Island. For more than a year, Jordan Catholic School has fundraised to build the new wing of the elementary school at 2901 24th Street, Rock Island. The addition includes:

educators, parents, clergy, donors, and friends working together for a common goal: "To provide a Christ-centered, academically excellent education that will enable each child to reach his or her potential." The school offers preschool through eighth grade classes as well as daycare and aftercare programs.

Jordan has also been recognized for the excellence of its S.T.E.M.

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education program, and has been invited to provide math and engineering demonstrations at other schools in their region. Another recent change is that all educational services are provided under one roof, including special education and math and reading resource teachers, which were added to Jordan's faculty this school year.

Jordan's administration invites the community to join in celebration as Bishop Daniel Jenky dedicates the new school wing on **Thursday, January 26**, beginning at 10 a.m. with mass in St. Pius X Church. Dedication of the new wing and an open house will immediately follow in the school. ♦

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Jordan third grade students Miriana Peterson and Caleb Habel visited the new science lab, which will be available for all grade levels.



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- Four new middle school classrooms wired for technology teaching;
- Computer technology and science labs;
- New music and art rooms with instrument and supply storage;
- New multi-purpose room for early childhood physical education and sports practices;
- Renovation of former kindergarten area for an expanded library;
- Renovation of former daycare area for reading and math resource and JET (Jordan Engineering Team) room;
- Courtyard with rain garden for enhanced outdoor education; and
- New building access security system and fire alarm system throughout the school.

Students and faculty moved over Christmas break and will utilize the single campus beginning the second semester. Jordan principal Michael Daly explained the school is seeing an increase in enrollment inquiries. "It's not simply the new resources, but the caliber of education that students receive at Jordan," he said. "Jordan is made up of an active community of