

# CELEBRATING OUR FAITH, *Embracing our Future*



As we prepare for the launch of our *Celebrating Our Faith, Embracing Our Future* Capital Campaign, we know you have a lot of questions. We will try to keep you informed about our plans and the campaign through a series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

## What do the school expansion and renovation plans entail?

Our school urgently needs more educational space due to larger enrollment and improved student retention in the upper grades. The expansion and renovation plans will add classroom space to continue attracting students and retain them throughout all grade levels, expand our PreK3 program and enhance the space used by our teachers and staff. These upgrades will help us maintain our position as a “gold standard” school in Delaware County and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia while providing a Catholic education and faith-based values for our children. The projects include:

- Building an addition with four new classrooms, restrooms, two exterior entrances/exits and a connection to the current building through the cafeteria.
- Renovating the interior of the administrative area to create a teachers’ lounge/conference area, teacher restrooms, expanded copy/work room and relocated principal’s office and sensory room.
- Adjusting three interior rooms to create additional space for our PreK3 program and designated single-use restrooms.



## How has the PreK3 program affected overall enrollment?

In the fall of 2013, SCJN School launched its first PreK3 class, establishing an early education program that has become a foundation for growth in K-8 enrollment. The program expanded to two homerooms, leading to increased enrollment in the lower and eventually upper grades. In June 2024, the school celebrated the graduation of its first PreK3 class from 8th grade, a cohort that also became the first to require two homerooms in 6th grade. This milestone demonstrates the program’s success, as most students who enroll at age 3 remain at SCJN through 8th grade.



## Why haven’t the school restrooms been renovated?

At the Fall 2021 golf outing, the golf committee and Mrs. Ciminera started raising funds to renovate the school’s restrooms, aiming to address the pressing need for updates throughout the school. However, with the newly formed Advisory Board addressing space needs, we decided to delay restroom renovations until the broader construction plans were determined. In early 2023, the Steering Committee began developing a campus plan, which has since clarified that no interior restrooms will be affected by the renovations. With this plan in place, almost \$40,000 in funds raised can now be used to begin restroom updates.

Catholic education at St. John Neumann Parish seeks to help students become the person Christ is calling them to be by learning and embracing Catholic values. We are asking everyone to make our campaign, *Celebrating Our Faith, Embracing Our Future*, a charitable priority for the next three years.