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Visitation Catholic School Spotlight

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This is a very exciting time at Visitation Catholic School. There is an energy that is palpable. There is a welcoming spirit that has been within this community since its beginning in 1947. And now, there is this immense feeling of renewal as we look toward the future.



If you have driven by our campus, you might have noticed construction equipment and heard the loud buzz of jackhammers. This construction is the result of a one and a half year campaign to Renew Visitation. In the past 18 months, the Visitation community has raised \$2.2 million which has allowed us to completely renovate our daycare room, elementary school hallway,

elementary bathrooms as well as refurbish our lunch tables and add new landscaping to the front of the school. Our current construction project called "Safe & Beautiful" will be completed in January. This project will reinvigorate our campus with our new grounds, a more secure perimeter fence with lighting, added green space, natural shade from new trees, and a nature area for an outdoor classroom for our students to enjoy.

And while we work to renew our physical building, we continue to strive for excellence inside the classrooms. We've added several new initiatives, including our Stem Fair which allows our students to pair off with mentors from the sciences, to better explore our world and what can be accomplished within it.

We believe in educating the whole child at Visitation. Each student has different gifts and talents and we work to help each student flourish. We believe in a strong core education, supplemented with programs such as Gateway to Art, Spanish, athletics, theater, service clubs, and our music program. All of these programs together help our students acquire leadership skills and become more confident strong individuals.

Graduates from Visitation not only go on to their

high schools of choice, but they leave critical thinkers, responsible young adults, active lifelong learners, effective communicators, and with a strong foundation in Catholicism.

We invite you to stop by to explore our school and our community. Meet with our faculty, chat with our principal, talk with the students and get to know what makes Visitation special— the amazing people within our school. Come by and experience the energy for yourself. Schedule a tour with our front office or join us for Open House on January 30 at 7pm. We look forward to showing you around. ♦

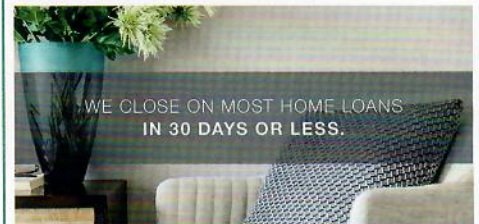


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