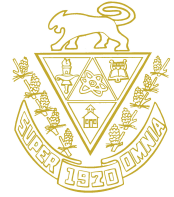


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Cedar Creek School expands campus with \$2 million academic building

(RUSTON) – Cedar Creek School founders, faculty, staff, students and parents broke ground today on a new academic center aimed at continuing the institution’s legacy of excellence.

The 12-classroom building, expected to cost approximately \$2 million, will house high school students and will eliminate the need for temporary buildings.

The building, to be known as the Hood Academic Center, is being made possible by donations to the school by many of its benefactors, among those is the John Hood family. Liz and John Hood’s five children attended Cedar Creek; now their grandchildren are here, too.

“The Hoods, as well as our other parents, alumni and community members, have had a history of generously supporting the school’s mission,” said Andrew Yepson, Cedar Creek Head of School.

“Without all of their support, we wouldn’t be able to accomplish what we have,” Yepson said, “which is to be the pre-eminent independent school in North Louisiana.”

The building construction comes at a time of growth for the school. Since 2012, enrollment has grown from 610 students to 715, a 17-percent growth in just three years.

Capital Campaign chairperson Dr. John Maxwell said, “With strong growth comes a new set of challenges: the demand for more classroom space, the need for new and upgraded facilities, and maintenance of existing buildings on campus.”

The new classrooms represent Phase I of a larger campaign to improve the school. Phases II and III include plans for the construction of a new cafeteria and gymnasium. Further renovations to other buildings complete the remainder of the campaign.

The construction begins during the 45th anniversary of the school. During its history, Cedar Creek has achieved many successes, including providing unparalleled academic curriculum and extracurricular programs.

The results of this legacy of excellence include 97 percent of recent graduates qualifying for TOPS. More than 87 percent scored above the national average on the ACT. These exceptional academic results allow our students to be accepted into some of the nation’s best universities and to be awarded millions of dollars in scholarships annually.

Cedar Creek School seeks to provide a superior college preparatory educational experience to students in North Central Louisiana based on the highest standards of academic excellence and personal conduct.