



Notre Dame Project Begins

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Ground breaking took place Monday for a \$12 million expansion and improvement project at Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills. The work, expected to take five years, is being done by the Paul Hemmer Companies. (Courtesy Paul Hemmer Companies)

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A \$12 million expansion of Notre Dame Academy began Monday.

Paul Hemmer Companies will handle some \$10 million worth of bricks and mortar expansion and improvements to the 40-year-old building. That work will take place over the next five years. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Monday. An additional \$2 million will go to the private school's endowment.

The expansion and improvements project -- the largest ever on the all-girls Catholic high school campus in Park Hills -- includes a new performing arts center, new athletic facilities and renovations to existing facilities, according to a news release from the Paul Hemmer Companies.

Some renovations were completed in 2007, including the creation of three new classrooms, relocating business offices and installation of a new sound system in the gymnasium. Other improvements will be made in the summer of 2008.

The project is being funded by private donations through "Making a Difference – Embracing Our Future; the Campaign to Advance Our Mission. The Sisters of Notre Dame, who founded the school donated \$3 million to help fund the project. For more information or to make a donation, visit ndapandas.org.
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