



Canyon Heights Academy

Case Statement

CHA Arts and Athletics Pavilion

Canyon Heights Academy has provided outstanding education in the Catholic tradition for students in grades PK-8 since its founding in 2000. We moved to our current location on Waldo Road 12 years ago with 45 students and now have over 250 students enrolled.

Canyon Heights Academy needs an arts and athletics pavilion that will support a rich and varied curriculum of enrichment classes and extra curricular activities including programs in the arts: drama, band, studio art—as well as physical education classes and sports programs, particularly basketball and volleyball. A multi-purpose building is important to sustain the growth of our school and meet the needs of our students and families, as well as stay competitive within the private school market.

Our goal is to educate, form, and inspire today's youth to be the leaders who will transform the world of tomorrow. Parents who enroll students at CHA are drawn to the school for its outstanding academics and also because of our programs such as those in the faith, arts, athletics and varied performances. These set us apart as a private elementary school; however, our current facility prevents further expansion of these programs thereby limiting our potential growth.

On September 23, 2016 we met with Mr. Jim Crawford to present our plan to build an arts and athletics pavilion on our campus. Mr. Crawford made several suggestions we address below:

1. Fire Access: The revised architectural drawing is included in this package and ensures that fire code is followed (see Appendix A for County Fire Code).
2. Overflow Parking: In order to mitigate parking issues, please note in the drawing an overflow parking lot west of the proposed structure.
3. Color Scheme: The color scheme has been altered to better match existing structures.
4. Rental Potential: CHA would be interested in renting the facility when possible to neighborhood sports programs.
5. Lighting: The only outside lighting would be attached to the structure and its purpose would be for security only.

The pavilion will serve as our Community Center where Mass can be offered, parent meetings and student competitions held, and student performances and presentations made. We currently multi-use our cafeteria space for special functions thus displacing students at lunch when the cafeteria space is reserved for a special event. And on a practical note, an enclosed space will provide recreation for students during inclement weather.

A multi-purpose pavilion on our campus will also meet the need within our wider community to provide space for indoor sports activities, such as volleyball and basketball, community meetings and the like. This facility could be available to rent to outside groups when it is not in use by CHA, and we may also be able to consider a “neighborhood day” during the week when the local neighbors can use the facility for a few hours after school.

Among its many blessings, Canyon Heights Academy is increasing enrollment. The proposed facility will support continued enrollment, which is of critical importance. Our families have great pride in our school and want it sustained for future generations. This facility will serve as a needed addition to our growing programs and will provide opportunities for others within our wider community.