



Acorns to Oaks

Oak Grove Lutheran School

Two Campuses • One Oak Grove

PLANTING A SEED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



The story of Oak Grove starts with a chapter on opportunity and equality and continues with examples of faith and resilience over generations. Lutheran pastors created the Oak Grove Lutheran Ladies Seminary, a place where young women could study the classics and practical skills. The school's first classes were held November 1, 1906, 14 years before the students or their mothers could vote in the United States. Boys were admitted in 1926, and the Seminary became Oak Grove Lutheran High School.

Oak Grove has survived – and thrived – through two world wars, two global pandemics, the Great Depression, the more recent Great Recession and several Red River floods. Each time families, faculty and staff responded with spirit, as they pitched in to support neighbors, build sandbag dikes, and constructed facilities that met the needs of a growing student population.

And now, it's time again to consider the needs of a growing student population and the dynamics of today's teaching and learning styles. Oak Grove's students — about 330 on the North Campus and 400 on the South Campus — deserve modern learning environments. The parents and grandparents of today's second-, third- and fourth-generation Grovers remember Benson Hall as a new facility for high school classes. They remember Jackson Hall as a residential building and see it today as responsibly retrofitted for classroom and administrative space. And both were built before the Internet existed.

An ambitious campaign titled **Acorns to Oaks** has been developed by volunteers, consultants, administrators and faculty to create modern learning environments that complement and preserve the educational exchanges in Benson and Jackson Halls. Further, the campaign calls for a building that connects Benson and Jackson. The same campaign demonstrates a need for expansion at the South Campus to meet the interests of families focused on education within a Lutheran setting. The concept adds classroom space, natural light to foster more attentive learning and spaces to accommodate arts and activities.

This campaign – Acorns to Oaks – emphasizes:

- Spaces that encourage meaningful student-faculty interaction and enable today's teaching methodologies;
- Facility security that meets 21st-century best practices; and
- Anticipated infrastructure needs and long-term maintenance considerations.

The Oak Grove of the near future will resemble the Oak Grove of previous generations in many ways — small class sizes, grades 6-12 on the historic North Campus, Class B activities based on enrollment and strong performing arts. Yet, tomorrow's Oak Grove will feature a connected North Campus, modern teaching spaces for science and technology disciplines, collaborative small-group learning spaces, and room to accommodate 866 students from age 3 to grade 12.

We invite you to join us in supporting Oak Grove Lutheran School!

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STEM CENTER AND COMMONS (NORTH) \$17.4 MILLION

A two-story facility will feature modern classrooms and laboratories that support science, technology, education and mathematics curriculum and standards; it will cover the current footprint of the Eid Center. The ground floor will include administrative offices, a main entry for visitors, large gathering space (cafeteria), foodservice, teacher lounge and accessible connector between Jackson and Benson. The second floor also will feature small-group rooms and huddles that encourage collaborative learning and team projects. Both floors of this building will connect to both floors of Benson Hall and utilize natural light.



BENSON HALL RENOVATION (NORTH) \$4.5 MILLION

This project supplements new construction on the North Campus by creating additional classrooms and renovating administrative offices. It also transforms Benson into a space that our students and parents should expect with new windows, a new roof, asbestos abatement and mechanical upgrades.



GYMNASIUM AND NEW INFILL (SOUTH) \$5.6 MILLION

A new gymnasium, extending south from the current space, will give teachers and administrators flexibility with class schedules and activities. The current gymnasium also serves as the lunchroom, chapel and assembly space. It is used for recess during times of inclement weather. This proposed addition will include a music room, additional instructional space, bathrooms and storage between existing structures and the new walls. Plus, the concept allows for future expansion.



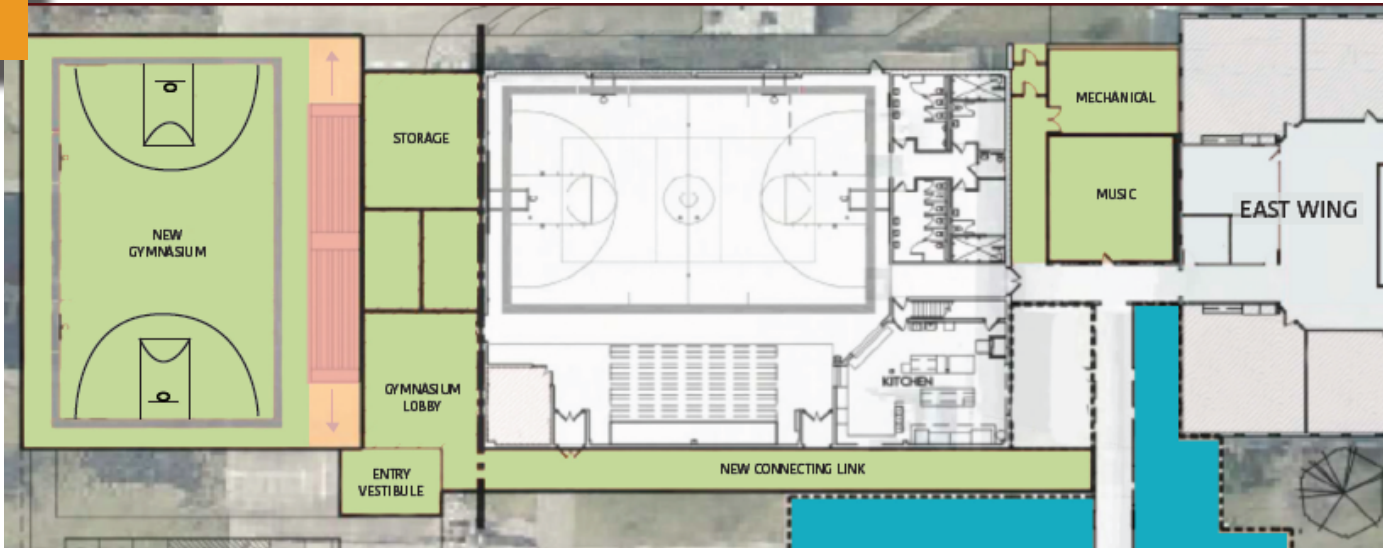
CLASSROOM DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (SOUTH) \$1.1 MILLION

This work complements the gymnasium construction and fills in some spaces between the west, east and gymnasium sections of the South Campus. This project creates additional support space for instructional resources, centralized air-quality systems across the campus, upgraded technological capabilities, sprinklers and security considerations. The design leaves room for future expansion.



ENDOWMENT \$2.4 MILLION*

This category accommodates families who want to provide estate gifts to benefit Oak Grove and also want to be part of a successful campaign.



ACORNS TO OAKS: SOUTH CAMPUS (Age 3 through grade 5)

Nearly 20 years ago prescient leaders and supporters expanded Oak Grove Lutheran School to include pre-school and elementary grades. Their vision – an educational experience that leads children from toddler years to college and adulthood – has become a reality.

Parents have made Oak Grove a school of choice in the Red River Valley, and the original elementary facility has been filled with curious, energetic kids. The next wave needs more space, plain and simple. South Campus projects will provide:

1. Second gymnasium to eliminate overlap with lunch time and wellness classes in correct configuration;
2. Refreshed spaces that bring natural light to all classrooms;
3. Dedicated, accessible places for music and art;
4. Future central commons area with administrative offices;

Class sizes at the South Campus will remain at current levels – 16 students per room in kindergarten and first grade, 20 students per room from grades two through five.

The facility addition and renovations create more space for students learning, more space for activities during the day, more options for children’s performances, more flexibility with recess times and designated places for after-school programming.

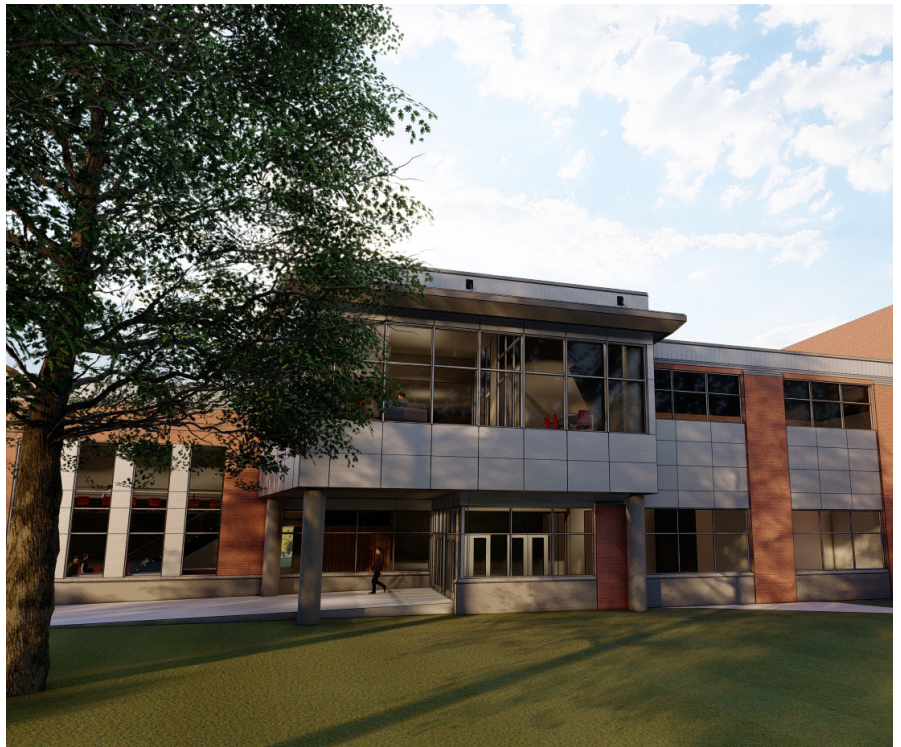
ACORNS TO OAKS: NORTH CAMPUS (Grade 6 through 12)

Great educational experiences have been a part of Oak Grove Lutheran School since 1906. Chalkboards have been replaced with whiteboards and now smartboards. Residential buildings have been turned into teaching spaces. This campaign will allow us to creatively connect our buildings and provide the necessary number of classrooms needed for each campus as well as activity space for athletics, arts and Christian Studies.

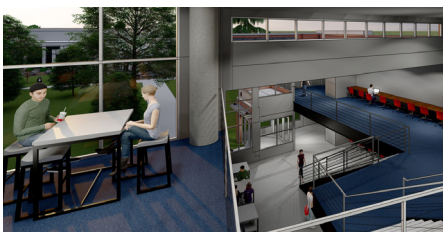
This campaign will finish that work. The Eid Center, under this plan, will give way to a larger space that connects Benson and Jackson Halls and provides main-floor hospitality space. More importantly, this new building will feature a cluster of classrooms and workspaces to support modern teaching methods in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. The next wave of Grovers will benefit from college-style labs and instructional spaces.

The new building will become the main entry during school days, allowing for a fully secure North Campus once the bells ring.

Students in the Scheels Auditorium will be able to walk indoors to the Gordor Gymnasium and the central campus green space will remain intact.



NEW INTERIOR SPACES:



SMALL-GROUP ROOMS AND HUDDLES



GATHERING AREA



STEM CENTER

ENRICH YOUR LEGACY WITH NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Today’s school facilities and public buildings often are named for people or businesses that have supported the programming scheduled in those spaces — either through financial resources or years of dedicated service.

Oak Grove leaders, as part of the Acorns to Oaks campaign, offer naming opportunities as part of the impact projects on both campuses. The list below includes spaces suitable for naming, the approximate square footage of each space and a corresponding gifts for named spaces based on cost of construction or renovation, utilization and visibility.

These spaces will impact teaching, learning and the full student experience at Oak Grove. Named facilities enable generous donors to connect their names to academic excellence and student development across generations.

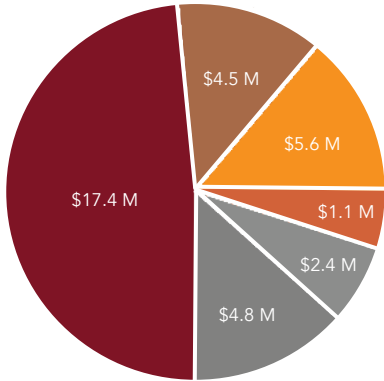
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SOUTH CAMPUS	AREA (SF)	CORRESPONDING GIFT
Art Studio - CLAIMED!	780	\$150,000
Music Studio	885	\$200,000
New Gymnasium - CLAIMED!	12,130	\$6,000,000
Original Gymnasium	10,000	\$2,000,000
Playground	16,000	\$100,000

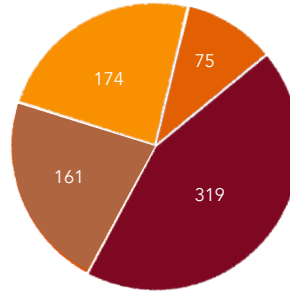
NORTH CAMPUS	AREA (SF)	CORRESPONDING GIFT
New Building (Commons)	16,000	\$7,000,000
STEM Center	6,500	\$3,000,000
Main Entry Foyer	600	\$300,000
Level 2 Loft - CLAIMED!	200	\$75,000
Treehouse - CLAIMED!	1,500	\$500,000
STEM Science Classrooms (4)	1,750	\$500,000
STEM Mathematics Classrooms (2)	1,280	\$350,000
STEM Classroom Second Floor	1,280	\$250,000
STEM Small Group Rooms (2) - 1 AVAILABLE	400	\$100,000
STEM Huddles (5) - SOLD OUT!	200	\$50,000
Jackson Conference Room - CLAIMED!	750	\$50,000
Commons Outside Gorder Gymnasium - PENDING	5,000	\$800,000
Football Field	—	\$500,000

ACORNS TO OAKS CAMPAIGN



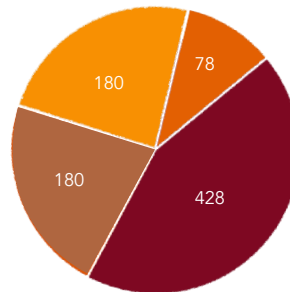
- STEM Center and Commons
- New Gymnasium & Infill
- Benson Hall Renovation
- Classroom Development
- Contingencies
- Endowment

ENROLLMENT:
2022-2023: 729

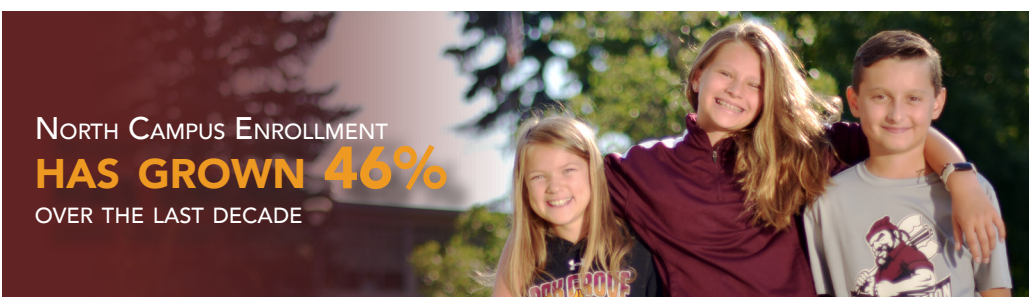


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- Elementary Students
- Middle School Students
- High School Students

PREPARING FOR THE
FUTURE: PROJECTED GROWTH TO 866



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“A gift to the Acorns to Oaks campaign helps prepare Oak Grove for Generations to come”

“Through prudent and strategic planning your gifts will enable Oak Grove to continue to grow and thrive.”

*“The true meaning to life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”
– Nelson Henderson*

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