

# SOMETHING'S COMING.....

AUGUST  
2019

## And it's going to be great!

### SUMMER PROGRESS ...PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

If you have been following the journey of a very special Catholic school in Southampton, you must know that measurable progress on projects affecting and involving the community is often documented and shared.

Over the years, OLH has been able to add a second story extension,(1998) as well as adding a Prep-Wellness Center (2014). The saying "If you build it, they will come" comes into play when we see how enrollment has spiked to more than 320 students, utilizing every inch of space for varied programs.

The one element that has been missing since the loss of the very small play area to the greater gym has been an attractive and safe playground specifically for the younger children. Prospective parents always asked: "Where do the little ones play?" As of September 4, the answer to that question will be simple: in the backyard!

Thanks to a generous gift of the Dolan Family Foundation, OLH now appears to have a real campus! The grounds of Our Lady of Poland Parish have been enriched by the planning, design and construction that is in its very last stages right now.

Some have questioned as to why this took so long to complete? Aside from a very wet late spring, please realize that this project required

- securing, purchasing and razing adjacent house
- negotiating with the MTA and PSEG for some concessions on the site
- securing permits

In reality, the actual modifications to the site itself started in late February. All in all, six months later, we are almost ready to welcome our students back and share a safe, well-planned play area, ADA compliant equipment and access, gated security exits, expanded parking for the parish, a designated faculty parking area, and a well-planned landscape that completes the exterior of this school, helping everyone to see that Catholic education is alive and well here!



The plan as envisioned by  
OLH Dad and architect  
Shawn Leonard

9/04 First day of new  
school year

9/06/19 Opening liturgy

9/12 Dedication of  
new playground  
project





**Aerial site plan (The sandy area at lower right was the property purchased in 2017)**



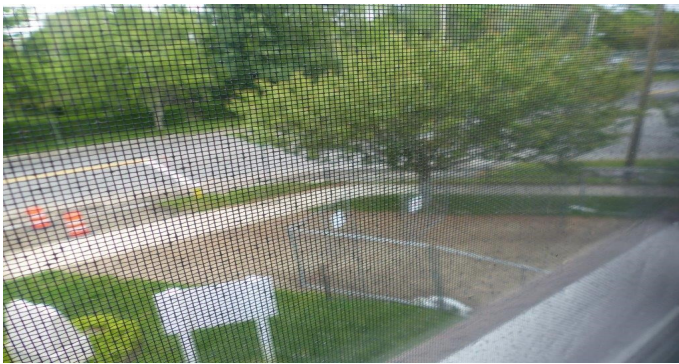
**Landscape begins in June 2019**



**Construction and realignment of the parish parking lot/school yard began in February 2019**



**Natural grass and plantings restored to north entrance July 2019**



**Elimination of the existing exit onto Main Street- March 2019**



**Playground installation showing the new egress onto Railroad Avenue...July 2019**



**Areas are well-defined by May 2019- Fence posts show the play area**



**Installation of artificial turf surface-August 2019**