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Saint Albert Schools Host Beam Raising Ceremony

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 2:30 p.m., major donors to Saint Albert Schools' "*Building for the 21st Century*" capital campaign will have an up close and personal view when the final steel beam of the school's new addition is put in place.

The guests will be part of a beam signing and raising ceremony where they will have an opportunity to sign the steel beam and make their mark (literally) on the new building prior to it being raised into place. Saint Albert students, faculty, alumni and parents were given a chance to sign the beam on Oct. 20 and 21.

According to Saint Albert President Jim Rouse, the beam signing event is a fun way to thank the donors for the key role they played in the success of the building campaign. It also has generated excitement about what the new building means for the future of Saint Albert Schools.

Rouse said by bringing all of its students on one campus, the school will realize more efficiencies, provide a beautiful new setting for its youngest students, and offer more convenience for parents with children in multiple grade levels. In addition, the Early Childhood Development Center will serve a great need in the community, and will make Saint Albert the first school in the region to offer Christ-centered educational programs from "cradle to college."

"Our building project is a cause for great celebration within the Saint Albert family," Rouse said. "It proves that with faith and a lot of hard work, good things will happen."

Rouse said work will continue on the exterior walls for the next several weeks and he expects the building to be closed in by Thanksgiving. The new addition and Early Childhood Development Center are scheduled to be open for the 2009-2010 school year.

Saint Albert Schools is the only Catholic grade school and K-12 system in the State of Iowa or Nebraska that is both state and regionally accredited. Committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church, the mission of Saint Albert Schools is to foster spiritual, moral, physical and intellectual growth for all students.

Great photo/video opportunities. If you would like to attend the beam raising event, please contact Jim Rouse at 329-9000.