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Ribbon-cutting for New Saint Albert Elementary & Child Care Center

Saint Albert Catholic Schools is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the school's new elementary addition and the Sheryl K. Johnson Child Care Center. The event will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. at 400 Gleason Avenue in Council Bluffs.

Local dignitaries such as Mayor Tom Hanafan and the Most Reverend Richard E. Pates, Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, will participate in the ceremony. The Bishop will bless the building prior to the ribbon cutting and tours of the new school and child care center will be available.

The new facility is the result of a multi-year capital campaign conducted by school staff and a host of volunteers. The addition of the Sheryl K. Johnson Child Care Center was made possible by a donation from Council Bluffs resident Mrs. Jackie Johnson. Mrs. Johnson's donation to build and fully furnish the child care center in her daughter's name is the single largest gift in school history.

"The new facility will allow Saint Albert to provide faith-based education to children from cradle to college all in one facility," said school president Jim Rouse. "We are very excited for the growth potential of our school and providing expanded services to the families of southwest Iowa."

The Sheryl K. Johnson Child Care Center will open on Aug. 10 and school begins in the new elementary and the school's Jr/Sr High on Aug. 17.

Photo/video opportunities of the ribbon cutting ceremony and facility tours are available. Please contact Jenny Van Soelen at 329-9000 if you would like to cover the event.