



# Grace Christian Academy Building Project Update

Building Update #2 – July 22, 2025

## Progress Highlights

### Site & Excavation Work

- Major excavation work is now complete, clearing the way for construction of the new building.
- The underground water retention system (which will sit under the new parking lot) has been installed.
- All underground inspections have passed, and the new water line from the street to the school is finished. The road, temporarily closed, was repaved and reopened.
- Some unexpected surprises slowed progress, including the discovery of old buried foundations and even a hidden coal chute and stairway from the 1950s! Removing these hidden structures required heavy demolition work, including cutting through thick concrete slabs and hauling away multiple truckloads of debris.

### Exterior Masonry & Structural Work

- The masonry crew has been busy, with 10 to 11 workers on-site daily.
- Classroom walls on the north and east sides of the building are being raised to prepare for taller ceilings in the addition.
- Exterior brickwork was done early to minimize noise disruptions once school resumes.



- Foundations for the new addition are in place, with initial block walls starting soon.

### Mechanical, Plumbing & Electrical

- New water and gas lines have been installed to support the expanded campus.
- Fire suppression piping (sprinklers) are being installed throughout the hallways.
- Above-ceiling work in hallways, including plumbing and HVAC (heating and cooling), is well underway and nearly complete.
- Old unit ventilators (the heater/air systems under windows) have been removed for the installation of new system.
- Electrical upgrades are progressing as planned, as well as the new IT server room.

### Ceilings, Lighting & Interior Work

- In both the elementary and high school wings, ceiling tiles and grid systems have been removed to allow for ductwork, electrical, and mechanical upgrades.
- The ceiling grid installation is scheduled to begin in late July.
- New windows are being installed throughout the building.

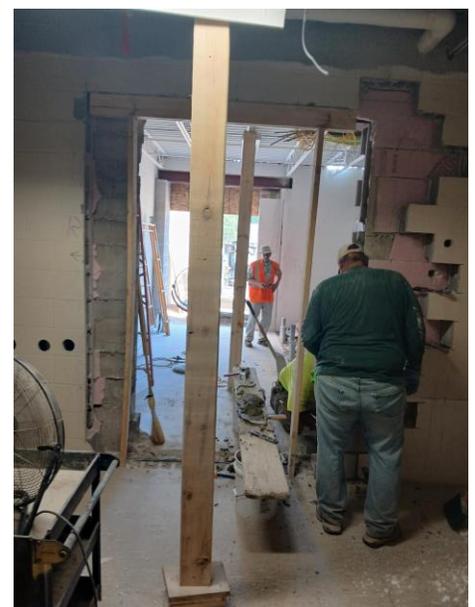


### Roofing

- Roofing work is progressing on the elementary wing.

### New Spaces in Progress

- The first walls of the new gym have started going up!
- A new hallway is under construction to connect the existing school to the new addition.
- The former woodshop is being prepped to become a new student lounge, opening to the courtyard, with a nearby restroom.
- Interior classroom upgrades, including painting and prep, are ongoing to get learning spaces ready for fall.



### Looking Ahead

- On August 11, seven semi-truck loads of structural steel are scheduled for delivery to support the next major phase of construction.
- Landscaping restoration and sprinkler system repairs will begin soon to clean up the front lawn.

- Once classrooms are completed, the goal is to get spaces cleaned and set up so teachers can begin preparing for students in August.

