



COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL | NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADDITION |  
ENTIRE SCHOOL/CAMPUS BUILDING

## St. Anthony Catholic School

Columbus, TX



Deep in the heart of Columbus, Texas, within the Diocese of Victoria, is the St. Anthony Catholic School, which has served generations of families since its inception in 1956 with a longstanding history of quality education. This project was a response to the school's vision to expand their current facilities and offer a truly 21st-century

educational environment, critical to the success of the school's growing needs. The new 15,054 sf, two-story building boasts cutting-edge interiors with "pods" and common "breakout" spaces for flexible classroom organizations. The renovated 5,204 sf "Old Main" offers expanded administration functions, secured vestibules and community worship and flex-use spaces.

The primary goal was to offer functional, innovative learning environments and yield lifelong learners fully armed for future success. Strategic spaces/elements become

teaching tools—exposing building systems including structural, MEP and technology elements, allow students to engage with and learn from the building itself. Flexible and engaging environments create an abundance of friendly, technology-rich, intimate and collaborative opportunities for a range of individual and group learning settings.

Purposefully, St. Anthony's architectural character and charm nestle into the traditional surrounding community, while looking forward to teacher and student needs for the ever-evolving 21st-century learning environment.

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### DESIGN TEAM

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### OWNER/CLIENT

St. Anthony Catholic School  
Columbus, TX  
John R. O'Leary, Principal

### KEY STATS

Grades Served: Preschool, K-8  
Capacity of Students/Occupants: 212  
Size of Site: 4.43 acres  
Gross Area of Bldg./Space: 20,258 gsf  
Space per Student: 96 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$27,123  
Square Foot Cost: \$283.84  
Project Cost: \$5,750,000  
Occupation Date: 1/1/2018  
Sustainability Rating Status: High-Performance Building

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St. Anthony Catholic School – New 21<sup>st</sup> Century School

St. Anthony Catholic School  
Columbus, Texas



Second Floor

First Floor



**COMPLETION DATE**

Fall 2017

**COST OF CONSTRUCTION**

\$ 3.5m

**CAPACITY**

Grades 1-8 (+ pk3 - kinder)  
200 students ±

**AREA OF BUILDING**

15,000 ± sf new construction  
5,000 ± sf renovations

**REMARKS**

Columbus, Texas is a modern community brimming with huge oak trees and an old fashioned feel. At the heart of this city is the St. Anthony Catholic School Campus (SAS), an affiliation of the Diocese of Victoria.

Beginning with the project's visioning, program and schematic design, JMB2 collaborated closely with the school/parish leaders and faculty to uncover the opportunities of designing a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Facility, as it relates to their community. The school's design seeks not only to incorporate learning truisms but also to weave the school architectural character and charm into the existing campus and community. The school has been organized into "pods" with common "break-out" spaces and flexible classroom organization. Specials offered include common community/school areas, robust art and science programs, and the campus centerpiece "the Learning Commons" with adjacent computer labs. SAS is truly a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning School reaching to the future.

**SERVICES PROVIDED BY JMB2 ARCHITECTURE COOPERATIVE**

Full architectural services including, visioning, programming, concept and schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding, permitting, construction administration, and materials/renderings

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