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## Pembroke Hill School Begins *Building Together* Construction Project

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Pembroke Hill School is pleased to announce the start of the Building Together construction project on the school’s Ward Parkway Campus, at the corner of Ward Parkway and 51st Street.

The \$52 million project will enhance student experiences by reimagining the largest common areas used by middle and upper school students: campus green, dining hall and athletic facilities. The construction began Monday, May 18, and should be completed by spring 2022.

The project is funded by private, designated gifts from alumni, parents, grandparents and other friends of the school. To date, \$49.5 million of the \$52 million project has been raised.

“We are thrilled to embark on this exciting project,” said Anne Dema, president of the school’s Board of Trustees. “When construction is completed, our facilities will align with our excellent academic and extracurricular programs. Additionally, the project will significantly enhance the beauty of the campus as well as the view of Pembroke Hill from the south and east along Ward Parkway.”

She continued, “We are also pleased to proceed with this project at this time as it allows us to support our Kansas City construction partners, many of whom are small businesses.”

The project includes:

- **A renovated, single-level campus green** that will be the center of the campus and used for outdoor learning along with community events and traditions, such as the annual BBQ and graduation.

- **A new Dining Hall** that will provide a larger servery and dining area to accommodate students more efficiently as well as meeting areas for large school events.
- **A new Athletic Center** featuring a competition and auxiliary gym (four courts) for physical education classes, athletic competitions (volleyball/basketball) and tournaments. New bleachers and a press box will back up to the Athletic Center.
- An **updated Hall Student Center** will offer larger lobby space for performing arts productions and new academic spaces for computer science, debate, forensics and robotics.
- **A new skywalk** will connect the new Dining Hall with the existing Centennial Hall.
- **Removal of Pierson Gym**, which is seen from Ward Parkway. The area will become a green space.

“This is an exciting time for Pembroke Hill,” said Brad Shelley, head of school. “The design of the new spaces is extraordinary. Our new facilities will provide a sense of unity and a sense of joy for our community. Together, we are building for the future; we are building for students and their families for generations to come.”

Pembroke Hill is collaborating with architects Gould Evans and McCownGordon construction on this historic project.

Please visit [pembrokehill.org/buildingtogether](http://pembrokehill.org/buildingtogether) to view concept drawings and to learn more about the project.

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