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## **Meridian Construction building new 17,000 s/f Saint Sebastian Hall**

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Portsmouth, NH Meridian Construction was chosen to build the new Saint Sebastian Hall for Saint Patrick Academy. Meridian was chosen based on trusted recommendations and their multi-project experience in building and renovating school gymnasiums. Located on the campus at 315 Banfield Rd., the building is on schedule for a June completion.

This project will expand the school's PreK to Grade 8 lower and middle school programming by adding co-curricular activities with maker spaces, a full-sized gymnasium and space for the visual and performing arts. The new 17,000 s/f multipurpose building significantly expands the school by adding classrooms, locker rooms, arts areas and a multi-sports facility for basketball, volleyball, futsal, tennis and more. Students will have enhanced opportunities to flourish and excel through hands-on projects, movement and creativity so they can truly thrive in Mind Body and Spirit – the theme of the capital campaign.

“Education Fully Alive” is the school's motto inspired from the quote by St. Iranaeus, “The glory of God is man fully alive.” The new Saint Sebastian Hall will facilitate an education that is even more “fully alive” through the expansion of co-curricular activities to enhance all students' experiences in arts & science, physical fitness, sports and performance art – all nurturing the mind, body and spirit.

“We are very pleased with Meridian Construction and everything is progressing smoothly. Since we launched the Mind Body Spirit Campaign for the gymnasium, the support and excitement for the project has been palpable. Financial contributions have come in from long-time families, new families, grandparents, community members, and local businesses! Saint Patrick Academy students are thriving and this will only add to their fully alive experience,” said James Melone, Head of School.

Tim Long, president of Meridian Construction said, “We enjoy working with schools that present unique architectural designs and provide facilities to help our young people learn and grow. I think St. Sebastian Hall is really an ideal example of that.”

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