

Country Day School formally unveils new senior school



By Jake Courtepatte

Country Day School has added another milestone to its long and storied 43-year history in King City.

The \$10 million "Making Connections" campaign, the largest campaign in the independent school's history, was capped last Tuesday with the official unveiling of the new two-story senior school building. The 51,000 square foot addition includes a new dining hall, administration offices, learning and support centres, and nine new classrooms.

More than 250 current and past CDS parents, students, alumni, faculty and staff, enjoyed an evening exploring the building.

"When our founders opened The Country Day School doors for the first time in 1972, they did so cherishing the promise of youth and the importance of education," said Head of School John Liggett in his remarks. "Those same values are present as we officially open the most recent in a long line of new Country Day School doors. With a reverence for all the hard work that came before us, and a commitment to further advance CDS into the future, we hereby officially open our new dining hall and rejuvenated senior school."

Approved in April of 2012, the Making Connections campaign saw a portion of the senior school dismantled in December, having served its purpose since 1986.

Other parts of the school were put in place in 1998 and 1999, and still stand following renovations.

Named donors are recognized throughout all areas of the new building, such as the Niczowski, Temovsky, and Arrigo Dining Hall, and the Croxon Family Administration Centre.

"A lot of people think of the Country Day School and the independent school network, and they don't really know what that means," said Paul Jewer, Chair of the Board of Directors. "Independent means we're on our own. We make our own decisions, we are responsible for our own destiny, and the quality of education that we provide for our children. Thanks to this community as a collective, we have this fantastic new space."

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini also added his own positive remarks, saying the new building is "something the community can be proud of."