

# RUNNELS

PRESCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL



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## FRIDAY FOCUS

Runnels Weekly E-Newsletter from Head of School Marcia Mackay



***Wayne Catalano***

### Honoring a Great Friend and Supporter of Our School

In grateful appreciation for his exceptional support, generosity, and consideration toward our school and school community as we confronted the monumental task of rebuilding after the flood, the "Runnels Gym" has been named the "Catalano Gymnasium" in honor of Mr. Wayne Catalano, who did so much to restore our campus to its current strength.

Mr. Catalano's company, US Restoration, LLC, began pouring its resources, equipment, and manpower into remediating the extensive damage done to the main campus before the floodwaters had fully receded. Through the remediation process, they began removing the materials before additional damage from mold could set in. Their meticulous process of cleaning and sanitizing the buildings on campus ensured our environment would be 100% safe for the return of our students, faculty and staff.

**Through these coordinated efforts by Mr. Catalano, amazingly our campus was returned to a beautifully restored campus in just 10 short weeks.**

Wheels began turning to place Mr. Catalano's name specifically on the gym for two reasons: He and his company were referred to us by High School Athletic Director Tookie Johnson and Mr. Catalano used the gym as his center of operations on the campus. He set up his office in the weight room.

In addition, Mr. Catalano came up with a way to save the costly-to-replace stage curtains. These curtains, which have been a valuable asset to the Runnels Theater Program for many years, would be very difficult for us to replace. Mr. Catalano's quick action restored the curtains to nearly pristine condition. They will be an integral part of our drama program for years to come.

"It's been an honor and privilege to work with a contractor of such integrity, skill and determination, who has given so generously of his time and resources to help our school," said Dr. Runnels. "Throughout the remediation experience, Mr. Catalano has provided creative solutions to our unique



problems and produced exceptional results that will benefit generations of Runnels students to come."

Our school community is deeply grateful to Mr. Catalano and his company for their deep commitment, unbounded support, and open-hearted generosity as we faced the challenges brought on by the flood. **We are honored to dedicate the gym as the "Catalano Gymnasium" in his name.** Your exceptional generosity, steadfast friendship and caring support for our school and its community is truly appreciated. Thank you, Mr. Catalano.

