

## **New High School Opens in Jarrell ISD**

### **Dedication BBQ Set for November 15**

A new building, two miles from the original campus, is now a part of the Jarrell ISD – the Jarrell High School on FM 487. Groundbreaking on the high school, designed by architects O’Connell Robertson, took place on May 30, 2006, and it opened for classes in August 2007, due to the diligence of construction managers, FT Woods.

The school is made of durable concrete block and native Jarrell stone. The foundation and walls were made stout and strong to withstand forces and last many years into the future. In addition to eighteen classrooms, the school includes three science labs, three computer labs, a homemaking lab, a shop, a library, cafeteria, band hall, choir hall, boys and girls athletic facilities, two gymnasiums, and offices for principal, nurse, counselor and support staff. Computer technology is in every room for students and teachers. Security cameras and intrusion detection protect the school from vandalism and theft.

The wooden gym floors will be the last elements to be completed. They were delayed because of storm drain engineering. It became apparent during the heavy summer rains of 2007 that the initial storm drains were insufficient. Therefore, a new storm drainage system was installed which will be more than handle a 100-year flood event. Until the storm drainage problems were resolved, we did not begin installation of the wooden gym floors. The floors should be complete in November.

A grand opening celebration will be held on Thursday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. Staff, parents and the community are invited for dinner, tours and the dedication to celebrate the new school. Tickets to the reception are required for all attendees and may be obtained at the JISD Central Office at no charge. Call, visit or email Gloria Wenzel (746-2124 or [gloria.wenzel@jarrell.txed.net](mailto:gloria.wenzel@jarrell.txed.net)) for tickets.