

City Notes: New wing is dedicated at Morning Star School

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A new wing of Morning Star School in Arlington was dedicated Friday by Bishop Felipe Estévez of the Diocese of St. Augustine.

The \$1.5 million project adds four classrooms each for the middle school and new high school, and a media technology center.

Morning Star School, at 725 Mickler Road, serves students who have a diagnosed learning disability. While Morning Star is a Catholic school, 90 percent of its students are non-Catholic.

“There are few special education high schools in our city,” said principal Jean Barnes. “This is a long-awaited moment for the school, and for parents who have few options for their children with learning disabilities.”

The wing is named in honor of Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, who founded the school in 1956.

“What an amazing and joyous occasion for everyone who has worked so hard to conceptualize and shape what was once just a dream,” Barnes said. “Our success in adding a Morning Star high school program is inspiring and critically needed — an exciting milestone in our 60-year history of teaching children with disabilities.”