

Baymonte Christian expansion approved

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Sentinel staff report

SCOTTS VALLEY — Baymonte Christian School has a green light to expand.

The city Planning Commission last week approved plans to build a two-story classroom building at the Granite Creek Road campus and expand enrollment from 420 to 545 students.

"We have had tremendous support from our parents, neighbors and the city of Scotts Valley," said

principal Steve Patterson. "Lord willing, we will now be able to accommodate the 22 students currently on a waiting list for a new sixth-grade class."

School spokeswoman Jerryne King said the plan is to break ground in May and finish construction over the summer.

More than \$110,000 has been raised so far toward construction, with nearly \$50,000 coming from three golf tournaments. The latest one last week netted \$17,000, as

participating golfers solicited sponsorships from more than 30 local businesses.

The cost of the building project is estimated at \$300,000, although the school expects parents will help by donating labor and materials.

Five years ago, the school had 165 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Now almost every grade is full, since the school allows no more than 26 students per class.