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Dried out, St. Bridget reopens

Parochial school suffered damage during rainstorm last Wednesday

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St. Bridget School will reopen today after being closed since last week due to flooding.

Portions of the administrative offices, the nurse's office, an older portion of the library and the teachers' lounge were damaged by water leaking from the roof.

According to Principal Margaret Whalen, water got under tarps covering a section of roof connecting the school building and an addition still

Fast facts

What: St. Bridget School
Where: 171 Main St., Cheshire
Student body: 390 students, mostly from Cheshire but also surrounding towns, pre-K to eighth grade



under construction. The roofing materials had been removed, and last Wednesday night tarps were not sufficient to keep rainwater from getting through the roof.

It was discovered last Thursday morning and school was canceled, Whalen said.

Ruxandra Iliescu got a phone call around 7:45 last Thursday morning telling her school had been canceled. Her seventh-grade daughter, Laura, was supposed to have exams that day, Iliescu said.

Laura wasn't able to use the extra time to study, though.

Her books were at school and no one was allowed back in, Iliescu said.

"It was a mini-vacation," she said. Exams will resume this week.

Iliescu said she stays home during the day, but other parents who work had to scramble to find babysitters for their children.

In an e-mail to parents, Whalen said construction crews had been working around the clock to repair the damage so school could reopen. Town officials



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Cleanup vehicles and a large Dumpster are evidence of ongoing work at St. Bridget School in Cheshire Saturday. Rainwater got under tarps covering a section of roof connecting the school and an addition last week. The school reopens today.

inspected the affected areas of the building before it was reopened.

St. Bridget's addition will include an expanded gym, a lunchroom and music and art

rooms.

The pre-kindergarten to eighth-grade parochial school has about 390 students. Most are from Cheshire, but the school also accepts students

from surrounding towns.

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