

## **Moving the Middle School Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How will the separation of the middle school students from the high school students be accomplished?**

The east wing (the convent side) of the high school will house the eighth graders on the first floor and the sixth and seventh graders on the second floor. The high school students will be on both floors of the west wing. There will be separate restroom facilities for the middle school students in the east wing. The middle school students will use the auxiliary gym and the accompanying locker rooms and the high school students will use the main gym and the locker rooms connected to it. All students will use the cafeteria and the chapel, but not at the same time. Middle school science teachers will typically teach their science classes in the middle school classrooms, but will also be able to schedule use of the high school science labs when needed. The library would be shared space.

### **Will the middle school students wear the same uniform as the high school students?**

No. The middle school students will continue to follow their uniform/dress code as it is currently written.

### **Will the middle school tuition be increased to be the same as the high school tuition?**

No. The middle school tuition will continue to match the elementary school tuition.

### **Will the start and end times for the school day be the same for both the middle school and the high school?**

Yes. The start and end times are currently the same and will remain that way. In the interest of maintaining separation, however, the high school students and the middle school students will be assigned different doors to enter and exit the building.

### **Will the discipline policy of the high school be adopted by the middle school?**

No. There are currently two separate discipline codes, as found in the parent/student handbook and they will remain in effect.

### **Will the Cavalier basketball program continue as it is currently set up?**

Yes. The boys' basketball program will run through eighth grade, and the girls' basketball program will run through sixth grade. Beginning in seventh grade, the girls will participate in the ECC junior high girls' basketball program.

### **Will the middle school lunch prices be increased to be the same as they are at the high school?**

The middle school lunch prices are already the same as they are at the high school. One noticeable difference that the middle school students will experience with their lunches is an increased choice of foods in the a-la-carte line.

**Will the middle school students eat lunch with the high school students?**

No. The middle school students will have their own lunch time, separate from the high school students.

**Will the middle school students attend Mass with the high school students?**

No. Each school will have its own weekly Masses in the ECCHS chapel, although, in special circumstances, the schools may gather in the auditorium for an All-School Mass.

**Will the current administrative structure of each school be maintained?**

Yes. Both the middle school and high school will have separate administrators. The current main office space at the high school will be shared by both the middle school and high school.

**Are we at risk of having class sizes that are too large?**

There is room for growth in the enrollment. ECCHS once housed over 600 students. Currently, none of the classrooms are used every class period of the day. There is sufficient space to accommodate need according to the long-term projected demographics.

**Will parents have the opportunity to see the St. Marys Catholic Middle School as it will be set up within the Elk County Catholic High School?**

Yes. There will be an Open House scheduled during the month of August.