



Elk County Catholic School System

Office of the President

134 Queens Road, St. Marys, PA 15857

May 1, 2013

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to announce that Bishop Lawrence Persico and the governing Members of the Elk County Catholic School System, at the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Elk County Catholic School System, have approved the moving of the St. Marys Catholic Middle School to the Elk County Catholic High School building to be completed for the beginning of school in August 2013. This is an exciting time for Catholic education in Elk County. With the change in location of the Middle School we believe that we are strengthening our school system and adapting to the changing demographics so that our schools remain vibrant.

I want to thank the parents who came to one of our two parent meetings and asked questions and voiced their opinions regarding the move. I want to thank you for your overwhelming support of the middle school move and of Catholic education in general. We heard your concerns about the sixth grade and the need for them to be separated from the high school students. As was stated in the presentation at the parent meeting, the middle school will run separately from the high school and the layout of the two schools will ensure that the separation is there. The administration and faculty realize the differences between high school and middle school students and will treat them accordingly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us and trusting your children's education to us. Know that we do not take this task lightly, and we do everything we can with the help of God to form your children to be the best future leaders of our church and community. See the attached page of information that will hopefully answer any questions you may have about the move. If you have additional questions, please contact the building principals or me. With the grace of God and your help we will make this transition as smooth as possible and move our schools forward.

Peace,

Fr. Michael