

# MOTHER MARY LANGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PLANNING TIMELINE?

The current timeline has been posted for your review. The timeline progress will be updated monthly.

### WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE CONSTRUCTION?

You are able to continually view the progress of the school construction from a live webcam of the construction site. That live view is accessible from this website.

### WHEN WILL WE KNOW WHO THE PRINCIPAL WILL BE?

The Principal position has been formally posted for applications. A Search Committee has been formed and the Chair of the Search Committee will be meeting with prospective parents to develop a list of qualities that parents desire in the principal of the new school. The Chair of the Search Committee will meet with prospective faculty/staff members to develop a list of qualities that staff members desire in the new principal of the school. A Profile of the desired principal candidate will be developed using stakeholder input.

The Committee will begin reviewing applications in mid-March. The Search Committee, with the goal of narrowing the field of candidates to finalists to be forwarded to the Superintendent, will conduct the first round of interviews in March. The goal is to announce the name of the first principal of the new Mother Mary Lange Catholic School in May 2020. The new principal will start a year before the opening of the school.

### WILL CURRENT STUDENTS AT SS. JAMES AND JOHN AND HOLY ANGELS HAVE TO APPLY?

No. Current students at SS. James and John and Holy Angels Catholic Schools are guaranteed a seat in the new school. We are requesting current families at these two schools to simply fill out an Intent to Attend Form in September- October of 2020. Parents will be able to talk with the new principal if there are any questions.

### WILL FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS FROM SS. JAMES AND JOHN AND HOLY ANGELS BE AT THE NEW SCHOOL?

Current certified faculty and staff members will have the first opportunity to interview and will be guaranteed an interview. Staff members will be able to fill out an INTENT TO APPLY FORM and are guaranteed an interview. We value the teachers and staff at the existing schools, and we know that families and students do as well. They will be an integral part of the team that builds the culture of MMLCS.

### WHAT IS THE TUITION RATE?

The tuition will be similar to the tuition rate at SS. James and John and Holy Angels. Those schools have tuition rates in the range of \$5,800 to \$5,925. Financial Assistance that students are currently receiving will follow the students to the new school.

### WILL THERE BE SECURITY AT THE NEW SCHOOL?

There will be 24/7 security at the new school. Security efforts are being aligned with security at the University of Maryland. The school campus will be equipped with cameras that are monitored by security. Doors will be secure. Visitors will have to be granted access to the lobby.

#### **WHO WILL PROVIDE LUNCH?**

Mother Mary Lange Catholic School will have a full-size cafeteria and kitchen. Lunch will be provided by the Archdiocese of Baltimore Child Nutrition Services.

#### **WHAT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES?**

There is a health suite and a counselor and therapist will provide students and families with support. There will be a full-time nurse and we are building partnerships with the University of Maryland Medical System and Children' Hospital to provide health services to the students.

#### **HOW WILL STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP WORK? WILL OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS BE EXPECTED TO CROSS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD?**

There will be 3 car lanes directly in front of the school that will be used to create a safe drop-off and pick-up system that is carefully monitored, supervised, and controlled. Drop-offs and pick-up will not be allowed on neighborhood streets or on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

#### **WILL THERE BE BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE?**

Yes. Both before school and after school care will be provided that include aligned academic enrichment activities.

#### **WILL TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED?**

Bus transportation is currently being provided for some students attending Holy Angels Catholic School. We will be asking families if they desire bus transportation to the Mother Mary Lange Catholic School and, based on demand, will be determining bus routes once we assess family needs and possible locations for bus stops. There will be a fee for bus transportation to the Mother Mary Lange Catholic School.

#### **HOW WILL WE BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING A SCHOOL COMMUNITY?**

A retreat for students is being planned for July of 2020. Bi-monthly field trips for students will also occur. Families will be invited to community-building events and will be invited to provide input into important decisions (i.e. uniform styles, Home and School Association, images for the walls, etc.) These events and opportunities will occur during the year preceding the opening of the new school.

#### **WHAT WILL THE CURRICULUM CONSIST OF?**

All Archdiocese of Baltimore Pre-K to 8 schools follow an AOB curriculum that has been written by teams of AOB educators. The curriculum includes unit calendars, learning objectives, and resources that align with the intended learning outcomes. What will make Mother Mary Lange Catholic School unique is how the students will master the learning objectives. The goal is to integrate subjects and learning around hands-on activities and projects. Mother Mary Lange Catholic School is uniquely located close to many important historical and cultural sites in Baltimore that can be incorporated into the learning. A state-of-the-art science lab, makerspace, a media center with video production capacity, a music room, and an art room will allow students to learn together in teams through hands-on activities.

