

Burlington Catholic School, Inc. Update

Over the past few months the BCS Board of Directors has been working hard to determine how each campus will be used. After much discussion within the board as well as feedback from both St. Mary and St. Charles staffs and steering committees, it was a unanimous Board decision that the North Campus (formerly St. Charles) will house K4-3rd grade classes and the South Campus (formerly St. Mary) will house the 4th-8th grade classes. We are One School, on Two Campuses, and our main goal is to ensure a safe, secure, education for every student while using all the resources available to us. We are so blessed to have such a large student body, and not one, but two truly unique campuses at which to further their educational, emotional, and spiritual growth.

We chose to house the campuses this way for many reasons including, but not limited to:

K4-3rd grade at the North Campus (formerly St. Charles):

- Attached gymnasium, cafeteria, and church allow for young students to stay in the warm, safe, and secure building when transitioning.
- Fenced in large parking lot with four entrances and exits allows for easier pick-up, / drop-off and secure recess time
- K4 will be a 5-day, full day program as part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program
- Before/After care will now be available at the North Campus

4th-8th grade at the South Campus (formerly St. Mary):

- CCHS proximity -
 - Students will be able to take accelerated classes with no transportation issues.
 - Students can continue taking classes such as technology, gym, and band at CCHS.
- Access to two gymnasiums and an auditorium
- Kitchen facilities will enable the option for older students to take hot lunch or salad bar
- Infrastructure in place for one-to-one computer use
- Lockers for all students
- Older students are better equipped to travel outside for mass and special classes
- Before/After Care will be available for both preschoolers and students on South Campus

Preschool will continue to be a separate entity for licensing and certification reasons. It will still be located in the Notre Dame Building. This is a great option for families from St. Charles, St. Mary, and St. Joseph who have 3-year-olds or 4-year-olds and want a flexible schedule of how many hours and days they wish to send their child to preschool. Although not officially under the BCS umbrella, this preschool model is still part of our great community and will continue to be a bridge to BCS.

No matter where our students are housed, BCS guarantees that we will preserve many of our traditions including having all school masses together as well as continuing our buddy program. We are very excited to have two campuses under the same mission.