

Panthers on the Move: The Latest Info (May 2017)

The Relocation of Paul VI Catholic High School Campus: What Every Parent Needs to Know



Q: Where will the new campus be located in Loudoun County?

- The property is located on Braddock Road between Riding Center Drive and Donerails Chase Drive in South Riding, Virginia. This newly installed sign heralds the future home of PVI. It is located on the south side of Braddock Road, near where the entrance to the school will be.

Q: When will the new campus be fully operational?

- It is anticipated that the Class of 2020 will be the first class to graduate from our new location. Stay tuned! The design is now almost complete. Clearing and grading the property will start this summer, and groundbreaking will occur in late summer or early in the next school year. The construction contractor is Whiting-Turner. Once construction is underway later this year, we will be able to provide better estimates.
- The move will occur over the summer months in order not to disrupt the school year either prior to or subsequent to the relocation.

Q: What is the status of the design?

- The design effort, led by VMDO Architects, a leader in school design and sustainable architecture, is almost complete. The design drawings have been submitted to Loudoun County for their approval. Zoning was approved in November. Site clearing and preparation will start soon.

Q: How is the PVI Community involved in the transition to our new location?

- Several teams have been operating to help ensure a smooth and seamless transition from the current Fairfax campus to the new location in Loudoun County.

- The teams are comprised of members of the School Board, the school's administration, faculty and staff, as well as parents, alumni and current students.
- They are working in collaboration with the Diocese and VMDO in areas which include, but are not limited to, building and athletic field design, academics (classroom design), transportation, technology, public relations/communications, legacy and tradition. This planning is closely linked with the implementation of the newly published PVI Five Year Strategic Plan.
- The Head of School and the School Board President are serving on the Diocesan Committee overseeing the design work.

Q: What assurances do parents have that the current building and grounds will be maintained at their current standards for our remaining time there?

- The safety and security of our student population is of paramount importance to the school's administration and school board. Maintaining a learning environment that is conducive to PVI's high level of academic excellence will continue to be a top priority.
- The same facility management process that has served PVI so well is now continuing to be used during the remaining time in the current building.

Q: Will transportation be provided for students who are affected by the move?

- Yes, bus transportation is a major priority. The Diocese is committed to providing bus transportation for students traveling to and from the new campus. As part of a pilot effort, busses are now making morning pick-ups at, and return to, St Theresa's Church in Ashburn, Holy Trinity Church in Gainesville and Corpus Christi, Parish Office in South Riding. Studies will be conducted to determine the initial needs, and will be adjusted to accommodate changes .

Q: Is it anticipated that the majority of the current administration, faculty and staff will make the move to the new location?

- Members of the faculty and staff have responded favorably to the relocation news.
- Sharing in the belief that this relocation provides an extraordinary opportunity for the entire PVI community to grow in every aspect, the continuity of faculty and staff will help maintain our growth in "grace and wisdom."

Q: Will there be a substantial tuition increase to offset the costs of building and furnishing the new campus?

- Tuition rates will not be increased either before or after the move, beyond the customary cost-of-living increases.

- The Diocese is committed to providing an affordable and accessible Catholic education to the highest number of students it can.

Q: Will the intimate size of the classes remain the same?

- Given our commitment to continue to provide our students with a high level college preparatory education, the class sizes will remain the same.
- The building and facilities will be substantially larger to allow for additional classrooms, labs, and a setting for superior 21st century learning environment.

Q: How will the athletic programs, Fine Arts and student clubs be affected?

- The new athletic fields and facilities will enhance the experiences for athletes and fans.
- The enhanced athletic facilities will allow a larger variety of sports to be offered to our students and provide the convenience and safety afforded by on-campus practices.
- The wide variety of curricular and extra-curricular activities which help round out the PVI experience will certainly continue -- in facilities that are much better suited to them.

Q: Will the curriculum be affected?

- We anticipate that PVI will continue to maintain its position as one of the Top 50 Catholic High Schools in America by continually reviewing and updating the rigorous academic programs to meet the needs of the 21st century learner.
- Meeting the needs of our student population in the accomplishment of the PVI mission will remain of the highest importance to the school's administration and faculty.
- We will continue our dedication to being a model for providing a Catholic education for students with intellectual disabilities and learning differences. These programs contribute to the special character of PVI.
- The new facilities will ensure that our students benefit from the latest technological advances as part of their high school experience.

Q: How can I continue to follow the journey of PVI to Loudoun County?

- As information becomes available, we will continue to update our current and prospective families at www.paulvi.net.
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