



# Duluth Catholic School

## FAQs

**Q: How will busing be determined and work with students on multiple campuses?**

**A:** We are working with the Transportation Department of the Duluth School District (ISD 709) which currently provides busing for the Duluth Catholic schools.

- Transportation to the nearest Catholic school campus offering programming for your student will be provided within the approved boundaries
- An inter-campus busing option is being discussed

*Final routes are anticipated to be published over the summer and in time for back to school events.*

**Q: What measures are being taken to improve student safety and school security?**

**A:** This year's Holy Rosary "Fund-a-Need" is designated to support an upgrade to the school's main entrance access. The plan will update the main entryway to include:

- Locked entryway with card-access system
- Office "buzz-in" capabilities
- Security camera & video surveillance

: St. John's and St. James campuses are equipped with front entry security measures.

**Q: What are the anticipated class sizes?**

**A:** This reconfiguration is projected to allow class sizes to range from 17-24 students with multiple sections of each grade level across the campus sites. Each campus should also have dedicated spaces for specialists.

**Q: What is the status of the new high school program?**

**A:** The high school is being explored by a separate task force. The anticipated startup date based on interest would be September 2018. Location of the program is to be determined.

**Q: Will students be able to play sports at Marshall?**

**A:** Discussions are underway to continue the Marshall athletic agreement. We will know more soon. Extracurricular opportunities are important to middle schoolers and planning is in the works to complement existing programs.



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**Q: Is there a before or after school program?**

**A: Before School:** The school day time is currently being reviewed for the Duluth Catholic School. If the school day begins at a later time, a morning extended day will be considered. If the school day remains at a similar start time (currently 7:40/7:45), students will be allowed into the building by 7:00 without a formal program. The St. James campus will continue to offer before school care starting at 6:30 am.

**Q: How much outside time do students receive during the school day?**

**After School:** Every day that school is in session, after school care will be available for students at each campus. In addition, site-specific extra-curricular programs are being discussed for continuation and possible development.

**Q: What specialists are being considered?**

**A:** Elementary students go outside for recess at least once each day (typically mid-day). Students also receive outdoor enrichment through opportunities such as field trips, outdoor education, gardening, and full use of each campus' school grounds.

**Q: Where do students eat lunch?**

**A:** The specialists for all campuses are being considered for next year. These may include and are not limited to:

- Physical Education
- Art
- Music
- Library
- Technology
- Language & Culture

**A:** The St. John's and St. James campuses each have designated cafeterias for lunch. At the Holy Rosary campus the gymnasium is closed mid-day, and is set up and utilized as the school cafeteria. Microwaves, utensils, napkins, and other lunchroom necessities are made available for students as part of this set-up.



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**Q: Will each campus have hot lunch every day?**

**A:** Yes! St. John's is currently equipped with a full kitchen that serves hot lunch each school day.

St. James offers federally-funded hot lunch, breakfast and after school snack.

A hot lunch program has also been recognized as a priority for the Holy Rosary Campus. The kitchen is currently being evaluated to determine what is necessary to provide hot lunch everyday.

**Q: What changes will occur to the St. John's building to prepare for middle school programming?**

**A:** It is anticipated that a few minor changes will occur to allow for middle school students to utilize this space well:

- Additional hallway lockers are planned for installation to complement current lockers and allow for a locker per student
- Coat rooms may be modified for "taller and bigger" students or reconfigured as additional classroom space
- Some classrooms may be reserved for specialists

**Q: What changes will occur with the top floor of Holy Rosary as it's converted from a middle school?**

**A:** A few minor changes will occur to allow for elementary students to fully utilize this space well:

- Hallway lockers may be relocated to the middle school campus or remain for student use.
- Classrooms will be outfitted with individual student desks rather than tables.
- Additional classrooms may be dedicated for specialists (i.e. science lab, art, robotics, music)