

FAQ St. Peter School Expansion Questions

Is this expansion happening?

Yes, our school expansion has been approved and we are working towards implementing a 7th grade beginning the 2023-2024 school year with an 8th grade implementation starting the 2024-2025 school year.

How will the expansion be funded?

This will be funded through a variety of avenues: tuition, the Living Christ diocesan campaign, private donations and other sources of money provided to the school.

Where will the new/other 2 grades go?

Seventh and eighth grade will be located on the top floor. The third-grade classroom will be moving to the main floor in the current Pre-K classroom. The Pre-K classroom will then move to the current cafeteria, where a new classroom will be constructed.

Where will we eat then?

The students will be eating in the gymnasium, using a similar format to what we used during pandemic measures. Our cafeteria tables collapse and are mobile.

Will our SPS students be able to play sports at USMS? Will there be extra-curricular activities?

Sports will be taking place at USMS as the school does not intend to offer CYO for seventh and eighth grade. Since the school does not offer those activities, they would be eligible to participate in athletics at the junior high level. As far as extra-curricular activities, it will depend on the activity and the desire of the students. Some activities like student council would still be here at the school.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

You can connect with the committee chair, Aaron Korte, at 419-310-0868, or the principal, Blake England, at 419-294-1395.

Which school year will 7th grade be offered?

Seventh grade will be offered starting in the 2023-2024 school year. The following year, we will add eighth grade.

Will tuition go up? 7th and 8th grades? Whole school?

Tuition goes up every year for the whole school as the finance committee examines every year. However, tuition for seventh and eighth grade WILL NOT increase and will remain the same as our K-6 tuition.

Will my child still need to attend evening religious ed classes even if they attend religion classes during the day at school?

No, the expectation is students will be receiving their religious education through their schooling at St. Peter.

Will Confirmation classes be taught in school or separately?

At this time, the plan is Confirmation classes to be held together as a parish.

Are the start and dismissal times the same for the junior high and elementary? The plan is to extend the school day by five minutes at the start and end of the day. That would apply to the whole school.

Will bus routes/times be affected?

No.

Do you have programs for students on Individual Education Plans?

Yes. We currently have a program and a specialist for students who are on an IEP. All necessary services will be available for students who require them.

Will the John Peterson scholarship and EdChoice carry-over into junior high?

Absolutely. Both scholarships will be available in junior high.

What services are available to students who have special needs?

If they are on John Peterson scholarship, any service they need is covered by the scholarship.

What standardized testing will be used?

MAP testing is the only standardized testing we use. It's been authorized by the State of Ohio as an acceptable alternative to the state test.

What are the school's educational goals?

Our mission of the school is to provide students with the keys to unlock doors to a better future.

How will students in different grades interact?

The school will still worship together on Wednesday at Mass. Our grades will continue to partner with each other, from having the older grades helping the younger grades with things like Reading Buddies, physical education helpers, etc. We plan to continue to have a younger student lunch and an older student lunch period.

Will there be a bathroom policy to address the large span of ages in students using the same facilities?

We are looking into designated bathroom times for classes to accommodate this concern. We will also monitor restroom times and designate different restrooms (gym and cafeteria) if necessary. This is the same format that other private schools use.

What curriculum opportunities are there for high school placement?

We are still exploring those opportunities and finding out what needs to be done to meet those requirements. Our goal is to offer high school placement in a variety of subjects including Algebra, Spanish (or another foreign language), and English.

What are the teacher's qualifications?

All our teachers are ODE licensed teachers and highly qualified in their teaching fields. Our teachers are regularly pursuing continuing education and professional development to meet the ever-evolving needs of today's students.

How is the school going to handle disciplinary issues with older students?

The handbook will be expanded with differing levels of discipline and recognition dependent on behavior. While we need to make sure students are disciplined when they go astray, we also want to acknowledge students for sharing the light of Christ with those around them.

Will there be financial assistance for tuition?

There will continue to be scholarship opportunities for families. All the current opportunities will still be available to families.

Will older students be allowed to attend extended day or another after school program? Yes, we will be offering supervised extended day services for our seventh and eighth grade students.

What classes will be offered at Union Jr. High?

At this point, the only class to be offered at Union will be band.

Will the Jr. High follow the USEVS calendar and schedule?

The junior high will be following the same calendar as the rest of St. Peter School. We will still be following USEVS schedules in terms of days off, holidays, first/last day of school, etc.

What curriculum will be used in core classes? Electives?

We will be following the diocesan courses of study, which are based on the Ohio state teaching standards. Electives will be based on the same model and offerings would be based on student interest and availability.

Mixed classes based on ability? (Example: 7th graders taking a higher-level math class with 8th graders?)

Yes, we're planning to offer this option. It would be based on student need and decisions will be made on an individual basis.