

1. I was already unclear on where my child would go for middle school as part of the Spanish immersion program. Now with the new school opening I'm even less sure! I hope that will be addressed in the meeting or added to the posted information. **MS Spanish Immersion will be at Fifer MS for the 2021-22 School Year.**
2. Would Saint Thomas More Academy retain their religious items, statues, etc.? **No – all religious aspects of the former facility have been removed by the Diocese.**
3. Are they retaining teachers that were already teaching at Saint Thomas More Academy there or will they be sending teachers from CRS Middle schools or completely hiring new teachers? **There will be no staff remaining from STM. ALL staff will be CR staff from the existing CR schools and a few may be new hires from outside of the district depending on the need.**
4. Will the curriculum be the same as Postlethwait or will it resemble what the school previously had? **The curriculum will be the same CR curriculum delivered at each CR Middle School.**
5. Will this school be run as a CRS public school? **Yes – this will become a 4th Middle School in the CR District.**
6. Is this a confirmed done deal for the 21-22 school year? **This is not a “done deal” at this time as the final lease agreement has not been signed.**
7. When will we be notified of our home school? I do not live in a development and the map presented on the District website is very unclear. If I look at my coordinates, I believe I am one school however, the development at the end of the road will be going to another school then what is zoned for the area. I would like clarification to where my children would attend. **The School Board has not finalized and approved the proposal at this time but once it has been finalized notification will be made to all families. If you provide us your home address we will let you know under the current proposal what school your child will attend.**
8. Does this effect school choice? I actually school choice my children to PMS, instead of FMS, and received a confirmation email last week that my youngest was accepted for school choice. **Students accepted for school choice will still be honored.**
9. As a parent who currently has a student in honors ELA and Math at Postlethwait Middle School; I am hopeful that the same quality rigorous honors programs will be offered at the Thomas More School. If not, will you bus my daughter to her current middle school where she is in these classes? **The same Middle School curriculum will be delivered at the New Magnolia Middle School.**
10. My child plays middle school sports. Will Thomas More have their own sports teams? If no what middle school programs do you intend to merge and where will they be practicing?

The New Magnolia Middle School will offer Middle School sports as they have all the necessary fields and facilities to participate.

11. Will highly qualified teachers with certifications, experience and leadership roles in their content area be moving from Postlewait to the new middle school to provide a seamless transition for these students who have been through so much in the last school year. It would be nice for them to have familiar faces to see each day who know and care about them. As you know it's only Postlewait students moving to the new school, it would be a shame to staff it with teachers who have no idea who these students are. **The staff of the new Middle School will be made up of current CR teachers who possess the necessary employment certifications and experience with CR curriculum.**
12. When would I know if my student will change schools and when would the student start at the new school? **The School Board has not finalized and approved the proposal at this time but once it has been finalized notification will be made to all families.**
13. What does the realignment do with the Chinese Immersion Students? I know you have Chinese in both middle schools but Can the child that is in 7th grade Chinese Immersion get to be able to do a School Choice request for their last year? **Chinese Immersion students will continue at Fifer and Postlethwait. If your child is currently at Fifer and proposed to move to Postlethwait this move will happen since CIP is offered at Postlethwait. If your child is proposed to move to Magnolia Middle from Postlethwait, they would remain at Postlethwait since CIP will not be offered at Magnolia Middle at this time.**
14. How would the realignment effect immersion students? **Postlethwait Immersion students will remain at Postlethwait even if they are in the Magnolia Middle School attendance pattern since CIP will. Fifer Immersion students moving to Postlethwait would still move to Postlethwait since CIP is offered there in the same capacity as Fifer. If your child is proposed to move to Magnolia Middle from Postlethwait, they would remain at Postlethwait since CIP will not be offered at Magnolia Middle at this time.**
15. What happens with the immersion program students? Are they going to be at the school designated by the realignment lines, or will they stay with their original school? **Chinese Immersion students will continue at Fifer and Postlethwait. If your child is currently at Fifer and proposed to move to Postlethwait this move will happen since CIP is offered at Postlethwait. If your child is proposed to move to Magnolia Middle from Postlethwait, they would remain at Postlethwait since CIP will not be offered at Magnolia Middle at this time.**
16. Is there a plan for which middle school Spanish immersion students in W. Reily Brown would attend? **MS Spanish Immersion will be at Fifer MS for the 2021-22 School Year.**

17. My child is currently in 6th grade at Fifer and will be affected by the realignment for the fall. Since our new middle schoolers never really had an in person orientation to middle school this past September; How will the school district focus on the entire transition process? **The Middle Schools will be holding an orientation prior to the opening of the 2021-22 School Year to help with the transition both back to school and for those attending the Magnolia Middle School an orientation into this new facility. The format of these orientations has not yet been decided.**
18. If we didn't want our child to attend the new middle school, would we have to put in for school of choice for them to attend Postlethwait? The staff at Postlethwait is amazing and would rather have our 2nd child go there like their sibling did. **School choice for this scenario has not yet been determined as the proposal has not been finalized by the School Board.**
19. When would I know if my student will change schools and when would the student start at the new school? **The School Board has not finalized and approved the proposal at this time but once it has been finalized notification will be made to all families. The proposal and plan is for the new school to open in August of 2021.**
20. My child is a 7th grader at Postlethwait Middle School. We live in the redistricting area where the new middle school is being built but would like to keep our daughter at Postlethwait and not have her switch to the new school. What do we need to do in order to accomplish this. Thanks so much for considering our question. **The School Board has not made a final determination on the proposal at this time so school choice questions have also not been determined.**
21. I have heard in the community and I don't know if it's true that the hours for the middle schools will be staggered. Is this true? If it is, I am completely against that. It is important to me for my son who will be in eighth grade next year at PMS to have the same schedule, 7:30 to 2:30. If you were to stagger, how do you handle sports when it comes to games and meets? **The School Board has not discussed a new start time for the Middle Schools.**
22. What is going to happen with the immersion students? Will there be busing that will transport kids to those schools or go to "home" middle school and then be transferred? If an immersion student who is supposed to attend STM does not go there because immersion is not offered, will that spot be filled by another child at STM? When will we know which school our child will be going to? **Please feel free to listen to the meeting for additional information. Chinese Immersion students will continue at Fifer and Postlethwait. If your child is currently at Fifer and proposed to move to Postlethwait this move will happen since CIP is offered at Postlethwait. If your child is proposed to move to Magnolia Middle from Postlethwait, Once the Board approves the final proposal notification of school attendance and transportation will be communicated.**
23. I missed the presentation. The school was a religious school. Will the school be restored by door replacement, including the bleachers? Also, will technology be brought into the school as the school seems somewhat out of date? My other concern is the turmoil that it will create for our students who have lost their social support system during COVID. Another change may lead to another loss for the students. How about asking them their perspective on the impact on them and

their needs? Please feel free to listen to the presentation from the Board meeting found on the District website. This will become a new CR Middle School with all religious aspects removed. CR will update the technology and follow the same curriculum as the other Middle Schools in the District.

24. Just inquiring if Mud Mill road students would still attend Fifer in Camden? **Yes**
25. My child is in 5th grade at Brown (Spanish Immersion). What school will be offering Spanish Immersion next year? My son is at Mcilvaine and has not decided on an Immersion. His home school is Star Hill. Will he be going to Robinson? **MS Spanish Immersion will be at Fifer MS for the 2021-22 School Year. The Board has not determined the elementary question at this time.**
26. I was wondering if the traffic created by this change has been reviewed. I understand that it still remains a school, but I imagine the volume of traffic and type of traffic will be very different from that of the St. Thomas More population. CR is planning to have a lot more students than the previous school had on site. Was a review done to make sure the existing conditions are adequate for public safety? I would be particularly interested in the intersections at each end of Plaindealing Road, and the entrances to the school/community. Thanks so much for your time. **The proposal is for CR to utilize the school up to the capacity the school was originally approved when it opened. As such no additional traffic impact study was necessary at this time.**
27. My children are school choice and use transportation that picks them up at MECC. With the realignment of the Middle School zones I am curious as to where they would be slotted to attend Middle School. Wondering at this time which feeder pattern for Middle School my daughter would attend in the 2021-2022 school year. **School choice decisions will be honored. Transportation will be evaluated once the proposal and boundaries have been finalized.**
28. My children are slated to attend Magnolia Middle School in the fall. One is in advanced math. One receives special education services. I would like to know if you will be pulling teachers from PMS to teach at MMS? **Teachers from FMS and PMS have the opportunity to transfer to MMS for next year. The staff will be made up of both current CR staff as well as some new staff to the CR community.**
29. Where can I find information on the **St. Thomas More leasing agreement? Will there be a tax increase? Will the tax increase remain in effect once paid in full?** **The lease is still in negotiation; however, once it is signed, the details can be made public. The District will use impact fee revenues received from Kent County to pay for the cost of leasing the building. Any potential tax increase will not go into effect until the District passes a referendum to purchase and/or renovate the building. This allows the State to provide the District with bond funds for this purpose, which the District pays a portion of back to the State with the local tax increase over the course of 20 years. The tax rate is variable based on other outstanding bonds the District is paying back in any given fiscal year, which may decrease upon the retirement of any bonds.**