



# NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

Please find information on who we are and the committees' progress and plans in our first issue. Visit [www.newcatholicschool.org](http://www.newcatholicschool.org) for the latest information.

## FAQ

**Q:** *How can parents make an informed decision when public school Charter School registration is due in January?*

**A:** It is suggested that if you are considering sending your child to a Charter School, you should register. Later on you can change your mind and not send your child to the charter school.

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**CORE COMMITTEE** Oversee the New Catholic School (NCS) development process. Monitor progress of the five subcommittees.

- Formed five subcommittees: Communication/Marketing, Education, Facilities, Finance, and Governance.
- Held Subcommittee Orientation on September 14.
- Held Listening Session on October 4.
- Held 1st Monthly Core Committee/Steering Committee (consisting of the chairs of the subcommittees) on October 5.
- Obtained oral reports of the work accomplished thus far by each of the subcommittees.
- Debriefed input from Listening Session.

**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE** Provide information about the progress of the NCS. Develop marketing plans.

- Designing a monthly newsletter and temporary school logo with clear and accurate information about NCS for the three parishes.
- Designing a NCS website: [newcatholicschool.org](http://newcatholicschool.org) with minutes from all meetings, membership lists, and contact information
- Posting copy of the newsletters at all three churches.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** Develop plans for a quality Catholic education.

- Developing a Mission Statement by combining elements from both schools and other ideas submitted by committee members.
- Developing a list of "Catholic Identity." (The practices and observances that define a Catholic school.)
- Discussing other recommendations, such as optimal class size, curriculum, and the like.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE** Assess the condition of the current school buildings.

- Looking at architecture, condition, electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing.
- Estimating costs of recommended improvements for each school on one year and seven year program.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Forecast future school budget.

- Collecting financial data on parishes and schools.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** Develop structure and bylaws that govern the NCS.

- Developing a model of a School Board to oversee the operations of the NCS.
- Developing standing committees like Development, Finance, and Recruitment.
- Reviewing by-laws from various Catholic schools and compiling them into an uniform format.