

Growing into our Future

Q & A:

Why are we just finding out about this now?

The original plan for the new property was to open a new preschool. Plans were underway when Spring Education was formed as Nobel joined other network private schools across the United States. A new focus with an emphasis on middle and upper school expansion, together with the layout of the new campus, prompted the possibility of a change of plans. As the new plans were developed, it became clear that the permitting and construction for a middle school would move much more quickly than a preschool. In order to provide ideal expanded spaces for both Lower School and Middle School as soon as possible, we forged ahead. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that this would be possible for the 2019 school opening.

I have two children, one at each campus. What will be the process for me to drop-off and pick-up each day?

Parents will have the option to drop-off and pick-up at each campus. We will have staggered start and dismissal times. We will also have bus transportation for families who would like one pick-up and/or drop-off location to make this as convenient as possible for our families.

My child(ren) love buddies and other shared activities between Lower and Middle School. Will they still interact with one another?

Yes, we are still one K-8 school and one Rhoades School community. We will have ample opportunities for students to do projects together on and off campus throughout the school year.

What is the total enrollment goal for the new Middle School?

Ideally, we will have 40 - 50 students within each Middle School grade for a total enrollment of 120 - 150 students. We want to remain small enough to continue to be a community where students, teachers and parents all know one another and work together. At the same time, increased enrollment will allow our older students to have a larger friend group for socialization. Our goal is balance.

Do you have plans to expand to a high school?

Part of our "Growing into the Future" plan includes eventually expanding into a high school. We do not have a specific time frame for a high school at this time.

My child participates in the Rhoades School Athletic Program. Will there be transportation to games off campus?

Yes, we are working on obtaining transportation for athletics.

What do the teachers say about the new campus?

"This is fantastic news. With a new campus, the possibilities are endless for our Middle School students! We will have the flexibility, resources, and space to further develop our program and offerings. I'm equally excited for our Lower School. With our Middle School at its new location, Grades

K-5 students will have room to stretch and grow.” Leda Lester, Math Department Chair and Middle School Teacher

“So excited for our growth as a school! The Middle Schoolers will LOVE the new campus!” Julianne Loly, Lower School Teacher

“I love the outdoorsy feel of our new campus and our Middle School students will feel like proud owners of a place they can call their own. I can’t wait to get there and get going!” Wendy Schramm, Middle School Teacher

“I am very excited to teach Shakespeare in the Amphitheater, thinking Midsummer’s Night Dream!” PJ Stanley, Middle School Teacher

“Our new Rhoades Middle School campus offers opportunities for Middle School students to explore, create and collaborate in unique outdoor spaces and in the classroom. I am looking forward to further developing our service learning program and building more community partnerships. Also, we will have so much more space to continue our “Grow what you Throw” student initiative which is very exciting.” Julie Watts, Middle School Teacher and Service Learning Coordinator.