



Diocese of Worcester
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Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, and Staff,

It is amazing how something doesn't really exist until it has a name, and such is true for a school. Many groups and individuals alike from among the Holy Name and Saint Peter-Marian communities have offered recommendations for naming our new diocesan high school. In the final analysis, it makes much sense that we turn to our patron for the diocese, Saint Paul, who not only was the apostle to the Gentiles, but offers us inspiration as he proclaimed the Christian faith with missionary zeal so that all people may know the Good News of Christ. Therefore, in this same missionary spirit and proclamation of the Gospel, our new name will be Saint Paul Diocesan Jr.-Sr. High School.

Having a name, of course, begs knowing where this new school will be located. After reviewing reports from the Building Review committee, as well as discussions with many other people who care deeply about this school's success, I am pleased to announce that Saint Paul will be sited at the current Holy Name campus on Granite Street. Given the new science lab, recently renovated auditorium, better gymnasium, and elevator accessibility to name a few advantages, we will have some excellent assets at our disposal for the new school to utilize immediately as we prepare for not just a first class education but extracurricular programs as well. The committee can now focus on what immediate needs can be addressed over the summer to give us a fresh environment for the entire student body to come together as Saint Paul School in the fall. We will soon be able to market the Saint Peter-Marian campus which will help finance short and longer term renovations at Saint Paul.

Having addressed name and location, we must now focus on staffing. Dr. Perda and his team have informed me that we will accomplish this in two phases. First, teachers who are interested in administration are applying this week for the various department head positions which will be required. The Catholic Schools Office senior staff will make these appointments by mid-March. An application process for the various teaching positions will open within the next few days. The new department heads along with Mr. Clark as Head of School, and Ms. Pollette and Mr. St. John as Assistant Principals will review the applications and make decisions on or about April 1. Depending on enrollment, there may be additional hiring in subsequent months.

The next decision is now yours. As students and families of one of our Worcester high schools, I recognize that this is a big decision. My promise is this: everyone is preparing to make this the best school while making it as affordable as possible. The online enrollment system along with the online financial aid portals are open and seats are available to be a part of this exciting journey, whether as an incoming senior, or for the next six years as an incoming 7th grade student.

In the weeks ahead there will be new websites, promotional materials and other resources which I encourage you to not just review for your family, but share with other families interested in a quality secondary education inspired by our Catholic faith and values.

Relying on the intercession of Saint Paul, let us continue to pray for the success of our new Saint Paul School.

With every prayerful best wish I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. McManus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester