



Dear Ivywood Community -

Thank you to all who were able to join us on November 28 for our New Building Informational Meeting. It is our goal to keep an open flow of communication with our community throughout the course of this New Building Project, and we appreciate the great dialogue that was shared and the questions that were presented.

Below is a recap of questions and answers to key topics discussed throughout the informational meeting. Please note that while these responses reflect the current plans to date, circumstances may change which could affect these plans. As always, we will strive to communicate changes and updates promptly.

Temporary Building (“Ivywood South”) Questions:

Q: Where will the new temporary Ivywood location be?

A: The new temporary Ivywood location will be located at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth located at 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. This building will be referred to within our community as “**Ivywood South.**”

Q: What grades will be moving into Ivywood South?

A: For the 2024/25 school year, all Kindergarten classes will be occupying Ivywood South.

Q: Will there be different start/stop times for the two campuses for families with children at both locations?

A: Yes. The start and end times for the school day at each building will be staggered to accommodate travel time. We anticipate that the Genoa campus will start first, followed by Ivywood South. Official times to be finalized and communicated closer to the new school year.

Q: How will school administration be present throughout the two buildings?

A: Ivywood South will have a full-time staff member in the office, and we anticipate assigning one or more instructional aides to support the kindergarten classes. There will be a rotating schedule to make one administrator available to oversee each building throughout the school year.

Q: Is there a playground at Ivywood South?

A: There is currently no outdoor playground, however, the building has ample green space to utilize for creative outdoor time.



Construction Project Questions:

Q: What is the estimated closing date on the new building?

A: We anticipate closing on the bonds will take place by the end of December 2023, or early January 2024.

Q: How do interest rates affect financing and future plans?

A: Interest rates have risen, but we have seen an improvement in recent weeks. Our finance team has built in a buffer to plan for the fluctuation. At this time, none of the moving pieces will prevent the project from moving forward as planned.

Q: When is groundbreaking anticipated?

A: Upon closing, our contractor will mobilize to begin initial preparations, such as tree removal, on the construction site. We are tentatively planning to host an official groundbreaking ceremony in the spring of 2024.

Q: Is there an estimated groundbreaking event planned?

A: Yes. We are planning for a groundbreaking ceremony with the Ivywood community to take place this spring.

Q: What if the completion of the new building is further delayed?

A: We have proactively established contingency plans with our current Genoa Court building and Ivywood South.

Q: What are the main components of Phase 1 and Phase 2?

A: The school design is finalized and remains consistent with the schematics and renderings found here <https://ivywoodclassicalacademy.com/new-building/>.

Q: Will the new building project have a kitchen?

A: Phase 1 has been designed with a kitchen in mind, but will not likely be fully built out until Phase 2, or as soon as financially possible.



Current Building Questions:

Q: What is the layout plan for Ivywood's current Genoa Court building for next year?

A: With Kindergarten moving to Ivywood South, classroom assignments will be restructured. Lower school and upper school classes will be assigned to the east and west 'wings' of the building. Elementary grades will be housed in the first and second floor classrooms on one side of the building with upper school grades on the other side.

Q: Will Ivywood add grade levels in future school years?

A: Our new building will have space for our upper school program (7th-12th) when phase 1 is complete, and we intend to provide space for the full K-12 program when phase 2 is completed. The board remains committed to the growth plan that the school has been following since Ivywood was established. Grade levels will be added to the upper school to expand the program through 12th grade.

High School Questions:

Q: What is the parking lot plan for upper school students at the current Genoa Court building?

A: We will have a designated parking area for student drivers at the Genoa Court building. They will be required to apply for a student parking pass.

Q: What is the plan for the high school curriculum?

A: *MARK YOUR CALENDARS!* A High School Informational Meeting has been set for January 11, 2024 at 6:00pm. We will be discussing topics like curriculum, electives, and more.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Superintendent Kurt Naber at kurnaber@choiceschools.com.