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**Situation:** Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Walsingham opened in 2021 as the first classical Catholic high school in Colorado Springs. The school is re-launching Fall 2023 as Our Lady of Walsingham Academy, a high school independent of the Chesterton Schools Network.

1Q	What is happening?
1A	Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Walsingham is becoming Our Lady of Walsingham Academy, a private high school independent of the Chesterton Schools Network.
2Q	What will change?
2A	From the perspective of the students and their families, virtually nothing will change. The school will be using the same curriculum, teachers, facilities, choir program, schedule, etc. The name and branding (logo, website, etc.) will change to Our Lady of Walsingham Academy.
3Q	What is the Chesterton Schools Network?
3A	The Chesterton Schools Network (CSN) is a group of more than 50 high schools around the U.S. and Canada with the mission of offering a classical, integrated high school education faithful to the Catholic Church. Our Lady of Walsingham was launched in 2021 as a Chesterton school.
4Q	Why is Our Lady of Walsingham leaving the Chesterton Schools Network?
4A	<ol> <li>Two reasons:</li> <li>The resources and services of CSN are designed primarily to assist those new to, or unfamiliar with, the operation of a classical Catholic high school. Though CSN has done admirable work with teachers and administrators around the U.S. and Canada, Our Lady of Walsingham is fortunate to have secured a well-established faculty knowledgeable about all aspects of classical Catholic secondary education.</li> <li>We believe an independent path is in keeping with the Catholic concept of subsidiarity, and that our faculty are capable of delivering an education true to the classical Catholic tradition with no further assistance from CSN.</li> </ol>

5Q	When will this change happen?
5A	Our high school will finish the 2023 Spring semester as Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Walsingham. The current senior class will graduate from a Chesterton Schools Network school. The school will open in the Fall of 2023 as Our Lady of Walsingham Academy.
6Q	Will this shift increase the tuition or impact enrollment?
6A	No. Our Lady of Walsingham will retain its policy of keeping the tuition within the reach of families of average means. Families enrolled in the Fall 2023 semester of Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Walsingham automatically are enrolled in Our Lady of Walsingham Academy.
7Q	Will this shift affect the House system?
7A	No. The student House system has proven very successful and will continue, though the houses may be re-named.
8Q	Will this shift affect the style of uniforms?
8A	No. Though the school logo will change, student families will not be asked to purchase new uniforms. Only new/incoming students will be required to purchase uniforms with the Our Lady of Walsingham Academy emblem.
9Q	Has the school's mission changed?
9A	No. Our mission remains to form liberally educated Catholic ladies and gentlemen.
10Q	Will there be daily Mass at the new school?
10A	Yes. Every day at Our Lady of Walsingham Academy will start with Holy Mass.
11Q	What happens next?
11A	No action is required of students, families, or donors. Some cosmetic changes (logo, website, etc.) will be apparent over the summer. Enrolled families will receive regular updates on progress via email. We look forward to a Fall opening as Our Lady of Walsingham Academy.