



FUTURE FOCUSED **MARLENE AND STEWART GREENEBAUM MIDDLE SCHOOL**

McDonogh is a place where boundaries are pushed and standards are set. Teaching fundamental skills with forward-looking, innovative approaches is the expectation here. We provide students and teachers alike with the tools to collaborate, experiment, test their own limits, and learn together.

Guided by our LifeReady Academic Strategic Plan, McDonogh seeks to ensure that every moment of a McDonogh education prepares students for success. In doing so, it was clear that our Middle School building had to be reinvented.

CRITICAL INVESTMENT AT A PIVOTAL MOMENT

The fifth through eighth grade years are a pivotal and complex time, and we had to be purposeful about not just what our students learn but how and where they are taught. Our Middle School teachers were masterful in working around the limitations of the former building to provide students with an outstanding education, but it became critical to align the quality of our facility with that of our faculty and students.

Another renovation would simply update a 1937 facility—built in another era for another purpose. We sought something more inspiring for today’s and tomorrow’s students.

INNOVATIVE, ADAPTABLE

The new Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Middle School building amplifies the powerful commitment to teaching and learning through community, collaboration, and creativity at McDonogh. Classrooms are flexible, giving teachers the ability to make the space fit the purpose of every interaction with students—from a one-on-one meeting to a hands-on group lesson. Walls no longer serve as barriers to learning. Some interior walls even open up, making the diversity of teaching and learning moments visible to all who walk our halls.

The sense of community has been dramatically enhanced in the new building. Each grade has its own dedicated space, which allows for broader interactions among classmates and increased cross-curricular experiences. With the library, learning center, and arts spaces centrally located under one roof, there is also plentiful opportunities for students and teachers at every grade level to connect and develop meaningful relationships.

We have infused the best of today’s technology and the infrastructure to accommodate tomorrow’s throughout the building. Today’s students learn and collaborate using technology that is pervasive and rapidly changing. Our new facility is equipped to ensure that we are prepared to make technology present in our work with students, teaching them how best to use it in the classroom and in their interactions with others.

CLASSIC DESIGN, FUTURE FOCUS

While the inside of the Greenebaum Middle School building represents the cutting edge of teaching and learning, the exterior of the building is classic McDonogh. It fits seamlessly with the architectural style of the surrounding campus, contributing to the sense of beauty and tradition for which our school is known.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES UNDER ONE ROOF

The Greenebaum Middle School draws together resources from across campus, creating a hub of activity and learning.

A Home for the Arts

The arts are core to a McDonogh education, but space limitations have caused faculty to be distributed through several of our buildings. The Greenebaum Middle School provides space for arts faculty to collaborate with each other and with teachers from other disciplines, providing laboratory experiences that utilize the arts to understand even the most complex concepts.

A Destination Library

Libraries today are spaces where students hone their study and research skills, work collaboratively, and practice how to focus deeply. The Greenebaum Middle School features a 21st century library that is a true destination on campus—a place where students study and learn together with the resources necessary to develop LifeReady skills and habits essential for success at McDonogh and beyond.

The Rao Innovation Center

Experiential learning is a key component of the LifeReady education at McDonogh. Perhaps nowhere is this more obvious than in the Rao Innovation Center, where students exercise critical thinking and work collaboratively with tools and other materials to bring creative ideas to life. The new space is an innovation lab with the resources to accommodate all students, encouraging them to push their own limits as they learn how to turn concepts into products.

A VISION MADE POSSIBLE

The Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Middle School represents the future of middle school education. There are no boundaries to what is possible for our middle schoolers as they grow and mature, becoming more ready for all that lies ahead in Upper School and beyond. We have come together to create a better future for our students and, as a result, for our world.