



Dear Students, Parents, and Friends,

Welcome back to Lake Michigan Catholic Middle and High School for the 2018-2019 school year!

Allow me to introduce myself to the new members of the Laker Family. My name is Joe Schmidt and I have been named principal of the Middle and High school at Lake Michigan Catholic. My 11-year career in education has taken me to Port St. Lucie, Florida and Battle Creek, MI, but the previous six years have been spent teaching the students of Lake Michigan Catholic Middle/High School. While I will miss my time working with the students in classroom setting, I am excited for the opportunity to lead the Middle/High school into the future.

Over the course of the last few weeks, I have been working closely with the summer staff to ensure that we are able to hit the ground running as the new school year begins. One new change that I am excited to announce is all Middle and High school students will be able to access their schedules, locker assignments, and paperwork online beginning August 15th! Of course, the school will be open every day from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM for those students and parents who would like to stop by to set up their locker, meet their teachers who are finishing setting up their classrooms, or ask questions.

In addition to releasing schedules and other packet information, I would like to remind all incoming freshmen students of the upcoming Freshmen Orientation hosted by the guidance department on Monday, August 23rd from 9:30 AM to noon. This will be a great opportunity for new high schoolers to ask questions and get themselves acclimated to their move upstairs.

In addition to welcoming the new freshmen upstairs, I would like to extend a welcome to the incoming class of 2025, our new 6th grade students. I am incredibly excited to have you all join the Middle/High School community. As you begin, please don't be afraid to ask any of the staff for help. Each and every one of us are happy to help you settle in and grow in confidence as you join us at 915 Pleasant Street.

I would like thank the technology, maintenance, and custodial staff for all of their hard work this summer. Maintaining the building and keeping it in superior working condition is a continuous effort and requires a number of updating and maintenance projects.

Thank you too to the secretaries and office staff. Throughout the search for a new principal, and as I have been settling in, they have been busy registering new students, and putting together and organizing information materials for all of our students.



Finally, I would like to thank the Middle and High School teaching staff for their support as I have taken over as the building principal. The returning staff has been incredibly supportive throughout this change, and I have the utmost confidence in their abilities and know that they will continue to provide thought-provoking, dynamic, and Christ-centered education for our students. We are nearly finished with the hiring of the remaining staff openings that came open. My hope is to send out a second letter introducing the new members to the LMC Middle/High School faculty in the next coming days.

Please be sure to check our newsletter as well as the website, www.lmclakers.org for notices and updates. Be sure that you review the student handbook, which will be finalized and online at the same time as schedules and locker assignments.

Remember, school starts on Monday, August 27! We'll start the day with prayer and students should wear their regular school uniform.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns.

God Bless,

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