

LMC SCHOOL PROFILE



SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Lake Michigan Catholic Middle & High School is a college preparatory Catholic school upholding a long-standing tradition of academic excellence and Christian values.

LOCATION

Located in downtown St. Joseph, Michigan on the shores of Lake Michigan.

FACULTY

LMC is comprised of 15 full-time and 2 part-time teachers. 60% of faculty hold a Master's Degree or higher. The student to teacher ratio is 8.5 to 1.

ACCREDITATION

Michigan Non-Public Schools Accrediting Association

CEEB Code: 233380

PHILOSOPHY

Lake Michigan Catholic Middle & High School emphasizes a commitment to the Church and academic excellence which fosters the spiritual and intellectual growth of students. Faculty, staff, and administration collaborate to create an environment that meets the needs of all learners. In the classroom, students develop critical thinking skills in the light of moral reasoning, enhance their abilities to function in a technological world, and are challenged to develop their potential as lifelong learners. Through campus ministries, students are developed as servant leaders with a responsibility for peace and justice.

MISSION

Nourishing the Human Spirit ~ Mind, Body, and Soul ~ Through Jesus Christ

STUDENT BODY

143 students are enrolled at Lake Michigan Catholic Middle & High School with 25 students in the Class of 2021. The student body is 55% male and 45% female and is demographically represented as 80% White, 12% Hispanic, 4% Asian, 3% Black, and 1% Other. LMC regularly hosts international exchange students from France, China, Vietnam, Germany, South Korea, Guatemala, and more. More than 30% of LMC students receive financial aid to attend with 7% also qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Every year Lake Michigan Catholic Middle & High School students participate in numerous service projects. From raking leaves for the elderly, hosting book drives for after-school programs in low-income areas, to raising money for breast cancer research, LMC students contribute their time and talents to those in need.

EXTRACURRICULAR & ATHLETICS

Lake Michigan Catholic High School has an active student body with 14 clubs and organizations and a full-year of campus ministry events. LMCHS participates in the Berrien/Cass/St. Joseph Counties (BCS) Athletics Conference. Approximately 75% of LMC students participate in at least one of 15 available Varsity or Junior Varsity sports.

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HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Lake Michigan Catholic High School prides itself on a rich history of rigorous, college-preparatory coursework. 100% of the graduating Class of 2020 is currently enrolled in 2- or 4-year colleges and universities across the U.S. Graduation requirements for Lake Michigan Catholic include:

- 4 years Theology
- 4 years English
- 4 years Math
- 3 years Science
- 3 years Social Studies
- 2 years Foreign Language
- 2 years Performing and/or Visual Arts
- 1 year P.E. and Health

COURSE OFFERINGS

Prior to COVID-19, an LMC school day was comprised of seven 50-minute class periods each day. After COVID-19, the school switched to eight 85-minute class periods broken up into two day blocks. The school year has two semesters with two quarters each semester. All LMC students have the opportunity to begin taking high school courses in 8th grade (most commonly Algebra 1 and Spanish 1). LMC offers seven AP courses, four of which run on an every-other-year rotation. The AP courses offerings include:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Language & Composition
- AP US History (rotational)
- AP European History (rotational)
- AP Environmental Science (rotational)
- AP Biology (rotational)
- AP 2-D Art & Design

Starting in 11th grade, LMC students have the options to pursue early college classes at Lake Michigan College (3.0 GPA requirement), Career Technical Education classes (2.5 GPA requirement), Internships, and Co-ops (2.5 GPA requirement).

GRADING SCALE AND CLASS RANK

Lake Michigan Catholic High School operates on an **unweighted** traditional **4.0** grading scale:

- A: 93 - 100%
- A-: 90 - 92%
- B+: 87 - 89%
- B: 83 - 86%
- B-: 80 - 82%
- C+: 77 - 79%
- C: 73 - 76%
- C-: 70 - 72%
- D+: 67 - 69%
- D: 63 - 66%
- D-: 60 - 62%
- F: 0 - 59%

Class rank is exact based on unweighted cumulative GPA.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Traditionally, students at LMC take the PSAT/NMSQT Fall of junior year. SAT School Day is offered to LMC students Spring of junior year. Some students decide to take the ACT in addition to the SAT.

COVID-19

In March 2020 Lake Michigan Catholic Schools suspended all in-person instruction in accordance with Michigan Executive Order No. 2020-35. The school switched to virtual instruction in a block schedule format. Virtual classes led by LMC teachers occurred Monday-Thursday with Friday serving as time for projects, assessments, and office hours. All students were provided with a Chromebook but inequities in internet access and capabilities caused issues for both staff and students. Virtual instruction including assignments, quizzes, tests, projects, and final exams continued through the end of May 2020. Students received letter grades based on LMC's traditional grading system. At the end of August 2020 97% of LMC students returned to school in-person. The Class of 2021 participated in SAT School Day on September 23rd, 2020.