

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 12 full-time and 4 part-time teachers. 60% of faculty holds a Master's Degree or higher. The student to teacher ratio is 7 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

131 students are enrolled at Lake Michigan Catholic Middle & High School with 11 students in the Class of 2022. The student body is 50% male and 50% female and is demographically represented as 76% White, 16% Hispanic, 6% Asian, 6% American Indian, 5% Black, and 3% 2 or more races. LMC regularly hosts international exchange students from France, China, Vietnam, Germany, South Korea, Guatemala, and more. Approximately 30% of LMC students qualify for free or reduced lunch and nearly 50% receive financial aid to attend the school.

VOLUNTEER 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. LMC requires students to complete at least 25 service hours each year.

EXTRACURRICULAR & ATHLETICS

Lake Michigan Catholic High School has an active student body with 12 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 14 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. 96% of the graduating Class of 2020 is currently enrolled at a 4-year college or university across the U.S. 4% are currently active duty with U.S. military. 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
- Senior Capstone

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 a two-day rotating block schedule. The school year has two semesters with two quarters each semester. LMC students have the opportunity to begin taking high school courses in 8th grade (most commonly Algebra 1 and Spanish 1). LMC offers five to seven AP courses each year, most of which run on an every-other-year rotation. The AP course offerings include:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Language & Composition
- AP US History (on rotation)
- AP European History (on rotation)
- AP World History (on rotation)
- AP Environmental Science (on rotation)
- AP Biology (on rotation)
- AP Physics I (on rotation)

GRADING SCALE AND CLASS RANK

Lake Michigan Catholic High School assigns letter grades in all academic classes. GPA is calculated from grades 9-12, and gives extra points for AP/Honors classes. The table below shows LMC's weighted 4.0 scale:

Grade: Percent	Grade Points	AP/Weight ed Points	Grade: Percent	Grade Points	AP/Weight ed Points	Grade: Percent	Grade Points	AP/Weight ed Points
A: 93-100%	4.00	5.00	B-: 80-82.99%	2.67	3.67	D+: 67-69.99%	1.33	2.33
A-: 90-92.99%	3.67	4.67	C+: 77-79.99%	2.33	3.33	D: 63-66.99%	1.00	2.00
B+: 87-89.99%	3.33	4.33	C: 73-76.99%	2.00	3.00	D-: 60-62.99%	0.67	1.67
B: 83-86.99%	3.00	4.00	C-: 70-72.99%	1.67	2.67	F: 0-59.99%	0.00	0.00

The top 50% of the Class of 2022 has a 3.915+. The highest GPA for the Class of 2022 is 4.069. Class rank is exact based on weighted 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. The Class of 2022 participated in SAT School Day on April 13th, 2021. The mean SAT composite score for the Class of 2022 is 1094.

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. Students received letter grades based on LMC's traditional grading system. For the 2020-2021 school year, 95% of LMC students returned to school in-person with the other 5% participating in classes virtually. Universal masking and social distancing remain in place in accordance to COVID protocols.