



# Lutheran High School of St. Charles County

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## Frequently Asked Questions

Phone, Fax and Website are listed above for contact with any staff member

### **Can I visit the school as a student?**

We have a special Shadowing Program where a student can visit and go through a regular day of school to experience the students, teachers, and classes. The guest student is paired with an LHS student of similar age and interests. Those wishing to “shadow” for a day, may simply call LHS at 636-928-5100 and ask for Mrs. Sandy Bichel, who will arrange the visit.

### **When does the school year begin and end?**

We generally begin about the middle of August, conclude the 1st semester before Christmas, and have graduation by the end of May. This fall we had Orientation on August 14th with the first full day of class on August 15th. Second semester exams will conclude on May 22nd with graduation on May 25th.

### **When does the school day begin and end?**

Period 1 begins at 7:35 a.m. There are a limited number of classes offered during Period 1, but required classes for each grade level so that students wanting to pick up an extra elective can do so by taking an early class. Period 2 begins at 8:25 a.m. for all students. School is dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

### **How early can students arrive and how late can they stay?**

The school building is normally open for students from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We strongly suggest that all students make arrangements for arrival and departure from school within that time. If this cannot be arranged and students **MUST** arrive earlier or depart later than the stated time, arrangements can be made with the school office. Students involved in activities after school should make arrangements to be picked up as soon as possible after their activity concludes.

### **How do students get to and from school?**

There is no bus transportation. Most students arrive in car pools. (This is easier to arrange than most parents imagine.) Students of driving age may register their car and drive to school.

### **What do students do for lunch?**

Students have a 25 minute lunch period each day. We have no hot lunch program. We do have an entree which students can purchase each day in the Commons at lunch time. (Example: Domino’s pizza, Fazolli, Big and Tasty Chicken, Jimmy John’s Sandwiches, Jack in the Box Tacos, etc.) Students may bring their own sack lunch any or all days. Microwaves are available for heating items. Vending machines are available for drinks. Juniors and seniors have the option to eat in the RecPlex Food Court and purchase items there.

**How many students are in a typical class?**

Classes will normally have between 18 and 23 students in a room. We limit an academic class to 28 students. The student/classroom teacher ratio is 18:1.

**Is there an entrance exam to attend Lutheran High?**

We give an Explore Test to all incoming freshmen to help us with proper placement in classes. We do want to look at the latest report card to make sure that we are able to meet the academic need of each student. The Explore Test is administered in our Lutheran elementary schools and also given here at Lutheran High in the early spring.

**Can LHS serve students with diagnosed disabilities?**

Lutheran High has a Resource Specialist and Learning Specialist who work with students who have diagnosed disabilities to develop an Individual Educational Plan to meet their specific needs. The programs are designed to provide a supportive atmosphere while encouraging students toward self-advocacy.

**What do students wear?**

Lutheran High has a standardized dress code. Both male and female students are given several options of school “polo style” shirts, khaki or black “docker style” pants and also for females, regulation plaid or khaki skirts. We believe standardized dress improves academic focus and helps create an orderly educational environment for our students.

**How can I get to know other students?**

We have an Ambassador Program where 15 to 20 of our students take personal responsibility for helping to welcome transfers and make them feel a part of our Lutheran High School family. This has proved very helpful to students from the community who have joined us. We also strongly encourage students to get involved in the large variety of activities and clubs offered at LHS. Being a part of a co-curricular group can really help a student get to know others. Last year 86% of the LHS students were involved in at least one co-curricular activity (music, athletics, drama, clubs).

**What is the tuition?**

We have several tuition rates. Association member student rate is \$6,083. Messiah Association member tuition is \$6,809. The community rate for all other students is \$7,975. In addition there is a \$250 registration fee that covers all books, computer use, etc. We have three payment plans including a one-time payment with a 3% discount, two semester payments, or a monthly payment plan which is done with electronic transfer of funds to avoid the need to write and send monthly checks.

**Is there financial aid available?**

Yes, there is a need based financial aid available requiring an application through FACTS including your latest tax return. The families demonstrating the greatest need get the most help.

**How does the registration process work?**

We have an information packet with all of the registration paperwork included. You may obtain one by stopping in the school office or giving us a call at 636-928-5100. We are here to serve the families and youth of our community desiring a quality Christian college-prep program.

**Other questions you have?**