



# My First Day

## LAKESHORE CATHOLIC

TRANSITIONING FROM GRADE 8 TO GRADE 9

# How do I get to school?



You can go to the <https://nsts.ca/> website to see about transportation.

Pay attention to your approximate pick up time and loading time at the end of the day.

Make sure you remember your bus number so that you know which bus to take at the end of the day and its position in our bus loading area at Lakeshore Catholic.

If you're walking or getting a ride, it is a good idea to do a practice run before the first day of school.

# What do I wear?

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Our high school has a school uniform that must be purchased during the spring or summer. McCarthy Uniforms is the Board approved provider for all uniform needs.

<https://mccarthyuniforms.ca/>

Visit their locations page for store hours and locations. You can also shop online (for store pick up or ship to home) or shop through their call centre.



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# How do I know where my locker is?

The week before school starts, there will be an orientation day when you can find out where your locker will be located. You will be provided with a lock.

You will be contacted by your school with further information regarding the orientation date. Try the **lock** to practice opening your lock.

You will have a three number combination lock.

## To Open A Lock:

1. Turn clockwise to first number.
2. Turn counterclockwise and pass the first number once.
3. Turn clockwise to the third number.

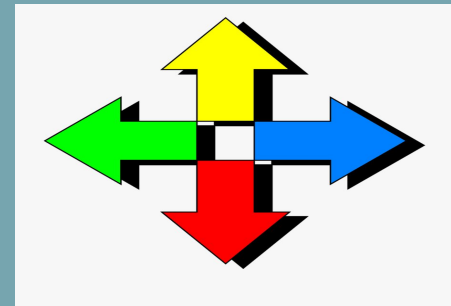


<https://removeandreplace.com/>

# Where do I go first?

Before entering your Period 1 class, make sure that you double check the room number on your timetable. It is a good idea to have a hard copy of your timetable and a pic on your phone.

Each class is different. Some teachers will have assigned seating and some will ask that you choose an appropriate seat. This is your opportunity to meet some new GATORS. Take the time to say hello to someone new.



# What do I need for my next class?

For your classes (before lunch) you should have your supplies and binder with you. This avoids going to your locker between periods. You have about 5 minutes between classes. The time between classes is great for grabbing a snack or going to the washroom.

# What happens at lunch?

Visit our school's website to check out the lunch schedule. At Lakeshore Catholic we have two lunches, Grade 9's are normally on late lunch.

You can either eat your lunch in the cafeteria or you are allowed to leave the property. Feel free to bring your own lunch or purchase food in our Cafeteria known as THE HUD. Make sure you know how long you have for lunch and allow yourself enough time to get to your locker to gather your supplies.

Intramurals can be played in the Gym during your lunch, or you can use our Information Center to play chess, read, study or play Pac Man or basketball in our Great Hall.

# Where do I go if I need help?

You can go to the Guidance office, Child & Youth Worker's office, our Nurse's Office or the Chaplain's office when you need support. Grade 9 Ambassadors may also be able to assist you. For academic support, see Guidance to learn more about our Homework Help Club running every Wednesday and Thursday after school.

Our CYW (in house support) she is located in the Wellness Center within our Information Center. **lakeshorecatholicwellness**

Pathstones (out of school support) provides mental health supports in Niagara. <https://pathstonementalhealth.ca/>

Also, our main office is a great place to find helpful secretaries and our Administration team.

**"Your Path, Your Future, Our Guidance"**

# How do I get involved in school activities?

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It is important to listen to morning announcements to find out when upcoming tryouts or meetings will be happening. Visit our school's social media accounts where important information is announced so you can make sure you follow our happenings. There are also bulletin boards around the school announcing various upcoming activities.

<https://twitter.com/LakeshoreCHS>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile>

<https://www.instagram.com/lakeshorecatholic/>



# What to do if...

**I AM ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?** Have a parent/guardian report your absence by going to <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

**I AM LATE FOR SCHOOL?** If you arrive before 8:30 am, report directly to your period 1 class. If you arrive after 8:30 am or at any other point during the day, sign in at the Attendance Office to get a late slip and proceed directly to class.

**I HAVE TO LEAVE DURING THE DAY?** Have a parent/guardian report your absence by going on online at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

**I HAVE TO LEAVE DURING THE DAY?** Parents/guardians can also go online at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> to dismiss their child early from school. Please report to the main office prior to 8:00 am to receive a dismissal slip and to have your absence confirmed. If you return the same day, sign in upon your return.

**I HAVE A PERSONAL PROBLEM THAT I NEED TO TALK ABOUT?** • See a teacher, the principal, vice-principal, a guidance counselor, a child and youth Worker, the chaplaincy leader or any adult member on staff.

**I NEED TO USE THE PHONE?** Use the phone located in the Main Office.

# What to do if...

**I WANT TO CHANGE MY TIMETABLE?** Consult a Guidance Counselor in Student Services.

**I FEEL TOO ILL TO STAY IN CLASS?** Ask for permission to go to the office. Report directly. Arrangements will be made to have your parents/guardians pick you up.

**I LOSE SOMETHING OF VALUE?** Check the Lost and Found in the Main Office. Put your name in all your books and valuables. Do not share your lock combination with anyone. Never bring valuables to school or the change room and always keep your money on your person. Schools will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items. Students who find personal articles or textbooks on school property are asked to bring these to the Main Office.

**I LOSE MY LOCK?** Purchase a new lock in the Office for a nominal fee.

**I SUSPECT THEFT / VANDALISM / HARASSMENT / BULLYING / ETC ...?** Report the incident to the Principal or Vice-Principal or a staff member immediately.

# What to do if...

**I RECEIVE AN OFFICE DETENTION?** Detentions take precedence over any co-curricular activity. Students who miss a detention will receive two detentions. If they miss any further detentions, a suspension will occur for persistent opposition to authority.

**WHAT DO I DO IF .... I NEED HOMEWORK BECAUSE I WILL BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?** Daily work will be posted in the virtual classroom (NCVLE) for each individual class so it is important to check the NCVLE daily. Students are responsible for getting any missed work from the NCVLE, another student or teacher when the absence will be three days or less. Homework requests may be made at the main or attendance office for student absences greater than three days.

**IF I DON'T KNOW HOW TO LOGIN TO THE NIAGARA CATHOLIC VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (NCVLE)?** Visit the website <https://niagaracatholic.elearningontario.ca/d2l/login> and then enter your username and password.

**IF I CAN'T REMEMBER MY USERNAME AND PASSWORD FOR THE NCVLE?** Contact your teacher or an administrator at your school. They will provide you with your username and reset your password.