FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As you prepare for your transition to St. Luke’s, these topics will help you become familiar with some of the guidelines and practices of the School. Additional details will be provided in the 2020-2021 St. Luke’s School Handbook that will be made available to you online over the summer. In the meantime, should you have any questions, any member of the faculty, staff, or administration will be pleased to help you.

○ What is the schedule for the start of the school year?
  Monday, August 17: Upper School Fall Sports Pre-Season begins
  Tuesday, September 1: New Student Orientation for all new students
  Wednesday, September 2: First day of classes for all grades

○ What time does the school day start? End?
  Middle School:
  ○ All Middle School classes begin at 8:00am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, school begins at 9:00am. The academic day ends at 2:50pm, except for on Fridays, when the day ends at 2:25pm.
  ○ Middle school activities end at 3:55pm, Monday through Thursday. Middle School students participating in sports will have both home and away games. On game days, students will likely finish by 5:30pm.

  Upper School:
  ○ All Upper School classes begin at 8:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, school begins at 9:00am. The academic day ends at 3:00pm, at which time Upper School students have time for a snack, homework, or extra help.
  ○ Varsity and junior varsity sports begin at 3:45 pm. Students will be informed of their practices or meeting times at the start of the season, but should be prepared to stay at School as late as 5:45pm, depending upon the practice schedule. Game days will likely finish later than 5:45pm, especially if games are away.

○ What is the School’s meal plan?
  All students participate in the meal plan, supplied by Flik Food Services. The meal plan, included in tuition, covers lunch and an afternoon snack. Each day, there are several choices, including a hot entrée, sandwich bar, fresh soups, and a salad & fruit bar. You may also set up an account through Flik for your child to purchase breakfast or additional snacks à la carte.

○ When do Varsity and Junior Varsity athletics begin for fall?
  Pre-season commences for all fall varsity and junior varsity athletes on Monday, August 17. All Upper School fall athletes are required to attend. For more information, please contact Mike West, Director of Athletics, at (203) 801-4912 or westm@stlukesct.org.
- **What if I have a question about my child’s schedule or teachers?**
  Jim Yavenditti, *Director of Studies*, works with families to plan a student’s course of study and schedule. Over the next several weeks, Jim will be working on new student course placement. Students will receive their final class schedules and faculty assignments over the summer, along with a list of school supplies. Should you have any questions, Jim Yavenditti can be reached at (203) 801-4831 or yavendittij@stlukesct.org.

- **Are there any placement tests required?**
  **Math:** All new students are required to take a math placement test. The placement tests will take place in May and dates will be available after spring break. You will receive an email from Admissions to register online for the date that works best for your student.

  **World Language – Grades 7-11:** You will receive a World Language Placement form electronically to be forwarded to your child’s current language teacher and submitted directly back to SLS.

  **Optional Upper School Writing Assessment:** For those students who would like to be considered for Honors English or Honors History, they will need to complete an optional Writing Assessment. The dates of the assessment will correspond with the dates of the Math Assessment.

- **What schoolwork will be required over the summer?**
  **Math:** Students entering grades 5 - 11 (who are not taking Calculus) will receive a packet of review materials to complete from our Math Department. Teachers of grades 8 - 11 will test this material in the first few weeks of school.

  **Reading:** The Summer Reading List and requirements will be posted on the School’s website in June.

- **Will my child have to take any standardized tests?**
  St. Luke’s School administers the ACT ASPIRE test to students in grades 5 - 8 each year. Test dates for grades 5 - 8 are **Monday, November 23** and **Tuesday, November 24**. Upper School students will also take the PSAT and Pre-ACT during the fall and schedules will be made available this spring.

- **When does college counseling begin?**
  College counseling officially kicks off at the beginning of junior year. Juniors will participate in a one-day college-visit field trip on **August 31**.

  Unofficially, the college process begins when a student walks through the School’s doors. Sonia Bell, *Director of College Counseling*, and Stephen Vehslage, *Assistant Director of College Counseling*, get to know the students early, and the doors to the College Counseling Center are always open to students and parents. Please contact Sonia Bell at (203) 801-4958 or bells@stlukesct.org.

- **May St. Luke’s students have cars on campus?**
  St. Luke’s permits only Seniors to drive on campus.
Does my child need a laptop?
All St. Luke’s students participate in the School’s technology program:

Grades 5 - 6: All students receive an SLS-issued Google Chromebook for use at school. These laptops will not travel to and from school with the students. They will receive training on SLS software at the start of the school year.

Grades 7 - 12: All students will receive an SLS-issued MacBook Air at the start of the school year.

When do I sign up my child for afternoon activities?

For Middle School: You will receive an email in May from Mark Chuhta, Assistant Head of Middle School, with instructions to register online.

For Upper School: You will receive an email in early June from Matt Ward, Upper School Dean of Students, with instructions to register online.

• For Upper School students interested in singing in our a cappella groups, please contact Dale Griffa, Music Department Chair, at (203) 801-4847 for more information.

Does my child need a physical before school starts?
In order to attend School and participate in afternoon activities, all students must have an annual physical and an updated immunization record on file in the Nurse’s office by July 1, 2020. St. Luke’s School uses Magnus Health to collect all required medical information about your child. Once your child is enrolled, you will be able to access Magnus and complete the required paperwork when you log in to our website and click on the Resource board. Should you need any help, please call Irene Maier, our school nurse, at (203) 801-4911 or maieri@stlukesct.org.

How do I access the website?
The School’s website is a dynamic part of school life and serves as a key communication tool for the St. Luke’s community. In addition to using it for general School news, parents and students can also gain access to password-secured information about homework assignments, schedules, grades, report cards, and other specific information at https://stlukesct.myschoolapp.com. There is also a parent email newsletter that is regularly used for timely notices.

New Parents: See website log-in instructions on the following page.

Current Parents: If you are a current parent, you may use your existing username and password to log-in. Click on your child’s name at the top of your Parent page.

Website Log-in Instructions – New Parents Only

1) Go to https://stlukesct.myschoolapp.com
   Type in your parent username in the following format: firstnamelastname

2) Click on the link to “Retrieve or Establish your Username or Password.” Enter your email address and check the box for Password. Click on the Send Reminder button to receive a log-in code by email.

3) Once you receive the code by email, click on the link to set-up your new password.
Is there a directory of faculty and staff phone numbers?
You will receive a printed directory with student, faculty and staff contact information at the start of school in September. You may also access an online directory of faculty and staff listings once you log in to https://stlukesct.myschoolapp.com. Click on Directories and search by type and last name.

How can parents get involved at St. Luke’s?
St. Luke’s has a very active Parents’ Association and there are many ways to get involved. Please feel free to reach out to Karen Stamoulis, the 2019-2020 Parents’ Association President, at pkstam@optonline.net.

Who is my contact if I have a billing question?
Nancy Cody in our Business Office will be happy to help you. She can be reached at (203) 801-4856 or codyn@stlukesct.org.

Does St. Luke’s offer any summer camps?
We do offer a variety of summer camps to all students, from sports, to arts, to designLab programs. More information can be found on our website regarding these camps at www.stlukesct.org under the Community tab.

We look forward to welcoming your family to the Hilltop this fall. For any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call the Office of Admission – we’re here to help!

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