

# Lakecrest Link

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Launching into the deep at Family Fun Day

- ◆ **Dates To Remember**
- ◆ September 12 Family Fun Day
- ◆ September 13 Yom Kippur
- ◆ September 17 Dress Down Day
- ◆ September 23 Meet the Teacher Night @ 7:30 p.m. Home and School Elections @ 7:00 p.m.
- HEADS UP FOR THE FUTURE
- ◆ October 7 Thanksgiving Luncheon
- ◆ October 8 No classes- Professional Development for teachers
- ◆ October 11 Thanksgiving holiday-no classes
- ◆ November 6 Chapters Day
- ◆ November 26 Lakecrest Auction

## School Opens Smoothly

Classes were underway right after our Opening Assembly and things have gone very smoothly in the school. Students are down to work, adjusted to classroom routines and off to a smart start on this year's program.

## Traffic/ Parking

Please review the traffic/parking page at the end of this publication. It is most important that all our drivers respect the traffic and parking regulations. With a little patience and consideration, we can make our drop-off and pick up times safer for everyone. We welcome your suggestions in this most important area.

## Extracurricular Activities

Our Extracurricular Program for the first term will begin soon. Forms will come home next week. Students can choose an activity related to their grade levels in addition to chess, which takes place for all students each Thursday afternoon.

## Allergy Alert

While we are reviewing the information forms and medical information they contain, we ask that parents continue to respect our request not to send foods or snacks with nut products to school. This will ensure that children who may have serious allergies will not be adversely affected.

## Newsletter Format

This first issue of The Lakecrest Link is being published in paper form to ensure that everyone receives it. After this, our monthly newsletter will be published in electronic form via email to parents and on our website ([www.lakecrest.ca](http://www.lakecrest.ca)). The same is true of our Curriculum News. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the office and we can provide you with a paper copy in the future. This online publishing saves us a good deal of money over the year.

## Uniforms

We understand that there have been some school uniform supply issues for some students and families as the school year has begun. We expect these to be made right soon. The wearing of the school uniform has seldom been a real issue among students and we wish this to remain the case. Students are expected to wear their uniforms in a reasonable manner. The cardigan is worn routinely when students are not dressed for gym. Shirts should be tucked in. Students are expected to wear a belt with their dress pants and dress shoes as part of the regular daily uniform. Girls have the option of wearing the uniform kilt/skirt or dress pants. If they choose to wear the skirt, the length of the skirt must be to a point slightly above the knee.

We have attached a list of the approved uniform pieces for the different grade levels. It is important that the school and parents work together to ensure that the wearing of the school uniform brings about the desired results: the lessening of distinctions among students's fashions (with resulting savings), the neat appearance and the reinforcement of the sense of order and purpose in the school.

*"I am not young enough  
to know everything."  
(James M. Barrie)*



*Laurice deprives a deserving child of a seat on the wagon ride..*

*“Life leaps like a geyser for those who drill through the rock of inertia.”  
(Alexis Carrel)*

### Footwear

Dress shoes (black or navy blue) are defined by the guidelines as being made of leather that can be polished. Students need two pairs of sneakers. One is a pair of “inside sneakers” which would only be worn in the gym. Sneakers worn outdoors may not be worn in the gym, even if the soles seem clean. The other pair of sneakers can be worn outside and should be removed

### Tuition Policy

The Lakecrest Board of Directors approves the school budget in the spring of each year. The budget is based on enrollment. We are limited to tuition revenues for the basic operating costs of the school. Teacher assignments, textbook purchases and the normal expenses of running the school must be budgeted for and most of these cannot be changed once the new school year begins. Money raised through the Auction and Wine Tasting are used to

### Expressing Concerns

Among the fundamental principles on which we operate at Lakecrest is the need for respect in every interaction and the right to fair recourse for all members of our school community. When parents have a concern about any decision or action by a member of our faculty and staff, it is important that we all follow the same basic procedure. If an issue about a homework assignment, for example, were a concern for a parent, it would be appropriate for that parent to first approach the teacher who gave the assignment to discuss the matter. If the matter were not resolved to the satisfaction of the parent, then the parent might approach the administration (Head of School) regarding the issue. The Head of School will assume that when a parent wishes to talk about a decision or action by any teacher, that the parent has first spoken with the teacher before

once students enter the school. Our floors are exceptionally clean and in good condition. This is due to the hard work of our custodians and to our practice of removing outdoor footwear when we enter the school and walk through the halls to classrooms. We ask that this practice be respected daily, especially when the weather gets wet or snowy so that students need not walk through water in their sock feet.

build up the available resources and to support special student learning experiences, but are considered “restricted donations” that are normally not be used for operational expenses. Because of this, we are not able to offer refunds of tuition if a family leaves the school during the year. If a student transfers out and the family requests a refund of the unused portion of the tuition, this can be given only if a suitable student is found to replace the student who is leaving.

approaching administration. Ultimately, if a satisfactory resolution cannot be reached after meeting with the Head of School, then the parent can bring the matter to the Board of Directors. It would be inappropriate for a parent to approach the Head of School about a teacher without first addressing the matter with the teacher herself. Similarly, it would be against our principles to approach a member of the Board of Directors regarding a decision or action by the Head of School without first having spoken about it with the Head of School. This process might seem cumbersome but it is vital for maintaining the trust and openness that is essential to a school that works for children. The obvious exception to these guidelines would be matters related to Child Protection Services.

### Playground

Because of the excavation of the pavement on Convent Square, we have been unable to bring the children out to play in the area behind the school. There is no real protection, save a plastic "snow fence" around the large hole in the middle of the street. Although we could conceivably bring the children out and around it, the possibility of someone going near the area is too great a risk. Our students are

as well behaved and responsible as any, but they are children nevertheless and the potential hazard of even one impulsive or curious venture too near the site is not worth the risk. They are getting a break and some exercise in the gym at least once a day.

### Yearbook

The estimated date of delivery for our anniversary yearbook will be mid-late October.



*A perfect afternoon for our Family Fun Day at Murray's Pond.*

### Sign Out During The Day

When it is necessary to have your child leave class during school hours for appointments, etc., please send a note to the teacher. When you arrive at school, please ask at the office to have your child paged rather than going to the classroom to pick him or her up. We ask that you sign your child out by entering the information in the green binder on the counter in front of the office. Please remind children that if they are waiting to be picked up, they

must wait inside the school, not out front. They can look out the window, but it is important that they let someone know they are leaving and that they are signed out each time.

### Long Lunch On Wednesdays

Please ensure that when you take your child out for lunch on Wednesdays that they are back in time to be at their desks ready to work by 12:50 p.m. Having children coming into the school entrance at 12:50 results in lost learning time and some disorder in class.

### Star Students

We want to celebrate the participation and accomplishments of our students who take part in activities outside the school. Dance recitals, sports games, musical performances, religious ceremonies or any events of importance in the life of our children can be mentioned on the P.A. in the morning and published in our monthly newsletter. Please send in a note or email to let us know when your child has participated in an event. During the month of September, Jeremy Costello

and Theo Stylianides won gold with their soccer team. Luke Burton's team took a bronze in soccer. Alex Matthews' team took gold in their tournament and Caitlin Miller played in a final tournament with her team, the Robins. Cecilia Penney received a bronze and a gold medal in soccer. Aman Hambleton has won the right to represent Canada at the World Youth Chess Challenge in Greece in November. Aman placed well in a tournament in Ontario during the summer.

*"If you have knowledge, let others light their candle at it."  
(Margaret Fuller)*

### Faculty and Staff

We have welcomed back our returning faculty and staff and we are pleased to introduce some new members of this distinguished group. Ms. Shirley Swamidas is teaching Junior High Mathematics. Ms. Swamidas has received extensive training in her chosen field. Mrs. Gina Parsons is our new Language Arts Teacher in Grades Seven through Nine. Mrs. Parsons will also share her keen interest and experience in Drama with her students. Ms. Amanda Conway and Ms. Jennifer Toope are our Physical Education Instructors. Both Ms. Conway and Ms. Toope possess degrees in Physical Education. We have witnessed the departures of Mrs. Guglielmin, Ms. Reid and Mrs. Calvert as they pursue their new careers in other places. They brought an array of gifts to our school. We welcome our new teachers and instructors into our tradition of teaching excellence that has been Lakecrest's hallmark.

*"Youth is happy because it has the ability to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old."*  
( Franz Kafka)

### Program Changes

Because of budgetary constraints, we have had to make some adjustments in the Physical Education, Music and Library programs. While our Kindergarten to Grade Five classes have each had to combine with one other class (K+1, 2+ 3, etc.) for one out their three Physical Education classes, students have not lost any Physical Education time in their weekly schedule. Two classes which had an extra music class last year now have the same amount of music instruction as the rest of our classes. Our Librarian's duties have been adjusted, this will not result in a significant loss of contact time in the library. As it now stands, our students receive more than twice the amount of Music and Physical Education as their counterparts in the public system. We have allocated an enhanced amount both Music and Physical Education time to our curriculum over the years because of our belief in the value of both essential disciplines. Educational research shows clearly that participation in a good Physical Education program and a strong Music program has a positive effect on learning in other subjects such as Mathematics and Language Arts. We feel fortunate that we have been able to maintain the large amount of time dedicated to these subjects in face of financial restraints.

### Keep In Touch

We have an exceptional school for many reasons. One of them is the good level of communication between home and school. Ideas, concerns and questions, expressed respectfully and in a timely manner, contribute to the ongoing learning in the school community. Everyone has a right to be heard. To be honest, this does not mean that everyone can have everything he or she wants, but at least all will get a fair hearing. Please don't hesitate to contact us on any matter related to your child's learning.

*"A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."*  
(William James)



*No need to worry about sharks here, son...the alligators ate them all.*

## GRADES K-5 UNIFORM INFORMATION

<i>Grades K-5</i>	<i>Locations Available</i>			<i>Uniform Description</i>		
<i>Uniform Item</i>	<i>Twin Cities</i>	<i>Lakecrest School</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Full Dress Uniform</i>	<i>Regular School Uniform</i>	<i>Gym Uniform</i>
<i>Navy Tunic</i>	*			*	*	
<i>Navy Trousers</i>	*		*	*	*	
<i>Lakecrest Crest</i>		*		*	*	
<i>Cardigan</i>	*			*	*	
<i>White Oxford Shirt Long or Short Sleeve</i>	*		*	*		
<i>Lakecrest Tie</i>		*		*		
<i>Navy socks Girls knee high Boys regular</i>			*	*	*	
<i>Girls Navy Tights</i>			*	*	*	
<i>Black or Blue Dress Shoes</i>			*	*	*	
<i>Gym Pants/Shorts</i>	*					*
<i>Gym Sweat Top</i>	*					*
<i>Gym T-shirt</i>	*					*
<i>White Socks</i>			*			*
<i>Gym Shoes</i>			*			*
<i>White Turtle Neck</i>	*				*	
<i>White Polo Shirt Long or Short Sleeve</i>	*				*	

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**Appearance** - Shirts should be worn tucked in. A black leather belt should be worn with trousers. Kilts and tunics should be worn at knee length. An extra pair of athletic/snow boots required for outdoor wear, no color requirement. Mark all clothing with the child's name.

## GRADES 6-9 UNIFORM INFORMATION

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<i>Item</i>	<i>Twin Cities</i>	<i>Lakecrest School</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Full Dress Uniform</i>	<i>Regular School Uniform</i>	<i>Gym Uniform</i>
<i>Grey Knee Length Kilt</i>	*			*	*	
<i>Grey Trousers</i>	*		*	*	*	
<i>Lakecrest Crest</i>		*		*	*	
<i>Cardigan</i>	*			*	*	
<i>White Oxford Shirt Long or Short Sleeve</i>	*		*	*		
<i>Lakecrest Tie</i>		*		*		
<i>Grey socks Girls knee high Boys regular</i>			*	*	*	
<i>Girls Grey Tights</i>			*	*	*	
<i>Black or Blue Dress Shoes</i>			*	*	*	
<i>Gym Pants/Shorts</i>	*					*
<i>Gym Sweat Top</i>	*					*
<i>Gym T-shirt</i>	*					*
<i>White Socks</i>			*			*
<i>Gym Shoes</i>			*			*
<i>White Turtle Neck</i>	*				*	
<i>White Polo Shirt Long or Short Sleeve</i>	*				*	

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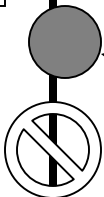
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**PATRICK  
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TELEPHONE POLE  
FOR SAFETY'S SAKE,  
PLEASE DON'T PARK OR  
STOP IN FRONT OF IT.



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