



Lakecrest - St. John's Independent School



Established 1993

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Accredited by NL Ministry of Education and
Canadian Association of Independent Schools

About Lakecrest-St. John's Independent School



Lakecrest is a Kindergarten to Grade Nine co-educational day school founded in 1993. Lakecrest is a member of and has been accredited by the Canadian Association of Independent Schools (CAIS). Lakecrest is also accredited by the Newfoundland and Labrador Ministry of Education and in that capacity uses provincial grade level requirements as its foundational curriculum. Currently

Lakecrest also provides introductory levels of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) from grades kindergarten to six. Grade seven to nine students challenge advanced programs at each grade level.

The student population is approximately 160 students with an average class size of 14. Lakecrest provides an international atmosphere not only in terms of its curriculum but also in the distribution of nationalities of students and parents who attend the school. Students from many countries, in addition to a large number from the local student population provide many opportunities for a true understanding of global citizenship.

Board of Governors

Lakecrest is a not-for-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors. The Board is elected by parents from among parents and community representatives. The role of the Board of Directors is to create policies which ensure the highest possible quality of education for the children.

The Lakecrest Faculty

The faculty of Lakecrest consists of fully certified teachers who all hold Teaching Certificates granted by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Teachers and school administration also reflect the international school focus and a number are from other countries and/or have extensive educational experience in other countries. Their teaching backgrounds represent a rich diversity. At the same time, there is a



consistency in their high expectations and thorough professionalism in the classroom. We are proud to assure parents that, no matter what class their child is in, he or she will have a strong teacher.

Class Size



Educational research confirms that small classes greatly increase the likelihood of academic success. The greater opportunity for individual attention from teachers creates an environment where students' strengths can be recognized and nurtured. Where a student may need support in learning, the chances of this need being identified are far greater when the number of students in class is less. The

opportunity to build community among students and teachers is enhanced, we are certain, when small class sizes are maintained. In Kindergarten our regular teaching staff is supported by teaching assistants.

Curriculum

Lakecrest offers an engaging and rigorous academic program. Lakecrest not only meets the standards set by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Education but also those criteria by enriching the curriculum to bring out the best in our very able student learners. From our full-day Kindergarten Program, International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, (including French and Computer Technology) through to our Grade Nine Program we work to challenge every student to the full extent of his or her capability.

In standardized tests which correlate well with similar measures in the United States and the United Kingdom, our students have excelled as a group. Over the year and across the grade levels and subject areas, Lakecrest students have consistently scored from twenty-five to thirty-five percent above the national average.



Student Conduct and Responsibility

Respectful and appropriate behavior is expected in all circumstances at Lakecrest. As soon as we become aware of any incidence of inappropriate, especially hurtful behavior, it is dealt with to a resolution. Regardless of the age of the student, he or she is expected to accept



personal responsibility for his or her behavior. We believe that every child has a right to be safe and to feel safe in the school. As faculty members, we accept our responsibility to maintain an orderly environment and to address behavior that is not consistent with our school community values. We do this in a manner that makes our expectations clear while preserving the innate dignity of every student.

The strongest measure of student conduct at Lakecrest is the smoothness and focus with which our students, primary, elementary and junior high, make the transitions from recess play to class work and from one activity to another within the class.

Parent Involvement



Parents are welcomed and encouraged to become involved in the life of Lakecrest as much as their individual circumstances allow. There is ample scope for sharing time and talents to make the school a better place of learning for the children. We have an active Home and School Association. Our Parent Volunteer Program features services such as driving on field trips, lunchroom serving, guest presentations to classes, and work on a variety of committees, including our Board of Directors. Seventy percent of our families are represented in the school in some volunteer capacity or other on any given week. Strong parent involvement is essential to maintaining our excellent academic and extracurricular programs. Parents find Lakecrest as warm and welcoming as their children do.

School Uniform

The school uniform is part of everyday life at Lakecrest and is a condition of attending the school. There is a full dress uniform for formal occasions and a less formal “everyday” uniform that allows some options. Information about purchase of uniform pieces can be obtained at the School Office.

Our “everyday” uniform consists of a polo shirt or turtleneck with school crest, school cardigan, dress pants or skirt and dress shoes.

Our “*Full Dress Uniform*” consists of a cardigan, dress pants or skirt, dress shoes and the white button down shirt with school tie. This is worn on special occasions.

On the first and third Fridays of each month, we have “Dress Down Day” when uniforms are not required and students may wear whatever they like, with parental agreement, of course.



Admission Procedures

Parents wishing to enroll their children at Lakecrest submit the Application Form with a non-refundable Registration Fee of \$250. Copies of two recent report cards are required as part of the admissions process. Once the application has been reviewed, parents are contacted. Where the school has determined that it can meet the needs of the child, the



parents are offered a place in the appropriate class. When spaces are available we are able to provide new student placements during the school year. Students are accepted on the understanding that they will work diligently and achieve to their potential. While exceptional intellect is not a pre-requisite, students must be capable of meeting the requirements of the school program without significant modifications. Lakecrest does not have personnel trained in special education, guidance counseling or educational psychology. With this in mind, the school does not profess to be able to meet the needs of students with serious learning disabilities or behavioral difficulties.

Tuition

The annual tuition is outlined in application documents and provides discounts for the second and third child from the same family. This tuition covers all school expenses except the uniform and on-site after school care. Books, pencils, field trips and all other costs are included in the tuition. Payment is made in three installments. There is a \$1000 deposit per new student due on March 1st. Half of the remaining balance is payable on May 1st and the remaining balance on October 1st. When students enroll after March 1st or after the school year has begun, the payment schedule is adjusted. There is a bursary program to which parents can apply by obtaining the necessary forms from the School Office.



Extracurricular Program

An extensive extracurricular program is offered for all grade levels. This includes regularly scheduled afterschool daily options. These include clubs, organizations, activity groups and other groups as requested by students. Parents are provided with a selection form at the beginning of each semester and form that in consultation with their child the students will select those activities in which he/she is interested. Normally there is no cost for the extracurricular program however from time to time Lakecrest may offer an after school extracurricular which requires instruction from a coach or teacher with special qualifications. In this case a fee will be charged to each student only to cover the cost of the instruction provided.



Facilities

Lakecrest is located in a three story building in the heart of old St. John's. The school is surrounded by older style traditional residences, churches and business offices. All classrooms have smart boards and networked computers for use by students.

The school contains a full size gymnasium, science laboratory, drama room, library with networked computer terminals, technology center, outdoor recreation playground, art studio, music room and senior student lounge.

Also the school is located adjacent to a municipal park and thus this outdoor facility is also often used for physical education classes during the school year.

Our Location

We are located at 58 Patrick Street in the West End of St. John's. Patrick Street is accessible from LeMarchant Road, Water Street and Hamilton Avenue via New Gower Street Columbus Drive out of Mount Pearl or Conception Bay South. We are no more than fifteen minutes' drive from virtually any part of the St. John's metropolitan area.

To obtain further information or to arrange a visit, please contact us at your convenience:

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Grade Nines head off for their 25 km trek as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Program.



“Suessical the Musical Jr. musical, involved many of our students.

*Give your children the education they deserve
Experience The Lakecrest Advantage!*