

Future Planning Resources

School Counselor's Office

Post-Secondary Planning

We believe that God has created every child with unique gifts and talents. The path each one takes after high school will look different for everyone. Students may choose to attend college, join the military, enter an apprenticeship program, take a mission trip, or enter the workforce. Don't hesitate to contact the school counselors listed below with any questions or concerns.

- Mrs. Katie Goran (students with last names A-K)
- Mrs. Diane Jakubowski (students with last names L-Z)

Student Career Prep Days

LCL encourages families to embrace a variety of educational opportunities to support their students' preparation for future careers. Families may arrange for their students to participate in a job shadow day in a profession of the student's choice, schedule a college visit day or trip, engage in volunteer opportunities to be in service to the community, plan other career exploration and career development activities, or schedule other necessary appointments to avoid missing school days. In supporting families as they nurture their children to explore careers of interest to them, LCL is excited to provide these specific days for families to engage in these life-impacting activities that will equip students to make knowledgeable choices regarding future career options.

Although the specific activities for the *Student Career Prep Days* will be determined and arranged by individual students and their families, LCL students and their parents may contact LCL staff, including the School Counselors, for suggestions or assistance in identifying professional contacts in specific careers.



Tools For College Searches/Career Searches/College Majors

- CollegeData.com
- The College Navigator
- Slate.org College Discovery
- My Majors
- O'Net Interest Profiler
- <u>Careeronestop</u> | Interest Inventory
- <u>Princeton</u> | Review Career Quiz
- The College Tour | Each episode of the award-winning TV series, The College Tour, shares the story of a single college or university through the authentic lens of its current students. Learn from real students about their real experiences on campus, as we offer viewers an insider's perspective on 22 college life and college culture.

College Representatives on Campus

College Representatives set up visits for you to meet them here at school. Be sure to watch Schoology announcements to find out when representatives will be on campus.

College Fairs

College Fairs, which are now offered virtually or in person, allow students and parents to meet with Admission Representatives from various colleges and universities in one place.

National Association for College Admission Counseling Fair: National Colleges

- The College Fair is once again in person!
- Sunday, September 14th 2025 | 11:00am-2:00pm | Wisconsin State Fair Park
- Click here to register and for more information.



Wisconsin Education Fair: Midwest Area Colleges

- Attend the Education Fair in person:
- Click here to register and for more information
- Monday September 22, 2025 | 9-11 am | WCTC Pewaukee Campus
- Friday October 3, 2025 | 9-11am | Oak Creek High School
- Monday October 6, 2025 | 9-11am | New Berlin West High School
- Wednesday October 8, 2025 | 9-11am | Mount Mary University Milwaukee
- Friday March 6, 2026 | 9-11am | Waukesha North High School

North American Coalition for Christian College Admissions: Southeastern Wisconsin Christian College Fair

- Monday, October 6, 2025 | 6-8 pm | Christian Life School, 10700 75th Street Kenosha,
 WI 53142
- Click <u>here</u> for their website

Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) Open House

- Thursday November 6, 2025 | 3-7pm | WCTC
- Click <u>here</u> to register.

Military Opportunities

The military offers graduates many opportunities to serve their country, job training, education benefits, travel, and more. Students can choose between Military Academies, Reserved Officer Training Corps (ROTC), and enlisting in active service, including the Reserves. Representatives from various military branches will also be visiting campus throughout the school year. Watch Schoology announcements to find out when representatives will be on campus.

Military Academies:



Applying to a Military Academy is a rigorous process that begins during a student's **Junior** year of high school. In addition to other criteria, an official nomination from a US Congress member, strong academics, and physical fitness are required for admission.

- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- United States Military Academy at West Point
- Coast Guard Academy
- US Merchant Marine Academy

Scholarship Information & Websites

Click <u>here</u> to find a list of local scholarships!

Listed below are links to several Scholarship Search Engines. If you create an account, the search engine will search its databases to match scholarships to your profile. You may want to create a separate email account for searching, as you will receive numerous emails.

- FASTWEB
- CAPPEX
- UNIGO
- SCHOLARSHIPS.COM
- JLVCOLLEGE COUNSELING
- BIG FUTURE
- GOING MERRY
- Questbridge
- INFORMATION on AVOIDING Financial Aid and Scholarship Scams

Financial Aid

FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid



Beginning October 1st of your son/daughter's senior year, you can complete the FAFSA. FAFSA is the application used by all colleges/universities to award federal student aid. Many scholarships will also require students to complete a FAFSA to determine financial need. Here is the link to the <u>FAFSA</u>. Feel free to contact the college financial aid office with any questions.

AP/ Dual Enrollment Courses

All students can take AP and/or Dual Credit courses at LCL. With the average student taking over 5 college-level courses, LCL students leave with a firm academic foundation for college. It is not uncommon for LCL students to start a semester or a year ahead of other students upon entering college.

CLEP Exams

Another way students can earn college credit is by taking a <u>CLEP</u> exam. There are 34 different exams covering introductory-level college course material. Over 2,900 US colleges and universities accept these credits. Visit the website to learn more.

Summer Programs/Opportunities

Summer is a great time to take pre-college courses, explore a career, and get a job. If you need help finding summer pre-college programs, visit the Counseling Office for more information!

Additional Resources

- How to Help Teens Struggling With Mental Health
- What To Do If You Suddenly Can't Pay For College
- College Admissions and Corona Virus: The New Normal
- What Are Colleges Looking For In Your Essay?
- 5 Things Know About Planning College Visits
- <u>Tips For Juniors Planning For College</u>



- Building Your Resume for College/Careers
- How Parents Can Help Their Student With the College Search
- 10 Reasons to Go To a Technical College
- Admission Officers Increase Social Media Checks
- Cyber-bulling