



## **Important Information for Boarding Students**

### ***Planning for the 2023-2024 School Year***

#### **Getting to La Lumiere School**

##### **By Car**

###### *From Chicago*

Take I-94 east to exit 40A (US-35 / US-20 / South Bend). Proceed 3.5 miles to Indiana 39, and turn left. Proceed north for 1 mile and turn right onto CR 650 N. Proceed 1.25 miles to Gate 1 of La Lumiere School which is located on CR 650 N (Please note that staying on CR 650 N requires a left turn at the .5 mile mark at the intersection with CR 125 W).

###### *From Michigan*

Take I-94 west to exit 1 (M 239). Turn left onto M 239, and proceed south for 5 miles. Turn left onto CR 650 N. Proceed 1.25 miles to Gate 1 of La Lumiere School which is located on 650 N (Please note that staying on CR 650 N requires a left turn at the .5 mile mark at the intersection with CR 125 W).

###### *From South Bend*

Take US-20 east to Wilhelm Road. Turn right onto Wilhelm Road and proceed north for 1.25 miles. Turn right onto CR 650 N. Proceed for .25 miles to Gate 1 of La Lumiere School, which is located on 650 N.

##### **By Public Transportation**

La Lumiere School provides complimentary service to the NICTD South Shore Line (Carroll Avenue, Michigan City, Indiana) and the Amtrak (New Buffalo, Michigan). We require that students arrive and depart on specific trains and buses. Please contact our transportation coordinator at (219) 326-7450 or [permissions@lalumiere.org](mailto:permissions@lalumiere.org) to schedule your child's travel arrangements.

##### **By Air**

On Saturday, August 12, La Lumiere will provide one shuttle from the Chicago area airports departing O'Hare at 6:00 PM and Midway at 6:30 PM. If your student's flight does not arrive in time to make this shuttle, it is the responsibility of the family to get students

from the airport to La Lumiere School. If you need assistance finding transportation, our Transportation Coordinator will provide information on our recommended independent car service to pick students up at O'Hare or Midway Airports to bring students directly to La Lumiere's campus from the airport. The cost of the trip must be paid for by families and cannot be billed through our Business Office. Lastly, if your student will be providing their own transportation, please inform our Transportation Coordinator by calling the Main Office, 219-326-7450 or by email, [permissions@lalumiere.org](mailto:permissions@lalumiere.org).

### **Airline Flight Information**

Should you need assistance getting your student from the airport to La Lumiere School, please send the following information to [permissions@lalumiere.org](mailto:permissions@lalumiere.org):

Student Name:

Airline:

Departing Airport:

Arrival Date:

Student Cell Phone\*:

Flight Number:

Arriving Airport:

Arrival Time:

Student Email:

\*If the student does not have a US cell phone, we recommend that your student sign-up for a What's App account and share that contact with the school.

Please send arrival information to [permissions@lalumiere.org](mailto:permissions@lalumiere.org) by July 31st, 2023.

### **Health Forms Information**

Just a reminder we are no longer using School Docs as our health portal; we are now using Magnus . You should have received a letter with your Veracross login information. After you log in you will find a link that will take you to the new health portal. Please make sure you complete all the required medical information. If you have not received your Veracross welcome email, please contact [smurray@lalumiere.org](mailto:smurray@lalumiere.org).

### **Opening Day Schedule for Sunday, August 13th**

We will welcome all students back to campus on Sunday, August 13th, to finalize registration and open the school year. The schedule for Sunday, August 13th is as follows (all times are Central):

- 11:00 a.m.**     **All 9th graders** report to the FAB for Welcome Session with Head of School
- 10th grade boarding students** report to dorms for move-in
- 12th grade boarding students** report to dorms for move-in
- 11:30 a.m.**     **9th grade boarding students** report to dorm for move-in
- 11:45 a.m.**     **All 10th graders** report to the FAB for Welcome Session with Head of School

- 11th grade boarding students** report to dorms for move-in
- 12-1:30 p.m.** Lunch available for all parents, students, and family members
- 12:45 p.m.** All 12th graders report to the FAB for a Welcome Session with Head of School
- 1:30 p.m.** All 11th graders report to the FAB for a Welcome Session with Head of School
- 2:15 p.m.** Meeting with parents of boarding students in the FAB
- 3:00 p.m.** Athletic/co-curricular practices for all students

Please note that students will be engaged in a variety of activities throughout the afternoon and evening on Sunday, so families should plan on saying their farewells before 2:30 p.m.

## Planning for the First Weeks of School

### Dress for Orientation

Casual clothes may be worn on August 14th and 15th. Students will need athletic clothing, equipment, and shoes for twice daily athletic activities each day of Orientation Week. You should also plan to bring a change of clothes, bathing suit, and towel for swimming in the lake if you like.

### School Dress Code

Beginning on Wednesday, August 16th, students will need to be in school dress. The first “Formal Dress” day is on Friday, August 18th. Details about our school dress code (and how to order) can be found on our school website and in our Student Handbook.

### School Supplies

Supplies vary by class schedule, and your teachers will let you know about necessary school supplies during the first days of school. Boarding students will have the opportunity to go on a shopping trip on the weekends to purchase school supplies.

### Technology and 1:1 Program

All students entering 9th grade (class of 2027) and new 10th grade students (class of 2026) will receive a laptop from the school with student accounts being charged a technology fee. This is part of our 2021 update to our 1:1 program. All students entering 12th grade (class of 2024) and new students entering the 11th grade (class of 2025) will still follow our previous “Bring Your Own Device” program in which they bring their own laptop to school.

All new 11th grade students should bring a laptop that meets the following specifications:

- 8GB RAM
- 256GB SSD
- Windows 10 (or newer).

Though all new 12th grade students are strongly encouraged to have a laptop with the above specifications, they may use an iPad with a minimum of 32 GB of storage and a

bluetooth keyboard accessory. If you have other questions about the 1:1 program, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sean Murray [smurray@lalumiere.org](mailto:smurray@lalumiere.org).

### **School Switchboard Hours**

The Main Office switchboard is open daily Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m to 4:00 p.m. For emergencies after hours and on weekends, call the Campus Supervisor phone, 219-363-3928.

### **Dormitory Information**

All dorms have central air conditioning and heating and are equipped with generators in case of a power outage. Furniture provided includes a bed, desk, and a closet. Rooms range in size from 8' x 10' to 16' x 16' (2.5 m x 3.5 m to 5 m x 5 m). Bathrooms are shared by the floors.

### **What You Should Bring**

A suggested packing list is outlined below:

- Two (2) or more sets of sheets and pillowcases (beds are single/twin xl- 39" x 78" [99 x 91 cm])
- Blankets or bedspreads
- Pillow
- Mattress pad or mattress cover
- Two (2) or more sets of towels and washcloths
- Toiletries
- Trunk with padlock
- School dress (see Dress Code)
- Casual clothes for evenings and weekends (shorts, jeans, t-shirts)
- Winter coat, hat, sweatshirt, boots, etc.
- Athletic wear, shoes, etc.
- Flip flops
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Swimwear
- Raincoat
- Alarm clock, desk lamp, wastebasket, hangers
- School supplies
- Microwavable dishes and cups

You may also want to bring the following items: Cell phone, Bluetooth speaker, or other electronic devices (AirPods are not recommended). If you live in Augustine, Becket,

Newman, or Largura, you may bring an area rug. If you wish to bring a mini refrigerator, it must meet these specifications: maximum 1 AMP, 2.7 Cubic Feet.

**Please Note:** All medications (prescriptions, vitamins/supplements, or over-the-counter medications) need to be taken directly to the school nurse in the Health Center upon arrival at school.

La Lumiere School will drive international students to a local store to purchase necessary items when they arrive on campus.

You may **not** bring any items listed below:

- Television (Any screen larger than 24 inches)
- **Adhesive String lights**
- Microwave oven (Dorm common room will have one)
- Hot pot, toaster oven, hot plate, heater, rice cooker, water kettle
- Electric mattress pad/electric blanket
- Space heater
- Animals or pets
- Weapons
- Matches or a lighter
- Incense, candles, or fireworks

### **Important Boarding Policies to Know**

*More detailed information can be found in the Student Handbook and the Residential Life Handbook located on our website ([lalumiere.org](http://lalumiere.org)).*

### **Campus Closures**

All students must be off campus during posted school breaks and vacations. The kitchen will not be open and the dorms will be unsupervised. As such, La Lumiere School requires that international students have a guardian in the United States. The campus will be closed for on the dates listed below:

**Fall Break:** Campus closed for local students from 5:00 pm on Oct. 11 to 11 am on Oct. 15\*

**Thanksgiving Recess:** Campus closed from 11 am on Nov. 18 to 11 am Nov. 26

**Winter Recess:** Campus closed from 11 am on Dec. 16 to 11 am Jan. 7

**Spring Recess:** Campus closed from 11 am on Mar. 2 to 11 am Mar. 17

**Easter Break:** Campus closed for local students from 5:00 pm on Mar. 28 to 11 am on Apr. 1\*

**End of the Year:** Campus closed to students with flights at 11 am on May 25

**\*Campus will remain open for students who live more than 4 hours from campus.**

## **Closed Weekends**

For the first two weekends of the year and approximately once a month thereafter, La Lumiere will have “closed” weekends, which means that all boarding students will remain on campus for the weekend. These weekends are important for the development of a robust boarding community and will coincide with major school events or planned residential activities. Parents are welcome to visit their students on campus from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays during closed weekends.

## **Leaving Campus on Open Weekends**

Most weekends are “open” which means that students may leave after a specified time if they do not have any community obligations. Permission to leave for a weekend must be phoned into the Main Office switchboard at 219-326-7450 or emailed to [permissions@lalumiere.org](mailto:permissions@lalumiere.org) no later than Thursdays by 11:59 p.m Central. The first open weekend begins on Friday, September 1st, after their last school commitment. With that being Labor Day weekend, boarding students must return by 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 4th, unless their athletic team has an afternoon practice. Please check with your coach before leaving for the weekend.

When leaving and returning to campus, students must call the Campus Supervisor, 219-363-3928. Students that do not call the Campus Supervisor when leaving and returning to campus may lose the privilege to leave campus. Please note the text messages are not accepted; students must call.

On open weekends, all boarding students are expected to return to campus by 7:30 p.m. on Sunday before the school week begins. Parents or guardians should call the Campus Supervisor at 219-363-3928 before 6:00 p.m. on Sunday if there is any reason their child will be late or not returning to campus and may not leave campus again without approval from the Campus Supervisor.

## **Day Trips**

Parents and guardians are allowed to visit and take their child off campus. When doing so, parents should call ahead and make sure the visit does not interfere with any of the child’s commitments such as study hall or practice. In general, we will only allow one visit or off-campus trip a week. Students are not allowed to stay off campus for the night during the week. Exceptions can be made by the Director of Residential Life for appointments or family emergencies.

# LA LUMIERE 2023-2024 DRESS CODE GUIDE



## School Dress

*Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays*

- La Lumiere approved polos with solid dress pants/shorts/skirts.
- La Lumiere approved sweater, quarter zip pull-over, or blazer over a white, blue, or french blue collared dress shirt with solid dress pants/shorts/-skirts.

- Shirt must be tucked in*
- Ties are not required*
- Belts are required with pants or shorts*
- Solid black or brown dress shoe*

*\*La Lumiere Layer (clothing with La Lumiere logo) must be visible at all times*

[www.landsend.com/myschool](http://www.landsend.com/myschool)  
Land's End School Code:  
900138728

## Formal Dress

*Tuesdays and Fridays*

- La Lumiere approved navy blazer over a white, blue, or french blue collared dress shirt with solid dress pants/shorts/skirts.

- Shirt must be tucked in*
- Ties are required for males*
- Belts are required with pants or shorts*
- Solid black or brown dress shoe*

## Jewelry

No extreme jewelry (eye-brow or lip piercing, gauges, more than 3 piercings per ear, etc.)

## Hair

Hair should be well kept and clean. No extreme hairstyles such as mohawks. Males must be close shaven; mustaches and beards are not permitted.

## Shoes

**Formal Dress and School Dress:**  
Solid black or brown dress shoe.