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## MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

## The Mission of Lakehill Preparatory School

Lakehill Preparatory School guides motivated students to learn with curiosity, lead with confidence, and serve with compassion. Our challenging and nurturing educational community inspires students to become collaborative problem-solvers who live with integrity.

## The Vision for Lakehill Preparatory School

The Academic Program is dedicated to promoting an enlightening and challenging curriculum, designed to meet and exceed the requirements for entering college. We believe that academic preparation for college is best achieved through analysis of differing perspectives and that the interchange of ideas across academic disciplines enhances each student's understanding of our world.

The **Fine Arts Program** encourages and nurtures individual interest and talent by offering special classes, electives, clubs, and performance opportunities to all students in kindergarten through grade 12. Art, music, drama, and musical theater allow students to express their creativity through a variety of activities.

The Athletic Program promotes the development and growth of teamwork, leadership, game skills, and sportsmanship with the ultimate goal of fostering healthy life habits through activity. Participation in team sports is encouraged for all students in grades 7 through 12 who are willing to commit time and effort to practice and play.

The **Community Service Program** encourages students to embrace a spirit of volunteerism in order to foster a life-long passion for service. From kindergarten through graduation, each grade provides opportunities for active participation in class projects to serve the school and community.

#### The Spirit of Lakehill Preparatory School

Lakehill Preparatory School is committed to instilling academic excellence and to providing a well-rounded educational program to highly motivated, college-bound students. This program challenges students with a robust academic curriculum and provides opportunities for students to cultivate their unique talents. Whether these talents are in the writing lab, on the athletic field, in math, science, or the arts, every student is encouraged to discover new and exciting abilities. Throughout a student's academic career, we build an educational program that achieves our goal of enabling graduates to attend the finest, most rigorous colleges and universities in the country and abroad.

It is the policy of Lakehill Preparatory School to administer its educational programs, including admissions, financial aid, athletics, or other school-administered programs, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, or disability. The faculty is comprised of well-trained, caring teachers who are dedicated to teaching and to academic excellence. Lakehill provides many extracurricular activities to enhance the total development of its students.

## Interesting Facts about Lakehill

School Colors Kelly Green and Royal Blue

School Nickname Lakehill Prep School Mascot Warrior

School Motto "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under...heaven[.]"

# LAKEHILL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF ADMINISTRATORS

| Headmaster                                    | Roger L. Perry, B.S., M.Ed.             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Assistant Headmaster                          | Patti Frullo, B.S., M.B.A., M.Ed.       |
|                                               |                                         |
| OFFICE STAFF                                  | N. 75.11                                |
| Headmaster's Secretary                        |                                         |
| Admission Assistant                           | •                                       |
| Receptionist                                  |                                         |
| SUPPORT STAFF                                 |                                         |
| Business Manager                              |                                         |
| Director of Admission                         | •                                       |
| Associate Director of Admission               |                                         |
| Director of College Counseling                |                                         |
| Director of Development and Alumni Relations  |                                         |
| Director of Marketing and Community Relations |                                         |
| Director of Technology                        |                                         |
| IT Specialist                                 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |
| Head of Lower School                          |                                         |
| Head of Middle School                         | •                                       |
| Head of Upper School Facilities Manager.      |                                         |
| Assistant Facilities Manager                  | •                                       |
| Assistant Facilities Manager                  | •                                       |
| Assistant Lacinties Manager                   | JOSH 7 Mains                            |
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| DEPARTMENT CHAIRPE                            | FRSONS                                  |
| Athletic Director                             |                                         |
| Computer Science and Technology               | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |
| English 8-12                                  |                                         |
| English K-7                                   |                                         |
| World Languages                               | • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • |
| Mathematics 8-12                              |                                         |
| Mathematics K-7                               | Ellen Kufel, B.S                        |
| Performing Arts                               | Tracy Herron, B.M., M.M.                |
| Science                                       |                                         |
| Social Studies                                | Justin S. Solonick, B.A., A.M., Ph.D    |
| Visual Arts                                   | Scott Boles, B.F.A., M.A.               |
| Director of Environmental Education           | Daniel Bracken, B.A.                    |
|                                               |                                         |
| FACULTY                                       |                                         |
| Kindergarten                                  | Kimberly Poore, B.A.                    |
| Grade 1                                       | Laura Gigliotti, B.A., M.B.A., M.A.T.   |
| Grade 2                                       |                                         |
| Grade 2                                       | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |
| Grade 3                                       | Rochelle Rasheed, B.A.                  |
|                                               |                                         |

| Kelly Curtis, B.S.             |
|--------------------------------|
| Gary Haynes, B.M., M.M., Ph.D. |
| Karen McCoskey, B.A., M.Ed.    |
| Sacha Troxler, B.E.D., M.F.A.  |
| Sue Stretcher, B.A., M.L.S.    |
| Casey Pike, B.S.               |
| Michael Jones, B.A., M.A.      |
| Elizabeth Schmitt, B.A., M.A.  |
| Julie Gore, B.A.               |
| Amanda Rasbury, B.A.           |
| Denise Palmer, B.S., M.Ed.     |
| Kristin Rutherford, B.A., M.S. |
| Evelyn Tan, B.S., M.Ed.        |
| Jeremy Holman, B.S., M.S.      |
| Mitch Musselman, B.S.          |
| Sue Blanchette, B.S., M.L.A.   |
| Bradley Neyland, B.S.          |
| Kevin Cobb, B.A, M.A.          |
| Carolina Alvarez, B.A.         |
| Tamra Badgett, B.A., B.A.      |
|                                |
| Jairus Mitchell, B.A.          |
| Jhoana Cayme-Mosley, B.A.      |
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# ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

## Organization and Responsibilities

One of the main responsibilities of the Administration is to ensure that the educational process is implemented effectively and efficiently. This is best accomplished by facilitating the faculty's efforts in a school-wide quest for excellence.

In a school that is well administrated, responsibilities and duties are clearly outlined, and the faculty shares in these responsibilities. The Board of Directors at Lakehill Preparatory School has developed an administrative plan that defines areas of authority and responsibility. The Board's primary function is to establish policies that will guide the school in its work. Although the Headmaster is the only individual who reports directly to the Board, the Board recognizes that the cooperation of faculty, staff, and administration is essential for successfully accomplishing the goals established at Lakehill.

#### Headmaster

The Headmaster is appointed by the Board of Directors to manage the total operation of the school. The Headmaster is responsible for the implementation of Board policies, faculty and curriculum development, oversight of admissions, school finances, the physical plant, public relations, and fundraising activities.

#### Assistant Headmaster

The Assistant Headmaster reports directly to the Headmaster and is responsible for directing the school's instructional program. Additional responsibilities of the Assistant Headmaster include scheduling courses, assisting in the admissions process, facilitating student activities and discipline, and supervising and evaluating faculty. The Assistant Headmaster also assumes other duties as assigned by the Headmaster.

#### Head of Lower School

The Head of Lower School is responsible for facilitating communication between the Lower School faculty and the Administration. Additionally, the Head of Lower School will assist faculty and parents with a variety of issues.

## Head of Middle School

The Head of Middle School is responsible for facilitating communication between the Middle School faculty and the Administration. Additionally, the Head of Middle School will assist faculty and parents with students who are experiencing difficulties.

# Head of Upper School

The Head of Upper School is responsible for facilitating communication between the Upper School faculty and the Administration. Additionally, the Head of Upper School will assist faculty and parents with students who are experiencing academic or disciplinary difficulties.

## Director of Admission

The Director of Admission is responsible for recruiting, testing, and facilitating the process by which students are admitted to Lakehill. In addition, the Director of Admission will promote school awareness through appropriate community contacts.

## Director of Development

The Director of Development is responsible for developing resources for the school. This includes planned giving programs, corporate and foundation proposals, annual fund solicitation, and planning for major capital gifts.

#### Director of College Counseling

The Director of College Counseling provides guidance and programming for students and their families on post-secondary opportunities. The Director assists students with their college research by making resources available for them to learn about a variety of colleges and universities, majors and careers, and financial opportunities. The Director also provides academic advice and informs students of enrichment activities throughout their secondary school experience.

## Director of Marketing

The Director of Marketing is responsible for developing and implementing an in-depth marketing and communications plan for the school. The Director works closely with the administrative team in order to inform Lakehill families about events and accomplishments within the school community. The Director also oversees communication between Lakehill Preparatory School and the greater Dallas community.

## Director of Technology

The Director of Technology is responsible for developing a technology plan for the school, supporting all aspects of technology, and for ensuring the operation and usability of Lakehill's technology resources.

## **Business Manager**

Under the direction of the Headmaster, the Business Manager is responsible for the financial operation of the school.

#### **Facilities Manager**

The Facilities Manager is responsible for supervising all aspects of the school's buildings, grounds, and transportation maintenance.

#### Department Chair

The Department Chair is responsible for the instructional programs within the department. In addition, the Chairperson facilitates the review of textbook orders. The Department Chairperson and the Assistant Headmaster must approve all textbook orders.

#### Librarian

The Librarian is responsible for the complete operation of the library. In addition, the Librarian will work with teachers to provide resources that will facilitate and enhance classroom instruction. The Librarian is also responsible for purchasing resources for the library.

#### **Academic Committee**

The Academic Committee, which is comprised of the Assistant Headmaster, the Department Chairpersons, and the Librarian, meets monthly to discuss and review academic standards.

## The Upper School Honor Council

The Honor Council is a group of students and teachers who work together to enforce Lakehill's Code of Conduct in a fair and unbiased manner. This Council is composed of three faculty members and five students. The student panel is composed of the President of the Student Council, President of the Senior Class, and President of the National Honor Society along with two nominated students from the junior class. The nominated juniors must submit a formal application for review and will then be voted on by faculty representatives. All students serving on the Honor Council will receive training and will understand that failure to uphold the mission of the Honor Council or failure to abide by school rules may jeopardize their standing on the Council. This Council meets as needed. This Council will make disciplinary recommendations to the Head of Upper School. This recommendation will be approved by the Administration before implementation.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **School Operations**

#### School Year

The school year begins in August, and the first semester is completed before the holiday break. To accommodate family vacations, the school year allows vacation days at Thanksgiving, Winter Break, the holiday season, and Spring Break. The school calendar is created at least a year in advance. When making early vacation plans, parents are asked to check the school calendar in advance to avoid conflicts.

#### **School Hours**

The Student Commons is open at 7:15 a.m. The Main Office opens at 7:30 a.m. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. After the school day, students may remain on campus to participate in athletic programs, theater practices, or other supervised activities. Students are to have transportation arrangements following the day's activities.

| Upper School 1 | Block Schedule | - Blue Davs |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Period | 8:00 - 9:30   |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Open Period            | 9:35-10:05    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period | 10:10 - 11:40 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period |               |
| Lunch                  | 1:20 - 1:55   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Period | 2:00 - 3:30   |

## Upper School Block Schedule - Green Days

#### **Inclement Weather**

The School Administration will decide on school cancellation with the safety of the students and faculty in mind. In the event of a school cancellation prior to 7:00 a.m., the school will post information on WFAA (Channel 8) and on the Lakehill website.

## General Attendance Policy

The Lakehill Preparatory School attendance policy promotes regular class attendance as an integral part of the learning process. Students are expected to attend all classes. When a student is absent from school, a parent or guardian must call or email the school receptionist before 8:00 a.m.

#### Classes Begin at 8:00 a.m.

Students are expected to be in their classrooms and ready to begin their studies at 8:00 a.m. Arrival after 8:00 a.m. is considered being tardy.

#### **After School Hours**

Students remaining on campus after 3:45 p.m. may work quietly in the Upper School Commons until 6:00 p.m. A fee will be assessed to students who remain on campus after 6:00 p.m. who are not involved in a structured school-sponsored activity.

#### **Tardiness**

Tardiness is a disruption to the learning atmosphere; therefore, it is usually unexcused. Students must check in with the reception desk if arriving later than 8:00 a.m. Students will be given a tardy slip to take to their teachers. An unexcused tardy results in a lunch detention and will also result in a zero on a missed test, quiz, or homework. A tardy will be considered unexcused if the student comes to school without a note from the parent explaining the tardiness or if the parent does not call the office to let the school know (in advance) that the student will be tardy. Four tardies (excused or unexcused) in one class in a semester will result in a lunch detention.

#### Signing In or Out of School

Students arriving late or leaving campus during the school day must submit a note from their parent or guardian and sign in or out at the reception desk. Failure to follow this procedure may result in an unexcused absence or tardy, detention, or other consequence, such as loss of privileges.

#### Early Dismissal by Written Request

Appointments for students should be made after school hours. If it is necessary for a student to leave school during school hours for a medical appointment, a written request from a parent/guardian must be submitted to the Main Office at the beginning of the school day. Students with regularly scheduled appointments should vary the times to avoid missing the same class repeatedly.

Without a note from home, a student will not be permitted to leave campus without parental approval. Phone calls with such requests must be cleared through the office.

#### **Excused Absence**

The following are considered examples of excused absences when the school receives the proper note:

Student illness Emergency situations verified by the school
Observance of religious holidays
Verified medical appointment College visits approved by the school

Court appearances Pre-planned absences approved by the school

#### **Unexcused Absence**

An unexcused absence may or may not have the approval of the home, but is without the approval of the school. An unexcused absence will result in zeros for tests and class work assigned for that day and a detention, or other disciplinary consequence may be assigned.

## **Unexcused Absence in Performing Arts**

Performances are required for all students in performing arts classes. Students who are not present at a performance when they have been in school during the day will have their term grade lowered one letter grade. Isolated exceptions may be considered with advance notice of at least one month to the performing arts teacher. If agreed upon in advance, a student may be asked to do a project instead of the performance.

#### Absences Due to Illness

Please keep your child at home if he or she has had a fever in the past 24 hours or has a communicable illness. In cases of illness, a parent or guardian should contact the school before 8:00 a.m. If the school is not contacted, parents will be called.

Assignments for a student who is absent may be found on RenWeb. If you know in advance that your child will miss school or arrive at school late, please let the office know so that you will not be contacted. Attendance records are important. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

## Return to School

Upon returning to school, students must complete a Return to Class Form. These forms are available at the Reception Desk and in the Upper School Office.

#### In the Case of Illness at School

A student who becomes ill at school is sent to the Reception Desk, where a member of the school staff will talk with the student's parent. Students will not be dismissed without parental knowledge and permission. Please notify the Reception Desk if your child is taking any medication that might affect his or her alertness or participation in the learning process.

#### Pre-Planned Absence

To request an excused absence, a student must submit a written request from a parent or guardian explaining the reason for and dates of the absence to the Head of Upper School at least one week prior to the absence. The Pre-Planned Absence Form, available in the Upper School Office, will be circulated to the student's teachers for their evaluation of the impact of the absence. The Head of Upper School will then determine whether the absence will be excused or unexcused. Failure to follow this procedure will result in an unexcused absence.

## College Visits

Students are encouraged to make college visits during school holidays. To request an absence from school to visit a college, a student must obtain a Visitation Request Form from the Upper School Office at least five days prior to the absence. The form must be signed by the Director of College Counseling. Failure to follow this procedure will result in an unexcused absence.

## Standards for Attendance and Consequences for Absences

#### Absences

A student is marked absent for any reason he/she is not in attendance (except for school-sponsored activities). When a student accumulates repeated absences (eight or more days) in one class during a semester, the student will meet with the Head of Upper School to account for the absences. Following the

meeting, a letter will be sent home describing the nature of the absences and notifying parents of the serious consequences for missing additional classes.

#### **Excessive Absences**

After ten absences, the student and his or her parents will meet with the Honor Council to discuss the nature and causes of the absences and the Honor Council will make recommendations for appropriate consequences. Continued absences requiring a second meeting will result in the student being placed on conditional re-enrollment and may result in the student being asked to leave school or repeat the course, courses, or year in question.

#### Absence Relative to Course Credit

If a student accumulates excessive absences for a semester course caused by unusual circumstances, such as accident or lengthy illness, a plan will be developed for the student to make up schoolwork. A student who misses many days of school because of a chronic illness or other health impairment must have an Attendance Waiver for Health Impairment Form on file in the Upper School Office. This official form may be obtained from the Upper School Office and must be completed and signed by a licensed physician.

Students receiving an incomplete for a course must complete all missing course work by the end of the next grading period or the date assigned by the instructor. An incomplete grade that is not reconciled by the next grading period or assigned date will become an "F."

## Attendance and Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities

A student who is absent all or part of a school day may not be permitted to represent the school in an extracurricular activity on that day without the approval of the Administration.

## Lakehill Code of Conduct and Behavioral Expectations

Lakehill Preparatory School is a community based on honor, trust, and respect. Honesty and self-respect are recognized components of responsible citizenship. Mutual trust depends upon truthfulness and fairness in all relationships. All members of the community should conduct themselves in a thoughtful, responsible manner, represent themselves truthfully, and do their own work. Additionally, at all school related events, students are representatives of the school and should conduct themselves in accordance with Lakehill's Code of Conduct. Furthermore, student online activities that reference Lakehill in any manner must also adhere to the Lakehill's Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is based on mutual trust rather than on a set of rules. Students should:

- Show respectful and courteous behavior toward others
- Obey school rules and abide by the dress code
- Take care of property belonging to Lakehill or to any member of the school
- Help keep the campus and building clear of litter
- Refrain from entering any school room or being in the hallways without a teacher's permission
- Conduct oneself during extra-curricular activities and field trips in a manner that is consistent with school policies
- Exhibit good sportsmanship

#### **Academic Honesty Policy**

It is the goal of Lakehill Preparatory School to provide an atmosphere in which students develop intellectually. To accomplish these goals, values are taught, learned, and practiced each day. The school encourages academic honesty by clearly stating what we believe to be academic dishonesty:

Cheating: Any act of deception that results in gaining or attempting to gain an unfair

academic advantage

• Copying: The direct use of another student's work to complete a test or assignment or

allowing another student the use of your own work for that purpose

• Plagiarism: The use of, or paraphrasing of, another's ideas or expressions in your writing

without properly acknowledging (citing) the source, including materials posted on

the Internet

On some occasions, students will collaborate (work together in pairs or in groups) on cooperative learning projects. Projects requiring collaborative efforts will be clearly defined and announced as such. It is the responsibility of each student at Lakehill to make sure his/her behavior is above reproach. In all cases of cheating, both the student who copies and the student who knowingly allows his/her work to be copied will face disciplinary action and receive a zero on the assigned task.

## **Drug and Alcohol Policy**

- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, e-cigarettes, or the possession or use of drugs, barbiturates, hallucinogens, etc. are prohibited anywhere on the school campus, during school-sponsored activities, or while traveling to or from any school-sponsored activity. This rule applies regardless of age.
- The Administration of Lakehill Preparatory School reserves the exclusive right to contact
  appropriate agencies to conduct routine and random checks for illegal drugs anywhere on
  campus. Additionally, Lakehill Preparatory School reserves the right to contact Law Enforcement
  Officers as deemed appropriate.

#### Harassment Policy

- Lakehill is committed to providing a school environment that encourages kindness and is free of discrimination and harassment.
- Actions, words, jokes, or comments based on an individual's gender, race, ethnicity, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic will not be tolerated.
- Sexual harassment, either overt or subtle, is strictly prohibited.
- Hazing in any form, including pressuring classmates or teammates to cut or dye their hair, is considered harassment.
- Incidents of harassment should be reported to the Head of Upper School or Assistant Headmaster
  immediately. A teacher, student, coach, or administrator who becomes aware of possible
  harassment should promptly advise the Assistant Headmaster or Head of Upper School who will
  handle the matter in a timely and confidential manner.
- Anyone engaging in harassment will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from school.

## Threatening Statements Policy

- Lakehill provides a safe atmosphere to support its community of learners.
- The school responds to threatening statements in a very serious manner. Students who make
  threatening statements about their intent to bring a weapon to school or to harm others may be
  suspended or face possible expulsion and/or legal action.
- A student who makes a threatening statement may also be required to undergo an evaluation by a
  counselor to establish for the school and the student's family that the student is safe to return to
  school. Such counseling may also be recommended for students who threaten to harm themselves.

• All members of the school community, students and adults, are to be aware that statements such as "I was just kidding" or "I didn't mean it" are not acceptable excuses. This policy regarding a threatening statement applies to incidents on and off campus.

#### **Electronic Devices**

- Non-academic use of electronic devices is acceptable during the day and in the classroom at the
  discretion of the teacher but must not interfere with the learning process of others. Electronic
  books may be used in the classroom if they are pre-loaded. Sounds from electronic devices may not
  be audible in public spaces including, but not limited to, the Commons, study hall, halls, cafeteria,
  auditorium, and gym.
- Electronic devices may not be used during any testing situation.
- Electronic devices may not be used in non-electronic zones including, but not limited to, bathrooms and locker rooms.
- The school is not responsible for electronic equipment that is lost or broken at school.

## **Student Online Communications Policy**

- When brought to the attention of the Lakehill Preparatory School Administration, posting of threatening statements by Lakehill students, parents, or staff members toward another Lakehill student, parent, or staff member through email, text, chat room, blog, or social networking sites (like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.) is an infraction of the Lakehill Code of Conduct and is thereby subject to disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Administration.
- Students may not take pictures or videos of anyone at or during school activities without the approval of the school.

## Discipline Policy

The Discipline Policy outlines for students and parents the consequences for student actions that are contrary to the rules and standards of behavior at Lakehill Preparatory School. While this policy provides the general consequences one can expect for misbehaviors, the consequences may vary slightly based on individual considerations and the circumstances of the behavior.

#### Lakehill Honor Council

- The Honor Council is a group of students and teachers who work together to enforce the rules and consequences of the school in a fair and unbiased manner.
- This Council is composed of three faculty or staff members and five students from the Upper School.
- Additionally, any student who has earned a disciplinary action may request that the Honor Council
  convene to hear his/her side. This Council will make disciplinary recommendations to the Head of
  Upper School. This recommendation will be approved by the Administration before
  implementation.

#### **Minor Infractions**

At all times, Lakehill Faculty and Administration will initiate open communication with the parents of a student who is affected by this policy.

• **Detention: Lunch** - Lunch detentions are for one day. During a lunch detention, the student is allowed to eat, but will remain silent for the duration of the lunch period. Lunch detention will begin promptly 10 minutes after dismissal for lunch.

## Examples of actions for which a Lunch Detention will be assigned:

- o Eating or drinking outside the lunchroom
- Chewing gum
- o Repeated tardiness (four infractions = one lunch detention)
- Not assuming responsibility for personal items left strewn about
- o Displays of public affection on school grounds or at school functions
- o Littering anywhere on school grounds
- o Dress Code violations (in addition, student will be required to change clothes)
- Horseplay
- o Missing assigned lunchroom duties without the approval of the class sponsor
- Inappropriate language
- o Failing to follow proper procedures to leave a classroom
- o Failing to complete and submit the Return to Class Form
- Detention: After School Parents will be notified by email or phone call of the misbehavior leading to detention and the date and time of the detention. Students who do not abide by the detention guidelines (not showing up, being late, talking, and breaking any other detention rule) will receive additional consequences.

## Examples of actions for which an After School detentions will be assigned:

- o Three lunch detentions in one semester
- Missing/skipping a lunch detention
- o Minor vandalism (monetary restitution required)
- o Repeated classroom disruptions
- Rude or disrespectful behavior to anyone
- Detention: Saturday Parents will be notified by email or phone call of the misbehaviors leading to detention and the date and time of the detention. Students who do not abide by the detention guidelines (not showing up, being late, talking, and breaking any other detention rule) will receive additional consequences.

## Examples of actions for which a Saturday Detention will be assigned:

- o Three After School Detentions
- Violation of Lakehill's Academic Honesty Policy
- Skipping school
- o Use of another individual's belongings without permission

#### **Serious Infractions**

Serious infractions will result in an automatic conference with the student, parent, and the Administration.

## Examples of actions that may result in Administrative Action:

- Three Saturday Detentions
- Major vandalism (monetary restitution required)
- Chronic problems with tardiness
- Academic dishonesty
- Fighting
- Theft
- Possession of pornography or any other sexually-related materials
- Threats of violence toward faculty, staff, or students in any spoken or written form
- Sexual harassment

 Possession of or being under the influence of alcohol, inhalants, illegal drugs, or other harmful substances including tobacco and e-cigarettes while on campus or at a school function on or off campus

## Additionally, these actions may result in the following consequences:

## • Suspension: In-school

- Any work due (or completed) in class during the suspension will be completed for a maximum of 70% credit.
- O During the period of suspension, the student will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular clubs, activities, or athletic competitions.

## Disciplinary Warning or Probation

- O An automatic review of the student's contract for re-enrollment for the following year will be initiated.
- Specific terms and conditions may be written into the contract to address the student's behavior.

#### Expulsion

o Actions at this level are dependent on the Headmaster's Authority for Expulsion.

### **Electronic Device Enforcement Policy**

- First offense Device is held by the Head of Upper School until the end of the school day and a Lunch Detention will be assigned.
- Second offense Device must be picked up by a parent/guardian at the end of the school day and a second lunch detention will be assigned.
- Third offense Device is held by office administration and a \$15 fine will be assessed; students who
  exceed three offenses will be reviewed by the Honor Council and may be recommended for further
  disciplinary procedures.
- Electronic devices used in non-electronic device zones or during any testing situation are subject to disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Administration.

#### **Drug Enforcement Policy**

 Any student found to be under the influence of or in possession of illegal substances including tobacco, e-cigarettes, and alcohol while on campus or at a school-sponsored function may be immediately expelled from school.

## Academic Dishonesty

• Cheating on examinations, homework, or any other school assignment is considered a grave offense and carries a serious penalty.

## Headmaster's Authority for Expulsion

School policy is that in all matters of behavior and conduct the Headmaster of Lakehill Preparatory School has been vested with the authority to remove a student from Lakehill if, in the Headmaster's judgment, the student is in violation of school rules and policies and the student's conduct is detrimental to fellow students and teachers.

#### **Due Process**

Lakehill Preparatory School believes in the concept of fundamental fairness. A student and his parents are given cause, notice, and a hearing if a disciplinary action involves expulsion.

## LAKEHILL PREPARATORY SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The Lakehill Preparatory School Dress Code allows students to wear their choice of comfortable clothing while encouraging them to learn how to dress for future endeavors in the professional world. A student in violation of the Dress Code will be expected to change. If necessary, a parent will be called to bring replacement clothing for a student in violation of the dress code.

Lakehill wants to ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion, and personal style. Additionally, we strive to maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as in chemistry/biology (eye or body protection), PE/sports (athletic attire/shoes), or at the ESC (long pants and closed-toe shoes).

| ARTICLE     | SPECIFICS                                                                                             | COMMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tops        | T-shirts, sweatshirts  • Lakehill  •College-themed  •Solid colored (not white)  •Striped or patterned | All tops should hit one's natural waist.  No writing or pictures of any kind are allowed.  Hoods are not to be worn in the building.                                                                                                                              |
|             | Tank tops with straps covering 3 inch of shoulder  Collared and/or button down shirts                 | No visible undergarments.  Shirt hemlines, worn with fitted-pants, should be mid-thigh in length or longer.  Small (2-inch) logos are allowed.                                                                                                                    |
| Bottoms     | Pants, capris, shorts  •Cotton, polyester, rayon or blend •denim (not blue)                           | All pants should be worn at one's natural waist. No visible undergarments. Fitted pants require shirt hemlines that are mid-thigh in length or longer.                                                                                                            |
|             | Skirts                                                                                                | No rips, tears, or see through cut-outs. No camouflage or athletic-style material. No athletic pants or shorts. Cargo pockets are acceptable.  All hemlines should be mid-thigh or longer.  Blue jeans may be worn on Spirit Day Fridays with a Lakehill t-shirt. |
| Shoes       | Shoes must be worn at all times.                                                                      | All top and bottom standards apply to dresses.  No house slippers, flip flops, or backless sandals.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Accessories | Accessories should be simple and few in number.                                                       | Only ear piercings are acceptable. Boys may not wear earrings.  No hats, sunglasses, or spiked accessories.  No visible tattoos or body art.                                                                                                                      |
| Hair        | Hair should be clean, well-groomed and of a natural color.                                            | No shaved scalps, cutout designs, or spikes.  Boys' hair may not be below a dress-shirt collar. Hair must not cover eyes.  No facial hair.                                                                                                                        |
| Hygiene     | Proper hygiene is expected.                                                                           | Clothes should be neat and clean.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## **General Policies**

## Athletic Bags

School athletic bags must be locked and stored in the student's assigned gym locker space.

## **Backpacks**

Upper School students may not carry backpacks, bags, or computer bags unless transporting a computer to class. While not in use, backpacks should be locked in the student's locker. The school is not responsible for lost backpacks or for items taken from a backpack that was not locked in a school locker.

#### **Faculty Lounges**

Students are not permitted in Faculty Lounges without permission.

#### Lockers

Lockers with combination locks will be assigned to each Upper School student. Students are expected to take care of their lockers and should not attempt to jam the locks. All textbooks, library books, and personal items are the students' responsibility and should be stored in their lockers when not in use. The use of a "Locker-mate" helps many students organize their lockers. Ample time is provided between classes for students to use their lockers; therefore, no books or other items should be stacked on top of the lockers. Additionally, there should be no reason for a student to arrive in class without the proper books and supplies. Books and backpacks left strewn about the halls will be collected and housed in the Upper School Office. Continued problems with lack of personal responsibility for personal items will result in a lunch detention.

#### Lost and Found

Unclaimed items will be housed in the hallways on the south side of the building. Items in the Lost and Found will be displayed in the main hallway at the end of every other month to allow parents to reclaim their child's lost belongings. Items that are not claimed will be donated to charity.

#### Lunchroom

Hot lunch items, sandwiches, salads, and snacks are available for purchase in the lunchroom. For students who wish to bring their lunch from home, milk or other beverages are available for purchase.

- Students may eat in the lunchroom or in the courtyard.
- Students are not permitted to leave campus for lunch (except seniors with privileges).
- Students are not permitted to order food or have food delivered to school without prior approval of the Head of Upper School.
- After students finish eating, they may go to the Student Commons, the Library, Courtyard, or Practice Field.
- It is each student's responsibility to create a welcoming environment in the lunchroom.
- It is the students' responsibility to clean the lunchroom at the end of each lunch period. A weekly rotation by class will accomplish the task of leaving the lunchroom clean.

#### **Lunchroom Visitation**

Student visitors at lunch, while welcome, do place extra strain on an already challenging time of day. Guidelines have been established to ensure the safety of our campus and the smooth operation of our lunch program. Listed below are guidelines our students must adhere to for a student guest to visit our campus during the lunch periods.

- A Lakehill student must obtain a Student Visitor Lunch Form from the Upper School Office.
- The form must be completed and signed by the Lakehill student and his/her parent as well as by the visiting student and his/her parents. The form must be returned to the Main Office 24 hours before the guest plans to have lunch on campus.
- Guests may buy lunch from the Lakehill cafeteria or they may bring lunch from home.
- Student guests may not bring in lunch for any Lakehill student.
- Student guests must abide by Lakehill's dress code.
- Student guests must leave campus when the group is dismissed from the cafeteria. Guests are not permitted to walk the campus or attend academic classes.
- Please understand that guests who come for lunch without having completed the proper paperwork will not be allowed to stay for lunch.

## **Off-Campus Lunch**

Seniors have the opportunity to earn off-campus lunch privileges by demonstrating responsible behavior.

## **Open Period Guidelines**

- Students should report to the Auditorium, courtyard, or Commons during Open Period unless receiving tutorial help or attending a club meeting.
- Students may not go to the Library during Open Period.
- Students may bring or purchase a snack to have during Open Period.

## Permission to Leave Class

- Students must ask permission to leave the classroom.
- Students must sign-out on the record sheet located in each classroom.
- Students must put on the class lanyard to travel in the hall.
- Upon returning to the classroom, students sign back in and return the lanyard.

## **ACADEMICS**

## Course Requirements

Lakehill Preparatory School maintains a stimulating, challenging, and fully accredited college preparatory curriculum. The academic program provides broad training in the liberal arts and sciences and stresses independent thinking, writing, critical reading, discipline, and creativity.

#### **Graduation Requirements**

- Students must complete a minimum of 26 credits to satisfy the requirements for graduation.
- The following courses are required for graduation.

| 0 | English                                               | 4        |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 0 | Mathematics                                           | 4        |
| 0 | Science                                               | 4        |
| 0 | Social Studies                                        | 4        |
| 0 | World Language                                        | 2        |
| 0 | Fine Arts                                             | 1        |
| 0 | Computer Science and Technology                       | 0.5      |
| 0 | Electives                                             | may vary |
| 0 | Team Participation (Class of 2022 and prior)          | 6 units  |
| 0 | Physical Education (beginning with the Class of 2023) | 1        |

## Required Credits for Graduation

Once enrolled at Lakehill, a student may not take courses outside the school for graduation credit. Exceptions are limited to transfer students who are unable to meet the requirements for graduation or placement, and these exceptions must meet with the approval of the school.

#### Senior Privileges

Second Semester Exam Exemption

- 1. Second semester average of 90% or above in the course of exemption
- 2. No discipline infractions beyond lunch detention
- 3.No Honor Council meetings (exceeding 10 absences in a semester would call for an H.C. meeting)

#### Senior Internship Program

Originated in 1975, the required Senior Internship Program at Lakehill provides the opportunity for all graduating seniors to spend a two-week period observing and working in a field that they intend to pursue in college. Partnering with members of the Dallas business and professional community, seniors work a forty-hour week each week of the project and keep a log of their activities. At the conclusion of their projects, seniors must pass an oral review by a committee of Lakehill faculty. Successfully passing the committee review is a requirement for graduation.

## **Course Overview**

#### English

- 9 Contemporary Literature and Composition (English I)
- 10 World Literature and Composition (English II)
- 11 American Literature and Composition (English III) or AP English Literature and Composition
- 12 British Literature and Composition (English IV) or AP English Language and Composition

#### **Mathematics**

## Sequence A

- 8 Algebra I
- 9 Geometry
- 10 Algebra II
- 11 Pre-Calculus
- 12 Statistics or AP Calculus or AP Statistics

#### Sequence B

- 9 Algebra I
- 10 Geometry
- 11 Algebra II
- 12 Pre-Calculus or Statistics

#### Science

- 9 Biology
- 10 Chemistry
- 11 AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1, AP Chemistry
- 12 AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1, AP Physics C: Mechanics, Anatomy and Physiology

#### Social Studies

- 9 AP Human Geography
- 10 World History or AP World History
- 11 Modern American History or AP US History

- 12 U.S. Government/Economics
- Additional social studies courses may be taken as electives.

## World Language

Two years of either French or Spanish are required. Students are strongly encouraged to take more. AP Spanish classes are offered in both Language and Literature. AP French is offered in Language.

#### Computer Science and Technology

One semester of Computer Science is required. It is strongly recommended that students take at least one additional programming course. AP classes and a variety of electives are available as well.

### Fine Arts

Students are required to complete one credit of Fine Arts from among the following electives: Choir, Computer Graphic Design, Drama, Musical Theater, Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Digital Film Making, Film Appreciation, AP Studio Art, and Yearbook.

## Upper School Athletic/Team Requirement

- Upper School students are required to participate in six units of team activity during their Upper School tenure.
- The participation units may consist of a combination of athletics and performance related activities including debate, choir, drama, and musical theater. However, three units must be in athletics.
- Athletic participation can be activities such as playing on a team, managing a team, or serving as statistician, videographer, or as a member of the live broadcast team, etc.
- Off-campus participation in athletic activities such as horse riding, rock climbing, etc., will still be accepted.

#### Off-Campus Athletic Participations Requirements

To qualify for Off-Campus Physical Education, students must adhere to the following criteria:

- Student must fill out a Request for Off-Campus Athletic Participation Form. The form is available in the Upper School Office.
- The form must be completed neatly in its entirety to be considered.
- Log hours and turn them in every six weeks.

#### **Electives**

Electives vary from year to year and are announced prior to Spring Advising.

## **AP Courses**

Students enrolling in an Advanced Placement course must receive written approval from the instructor during the course selection period. Advanced Placement courses are college-level courses, using college-level texts, and require a commitment of time and effort on the part of the student. National examinations are given in May to all students enrolled in AP classes. If a student is registered for an AP exam and does not take the exam, the student's account will be charged for the exam fee. Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses who have diagnosed learning differences with accompanying documentation from a physician and/or psychologist must speak to the Director of College Counseling to obtain information on how to apply to the College Board for special accommodations such as extended time.

## **Independent Study Courses**

Students with special interests and talents may select an independent study elective by securing a faculty sponsor. The student and faculty sponsor will work together to develop the course content, sequence, and

expectations. The student must write a proposal for the course, stating its purpose and the content to be covered. The proposal must then receive the written approval of the faculty sponsor, the Department Chair, and the Assistant Headmaster.

## Scheduling Policies

#### Class Schedules

Student schedules are designed from student-generated course requests. All students must be enrolled in eight courses each semester. Four courses each semester must be core courses chosen from among English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. Courses in World Language, Fine Arts, Computer Science, and from among the elective courses complete the schedule.

#### Drop/Add Policy

Students must maintain a load of eight courses, including at least four core courses. Students may drop or add courses within ten school days of the beginning of each semester. After the ten-day deadline, a student may only withdraw with the permission of the instructor and the Assistant Headmaster.

## **Grading Periods and Examinations**

# **Grade Reports**

## Report Cards

The academic year is divided into four terms. All students will receive a report card each term to inform parents of their child's academic performance, effort, and behavior. Report cards are posted on RenWeb the week following the close of the term. Mid-term grades are posted the first week in January. Additionally, during each of the grading periods, teachers will keep students and their parents informed of impending academic difficulties. Semester examinations are given at the end of the second and fourth terms. Semester grades are the official grades of record for graduation credit. Letter grades are recorded on the student's transcript at the end of each semester.

#### **Progress Reports**

Progress reports will be sent at the mid-point of each term. Students will receive a progress report in all courses along with comments. These reports are sent by email through RenWeb. The goal of a progress report is to inform parents and the student of the progress being made in the class.

#### Accessing Information on RenWeb

RenWeb is the School Management Software utilized by Lakehill to provide parents with information regarding their child's academic progress. By following the steps listed below, parents can gain access to various kinds of information including: attendance records, daily grades, report cards, lesson plans, homework assignments, and the calendar of school events.

- Go to <u>www.renweb.com</u>
- Click on the ParentsWeb Login tab.
- Follow the directions for First-time User Instructions
  - o Enter the District Code LPS-TX
  - Enter your email address (make sure it is the same one used during Online Registration).
  - o Select New Parent Login
- A password will be emailed to you.

## **Grading Scale**

#### Grading Scale for Grades 9 - 12

| A+ | 97-100   | 4.0  |
|----|----------|------|
| A  | 94-96    | 3.85 |
| A- | 90-93    | 3.7  |
|    |          |      |
| B+ | 87-89    | 3.5  |
| В  | 84-86    | 3.25 |
| B- | 80-83    | 3.0  |
|    |          |      |
| C+ | 77-79    | 2.8  |
| С  | 74-76    | 2.4  |
| C  | 70-73    | 2.0  |
|    |          |      |
| D+ | 67-69    | 1.8  |
| D  | 64-66    | 1.4  |
| D- | 60-63    | 1.0  |
| F  | Below 60 |      |

#### **Honor Roll**

To qualify for the Headmaster's High Honor List, a student must receive an A in all courses. To earn Honor Roll status, a student must receive a B or above in all courses.

## Cumulative Grade Point Average

The cumulative grade point average is calculated using semester grades. Grades for all high school courses except non-academic electives (i.e., study hall, office aide) will be averaged into the GPA, including those courses that were repeated. Cumulative grade point averages will be rounded to the nearest hundredth.

## Ranking

Lakehill does not rank; however, for Texas public institutions Lakehill will report the Top 10% or up to the Top 25% according to the university's admission policy in relation to Texas House Bill 588.

## Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The Valedictorian will be the graduating senior who has the highest GPA for four years. The Salutatorian will be the graduating senior who has the second highest GPA for four years.

Students are eligible if they have attended Lakehill for more than one year. Students who have attended Lakehill for less than four years, but more than one year of high school will be eligible if their previous school is comparable to Lakehill in curriculum and accreditation.

## College Counseling

## College Advising

The focus of Lakehill's Office of College Counseling is on assisting students to find the best match for their interests, talents, and personality. Lakehill encourages students to stretch to their highest potential. Many Lakehill students have aspirations that will take them beyond the undergraduate level. Therefore, it is important to identify institutions that will prepare students to succeed in achieving their goals, both immediate and long-term.

It is important to build a good foundation for students' college applications. For this reason, the Director of College Counseling meets with eighth-grade students and their families and assists in the development of a four-year plan of study. The Director of College Counseling meets with all Upper School students regularly to discuss academic plans and college options and to encourage them to visit with the many university representatives who visit Lakehill each year. The formal work of the college selection process begins in the junior year and culminates in the senior year with college decisions.

#### Grades

Colleges will see the semester and year-end grades of all Upper School courses beginning with the ninth grade. Therefore, it is important that students prepare themselves for college and college admission by earning the very best grades possible. While college admission committees are happy to see grades improve over time, poor grades, even in the early years, can hurt students' candidacy at many institutions.

#### Curriculum

Students should plan their curriculum choices well by working closely with the Director of College Counseling. Selected courses should not only meet Lakehill's graduation requirements, but should also follow the direction most appropriate for them based on their aptitudes, interests, and aspirations. Colleges will expect students to take challenging academic courses every year in a progressive sequence.

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

Three primary characteristics that colleges seek in applicants are responsibility, reliability, and initiative. College admissions committees also look for examples of leadership, concern for others, integrity, creativity, independence, maturity, and special talents. These qualities are frequently demonstrated through students' involvement in activities outside the classroom.

Colleges want to see that students have taken full advantage of the available opportunities or made an opportunity where there was none. Lakehill encourages students to become active members of the school community as early as possible. The choice of extracurricular activities should be based on personal interests, remembering that the number of activities is less significant than the depth of involvement.

#### **Internal Testing**

PSAT (required for students in grades 9, 10, and 11).....October 10

## Academic Responsibilities

Attention in class, consistency in completing assignments, and preparation for tests and exams directly affect a student's ability to learn and succeed in school. The following information describes the school's basic expectations concerning academic responsibilities:

#### **Good Standing**

Students must maintain an overall grade average of C- to remain in good academic standing.

#### Homework

Homework and outside preparation are required. If a student is experiencing difficulty in a specific subject, a teacher will be happy to offer assistance. Because homework is an important part of the learning experience, it is expected that homework will be turned in on time. Please note that late assignments will be penalized. Additionally, late assignments involving an unexcused absence will not be accepted.

#### Make-up Work Policies

Students with excused absences may make up class assignments, tests, and quizzes. Upon returning from an absence, students are permitted one day for each excused day of absence to complete all missed assignments and tests. Students are responsible for obtaining and completing the assignments. Students should check on RenWeb or contact classmates to obtain assignments and class notes. All make-up quizzes or tests must be arranged with the teachers.

## Papers and Projects

All major papers and projects are to be delivered to the course teacher on the date due according to the teacher's instructions. Papers and projects received after the specified time and date will be assessed a late penalty.

#### Incomplete Work

Students receiving an incomplete for a course must complete all missing course work by the date assigned by the instructor. An incomplete grade that is not reconciled by the next grading period or assigned date will become an "F." The Assistant Headmaster may extend a deadline for incomplete work if doing so is deemed necessary or reasonable.

#### Obtaining Extended Time or Learning Assistance Support

Students needing special accommodations must meet the following requirements to be eligible for learning assistance support and modifications:

- Provide an assessment, current within three years, from a licensed professional, documenting a
  diagnosable learning difference or disability. Specific recommendations for appropriate
  accommodations must be a part of the written report from the evaluator before the
  recommendations can be considered.
- The written report of the evaluation must state the specific learning difference or disability. The
  condition must directly affect the student's ability to learn in school and must be listed in the current
  edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) or be recognized by the Rules and
  Regulations of the Texas Education Agency as a learning disability.
- Provide complete educational, developmental, and relevant medical history. Describe the tests or techniques used to arrive at the diagnosis and include the date of evaluation, test results, and the functional limitations resulting from the disability.
- Describe specific accommodations requested.

• State the evaluator's credentials, which must be appropriate for administering the assessment and diagnosing the condition.

Please understand that a medical statement alone is not sufficient for a diagnosis of ADD/ADHD. The statement must accompany a full evaluation.

#### **Progress Reports**

Progress reports will be sent at the mid point of each term. Students will receive a progress report in all courses along with comments. These reports are sent by email through RenWeb. The goal of a progress report is to inform parents and the student of the progress being made in the class.

#### **Academic Probation**

At the close of each term, academic records are reviewed. Students failing to meet satisfactory grade averages will be placed on academic probation until the closing of the following grading period. A student who is on academic probation runs the risk of not being invited back to Lakehill or of attending summer school as a requirement for re-enrollment.

## Parent Conferences

#### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Two parent-teacher conferences are scheduled each year. Parents are encouraged to attend these conferences and will be notified in advance about conference dates and times.

Additionally, a parent or teacher may request a personal conference at any time. Conferences are an excellent means of communicating concerns and building partnerships between the home and school. If you wish to confer with a teacher, please call and leave a message on the teacher's voice mail stating that you would like to schedule an appointment. Either a telephone conference or an on-site conference will be arranged as needed.

#### **Expressing Parental Concerns**

If a parent has a concern about his or her child's progress, that concern should first be discussed with the appropriate teacher. If the concern remains after the conference, it is then appropriate to seek an appointment with the Head of Upper School. If the problem is not resolved, the parent may seek an appointment with the Assistant Headmaster.

#### **School Libraries**

The library is a welcoming place in which students, faculty, and parents work and research. To facilitate this, the library must be respected as a place for quiet, serious study. To ensure an atmosphere that is conducive to study, students are expected to refrain from loud talking and to adhere to the following guidelines:

- All students are entitled to use the school libraries and to check out books.
- Students may be barred from using the library for one week if they choose to behave in a manner that is deemed inappropriate.
- Reference books and materials on reserve may only be used in the library. In some instances, these
  materials may be checked out overnight.

- Books in the Middle and Upper School Library are checked out through a computerized system.
   Students choosing to take materials out of the library without going through the proper checkout procedures may be subject to disciplinary review.
- While the library does not assess a fine for an overdue book, please know that in situations where a
  book is not returned to the library, report cards will be held until either the book is returned to the
  library or the student pays for its replacement. Our goal is that students assume responsibility for
  materials borrowed from the library.
- All library books must be returned to the library for students to be eligible to take their semester exams.
- There are numerous computers in the library for students to use to enhance their educational opportunities and research. It is expected that students will respect this privilege and abide by the school's Computer and Internet Usage Policy.

## Computer and Internet Usage Policy

Access to the Internet via Lakehill Preparatory School is a privilege, not a right. This privilege may be restricted at any time for use not consistent with the educational goals of the school.

## Acceptable Use

Acceptable use for students of the Lakehill computer system and the Internet will include the following:

- Logging on with a personal username and password (grades 5-12)
- Keeping your password private; you must change or request a change for your password if you suspect or know that someone else knows it
- Using the Internet to research assigned classroom projects
- Practicing safe, responsible, critical, and proactive use of technology (Good Digital Citizenship)
- Respecting and upholding copyright laws and other applicable laws or regulations
- Respecting the rights and privacy of others by not accessing, modifying, or deleting private files
- Following all regulations posted in the computer lab or other rooms where computers are in use
- Following the directions of the adult in charge of the computer lab or other rooms where computers are used
- Wireless access can be granted on a case-by-case basis

#### Unacceptable Use

Unacceptable use for students of the computer system and the Internet will include but not limited to the following:

- Using a username other than your own to login to the Lakehill network
- Attempting to find out someone else's password
- Using an instant messenger application other than those approved by Administration
- Accessing personal email accounts during class unless asked to do so by the instructor
- Using impolite or abusive language
- Changing any computer files that do not belong to the user
- Downloading or using any programs or executable files unless asked to do so by your instructor
- Using a USB drive to run programs or keep files that are not consistent with the school's Code of Conduct
- Storing programs and inappropriate files on the server such as, but not limited to, executable files and music
- Using the system for commercial use

- Using the system for selling or buying products or services (shopping, ebay.com)
- Creating and or knowingly distributing a computer virus, worm, or spam
- Using the system to illegally transfer software or files, otherwise known as pirating
- Revealing personal addresses or telephone numbers of students or staff
- Using the Internet in a way that would disrupt the use of the Internet by others
- Causing damage deliberately or willfully to computer equipment or data or assisting others in doing the same
- Accessing or attempting to access sites that interfere with or disable school software or security
- Accessing or attempting to access materials that are inconsistent with the school's Code of Conduct
  and educational goals or showing another student how to do the same
- Printing multiple copies of a particular file is not permitted
- Printing personal files is not permitted (i.e. flyers, advertisements)

## Cyber-kindness Policy

Lakehill's commitment to providing a school environment that encourages kindness extends to the realm of electronic media. Use of electronic communication media, such as email, text, instant messaging, or social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, or chat rooms, to intimidate, threaten, demean, unjustly accuse, defame, insult, embarrass, belittle, humiliate, mock, start rumors, spread rumors, exclude, or impersonate, through language or images, is strictly against school policy and is expressly forbidden.

## Consequences of Violation

Consequences of violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Verbal and/or posted warning of violation
- Suspension or revocation of all computer access privileges (unless requested by teacher in which privileges will be granted on a limited basis)
- Discipline by the Administration
- Legal action and prosecution by the authorities

Guidelines for access to information have been established by the Library Bill of Rights of 1980. These principles can be applied to the Internet, as well. This document states that "attempts to restrict access to library materials violate the basic tenets of the Library Bill of Rights; however, school librarians are required to devise collections that are consistent with the philosophy, goals, and objectives of the school district." This means that students have the right to information, but the school has the right to restrict any information that does not apply to the approved curriculum.

Materials on the Internet can be considered part of a vast digital library. Electronic databases and information search tools to access the Internet are becoming part of school media centers and libraries, and many public libraries offer some type of Internet access as part of their services. Users should be aware that use of the Internet and or email may be monitored and analyzed by system administrators and is not guaranteed to be private. System operators will have access to users' accounts, including email. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities.

Remember: Access to the Internet via Lakehill Preparatory School is a privilege, not a right. This privilege may be restricted at any time for use not consistent with the educational goals of the school.

## STUDENT LIFE

## **Academic Competitions**

## The American High School Mathematics Examination

The American High School Mathematics Examination is a nationally administered math competition sponsored by the Mathematics Association and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The competition is open to all Upper School students who wish to prepare for this exam.

#### Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

The purpose of TAPPS is to organize, encourage, and promote the academic, athletic, and fine arts programs in an effort to foster a spirit of fair play, good fellowship, true sportsmanship, and wholesome competition for all students. TAPPS provides competition in athletic events, academic contests, music divisions, and art categories for students in grades 9 through 12. Students have the opportunity to compete at the district level and advance to state. Students must be willing to devote outside time to each event.

#### National French Exam

The National French Exam is conducted each year by the American Association of Teachers of French. The exam measures a student's knowledge of French against a regional and national standard.

## National Spanish Exam

The National Spanish Exam is conducted each year by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The exam measures a student's knowledge of Spanish against a national standard in order to rank him or her in ability on a national scale.

#### TPSMEA Regional and All-State Choir Competition

Texas Private Schools Music Educators Association holds an annual audition for three regional choirs and one All-State Choir. Students from private schools in Texas audition for a place in a Regional choir. If they make it into their Regional choir they have the opportunity to audition for the All-State Choir. Only 120 students are selected for the All-State Choir.

#### **Debate Team Competitions**

Lakehill's debate team offers an exciting hands-on experience in the mechanics of the state legislative and judicial process of government. It provides opportunities for students to study and debate public issues.

#### **Activities**

Lakehill's tradition of excellence is not confined solely to the classroom. In keeping with Lakehill's desire to produce well-rounded citizens, students are encouraged to take advantage of a wide variety of extracurricular offerings.

#### **Athletics**

More than 75% of all Lakehill students participate on at least one athletic team. Try-outs are not necessary, but a commitment of time for practices and games is required. Athletic participation builds sportsmanship, team spirit, and skill, while also helping students become more fit and healthy. The following Varsity sports are offered at Lakehill:

- Varsity Football
- Varsity Boys' Basketball
- Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball
- Varsity Baseball
- Varsity Volleyball
- Junior Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Girls' Basketball
- Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball
- Varsity Co-ed Soccer
- Varsity Softball
- Varsity Golf
- Varsity Tennis
- Varsity Cross Country
- Varsity Track and Field
- Varsity Swimming
- Varsity Rowing/Crew

Lakehill teams have won distinction in all sports over the years at the district, regional, and state levels.

#### Cheerleading

Interested students are welcome to join the Varsity Cheerleading squad. The squad provides leadership for school spirit at Varsity Football and Basketball games, pep rallies, and a variety of special events, such as the Back-to-School Picnic, Open House, and Trek for Tech. Try-outs are not necessary, but a commitment to the squad is required. The Lakehill squad maintains a dedicated attitude toward excellence in all practices, performances, and responsibilities.

#### **Dances**

Different school organizations plan, organize, and implement the annual school dances. The Student Council sponsors several dances, including the Homecoming Dance and Prom. Dances are open to all Upper School students and guests are welcome at the invitation of Lakehill students.

## **Honor Societies**

#### French Honor Society

Societe Honoraire de Francais is a national organization created by the American Association of Teachers of French as a way to recognize students in grades 9-12 who have displayed outstanding interest and scholarship in the study of French. To become a member, students must have completed three consecutive years of French and must have maintained a 3.5 average in all their French courses.

#### **International Thespian Society**

As a member of the International Thespian Society (ITS), students join a group of people who have distinguished themselves in every other field of endeavor. As a Thespian, students receive a year's subscription to the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) publication *Dramatics*, as well as information about upcoming conferences, festivals, and auditions. Seniors planning on majoring or minoring in the communicative arts in college are also eligible to apply for scholarships sponsored by the EdTA.

## Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is a national organization that recognizes demonstrated honorable and superior achievement in mathematics. A student is eligible for the Lakehill Chapter initiation if he/she has been at Lakehill for at least one year, is a junior in good standing, and maintains an overall B average in all of his or her Upper School mathematics courses.

## National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) are revered organizations that promote the recognition of students who reflect exceptional accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, service, and leadership. Students in grades 9 who have attended Lakehill Preparatory School for two years and who have maintained an overall grade point average of 3.3 are invited to apply for membership into the NJHS. Students in grades 10 through 12 who have attended Lakehill Preparatory School for two years and who have maintained an overall grade point average of 3.5 are invited to apply for membership in NHS. Because the evaluation and selection of members is made by a faculty council, membership is an honor bestowed upon only the most outstanding students of the school community.

## Rho Kappa: National Social Studies Honor Society

The Warrior Chapter of Rho Kappa: National Social Studies Honor Society is for students with a special interest in the field of social studies. Active members shall exhibit a genuine interest in, and enthusiasm for, social studies scholarship and topics. As active members, students will meet throughout the year and plan various community service projects. Inductions are held each spring semester. In addition to other requirements, members shall have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the field of social studies.

## Science National Honor Society

The Science National Honor Society (SNHS) is a national organization that was created as a way to recognize those students in grades 9-12 who have displayed outstanding interest and scholarship in the study of Science. SNHS will be the prominent scientific organization that will empower a new group of young thinkers who will be the future of industry, research, and scientific exploration for America.

#### Spanish Honor Society

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica is a national organization that was created by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese as a way to recognize those students in grades 9-12 who have displayed outstanding interest and scholarship in the study of Spanish. To become a member, a student must have completed three consecutive years of Spanish and must have maintained a 3.5 average in all their Spanish courses.

## **Organizations**

## Lakehill Student Ambassadors

Students selected as a Lakehill Student Ambassador are chosen on the basis of scholarship and leadership and for their ability to positively represent Lakehill Preparatory School in the community. The Ambassadors serve as tour guides for prospective students and their parents visiting Lakehill for the first time. Additionally, they represent Lakehill at various special events, and work with the Director of Admission to project a positive image of Lakehill both within the school and in the community at large.

#### Class Organizations

Each Upper School class forms an organized group by electing officers and using parliamentary procedure for all meetings. The purpose of Class Organizations is to help class members establish a plan for providing service to their community while promoting an environment of shared purpose and cooperation. This is accomplished by selecting and completing a minimum of two community service projects each year and by

supporting school-wide community service projects. This group also provides an avenue for discussing class concerns for Student Council representatives to present at Student Council meetings. Class groups also meet outside of school on occasion at various social gatherings.

#### Sisteens

Sisteens is an organization dedicated to developing the leadership and networking skills of young women in grades 9 through 12. Through diverse opportunities and experiences, members are encouraged to take an active part in making decisions that affect their community. By being involved in a social environment in which they are empowered at a critical time in their lives, members will understand the importance of the female voice in shaping the outcome of complex issues facing our world.

## Student Council

Lakehill's Student Council is made up of a slate of officers elected each spring and of two representatives from each class elected in the fall. As an organization, Student Council has the responsibility of being a voice for student concerns and ideas and provides the mechanism for communicating these ideas to the Administration. Additionally, the Student Council hosts many dances and social events, including the Homecoming Dance and Prom. The Student Council also arranges for guest speakers on occasion and plans and implements several fundraising events throughout the year to raise the funds necessary to support its activities.

#### Warriors Outreach Organization (WOO)

The Warrior Outreach Organization is a community service initiative of the Upper School Student Council. All Upper School students are invited to attend these Saturday service projects. The group works with a different non-profit each quarter. The group has worked with For the Love of the Lake, Community Partners of Dallas, City Square, the North Texas Food Bank, Crossroads Community Services, and the City of Dallas Graffiti Abatement program.

## Clubs

## French Club

This organization provides students who are currently enrolled in a French class or who have successfully completed at least two years of French opportunities to explore cultural events in our community that are related to French-speaking countries. Although some events may be scheduled during school hours, most events will be held in the evenings or on weekends.

#### Lakehill Film Society

The Lakehill Film Society gathers twice a month to see an important film and discuss the context of the film and its notable features. The group typically meets in a student's home and brings snack foods or orders pizza. If a student's home is not available, the group meets at Lakehill. Student officers facilitate the meetings and arrange the monthly gatherings. The Club is open to all students in grades 9 through 12.

#### Pan American Student Forum

The Pan American Student Forum (PASF) is educational and cultural in its aim and purpose. It serves its members through the study of language, history, and background of all the countries included in the American group of nations and Spain. The Lakehill Chapter of the PASF incorporates social, educational, school, and community service activities in its dedicated efforts to better understand the Spanish-speaking world.

#### Debate Club

Lakehill's debate club offers an exciting hands-on experience in the mechanics of the state legislative and judicial process of government. It provides opportunities for students to study and debate public issues.

Additional interest clubs form based on student interest.

## **Travel Opportunities**

A variety of trips are offered to students in Upper School. However, not all trips are offered every year. Overseas trips are often offered of a rotating basis.

#### Costa Rica

This trip is offered to students in Upper School and is sponsored by the Science and World Language Departments. It is an ecology, conservation, and study expedition. The group spends ten days collecting data on leatherback turtles, relocating turtle eggs to a safe nursery, reforesting the rain forest and surrounding areas, and immersing students in the local culture. Students return with a strong sense of accomplishment, a strong commitment to global community service, and an education that cannot be replicated in the traditional classroom setting. The trip also includes horseback riding, zip lining across the canopy of the rain forest, white water rafting, playing in natural waterfalls, and enjoying native Costa Rican food.

#### Spain

The Spanish Department at Lakehill offers students of Spanish the opportunity to travel to Spain during Spring Break. The ten-day tour includes Barcelona, Toledo, Granada, Sevilla, Cordoba, El Escorial, El Valle do los Caidos, and Segovia. The trip affords Lakehill students a unique opportunity to discover the history, culture, and customs of Spain.

## New York

The Performing Arts Department at Lakehill offers Performing Arts students the opportunity to travel to New York City during Spring Break. The tour includes all the sights and sounds of the Big Apple, with a special focus on the myriad of performing arts venues and shows.

#### France

The French Department at Lakehill offers students of French the opportunity to travel to France during Spring Break. The ten day tour includes several days in Paris before winding its way up to the northern coast, where the students discover the region of Normandy. The trip concludes with two days in the famous Loire Valley.

## Standards for Participation in Leadership Roles

The opportunity to represent Lakehill Preparatory School in a leadership role is a privilege. Such a privilege carries certain responsibilities concerning conduct and effort.

#### Leadership Roles

- Student Council
  - President
  - Vice-President

- Secretary
- o Treasurer
- o Class Representatives

#### Class Officers

- President
- o Vice-President
- o Secretary
- o Treasurer
- Community Service
- Athletic Officers
  - o Team Captains
- Club Officers

## Responsibilities and Standards

Students seeking election to one of the school's leadership roles must meet the following requirements:

- Must have a contract on file in the Main Office
- Must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Must be passing all of their courses
- Must be in good standing behaviorally
- Must provide personal resources for campaigning

All exceptions to the above standards are solely at the discretion of the Headmaster and will be granted only in cases he deems exceptional and extraordinary.

#### Qualifications of Office

To retain the role of officer, a student must adhere to standards set forth to qualify as an officer, as well as any additional standards established by the by-laws of various school-sponsored organizations.

## Health and Safety Regulations

No rules are more important or taken more seriously than those having to do with a student's health and well being. The following policies and procedures were developed to ensure the safety and well being of every student:

#### **Immunization Records**

All students must have documentation of up-to-date immunizations on file in the Main Office by the first day of school.

#### Medication and Special Diets

School personnel may not dispense any medication on an "as needed" basis. All medications, prescription and over the counter, must be brought to school in their original containers and be accompanied by a Medication Authorization Form which has been signed by the parents. No medication will be dispensed unless it has been provided by the parents and is accompanied by the Medication Authorization Form. Medications will only be dispensed according to the dosing directions on the label. Unless directed by a physician, medications (not including inhalers and epi-pens) will not be held at school for longer than 15 school days. If your child is authorized to carry life-saving medications such as an inhaler for asthma (as prescribed by a physician), then a Contract for Self-Carried Medication Form must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian and kept on file in the Main Office. If your child is taking a medication

that causes drowsiness, poor appetite, etc. please inform the classroom teacher and the office. When needed, please send a spoon with your child's medication.

If your child has specific food allergies or is on a special diet, please inform the classroom teacher and the Main Office.

#### Hearing, Vision, Scoliosis, and Acanthosis Nigricans Screening

Hearing, vision, and Acanthosis Nigricans screenings are required by the state for all students in kindergarten and in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. All new entrants are also required to have hearing, vision and Acanthosis Nigricans screenings. These screenings will be administered by licensed professionals at school for a nominal fee.

## Fire Extinguishers

Remember that it is against the law to tamper with the fire extinguishers, and anyone committing an infraction of this law will be subject to severe disciplinary action.

#### Drills

Directions for leaving the building in the event of a fire or fire drill are posted in each room. In the case of a fire or fire drill, an alarm will sound. All students are to leave the building quietly and return to class in the same manner. Additional drills for inclement weather and lock downs are practiced throughout the year. Complete information on the current Emergency Plan and Crisis Management procedures is available in the Main Office.

#### **Special Guests**

- Parents and guests who are visiting Lakehill must check in at the reception desk.
- Student visitors must:
  - Seek permission from an administrator to visit during the school day.
  - o Be granted permission at the discretion of the Headmaster.
  - o Be assigned to a student, given a nametag, and attend classes with that student.
  - o Adhere to the rules and regulations of Lakehill Preparatory School.

## Parent Faculty Club

It is the purpose of the Lakehill Preparatory School Parent Faculty Club to support and enrich the educational experience of Lakehill students. Working together, parents assist with school activities and sponsor fund-raising activities. Parents and faculty are cordially invited to attend the Parent Faculty Club meetings. Active participation in school functions promotes a deeper mutual understanding.

# Campus Traffic Flow, Parking, and Carpool

The attached diagram indicates the traffic pattern for the entire campus. These patterns were established as a result of our Traffic Study and set by the city of Dallas. There are three distinct traffic patterns for drop-off and pick-up. The Lower School pattern is in Green, the Middle School pattern is in Blue, and the Upper School pattern is in Red. Please note that the Lower and Middle School divisions have drop-off spots that are different from the pick-up spots. To ensure the safety of our students, please adhere to the regulations listed below:

• For the safety of all involved, please turn off your cell phones when dropping off or picking up your

child.

- In the morning and afternoon, please drop your Upper School child off in the fire lane on the south side of the Commons. To enter the fire lane, parents will line-up on Westlake. Parents will enter the fire lane and drive toward the Upper School wing. After dropping your child off in the carpool line, please continue along the traffic flow path and exit the campus by turning right toward Blanch Circle.
- If you have children in multiple divisions, you may drop your children off at the drop-off spot of your choice.
- Please have your child ready to exit the car as soon as you pull up to the drop-off point. Stopping, even for short periods of time, creates an unsafe situation for cars. If you must stop, please park in one of the many Visitor spaces.
- Students, who arrive after 8:00 a.m., must enter the school through the Main Entrance and check in at the Reception Desk to get a tardy slip. After 8:00 a.m., enter the parking lot from Hillside, drop off your child at the Main Entrance, and then follow the traffic flow pattern and left toward Blanch Circle.
- Park your car in one of the many Visitor parking spaces, not in the fire lane, when leaving your car for any reason.
- Do not park your car in a "Handicapped" designated parking space without the proper permit.
- If there is a special circumstance that requires a parent to occasionally pick up a child early from school, the parent must sign the child out at the Reception Desk.
- Students, who drive to school, should enter and exit the parking lot from Hillside Drive.
- Courtesy and cooperation will ensure a safe environment for our students and a more pleasant experience for all parents.

