



Lakewood Catholic Academy understands the challenges brought on by COVID-19. We know that parents are facing difficult educational decisions. To assist our families, we have created learning plans for the 2020-2021 school year to allow parents to adopt the plan that fits the unique needs of their family:

FULL-TIME, IN-PERSON LEARNING

LCA will offer full-time, in-person instruction to all K-8 students in the fall. Information regarding in-person learning and COVID-19 mitigation strategies can be found in our [reopening plan documents](#).

FULL-TIME DIGITAL LEARNING

LCA will offer a full-time, digital learning experience for all K-8 students that provides daily synchronous instruction. The amount of daily screen time varies across grade levels and has been organized to balance a student's time on-screen with a student's time for independent work.

HYBRID LEARNING

LCA will offer parents the ability to reevaluate the learning plan that is most beneficial for their child(ren) on a bi-weekly basis. By Friday, August 28th, all LCA families will be required to submit their selected plan for the start of classes. Families who wish to change the plan for one or more of their children will be able to do so after the first two weeks of classes. Parents are not permitted to create a schedule in which a child alternates between in-person and digital learning on a daily basis.

MANDATED SCHOOL CLOSURE

Should LCA be required by the State of Ohio or health authorities to cancel all in-person classes for a period of time, synchronous digital instruction will be held at each grade level. All instruction will be live and teacher-directed, and will take place every day. Instruction will include:

- K-2: 90 minutes of daily instruction focused on math and literacy, with two additional 30-minute sessions for small group instruction and social emotional support each day.
- 3-4: Two hours of daily instruction focused on math and literacy, with two additional 30-minute sessions for small group instruction and social emotional support each day.
- 5-8: Daily instruction in math, literature/language arts, science and social studies
- All grade levels will receive regular instruction in theology and related arts
- All grade levels will be expected to complete independent work when not online

Digital Learning Plan

LCA has hired two certified educators to serve as Digital Learning Teachers whose sole responsibility will be to facilitate digital learning for our kindergarten through 4th grade Saints. The Digital Learning Teachers will have specified time with each grade level for grade-specific instruction.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 2ND GRADE

Digital Learners in kindergarten through 2nd grade will engage in 90 minutes of synchronous instruction with their Digital Learning Teacher on a daily basis. In addition, theology and related arts sessions will be available Tuesday through Thursday. Kindergarten through 2nd grade digital learning sessions will prioritize math and literacy, with daily instruction divided into two, 45-minute sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

- [View a sample schedule](#)



3RD AND 4TH GRADE

Digital Learners in 3rd and 4th grade will engage in two hours of synchronous instruction with their Digital Learning Teacher on a daily basis. In addition, theology and related arts sessions will be available Tuesday through Thursday. Digital learning sessions in 3rd and 4th grade will prioritize math and literacy, with daily instruction divided into two, 60-minute sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

- [View a sample schedule](#)

5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

In 5th through 8th grade, classes in math, literature/language arts, science and social studies will be live-streamed, via Zoom, on a daily basis. In addition, students will engage in synchronous instruction in theology once per week. Students in 7th and 8th grade will also have synchronous instruction in foreign language each Monday. By live-streaming, Digital Learners and in-person students will attend these classes at the same time. Digital Learners in 5th through 8th grade will participate in related arts courses asynchronously through Google Classroom.

- [View a sample schedule \(5th grade\)](#)
- [View a sample schedule \(6th grade\)](#)
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ADDED SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL LEARNERS

Digital Learners in grades K-4 may participate in **LCAcares**, a social emotional hour via Zoom with members of the administrative team, one Saturday morning per month from 8:00-9:00am. The **LCAcares** program is designed to promote connection, gratitude and well-being.

Digital Learners in grades 5-8 will have exclusive access to faculty office hours, via Zoom, twice per week. Additionally, the **LCAcares** program will be available with members of the administrative team one Sunday evening per month from 7:00-8:00pm.

LEARNING MATERIALS

Textbooks and workbooks for Digital Learners will be provided by LCA. If you choose the digital learning option, access to a printer at home is required. Teachers across all grade levels will maintain a Google Classroom, through which students and parents will be able to access materials to be printed at home. Families will also be responsible for scanning/uploading assignments and assessments that are not completed electronically.

ASSESSMENTS

Students will be assessed following the same grading scale as their in-person classmates. Assessments for all Digital Learners will require parent oversight and a commitment to an honest approach to each student's work.

Whether at home or in-person, students will be assessed using MAP standardized tests, with which they have become familiar over the past three years. This data will be used to assess and address any gaps in learning that may have occurred in the spring of 2020.



PRIVACY

Recognizing that this is a school setting, the presence of minors in all LCA digital learning sessions is a given. Cameras in each of the synchronized 5-8 classrooms will be positioned to focus primarily on the teacher. To protect and maintain the privacy of all parties involved, LCA will not record Zoom sessions at any grade level. In addition, all participants and participating families are strictly prohibited from recording any images, video or still-frame, during an LCA digital learning session.

Learning During Absences

Student absences during the 2020-2021 school year will, at times, be beyond the control of a student and his/her family. Each student's requirement for learning, dependent on the reason for his/her absence, is as follows:

HOME AND ILL

- Any student who is home due to illness lasting longer than three days will have the option of temporarily joining the digital learning plan. A student will have full access to digital learning, but will not be required to participate if not feeling healthy enough to do so.
- A student who is home less than three days or is too ill to join the digital learning plan will work with his or her teacher(s) to make up essential work that was missed during the absence. This is in line with our standard absence policy.

HOME AND HEALTHY

- Any healthy student required to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19 will transition to digital learning for the duration of the quarantine period, and will be required to attend all digital learning sessions and complete all assignments.

Athletics & Extracurriculars

A student's enrollment in digital learning will not limit his/her involvement in extracurricular activities. All students, whether they are engaged in digital or in-person learning, may participate in CYO athletics as well as other extracurricular activities available at their grade level. While athletics is governed by CYO, the school's ability to safely offer clubs and extracurricular activities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may change throughout the year.

Digital Partnerships





School Tuition & Finances

Lakewood Catholic Academy is committed to providing each student with a premier Catholic elementary education. Regardless of in-person or digital learning, LCA is continuing to educate our Saints through traditional and non-traditional means. In order to execute our digital learning, we have hired additional, certified teachers dedicated to digital learning, and invested in technology to facilitate synchronous instruction. Our educators will continue to learn, listen, adjust and deploy the best educational experiences and adaptations possible as we navigate our way through this crisis.

SCHOOL TUITION

Tuition rates are the same for in-person and digital learning during the 2020-2021 school year. We cannot continue our mission without your support. We know the decision to pay tuition requires sacrifice on the part of families – now more than ever. We are confident, however, that the investments you make today will allow LCA to meet the needs of this time, grow in its role as a leader in Catholic elementary education, and, when this storm has passed, be even stronger to serve your children.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We understand that families may have encountered unexpected financial hardships due to COVID-19. We stand fully committed to those families that find themselves in need of tuition assistance. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Vice President of Advancement, Patrick Straffen (pstraffen@lcasaints.com). Each family's financial situation is unique and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Digital Learner Orientation

A virtual orientation session will be available, and recommended, for all Digital Learners. On Friday, September 4th, those families who have indicated that they will utilize digital learning to begin the school year will receive a link to LCA's digital learning orientation. As indicated above, families will have the ability to reconsider their involvement in digital learning on a bi-weekly basis. Any family who opts for digital learning at a later date in the school year will receive access to LCA's digital learning orientation at that time. After completing the digital learning orientation, families may contact Ms. Warrell with any questions they might have. Digital Learners will be expected to visit campus on Tuesday, September 8th, to pick up the textbooks and workbooks they will need.



Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Sample Digital Learning Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:15-9:00	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Kindergarten
9:15-10:00	1st Grade	1st Grade	1st Grade	1st Grade	1st Grade
10:15-11:00	2nd Grade	2nd Grade	2nd Grade	2nd Grade	2nd Grade
11:10-11:25			P.E. K-2nd Grade	MUSIC K-2nd Grade	
12:00-12:45	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Kindergarten
1:00-1:45	1st Grade	1st Grade	1st Grade	1st Grade	1st Grade
2:00-2:45	2nd Grade	2nd Grade	2nd Grade	2nd Grade	2nd Grade
3:15-3:45		ART K-2nd Grade		THEOLOGY K-2nd Grade	

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3rd and 4th Grade Sample Digital Learning Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30-9:30	3rd Grade	3rd Grade	3rd Grade	3rd Grade	3rd Grade
10:00-11:00	4th Grade	4th Grade	4th Grade	4th Grade	4th Grade
11:25-11:40				MUSIC 3rd-4th Grade	
11:30-11:45			P.E. 3rd-4th Grade		
12:30-1:30	3rd Grade	3rd Grade	3rd Grade	3rd Grade	3rd Grade
2:00-3:00	4th Grade	4th Grade	4th Grade	4th Grade	4th Grade
3:15-3:45				THEOLOGY 3rd-4th Grade	
3:50-4:20		ART 3rd-4th Grade			



5th Grade Student Sample Digital Learning Schedule

MONDAY		TUESDAY through FRIDAY				
8:10-8:43	Language Arts	8:10-8:50	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
8:46-9:19	Theology	9:36-10:16	Science	Science	Science	Science
9:22-9:55	Science	10:19-10:59	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:58-10:31	Math	12:38-1:23	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies
11:58-12:37	Individuals & Societies	1:26-2:06	Literature	Literature	Literature	Literature
12:40-1:13	Literature					

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6th Grade Student Sample Digital Learning Schedule

MONDAY		TUESDAY through FRIDAY				
8:46-9:38	Math	8:53-9:56	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:39-10:31	Language & Literature	9:56-10:59	Language & Literature	Language & Literature	Language & Literature	Language & Literature
11:16-11:55	Theology	12:38-1:23	Science	Science	Science	Science
11:58-12:37	Science	2:09-2:49	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies
1:16-1:49	Individuals & Societies					

Digital Learners in grades 5-8 will have office hours as outlined in the [Digital Learning Plan](#).
Related Arts courses will be accessed asynchronously through Google Classroom.



7th Grade Student Sample Digital Learning Schedule

MONDAY		TUESDAY through FRIDAY				
8:10-9:10	Individuals & Societies	8:10-8:50	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:13-10:13	Science	8:53-9:33	Theology			
10:16-11:13	Language & Literature	9:36-10:16	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies
12:53-1:49	Math	12:38-1:23	Science	Science	Science	Science
2:00-2:30	Spanish	2:09-2:49	Language & Literature	Language & Literature	Language & Literature	Language & Literature

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8th Grade Student Sample Digital Learning Schedule

MONDAY		TUESDAY through FRIDAY				
8:10-9:10	Math	8:10-8:50	Theology			
9:13-10:13	Language & Literature	8:53-9:33	Math	Math	Math	Math
10:16-11:13	Individuals & Societies	9:36-10:16	Science	Science	Science	Science
12:53-1:49	Science	12:38-1:23	Language & Literature	Language & Literature	Language & Literature	Language & Literature
2:35-3:05	Spanish	1:26-2:06	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies	Individuals & Societies

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