

LA LUMIERE SCHOOL
Character • Scholarship • Faith





At La Lumiere, we form character, cultivate scholarship, and explore faith in order to grow into more complete versions of ourselves.

Character

We believe that character is best formed in a community founded on authentic relationships and trust. We structure experiences that encourage students to develop the agency, grit, and self-discipline to take ownership of their lives and the campus, integrity, and courage to advocate for others. Through both success and failure, we teach students to act ethically and prudently with an orientation toward the common good.

Scholarship

As a community of learners, we engage in civil discourse, listen charitably, work to be responsibly informed, and encounter the world with genuine interest. Our faculty guides students as they hone academic skills and habits of mind, and we have high expectations for how all students will grow and learn. Meaningful learning takes place when the dynamic between teacher and pupil is done right, and personal convictions foster a process which engages students' experiences and interest to draw forth their best efforts. Beyond content mastery, our scholars develop a sense of wonder and an appetite for lifelong learning.

Faith

Earliest exploration of faith is an integral part of education. Here, we strive to practice and live out our own faith lives, even as we explore our beliefs. No matter what their religion, each member of our school family belongs. Together, we seek spiritual understanding through an appreciation of the beauty of the natural world, a commitment to justice and service, and the pursuit of an active and authentic spiritual life centered on reflection, self-awareness, and hope. The Catholic faith serves as the bedrock of this pursuit, and its vision of the dignity of the human person gives us faith in one another, informing what we value and how we act.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

Sample Weekday Schedule

- 8:15-8:25 Morning Meeting
- 8:30-9:15 World Religions
- 9:20-10:05 Biology
- 10:10-10:35 Advisory
- 10:40-11:25 Latin 1
- 11:30-12:15 Algebra 2 Honors
- 12:15-12:45 Lunch
- 12:45-1:30 Jazz Band
- 1:35-2:20 World History 1
- 2:25-3:10 Intro to Literature & Composition
- 3:10-4:00 Tutorials/Office Hours
- 4:00-6:00 Volleyball Practice
- 6:15-7:00 Dinner
- 7:00-8:00 Residential Life Hour
- 8:00-9:30 Study Hall
- 9:30-10:30 Quiet Hour
- 10:30 Lights Out

whole-school meeting for attendance and announcements

group meeting with faculty advisor to discuss academics and student life

open time to work on homework or discuss classwork with faculty

boarding students only!

on- or off-campus activities that resemble family time with fellow boarders (think: baking, ice cream trips, fishing, bonfires, dorm dodgeball, ping pong, board games)

Community Service

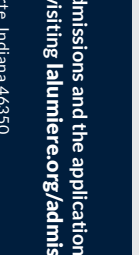
La Lumiere believes that selfless giving and understanding the needs of one's broader community are integral parts of character formation. We aim to cultivate among our students a willingness and desire to serve, and require participation in community service for graduation. Students regularly serve at Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Humane Society, local nursing homes, and local public elementary schools.



Students in Guatemala, Nicaragua

Athletics

Athletic opportunities include baseball, basketball, crew, cross country, golf, tennis, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. Students are required to participate in at least one athletic activity per year, and this can include club and non-competitive offerings such as Running Club and TriTross.



Tennis

College Advising

Residential Life Orientation

Dual Enrollment Orientation

LA LU TRADITIONS

Senior Bonfire

Each fall, over Parents Weekend, La Lumiere hosts a celebration of the senior class that epitomizes our school's name. Seniors walk together around the lake, each holding their own torch, until they reach a clearing. Upon arrival, the class contributes their individual light to the bonfire as a symbol of their commitment to the larger La Lumiere community.



Taste of La Lumiere

In their spring, students and faculty prepare dishes to represent their family heritage or traditions. With a menu that includes more than 100 unique recipes from around the world, this event truly celebrates the diversity of our community.



Head's Cup Tournament

La Lumiere's yearlong series of Head's Cup activities is one of the ways in which our community connects. It is a forum that develops teamwork, fosters pride in our school, and keeps the history of La Lumiere alive in students' experience.

Welcome to La Lu, a co-educational boarding and day school for grades 9-12, set on a 190-acre wooded campus.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Cubs & Activities

Club offerings vary year-to-year, but some commonly recurring and popular opportunities include Chess Club, Film Club, Musical Production, Cookies & Creative Writing, Test Prep, Yoga/Meditation, and Outdoor Adventures.



The Arts

Co-curricular arts opportunities are diverse and generally include theater performances (with opportunities to produce student-written work), music performances, the Indiana State solo and ensemble competition, art portfolio production, and Fine Arts Fridays - a community-wide arts sharing experience.



Class Club

Academic Teams

La Lumiere's academic teams are a well-established and popular component of the co-curricular experience. They include Academic, Decathlon, Academic Super Bowl, and the Science Olympiad team, which has qualified for the state tournament every year since 1993.



Science Olympiad Engineering Demo

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Portfolio Writing Program

The English department empowers students' growth as writers through a portfolio program. All freshmen take Introduction to Literature and Composition, all sophomores take Literature and Composition, and juniors and seniors take two consecutive seminars of their choice, one in writing and one in literature. As the culminating project in each of these courses, students select their best writing, make revisions, and submit it to their portfolio. To discover their own growth, underclassmen complete written portfolio reflections, while upperclassmen present their selection and process to their peers.

Student Leadership

The Pericles Leadership Program offers formal positions in student life, admissions, service, spiritual life, residential life, and co-curriculars, among others. The Office of Student Leadership also provides extensive support for students who want to serve the La Lumiere community through other means, including working side-by-side with students who are interested in developing special academic and co-curricular programming according to their talents and interests.

International Study and Service Programs

La Lumiere offers academic and service travel programs during school breaks to various locations around the globe. In the past, these trips have included the Czech Republic, England, Nicaragua, Spain, and Taiwan. Travel programs are designed to provide students with rich cultural and/or linguistic immersion experience. The trip to Nicaragua is an annual spring break tradition that centers around service through a partnership with Esperanza Children's Foundation in Managua.

Freshman Experience

All first-year students at La Lumiere participate in the year-long Freshman Experience program, which aims to help students connect with each other, adjust to academic expectations, and integrate themselves into life at La Lumiere. The program includes time- and team-building activities, as well as summertime academic preparation, to help freshmen acclimate to school life.

Wednesday Activities and Electives

Every Wednesday, our schedule includes an afternoon activity slot. This provides an opportunity for students to take elective courses, participate in clubs, perform community service, or even create their own student-led activities. Some examples include: *Stripped: A History of Rock Music*, *Writing in Translation*, *Translation and Time: A Social History*, and *Real Talk: Being a Woman in Today's World*.

Ethics

Ethics is a senior capstone class that emphasizes social and critical engagement in contemporary ethical issues. This is accomplished by inspiring moral action through experiential awareness of ethical injustices and by developing relevant skills through exposure to legal and secular dialogue. The intention of the class is to encourage students to be confident in moral dialogue as citizens and individuals on important issues of meaning, morality, and character.

The College Advising Office works individually with each student to help find colleges and universities where they will be challenging, happy, and successful. The college advising process formally begins junior year, but services are available to any student at any time. We also aim to help students develop skills such as critical thinking, analytical reading, clear communication, and thoughtful decision-making that will serve them in their lives as college students and beyond.

Candle Ceremony

Each spring, before commencement, the La Lumiere community gathers in the Lakeside Amphitheater to celebrate the graduates. Each senior takes a moment to share how an underclassman or faculty member impacted them during their time at La Lumiere, and passes on their light (a candle) to that individual.

To discover more La Lu traditions, visit lalumiere.org/traditions

