



FINDING THE

RIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL

FOR YOUR CHILD

Explore our school culture
and approach to education.



I love the connection I have with my child,
but will it survive through their teenage years?

Where can I send my child to school
that will be safe, wholesome, nurturing, and well-balanced?

Are they going to care
about our family values when they start really feeling independent?

As the parent of a middle schooler, you've likely asked these questions as you've considered the learning experience you want for your child. You recognize that middle school is a new season of growth, in every area of life, and you want this time to be exciting for your child instead of overwhelming. The truth is — environment matters. It impacts how middle schoolers ...

- ... learn how to self-advocate ...
- ... distinguish their strengths ...
- ... identify personal interests ...
- ... wake up to some of the many opportunities their future could hold.

This guide is only the beginning of sharing our story with your family.

We are an inclusive, caring, and transformative community and would love to know if you feel at home here. At Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School (LuHi), families don't need to choose between an outstanding education with exciting co-curriculars or a healthy environment where their child will be known and cared for by dedicated mentors. We are pleased to offer all of these things because we understand how they shape pre-teens into confident individuals as they prepare for high school and what comes next. Friendships, expert faculty, a rigorous curriculum, and character development in a Christian environment all foster the most important things you could give your child: a strong start in life, an excellent education, and our vision to develop compassionate, educated leaders for the future.

We know you are searching for a meaningful middle school experience that offers more than a bridge between elementary school and high school. Read our guide and then take the next step and **schedule a tour with our admissions team**. We look forward to meeting your family and exploring opportunities for your child at LuHi!

Sincerely,

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SAFE SPACES TO LEARN AND GROW

Students in middle school crave a sense of community, safety, and security. At LuHi, we provide a culture of kindness where teachers model intentionality and students learn to communicate purposefully.

What does this look like on our campus?

We Emphasize Respect. Our core values — community, excellence, family, and Christian love — affirm an environment of healthy relationship building with others and self. Our dedicated school counselor supports each student individually.

We Build Authentic Relationships. In addition to making lifelong friends in the classroom, and through clubs and athletics, students participate in LuHi's Middle School Buddies program where eighth graders serve as role models and mentor younger students.

We Foster Character Development. Middle schoolers practice empathy, collaboration, active listening, self-discipline, and more through campus leadership positions, community service projects, campus ministry, and student government.

When middle schoolers feel secure and understood, they have the confidence needed to tackle new challenges and opportunities. Keep reading to learn what this looks like in the classroom ...



CULTIVATING THEIR EMERGING GIFTS



Our middle school students are engaged, active, and discerning learners who will grow to become tomorrow's leaders. We help students learn to view failure as an important part of the learning process that ultimately contributes to their success. With this mindset, they become capable of handling a more rigorous curriculum that will prepare them for high school and college.

LuHi students stand out from their peers because we:

Encourage Goal Setting. LuHi's middle school counselor works with each student to set individualized goals and ensure they're making the most of opportunities and their abilities.

Develop Critical Thinking. Project-based learning and other instructional techniques encourage students to think about why and how. During our **Beyond Boundaries project week**, students choose two outside-the-classroom educational experiences.

Foster Spiritual Development. Students participate in weekly chapel services, take religion classes, help with service projects, and interact with the Campus Ministry team.

Emphasize Autonomy. In addition to electives and campus activities, students take Focus classes to learn soft skills, such as time management and organization, that they need to thrive in middle school, high school and beyond.

Building confidence during a season of rapid growth.

Our innovative approach to integrating shared values in a challenging curriculum allows students to develop in and out of the classroom as they prepare for the challenges ahead in high school, college, and beyond.



Competitive Athletics

Student athletes work on everything from skill development to sportsmanship. Intramurals start in sixth grade, middle school athletics start in seventh grade, and junior varsity and varsity sports are an option as well.



Strong Academics

Middle school students prepare for high school as they study core subject areas and even have the opportunity to take some high school-level courses, paving the way to take college-level courses in high school.



Leadership Opportunities

Student Government, National Junior Honor Society, and our Middle School Buddy program are just some of the leadership roles our middle school students enjoy.

The collective resources we offer provide students with the opportunity to explore interests outside of their core academic strengths. To learn more about our extensive offerings, **schedule a call or personal campus tour with our admissions team.**

Let's cover some of those practical considerations that every family has when they are looking for the perfect middle school. You probably have personal deal-breakers and priorities — and we absolutely want to hear about them. A relaxed conversation with our team or a chat during your campus tour are great places to talk about school-and-family values alignment, our approaches to discipline and problem-solving, how we accommodate learning style needs, and so much more.

ALIGNMENT WHERE IT MATTERS THE MOST

Location

Where is the campus? Our beautiful 32-acre campus is located in Brookville, New York, on Long Island's North Shore. Most of our students live within a 15-mile radius of campus. Nearby school districts provide transportation to non-public schools within a 15-mile radius.

Schedule

How does a school fit into your family's schedule? LuHi's school day runs from 8:20 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our Beyond the Bell program keeps middle schoolers engaged after school with clubs, athletics, extra help, and activities in a supervised environment.

Partnering With Parents

How does the school partner with parents? We ensure a strong connection between home and school through our Family Association, volunteer opportunities, and programming and speakers that give parents the support they need to navigate the middle school years.

Growth Opportunities

What happens when your child makes a mistake and needs some guidance? LuHi students are held to high standards with a focus on teachable moments. Small class sizes allow teachers to really connect with their students and support their academic and social/emotional needs.



INVITING YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Middle school will be a significant time in your child's life. Your child is forming their identity and discovering passions as they learn to embrace their unique talents and interests. This special season should be so much more than something they simply endure on their way to high school.

More often, we hear that students are helping to choose where they go to middle school, and we love that! But how exactly should you invite your child into the conversation?

Be intentional and ask specific questions. Try asking your child about an interest or subject they would like to develop further, rather than broad questions such as "What school do you want to go to?" If they are really interested in performing and visual arts, help them look for a school that has a strong arts program and can support their growing interests.

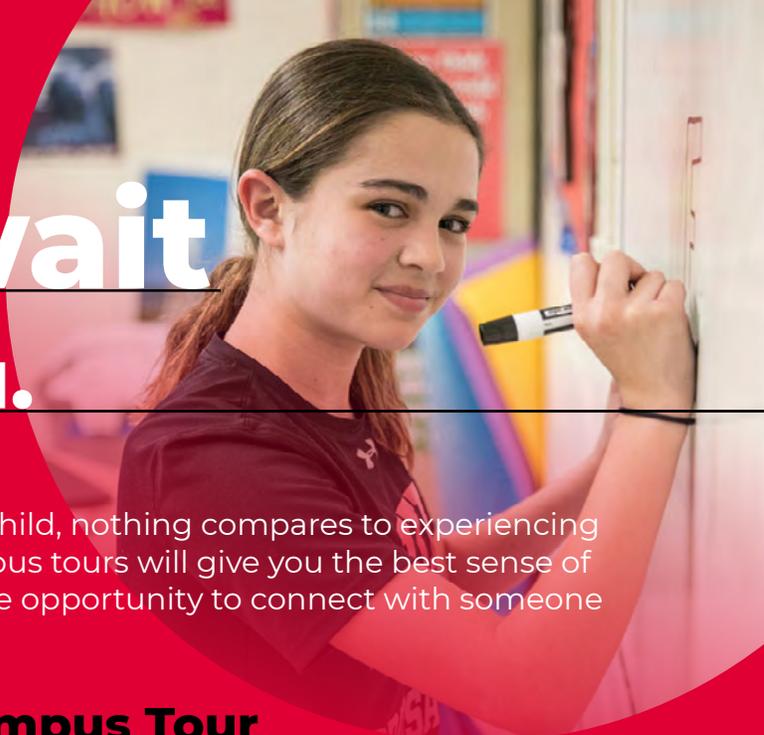
Ask your middle schooler what they need from you. As they share their thoughts on the subject, do they want your advice? Or do they just need a listening ear as they process? Letting them talk through this decision gives them the opportunity to practice self-advocacy — an important skill they will strengthen in middle school.

Understand that communication doesn't have to be conversation. Identify interests that you can explore together, and use those as a foundation for connecting. If your child doesn't want to talk about school at the dinner table, but loves to be outdoors, consider taking a walk or going for a bike ride together. Chances are, they'll open up when they're in their comfort zone and doing something they love to do.

Be curious, not critical. Middle schoolers are sensitive to criticism, and they crave your approval (even if it doesn't always feel that way). Try to avoid direct questions such as "Why would you want to go to that school?" Instead, let your child guide the conversation.



We can't wait to meet you.



When it comes to choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to experiencing the learning environment firsthand! Our campus tours will give you the best sense of what we have to offer and provide you with the opportunity to connect with someone who can answer your specific questions.

What to Expect On Your Campus Tour

Explore our beautiful 32-acre campus in Brookville by **scheduling a personal tour** with our admissions team. On your tour, you will have the chance to see:

Our middle school classrooms, where students are engaged in learning through a challenging high school-prep curriculum

The dining facility where your child will break from class and relax with friends during lunch

Our chapel, where students help lead weekly services

LuHi's multiple gym spaces, where students gather for athletics and physical education classes

Students can also join us for a shadow day, where they will meet our teachers and interact with fellow students for a day. It's a great opportunity to see if LuHi is the right fit for your family.

Questions?

Please contact our admissions team at 516.626.1736 or admissions@luhi.org.



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