

QUESTIONS STUDENTS OFTEN ASK

Every year, students about to enter Leduc Junior High greet the prospect with excitement and wonder. For some, especially those who have had brothers and sisters in our school, it's another interesting year of school, but for others it raises many questions. The question and answer section that follows is designed to help assist a student in feeling more confident about coming to École Leduc Junior High School.

What is the biggest difference?

Probably the biggest difference is you may have as many as eight different teachers as you move from subject to subject throughout the day.

What will the first day of school be like?

On the first day, when you come to school, find your name on the class lists which will be posted in many halls. Then find the room to which your homeroom has been assigned. Just ask any teacher in the hall for directions. Your homeroom teacher will answer all other questions that you might have at that time.

What are the keys to being successful in junior high?

Students who come to school and come on time, who do their work the best they are able, who bring their materials, who stay organized, and who participate in the many activities in our school are sure to be successful. The main reason that students are unsuccessful in junior high is failure to complete assignments.

Is it true that I may be in a class where none of my friends are?

Yes, and we do not move students just so they can be with their friends. We like to give you an opportunity to get to know many other people. Junior high is a lot more fun when you know lots of people.

Is junior high difficult?

Junior high is not harder than elementary school, only different. Most of our students said that the hardest thing about junior high is staying organized. You will no longer have all your things in a desk in one room. You move from room to room changing for each subject. You will no longer have workbooks that help to keep you organized; now you will have sheets and sheets of handouts and notes. Our learning support counsellor will give you tips on organization at the beginning of the year. By grade nine, the curriculum is designed to prepare students for the academic challenges of high school. The marks in grade nine are an important factor in high school programming.

What are the teachers like?

At École Leduc Junior High School teachers are specialized in core areas. Students may have a different teacher for each core subject. Junior high teachers understand that it takes a little time for kids to adjust, so at the beginning of the year you'll get lots of help. However, as the

year goes on, you will be expected to assume more and more responsibility for your achievement in school.

What adult do I talk to if I have a problem?

Students may talk to any of their teachers, the counsellor, the assistant principal, or the principal. Usually you do not have to make an appointment - we are available to help.

Is it true that there is a lot of homework?

Certainly there is homework. You can expect homework almost every day in one subject or another and many times you will have a longer time to do an assignment so you have to schedule when you are going to do it. If you use your class time productively and don't forget your materials you will reduce the time needed for homework.

What if I don't do my homework?

Any number of things may happen, depending on the teacher. You may have to fill out a form so the teacher has a record, or stay in until the work is done, or get an incomplete for that day's work, or the teacher may phone home to let your parents know that you aren't doing your work. Not handing in assignments can lower marks.

What kind of marks do I need to pass?

To ensure that you pass, you need to get over 50% in three of the four core subjects, that is, language, math, science and social, and you must have a weighted average of over 50% overall.

What are some of the activities in which I can participate?

art club	cross-country running	student assemblies
badminton	guitar club	student leadership
band	intramural activities	track and field
basketball	Me to We Club	volleyball
coding club	Running Room Games	volunteering
choir	rugby	wrestling
Citadel	run club	yearbook (grade 9s)
computers	ski club	
creative writing club	spelling bee	

What can I do at lunch time?

For 20 minutes there is a scheduled time for eating. After that you can go to the library, the games room, the computer lab, the fitness room, intramurals, an extra-curricular activity, or outside. You cannot wander the halls! We want to keep our students safe in a supervised activity.

Do we have lockers for students? Do I have to keep everything in my locker?

You will have two lockers - a hall locker and a gym locker. The hall locker is for your coat and books and the gym locker is for your change of clothes. You do not share lockers. Yes. In any room, up to eight different people may use the desk in which you sit so nothing can be left in a classroom.

What if someone picks my combination lock?

Despite what some may think, students generally don't pick locks. When things go missing, it is often due to the owner not locking the lock properly or having told someone else the combination. Keep your lock combination to yourself always! We ask that all students buy school locks - new ones cost \$5.00.