

# **Common Question and Answers for Lethbridge Collegiate**

## **Institute for Gr. 9 Parents**

We are thrilled to welcome grade 9 students and parents to Lethbridge Collegiate Institute. As you embark on this exciting journey, we want to provide new grade 9 students and parents with a question and answer guide to help you navigate through the high school experience. Our aim is to create a supportive and enriching environment that fosters academic growth, personal development, and memorable experiences.

### **When does school start for grade 9's?**

On September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am, is our orientation day for all grade 9 students. They will meet in the large gym for a short assembly, be introduced to their advisors, review a PowerPoint, and then head on a school tour where they will receive their Green & Gold t-shirt. Lunch will be provided that day, although we recommend they bring snacks/water as well. In the afternoon, they will meet all their teachers as they run through a modified day.

### **When do Grade 9 students receive their timetables and have their photos taken?**

Timetables and pictures occur in the LCI learning commons on Aug 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:45-4:15. Any students that miss pictures on August 31, can have theirs taken on picture make-up day Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Where do I find bussing information and maps?**

Bussing for the Lethbridge School Division is run by Southland Transportation. All information can be located on their website <https://www.southland.ca/lethbridge/>.

If your student has been registered to ride the buss with Southland Transportation and is on the bus list, they will need to visit the LCI main office to pick up a sticker that will be placed on their student ID card.

### **What do student need for Grade 9 school supplies?**

Backpack, two binders with lined paper/dividers, scientific calculator (TI 30 is preferred), writing supplies (pens, pencils, highlighters, ruler), water bottle, gym strip (shoes, shorts, shirt) for PE class, and lunch kit. Optional item would be a laptop. Please note that LCI's learning platform is Microsoft and iPads/Chromebooks are not recommended.

### **What does a typical day look like for Grade 9 students?**

Grade 9 students are placed in a homeroom pattern. The day will consist of five classes which will include English Language Arts, Math, Physical Education, Social or Science (semester) and an option class. The option classes will have 4 per year. Grade 9 option [listed here](#).

### **How are students evaluated and where can I see their progress?**

Student success in all courses will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation format outlined in the respective course outlines. Student progress will be available to parents by way of [PowerSchool](#). Parents requiring information regarding how to access PowerSchool are encouraged to see our [website for help](#) or call the office to speak with one of the administrative assistants (403.328.9606).

**Do you have a meet the teacher night?**

Yes, students and parents are invited to the LCI Large Gym for a short presentation on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**What is an advisor?**

Each student in the school is assigned to a teacher-advisor who is intended to provide specific support services to the student in a manner designed to give all students opportunities for personal contact with and assistance from a designated adult in the school. There will be scheduled times where students are to meet with their advisor. Tasks that will be completed include, but are not limited to: course selections, academic programming, attendance checks, school announcements.

**Can Grade 9 students change homeroom patterns or advisor teacher?**

No, our grade 9 classes are created with the help of our feeder schools and are designed with intention.

**Can Grade 9 students change option classes?**

Yes, they can request an option change at the beginning of each quarter. We ask students to rank out their top three changes if they would like to change. These option change forms will be completed through advisor or the office. We try our best to honor changes if there is room in the class. Please note that some options classes are limited in size due to safety.

**Where do students find out about school events, fine art activities, athletic teams and clubs?**

Students will receive all this information through advisor announcements. Parents can view announcement here. <https://lci.lethsd.ab.ca/students/announcements>. All fine arts events and athletic events are posted to calendars on the LCI website side tab. <https://lci.lethsd.ab.ca/>

**Does LCI have a student character program?**

Here at the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, we believe in developing students with not just powerful academics, but also strength of character. The Green to Gold Program was developed out of a desire to help empower, motivate and recognize individuals who are continually striving towards building stronger character. The traits were chosen based on a collaborative approach between students and staff, with an emphasis on what LCI feels is important in exemplifying pronounced character. We believe that it is the soft skills of character, in conjunction with our academics, that will set our students and staff apart.

<https://lci.lethsd.ab.ca/programs/green-to-gold>

**Where do I pay for school fees and activities?**

Any fees associated with programming at LCI can be paid through [School Cash Online](#). For additional information with logging in and using School Cash Online, please contact the main office (403.328.9606)