



Educating
students of promise
for Christ.





Welcome to West.

We're excited to show you around.

Lutheran West is more than just a high school. It's a place where you can grow, explore, and develop. It's an encouraging community rooted in Christian values—a community in which you will be welcomed, mentored, and cared for.

I know this from experience. As a proud alumnus, I can personally attest to the lifelong friendships and meaningful relationships with teachers, coaches, and peers that await you at Lutheran West. As a faculty member, I was able to serve in the role of impactful educator, coach, and Christian mentor to the next generation of Longhorns. As principal, I am more confident in our mission and more excited about the future of Lutheran West than ever before.

Your high school years are a time to challenge yourself, make new friends, explore your passions for sports, music, theater, fine arts, service, and more. They are a time to stretch your aspirations and to develop a sense of your life's direction and purpose. You will find the opportunity to grow in faith, in your personal relationship with God, and in your sense of service for your community and for those in need.

Lutheran West is a place where you can pursue excellence. My hope is that it is also a place you will call "home." Please come visit and explore all of the amazing opportunities available as a Lutheran West Longhorn!



Michael Waugh, Principal
Lutheran West Class of 2002



Our School

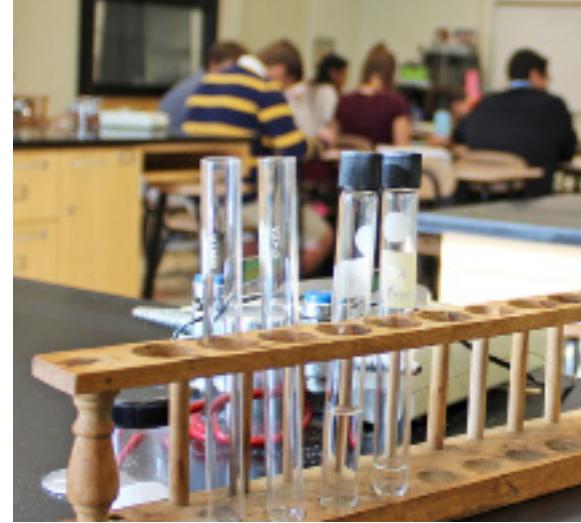
Looking for a high school that is the right fit for you?

Located in the Northeast Ohio community of Rocky River, just minutes from downtown Cleveland, Lutheran West has been a fixture in the local area for sixty years. Our 17-acre campus includes state-of-the-art technology designed to provide our students every advantage in their educations.

Our school's computer facilities include a an Apple iMac lab, PC labs, and campus-wide wireless Internet access. Lutheran West is a 1:1 school, with all students receiving laptops for school use while enrolled.

The state-of-the-art science wing features chemistry and physics laboratories, as well as a biology lab with an adjoining greenhouse, in which students explore plant life. The art room is equipped with ceramic pottery wheels, print-making equipment, and access to an outdoor patio with ceramic kilns.

Our athletic facilities include outdoor athletic fields (a turf football/soccer field and turf infield on the baseball diamond), as well as two gymnasiums, a newly renovated weight room, and modern locker rooms.



“Lutheran West’s building and campus provide the perfect setting for growth and learning. Students thrive in a welcoming and inspiring environment on a daily basis.”

Julie Gutheil, Parent





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gyms, plus a turf football/soccer field, a turf-infield baseball diamond, newly renovated weight room, and modern locker rooms

490

seats in our state-of-the-art Jochum Performing Arts Center

1:1

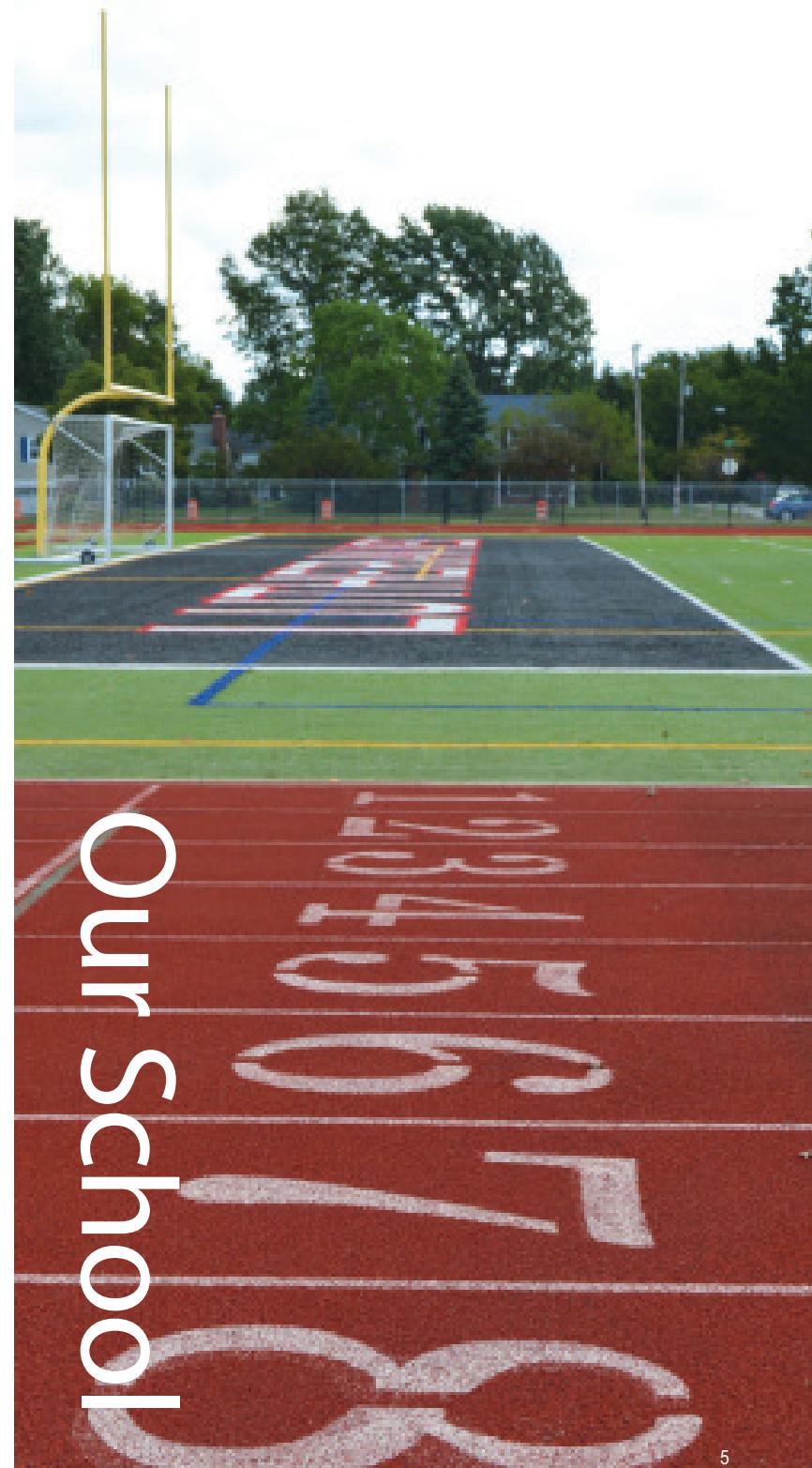
laptop learning environment

Drama productions and musical concerts are held in the Jochum Performing Arts Center, a technology-rich facility seating 490 guests.

School culture is enhanced in a circular commons area with round tables for lunch conversations. The Hessler Commons is a gathering place where students build relationships, socialize, and often study before and after school. The recently renovated library provides students with access to resources in our book collection as well as a wide selection of online educational databases.

Lutheran West is situated next to an established suburban neighborhood of charming family homes on one side, and a large commercial shopping plaza on the other. Our students often gather at one of the many nearby restaurants after school or after extra-curricular events for quality social time with their classmates and teammates, all within a short walk across the parking lot from our campus.

We're proud of our campus, and we always enjoy sharing it with visitors. We invite you to come for a tour, schedule a student shadow day, or attend an admissions open house so that we can show you around.



Our School

Curriculum

With over 90 course options, Lutheran West offers an expansive curriculum that provides enriching options for all students.

College Preparatory Curriculum: Coursework is designed to challenge students and prepare them for the most rigorous of college experiences. Curriculum choices include Honors/Advanced Placement (AP)/College Credit Plus classes, as well as the Senney Honors Academy.

The Senney Honors Academy is a unique program at Lutheran West, designed to challenge students who are excelling academically to explore learning beyond their classroom experiences.

General Academic Curriculum: Coursework is designed to reinforce the important basic concepts that may not have been previously mastered in middle school. As needed, students are offered tutoring to help prepare them for the Ohio End of Course Tests.

Electives: Our extensive elective curriculum offers courses that appeal to varied interests. Options include—but are not limited to—art, music, technology, foreign language, physical education, industrial technology, and culinary arts.

96%

college matriculation over
the past 5 years



16

Honors, Advanced Placement,
and College Credit Plus
courses offered

20

Average class size





Our Faculty

Our faculty members are Christian role models and impactful educators.

Teachers, coaches, advisors, and mentors. Lutheran West faculty embrace all of these roles and more. Our talented faculty and staff make serving students and families their top priority. They are dedicated to providing a comprehensive educational and faith-nurturing high school experience in a Christ-centered environment.

“In my career in education, I have never seen a more dedicated or creative group of teachers than our faculty. They are truly interested in helping our students grow, learn, and succeed.”

Mr. Michael Waugh, Principal



Our faculty has over

900

years of combined
experience in education.

76%

of our faculty hold advanced
degrees (Masters+)



THE
SENNEY HONORS ACADEMY
AT LUTHERAN WEST



Eager, curious, and motivated to explore beyond classroom learning?

The Senney Honors Academy (SHA) at Lutheran West takes highly motivated students and guides them to become multifaceted leaders. Schools today offer a variety of options for students to develop leadership skills and abilities, including academic, athletic, and arts programs. The SHA at Lutheran West takes this personal development challenge to the next level.

The Senney Honors Academy enables participants to fully immerse themselves in developing the 21st-century skills needed to be successful in our ever-changing society. The program challenges students to reach their full potentials in high school while preparing them for excellence in college.

The program offers a wide range of components, and students are encouraged to engage with fellow students in the following activities:

Leadership Lecture Series: Influential community leaders are invited to address The Senney Honors Academy on a monthly basis. The lecture series highlights leaders who make differences in their local, state, and national communities. It also provides SHA students with valuable opportunities to network with these leaders and to have stimulating conversations about real-world events in a classroom setting.

College Tours: Students and their families have an annual opportunity to tour a selection of college campuses across the United States, including schools located in the Northeast, Midwest, and South.

Service Internships: Lutheran West maintains strong relationships with local non-profit agencies through which students serve their communities. SHA students work with the same agencies throughout their time in the program, fostering strong commitments to their missions and leadership opportunities.

Enriched Academic Requirements: Additional graduation requirements are a foundation of the SHA, including enrollment in ten or more Honors/Advanced Placement/College Credit Plus classes, maintaining a 3.5 grade point average or higher, and participating in at least two extra-curricular activities.

Standardized Test Preparation: Students participate in professional ACT/SAT test-taking preparation beginning freshman year. If Advanced Placement (AP) classes are selected, completing the corresponding AP exam is required.



30

average ACT score for
students in The Senney
Honors Academy



"The Senney Honors Academy (SHA) is a truly unique program. Our SHA students are inspired to dream bigger dreams, to reach higher goals, and to serve by putting the needs of others front and center ahead of their own. They are given the opportunity to develop their social interaction skills, deepen their extra-curricular pursuits, and focus on leadership and community service."

Mrs. Becky Slack, Dean, Senney Honors Academy

Director of Academics

Faith & Service

When academic excellence and faith intersect, an amazing story begins.

Lutheran West is a place where faith develops and grows.

As a Christian school, the center of everything we do lies in our faith in Jesus Christ. Through our academic, athletic, fine arts, and extra-curricular pursuits, we strive to remain constantly aware of God's presence in our lives, His will, and His guidance.

We believe that our Christian faith permeates through a nurturing educational environment in which our students are able to grow as young people, as service-minded community members, and as devoted Christians.

The faith-based approach taken by Lutheran West includes religion courses, chapel services each Tuesday and Thursday during the school day, Bible studies, and student organizations focused on philanthropy and community service. The Bible is the inerrant word of God and is the primary source used in all religion classes.

During the past five years, Lutheran West students and faculty have donated an annual average of 15,850 hours to their communities in service.

As a school rooted in the Lutheran tradition, we welcome students from all religious backgrounds.

"We strive to provide students with unique opportunities to explore and grow in their faith and relationship with God as an integral part of their high school years."

Mr. Josh Campbell, Assistant Principal



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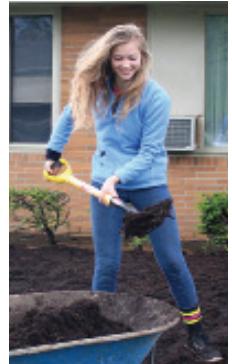
unique organizations to which
Lutheran West students have donated
their time during the past five years.

15,850

average annual number of community service
hours given by students and faculty

"The faith-centered structure of Lutheran West makes it easy to find ways to serve others and to make a real difference in my community. Through my service, I have grown as a person and discovered that service to others is an important piece of my faith that will never leave me."

- ISABELLE DONAHUE, CLASS OF 2020



Faith & Service



The Arts

The arts are celebrated at Lutheran West.

We believe strongly in providing creative experiences, offering opportunities for our students to develop their talents and to shine.

Students have the opportunity to explore fine arts in various forms, including drama, vocal performance, instrumental music, and visual art. At the heart of our fine arts program is the belief that through art, we glorify God and celebrate our faith. Throughout the average school year, Lutheran West fine arts . . .

. . . puts on

2

major drama productions,
including a spring musical.

. . . creates

4,500+

works of fine art in its 13 art classes in
media such as ceramics, painting, drawing,
sculpture, photography, and mixed media.

. . . gives over

15

instrumental music performances
and choir concerts, both on
and off campus.



“The arts programs at Lutheran West gave me the opportunity to master performance skills, including vocal and stage presence. I will always remember the great times I shared with my friends on the Lutheran West stage.”

Parker Laird, Class of 2017





Drama

The drama program at Lutheran West allows students to explore their interests and improve their skills in all areas of theater. Not only are our students the actors on stage, but they also work hard behind the scenes creating sets and props, making costumes, designing light and sound plots, creating hair and make-up looks, and ushering during the performances. Our two big productions during the school year are a full-length play in the fall and a musical in the spring. It is common for the musical to involve close to twenty percent of our student body, including the cast, crew, and pit band members! Eligible drama students can join our school's active chapter of the International Thespian Society.

Art

The art program at Lutheran West provides a chance for students to explore their own creativity and perspective. Art courses include traditional classes such as drawing, painting, and ceramics, as well as modern arts such as digital photography and computer graphics. Students work both individually and collaboratively to produce unique works of art and are able to explore a variety of media with which to bring their visions to life. Students display their work throughout the year for their peers, families, and the community.



Instrumental Music

The instrumental music program at Lutheran West is multifaceted and welcomes participation by students of all proficiency levels. Instrumental music options include Concert Band, Stage Jazz Band, Marching Band, Pit Band, Orchestra, and Chamber Music.

Instrumental music provides students the opportunity to be involved in the excitement of athletic games, as well as off-campus travel performances and on-campus programs.

Students in music programs are taught by Music Director Greg Banaszak, a world-renowned concert saxophonist.

Vocal Music

The vocal music program at Lutheran West is open to all students with interest in developing their vocal proficiency and/or performance skills. Opportunities to participate include Freshman Choir, Chorale, and a cappella Singers. Student singers also lead worship in Chapel services as part of the Chapel Band.

All of our vocal music groups participate in concerts and performances throughout the year on our campus, at area churches, and at community events.



Athletics

Students at Lutheran West enjoy a thriving, competitive athletic program.

Our 15 interscholastic athletic programs provide a healthy variety of athletic options for students in all grades and at all athletic levels. Our coaches are committed to both team success and the development of each student as a player, a teammate, and young Christian leader who will soon embark on adult life. Student-athletes are groomed to excel on the court, on the field, and in the classroom.

At the core of our athletic philosophy is the utilization of sports to teach lifelong values. Lutheran West athletes are expected to show great respect for themselves, their teammates, their competitors, and their coaches, and to carry themselves in a manner that displays Christian values, grace, and sportsmanship in victory as well as in defeat. Former Lutheran West student-athletes will testify that these valuable life lessons, learned during their years in Longhorn uniforms, have carried

them through successes and challenges in their post-high school lives.

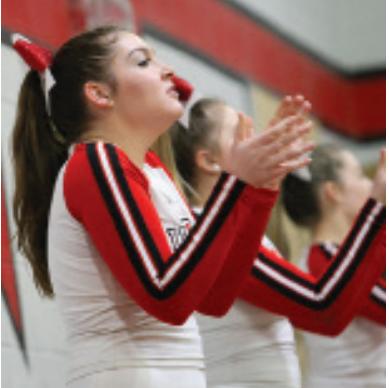
"Athletic programs at West are structured around teaching lifelong Christian values—including sportsmanship, grace, healthy competition, and perseverance—through sports.

The talented coaches at West serve as motivators, mentors, and role models for our student-athletes."

Mr. Ryan Miller, Athletic Director

Prospective students and their families interested in pursuing athletics at Lutheran West are encouraged to visit our campus, take a tour, meet coaches, and visit with our Athletic Director.





15

interscholastic
athletic programs

Athletic Programs

Men's Baseball

Men's Basketball

Women's Basketball

Bowling

Cheerleading

Cross-Country

Women's Fast-Pitch Softball

Football

Golf

Men's Soccer

Women's Soccer

Men's Track & Field

Women's Track & Field

Women's Volleyball

Wrestling



Clubs & Activities

At Lutheran West, you can explore your interests and discover activities you truly love.

From service clubs and language clubs to intramural sports, our students stay active and involved in the school community, our local neighborhoods, and the world.



Over
30
extra-curricular clubs
and activities

- Academic Challenge Team
- Ambassadors of West
- Band
- Bible Study
- Book Club
- Business Club
- Chapel Band
- Choir
- Creative Writing
- Dance Team
- E.P.I.C. Service Club
- Flag Line
- German Club
- Greeting Card Ministry
- International Thespian Society
- International Travel
- Robotics Club
- Ski Club
- Speech and Debate Team
- Student Council
- Stock Market Challenge
- Theatrical Productions
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Yearbook
- Intramural Sports:
 - Co-ed Volleyball
 - Dodgeball
 - Men's Basketball
 - Men's Badminton
 - Women's Badminton
 - Pickleball
 - Table Tennis

Don't see the club you're looking for?
We encourage you to start a new one!

Lifelong friendships and memories are made at Lutheran West.

Lutheran West students and alumni are fiercely loyal to their school and fellow Longhorns.

Whether cheering on the football team from the stands on a crisp fall evening, attending a theatrical performance to support their creative friends, or simply sharing a laugh over lunch in the Commons, students at Lutheran West enjoy a vibrant and supportive peer community.

High school may not last forever, but connections and memories made at Lutheran West surely do.

"I hadn't considered attending a private high school until I came across Lutheran West at the end of my eighth-grade year. Although it meant that I would be attending a different high school than my friends, I'm grateful I chose Lutheran West. Looking back, it was not just a good choice but a great choice. I have made so many new friends and teammates that I can't imagine being anywhere else! I'm truly blessed."

- BELLA DECICCO, CLASS OF 2019

"I can't believe how quickly my time at Lutheran West passed. When I graduated and ended my days on campus at Lutheran West, I knew that the friendships I made will last a lifetime. I'm looking forward to those Lutheran West Class Reunions!"

- ALEX SEAGRO, CLASS OF 2018



Student Life

School Counseling, Purpose, & Vocation

Upon graduation from Lutheran West, students have developed a sense of their life directions, including their “best fit” colleges, their desired career paths or vocations, and strong foundations on which to build fulfilling adult lives.

The direction of one’s life is a big question, especially for a young person. Finding the answer to this question is a journey that often begins in high school. Lutheran West students are guided to begin exploring not only, “What to do with my life?” but also, “What is God’s purpose for my life?”

Our faculty and staff encourage students to remember that the answers to these questions lie in the exploration of God-given abilities, including academic, artistic, athletic, and personal talents, coupled with cultivation of a trusting heart that is open to receiving God’s guidance. A few of the ways we accomplish this are:

- Student/Faculty mentoring
- Career Day
- Leadership Lecture Series sponsored by The Senney Honors Academy
- Curriculum Mapping
- Chapel Messages
- Service Learning
- School Counseling Department Mentoring



College Placement

96%

average college
matriculation by the past
5 graduating classes

86%

of Lutheran West graduates
attend their first-choice
colleges or universities

25%

of Lutheran West graduates
enter college with credits
already earned in high school



College
Acceptances
in the Past Five
Years Include:

Auburn University
Baldwin Wallace University
Boston College
Boston University
Capitol University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Concordia University
Hofstra University
Indiana University
John Carroll University
Kent State University
Miami University
Michigan State University
Mount Union College
New York University
Notre Dame College
Oberlin College
The Ohio State University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Penn State University
Purdue University
Slippery Rock University
Tiffin University
University of Akron
University of Alabama
University of Michigan
University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton
University of Pittsburgh
University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Ursuline College
Valparaiso University
Vassar College
Wittenberg University
Xavier University

Admissions

Ready to start building your high school experience? We're here to help.

Our goal is to make the application and enrollment process simple and enjoyable for all of our prospective students and their families.

From your first tour of our campus through your first day of attendance, the Admissions Team is here to help you.

Please contact us to arrange a campus tour, a student shadow day, or ask a question about our school, our programs, or the admissions process:

Lutheran High School West Admissions Office
Kelly Browning, Director of Admissions
440.799.8328
admissions@lutheranwest.com
LutheranWest.com/admissions



80%

of students in the past 5 years have received some form of tuition assistance

In an average year, Lutheran West students represent:

80

middle schools,

80

churches or religious affiliations, and

35

towns and cities in the Cleveland area and beyond.

90%

of prospective students who tour Lutheran West end up enrolling.

Application and Tuition Assistance

To apply to Lutheran West, complete a simple online application at LutheranWest.com/admissions. Financial aid is available for students and their families. To apply for aid, each family must complete the TADS Financial Aid Assessment, also available at LutheranWest.com/admissions.



A young person's life can be a puzzle . . .
Lutheran West is the missing piece.

Choosing the right path can be a challenge for students and their families. With traditional public schools and a range of private schools available in Northeast Ohio, we know choosing a high school can be daunting.

Thankfully, we make the process as simple as possible. At Lutheran West, families are assured that their students will receive top-quality college preparatory educations, ample opportunities to explore their extra-curricular interests, and a faith-based environment in which to grow into exceptional young adults.

What could be better than that?

Admissions Process Checklist



Visit

We invite you to experience Lutheran West in one or all of the following ways:

- Shadow a Current Student
- Take a Campus Tour
- Attend an Open House
- Talk with our Director of Admissions



Apply

- Take an Admissions Test
- Apply Online
- Apply for Tuition Assistance (if needed)



Decide

- Schedule an Admissions Interview
- Receive Admissions Decision
- Enroll Online, Select a Tuition Payment Plan, and Submit Enrollment Deposit
- Schedule Classes

LutheranWest.com/Admissions

Alumni

The Lutheran West story lives on in those who have walked the halls in years gone by.

The over 5,000 alumni that have graduated from Lutheran West during the past sixty years have gone on to do great things in their professions and in their communities.

Our alumni are a diverse group of men and women who have followed a wide variety of paths in their lives, but one thing is common amongst them: they will attribute part of their successes to their time at Lutheran West. And what's more, Lutheran West graduates help one another, forming a truly invaluable network when it comes to career opportunities, personal relationships, and continued faith-based support in each other's lives.

But don't take our word for it . . . see what our alumni have to say.

"The friends, teammates, memories, successes, and growth I experienced at Lutheran West are still the foundation on which I fall back in my personal, professional, and spiritual life."

- DR. MARK PETRO, CLASS OF 2006
DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC

"The individualized attention and exceptional mentorship I received from Lutheran West's faculty propelled me to Georgetown University, Capitol Hill, and eventually management consulting. I cannot overstate the degree to which Lutheran West shaped my faith, my love of Cleveland, and my desire to give back to this community."

- TIM ROSENBERGER, CLASS OF 2012
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY 2016, UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY 2018

"Lutheran West's faith-based approach to teaching gave me the necessary skills, tools, and mindset to successfully pursue a career in which I am able to touch the lives of many people every single day. Today, I am forever grateful for the opportunities, teachers, and friends Lutheran West provided, as they helped me create a solid foundation for a great future."

- ALEX HESS, PHARM.D., CLASS OF 2011
PHARMACY RESIDENT, METROHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER

"Lutheran West made a huge impact on my life, both academically and spiritually. I can confidently say that the AP coursework taught me how to think and prepared me for college, law school, and beyond. But the spiritual impact was just as great. The school is blessed with faculty members who are not only talented, but are also spiritual giants. They taught me not only the tenets of the Christian faith, but also what it looks like to live it out every single day."

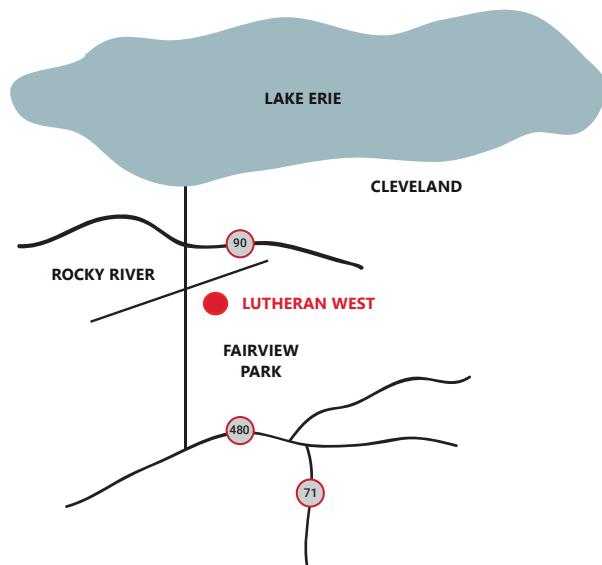
- RACHEL (HESSLER) LYONS, CLASS OF 2006
ATTORNEY, WEGMAN & HESSLER

"Lutheran West's teachers and coaches introduced me to a relevant faith that enabled me to navigate college and the professional world with a firm sense of identity. Academically, I left fully prepared for the challenges of higher education."

- LISA FENN, CLASS OF 1992
AUTHOR, SPEAKER, AND SIX-TIME EMMY AWARD WINNING PRODUCER AT ESPN

"Something special about Lutheran West is that there are a lot of role models and influential people on staff. I think high school is a time when someone starts to figure out what kind of person they want to be, and that is influenced by the adults in their life on a daily basis. West gave me some great coaches and teachers that have had a lasting impact on my life, and I am thankful for that!"

- PETE KOZA, CLASS OF 2014
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON CLASS OF 2018
EXERCISE SCIENCE MAJOR



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Let's Talk.



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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