



Annual Notice of Pesticide Treatment

April 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of students at Lake Michigan Catholic Schools:

State of Michigan law requires schools and daycare centers that may apply pesticides on school or daycare property to provide an annual advisory to parents and guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that Lake Michigan Catholic Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or daycare grounds or buildings during this school year. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such situation. **Accommodations will be made to the best of our ability to have the pesticides applied after school hours.**

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least two methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school. The second method will be by email and/or text notification.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or daycare are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days prior to the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact Juliana Sarno by email at jsarno@lmclakers.org or by phone at 269-983-5529.

Parents and guardians may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.