

To Parents of Incoming Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Students

It is required by law of the State of Michigan that **all** children be tested for vision and hearing **prior** to entry into **Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten**. This testing may be done through your child's pediatrician during his/her annual check-up and immunizations prior to start of the school year. You may also go to the BCHD hearing and vision clinics (see attached sheet). **Please be aware that some pediatricians do not check hearing and vision as part of the check-up so you will have to visit one of the clinics.**

Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary requires that **all** children be tested for vision and hearing prior to entry into **Preschool**. Every effort should be made to have the testing done prior to the first day of school. We encourage you to have your preschool child tested at one of the Health Dept. clinics as most doctors will not do vision/hearing testing on children that young.

Please note: BCHD testing is done AFTER the age of three. So, students registered for the LMCE Preschool need to be 3 before tested at any of the Health Dept. Clinics. Please do not go to any of the clinic dates listed prior to your child turning 3 as he/she will not be tested by the Health Department. Please do not call the Health Dept.

You may go to any of the clinic sites listed. The clinic is a free service of the Berrien County Health Department. **Please remember it is the responsibility of the parents to see that hearing and vision are checked before the first day of school and that the school receives documentation of the screenings.**

If your child attended Preschool or Transitional Kindergarten at Lake Michigan Catholic during the 19/20 school year and **was tested for vision/hearing prior to entry**, he/she does not need to be tested again before entering Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten. If your child attended Preschool at Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary and was **not tested for vision/hearing** prior to entering, **they must be tested before the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at (269) 429-0227.