

# *The LCA Weekly*

*October 13, 2011 Edition*



## **Calendar**

- October 14** Grandparent's Day, Mass at 9 a.m.
- October 17** Student Savers, 7:50 – 8:10 a.m.  
Grade 7 Liturgy, 2:10 p.m.  
Newspaper Meeting, 3 – 3:45 p.m.
- October 18** Juggling Club, 3 – 4 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
- October 19** **Faculty Meeting – Early Dismissal at 2:30 p.m.**  
Green Team, 2:30 – 4 p.m.
- October 20** Full Choir Practice, 3 – 3:45 p.m.
- October 21** **Fall Festival, 6 – 8 p.m., Grades Pre-K – 3**
- October 24** Student Savers, 7:50 – 8:10 a.m.  
Grade 4 Liturgy, 2:10 p.m.
- October 25** Juggling Club, 3 – 4 p.m. (Grade 5)  
SSO Meeting, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Cafeteria
- October 27** End of First Quarter  
Choir Practice (Part 1), 3 – 3:45 p.m.
- October 31** Student Savers, 7:50 – 8:10 a.m.  
Happy Halloween!!!
- November 1** All Saints Day Mass at St. Luke
- November 2-10** Grade 1 Cognitive Ability Testing
- November 4** **Service Day, Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.**
- November 5** **All Saints Auction, 6 p.m.**

## **News**

### ***Grandparents' Day is Tomorrow***

We will celebrate Grandparents' Day tomorrow, beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m. We are expecting nearly 350 grandparents on campus! We kindly ask the able-bodied to park on the streets, or even in Lakewood Park, so that we can keep the two school parking lots and the Old Stone House parking lot open for our guests who may have difficulty walking. Thanks for your cooperation.

### ***BOO: It's Time to Register for Fall Festival***

Please plan to attend the SSO Fall Festival on October 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. in the LCA gym. The festival is held for the pre-school through 3rd grade students and their families. Tickets are \$5.00 per child, with a family maximum of \$20.00. Enjoy fall festivities with games, prizes, face painting, 's'mores and more! A Registration Flyer is included in this week's envelope. We continue to welcome volunteers to help with games, set up, ticket selling, and more. If you are interested in volunteering for this exciting one-time event please contact Carrie Litten at [carrielitten@hotmail.com](mailto:carrielitten@hotmail.com) or Kim Sinagra at [ksinagra@msn.com](mailto:ksinagra@msn.com).

### ***Registration is Open for CYO Basketball: Deadline is Next Friday, October 21st***

It's time to register for CYO basketball for the Winter 2011-12 season. All students in grades four through eight received a registration form in last week's packet. Extras are available on the LCA website at [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/athletics.htm](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/athletics.htm). Registrations that come in after the 21st will only be accepted on an as-needed basis to fill existing teams and will be subject to a \$10 late fee. **Please note: Intramural basketball for children in grades Kindergarten through three is scheduled to take place in the spring. There will be separate registration materials for intramurals provided at that time.**

### ***LCA to Conclude Bingo Program; Final Evening is Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>***

After a successful run of more than six years, Lakewood Catholic Academy has, for a variety of reasons, decided to conclude its Saturday night and Sunday afternoon bingo program. The final day of Bingo will be on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. We are deeply grateful to all those, past and present, who volunteered for this program. Be sure to read the letter with further details from LCA Board Chairman Mike Smith in today's newsletter.

### ***All School Service Day – Volunteers Still Needed***

Thanks to all who have stepped forward as volunteers for our annual Service Day. We are about half-way toward our goal! This year, we will again be out in the community raking leaves on Friday, November 4th. If you can help, please complete the form included in today's envelope and return it to the Main Office. Volunteers will be needed from approximately 8:45 a.m. to noon.

All students in grades 1-8 will be participating, but will need a signed permission slip to do so. Permission forms have been sent home with the oldest student in each family. If you've misplaced yours, contact the Main Office at 216.521.0559 for a new form.

### ***All Saints Auction Update: Family Fun Packages***

In just a few weeks, auction guests will have the chance to bid on terrific items, including many fun, family activities. Make plans to be the top bidder on these great packages:

- **Shake off the impending winter 'blahs' and treat your family to some fun!**
  - Getaway to Kalahari Resort & Waterpark in Sandusky: Two great Kalahari packages will be available, each including deluxe rooms at the resort and waterpark passes
  - Brighten up those winter days at the Cleveland Botanical Garden: Bid on a one-year family membership to enjoy the year-round beauty of the gardens
  - Hit the slopes at Alpine Valley Ski Resort: Package includes lift tickets, ski rentals and Polar Blast snow-tubing tickets
- Looking ahead to warmer months, set your sights on a one-week summer day camp package at LCA's favorite camp, Camp Christopher!
- Plan this year's birthday party in a snap! Complete birthday parties will be available at The Little Gym, Lisa Wilhelm School of Dance and a one-of-a-kind art studio party. All parties will include cake or other treats and -- best of all -- no preparation or clean-up!

Please make reservations soon if you plan to attend! Tables are filling up quickly, with more than two thirds of our tables reserved already. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/allsaints](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/allsaints) or by returning your completed RSVP card to the school office.

### ***Help Wanted for the All Saints Auction Weekend!***

**Wanted:** Eager, excited, strong (or weak!), enthusiastic, hard-working volunteers to help make this year's All Saints Auction a huge success. We can offer a choice of days, times, and jobs, including the following:

**Friday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

- Decorate walls in gym
- Place round tables and chairs
- Cover and decorate bulletin boards
- Move long tables and cover with linens
- Set-up frames
- Cover tables, burlap runners and hang signs

**Saturday, 8 a.m. - Noon**

- Set-up entrances
- Dress the tables for dinner, glassware, centerpieces
- Set-out baskets and signs

**Saturday Night:**

- Raffle sales: 6-7 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Six people per shift needed.
- Silent auction monitoring: 6-8 p.m. Four to five people needed.
- Check-out, help with silent auction items, four to five people needed.

**Sunday:**

- Clean-up starting at 10 a.m.

We need YOU! Please consider spending a few hours during one of the above mentioned times to help transform our school into a charming French seaside village. No matter what your talents may be, we can use all the help we can get. In order to accomplish all our decorating, procurement and party game needs, we are seeking 50-60 volunteers for this event. NO creativity needed! Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenny Reali at 226-9001 if you are able to help.

*Jenny Reali, Volunteer Coordinator*

***Learn More About the Sisters of Charity!***

Please watch your e-mail inbox next week for an important message sharing the history of the Sisters of Charity in Lakewood and the special relationship between LCA and the Sisters. We hope everyone will take time to learn their inspiring story and get to know the Sisters of Charity as we honor them at this year's All Saints Auction!

***Hoopsters Wanted!***

A two-day basketball clinic will be offered to 7th and 8th grade students on Wednesday, October 26th and Thursday, October 27th. The clinic is open to all 7th and 8th grade students, including students who do not attend LCA. The clinic is not required for students planning to play CYO basketball this season, nor will it be used as a part of the team evaluation process. The program will be led by Dean of Students, Michael Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher has coached at LCA, Gesu and Cleveland Central Catholic, the latter of which won a state title in 2009 and finished as state runner-up in 2011 with Mr. Fletcher on the staff.

Each day, the clinic will be divided into two sessions: 7th & 8th grade girls will meet from 3:30-5:15 p.m., and 7th & 8th grade boys will meet from 5:30-7:15 p.m. The focus will be on defense and fundamentals of the game. In lieu of payment for this program, all families who participate are asked to consider a donation to the Logan Podhradsky Scholarship Fund at LCA. If you would like to register your son or daughter for this program, please contact Mr. Fletcher at 216.521.0559, or by email at [mfletcher@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:mfletcher@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com). Space is limited, and spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

***LCA Directories Coming Home This Week***

A HUGE thank you to LCA Parent Tracy Rehl, who worked countless hours to put together the LCA Directory. Paper copies will be going home this week to those who ordered and paid for them. Electronic copies will be emailed in the next week. Any questions can be directed to Tracy by email at [jimandtracy10392@aol.com](mailto:jimandtracy10392@aol.com).

***A Note About Parents in the School Building***

As noted in the Lakewood Catholic Academy Parent Handbook, "We understand that many parents want to be of assistance to their children as they prepare for the school day. We also recognize the need for students to develop a sense of independence and responsibility. Parents of students in grades K-8 are permitted in the school building during arrival **only through September 30th**. From that time on, students will be expected to enter the building and be in the classroom by 8:10 a.m. without adult assistance. Parents of preschool students, as well as parents walking through to Holy Family Learning Center,

are permitted in the building year round." As it is now October, we ask that this practice be adhered to. Additionally, we ask that parents wait outside the school building at the end of the day as well. Parents picking up children early or arriving for a conference are certainly permitted in the building for those purposes. Please check in at the Main Office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### ***Wrestling Now Available to LCA Students***

Through a program run by West Park Catholic Academy, in which students from Our Lady of Angels and St. Mark will also participate, Lakewood Catholic Academy students now have the opportunity to become involved in CYO wrestling. In fact, students who are not yet even of CYO age will be able to get involved. The program, open to students in kindergarten through 8th grade, ranges in cost from \$45 to \$75, depending on the level at which the student will participate. The youngest student-athletes will put the focus on fun, sportsmanship, teamwork and fundamentals, while the oldest students will also have the opportunity to compete in weekly meets that culminate in the CYO city championships. Sign-ups will be held this coming **Tuesday, October 18th**, at St. Mark Social Hall from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Families interested in registering, or who may have additional questions, can contact Ray Krankowski at 216.509.3536 or by email at [rkrankowski@midconconstruction.com](mailto:rkrankowski@midconconstruction.com). Please see the flyer in today's envelope for additional information.



### ***A Season of Thanks. A Time to Give Back.***

**Share the spirit of the season when you purchase a Pie from Market Day.**

Market Day Bonus Days have begun and if we are able to sell at least 100 specially designated desserts, LCA will earn 30% of the profits, in addition to any profit from the regular sale. If every family purchased just one dessert during the next month, LCA's profits would be over \$1,000 just for the desserts. If you have never ordered from Market Day, please consider doing so this month in support of the Bonus Days. If you are not interested in a dessert for your family, LCA is partnering with Lakewood Community Service Center to donate pies to those in need for the holidays. You can purchase apple, pumpkin or pecan pies and designate them for donation to LCSC. LCSC will then distribute the pies to those less fortunate prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Last year we were able to donate over 50 pies and LCSC and their recipients were extremely grateful. More than one person who received a donation commented how good it felt to be able to contribute something to the Thanksgiving celebration they were attending.

It is easy to order. Just use the order form in today's envelope or include the pies in your regular, monthly order. If you wish to donate a pie included in your internet order, just e-mail Michelle Smith at [marbury1995@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marbury1995@sbcglobal.net) to let her know which pie you wish to donate. Any questions, contact Michelle Smith.

### ***Green Team Hosts Free Concert with Recording Artist Foster Brown Wednesday, October 19***

The LCA Green Team cordially invites the entire LCA community to attend a free concert next Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>! The concert, by talented singer, songwriter, musician, naturalist, historical interpreter, and multi-CD recording artist Foster Brown, will begin at 3 p.m. in the Small Cafeteria or outdoor classroom if weather permits (bring lawn chairs if outdoors). Students younger than third grade must attend with a parent. Don't miss this chance to see a great artist in an intimate setting! To join or learn more about Green Team's full mission, and special permission form see LCA's website at [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/enrichment.htm](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/enrichment.htm) or email Marianne Quasebarth at [greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com).

### ***Green Your Lunch Box Initiative – Let's Lighten Up on Plastic!!!***

Did you know that the US alone adds 20 million plastic baggies to landfills EVERY SINGLE DAY? Do you want an EASY way to help reduce that number? Visit [www.snacktaxi.com](http://www.snacktaxi.com) to find out, and be sure to check out the flyer in today's envelope for more information!

### ***Applications for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Available Year-Round***

Have you experienced unemployment or lay-offs in your family? Your children may qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch. Applications are available through the Main Office at any time during the school year.

### ***Mark Your Calendars for Toboggan Night...***

Toboggan Night, for children in grades four through eight, has been moved to **Thursday, January 12, 2012 from 6 to 10 p.m.** Be sure to mark your calendars! More information will be forthcoming in a future newsletter.

### ***St. Joseph Academy to Host Open House & Testing Opportunities***

St. Joseph Academy will host an Open House event on Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 1 to 4 p.m. for prospective students and their families. Guests are invited to tour the campus, learn about their academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs and to meet the faculty, administration and students.

Additionally, the school will be hosting testing dates for eighth grade girls on three dates: Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> (scholarship and placement), Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> (scholarship and placement), and Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (placement only). Each test runs from 9 until 11 a.m. Any student interested in applying to SJA is required to take this test. Scholarships will be awarded based on the results from the first two tests; results from the third test will be used for course placement only. A Parent Forum will also be held during the first two exams for parents seeking more information about tuition assistance, the academic program, and admissions requirements. There is a \$20 testing fee and pre-registration is required.

For more information or to make a reservation for the testing dates, please visit the school website at [www.sja1890.org](http://www.sja1890.org) or contact the Admissions Office at 216.251.4868.

### ***Magnificat High School Open House & Testing Dates Set***

Magnificat High School's Open House and Scholarship/Placement Exams are coming up within the next two months. Open House will be on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., and the Scholarship/Placement Exams are Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. To register for the Scholarship/Placement Exam, families can call the Admissions & Marketing Office at (440) 331-1572.

### ***Magnificat to Hold "Jump 'n Jive" for Boys & Girls in Grades 6-8***

Magnificat High School will host "Jump 'n Jive," a special event for boys and girls in grades 6 through 8, on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The event, to be held in conjunction with the school's annual Night in Blue festivities, will include a live D.J. for dancing, games, prizes, bingo, a photo booth and more. Check out the flyer and permission form included in today's envelope!

### ***Interested in Learning CPR? Here's an Opportunity...***

If you've always wanted to learn the skills of First Aid, CPR, choke relief and the use of defibrillator, here's an opportunity. Children entering grades five through nine can take a First Aid course on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and a CPR/AED course on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at CPR Ohio, 15480 Triskett Avenue in Cleveland. The cost is \$7 per session, or \$10 for both. If you'd like to register, call 216.251-0747 for more information. The courses are sponsored by CPR Ohio, a provider authorized by the American Heart Association.

### ***Volunteer Opportunities at the Lakewood Community Service Center***

Did you know that the Lakewood Community Service Center will serve 7,000 individuals – more than 14 percent of Lakewood's population – during 2011? It's true! In addition to providing thousands of pounds of food each year, the organization has prevented more than 450 Lakewood households from becoming homeless since 2009. There is a wealth of volunteer opportunities for those who are willing to help out. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's envelope for more information.

### ***And Finally... A Correction, With an Apology!***

In a hurry to get out last week's newsletter, we inadvertently stated that Leslie Mitchell is the president of the Saints Service Organization. This was completely the editor's fault, and he would like to apologize and to acknowledge that the president of SSO is in fact Leslie ANDREWS!

### ***In This Packet:***

- Fall Festival Flyer & Registration Form (Grades Pre-K – 3 only)
- Bingo Letter from LCA Board Chairman Mike Smith
- Market Day Dessert Order Form
- Green Lunch Box Initiative Flyer
- West Park Catholic Wrestling Association Flyer
- Lakewood Community Service Center Volunteer Newsletter
- Magnificat "Jump 'n Jive" Flyer & Permission Form