

The LCA Weekly

October 27, 2011 Edition



Calendar

- 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, 10 a.m.; Pro Aliis Award given after Mass
Juggling Club, 3 – 4 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
- November 1-10** Grade 1 Cognitive Ability Testing
- November 4** **Service Day, Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.**
- November 5** **All Saints Auction, 6 p.m.**
- November 6** St. Clement First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Clement Hall
- November 7** Student Savers, 7:50 – 8:10 a.m.
Grade 5 Liturgy, 2:10 p.m.
Report Cards Sent Home
Newspaper Meeting, 3 -3 :45 p.m.
Drama Club, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.
- November 7-11** **LCA Book Fair, Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.;**
Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- November 8** Juggling Club, Grade 5, 3 – 4 p.m.
- November 9** **Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.**
Conferences, 3 – 7 p.m.
- November 10** **Early Dismissal, 1:30 p.m.**
Conferences, 2 – 6 p.m.

News

A VERY Important Message for LCA Families: SLOW DOWN!!

Parents: Please be careful as you pick-up and drop-off students in our parking lots. Especially in the morning, cars driving on the "inside lane" to get to a parking space have been driving much faster than is necessary or appropriate for a school

parking lot. Our parking situation is what it is, and, by this point in the year, it should be clear that dropping off students will take more than just a minute or two. For some, that may mean leaving home a little earlier. For others, it may simply mean being more patient as you wait in line. If you need to park and walk your preschooler into the building, or need to occupy a parking space for any other reason, please be careful. If you are in the main line and see a car attempting to exit a parking space, please take a moment to allow them to do so. We take the safety of our students very seriously, as we know that you do. During these high traffic times of the day, please make sure their safety of your children remains the top priority.

A Final Call for Auction Volunteers

Thank you to the dozens of volunteers who have stepped forward to offer help with the auction. At this time, we have just a few positions left. Specifically, we need two more volunteers to help sell raffle tickets from 7 to 8 p.m. the night of the auction. We also need several helpers for clean-up on Sunday morning starting at 10 a.m. If you can help, email volunteer coordinator Jenny Reali at jennyreali@sbcglobal.net.

All Saints Auction: Weekly Update

Final plans are being made for this year's very special auction event. We would like to extend a pre-event "thank you" to all in the LCA community who plan to attend this **sold-out event** and all who have generously donated items and services.

Auction Item "Sneak Peek" -- Live Auction and Sign-Up Parties

Call your friends and plan a group bid on one of the auction's most coveted live auction items -- **French Flavor: An evening with the Arbezniaks**. LCA Principal Maureen and Gary Arbezniak will host a wonderful French-inspired dinner in their home, prepared by Chef Patrick Kander. Learn about French food, wine and culture while enjoying this wonderful meal with friends or family!

Sign-Up Parties

Party Like a Rock Star: Let your inner rock star out and come dressed as your favorite rock star from any era! This larger-than-life party will feature great music, food and drinks worthy of the stars, past and present.

Cinco de Mayo Girls Night Out: Enjoy a *fantastico* girls' night out with a Mexican theme, including cocktails and appetizers and fun with new and old friends!

Scavenger Hunt: This adults-only scavenger hunt sends guests on an adventure through Lakewood to find and photograph crazy and unusual items. Think of it as LCA's own Amazing Race! Guests will gather before and after the hunt for food, fun and prizes!

Guys Night Out Texas Hold'em Tournament: A friendly poker tournament for the guys -- played on professional poker tables with dedicated dealers, food and drinks. Everyone has the chance to win with prizes to top winners, prizes for special hands and even a "boobie prize" for the first player out!

Plan your auction shopping ahead of time!

Beginning this coming Monday, October 31, you will be able to browse the auction program online. The program will be posted to the auction website -- get ready to shop! You'll find the link to the program on the "auction items" tab.

And finally, an exciting new feature this year will be added to the silent auction. Certain items will feature a "**Gotta Have It**" notation on the bid sheet. Bidders have the option of securing their purchase of the item by selecting this and agreeing to pay the "Gotta Have It" amount listed.

Congratulations to our New Parents!

We would like to congratulate our third-grade teacher, Mrs. Sheri Masterson, and her husband Brendan on a new addition to their family. Colin James Masterson entered the world on Friday, October 21st. We wish Mom, Dad, Colin James, and his sister Bridget all the joy in the world!

Celebrating Halloween at LCA

With Halloween approaching this Monday, we wanted to provide some guidelines for our parents. Students will be permitted to wear Halloween socks and headbands, but no costumes will be permitted. Our teachers will determine on

an individual basis how Halloween is celebrated in their individual homerooms. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher before sending in any Halloween treats!

All Saints Day Mass is November 1 at St. Luke Church

Lakewood Catholic Academy students will walk together to St. Luke Parish on Monday, November 1 to participate in an All Saints Day Mass, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. After Mass, the Lakewood Catholic Academy *Pro Aliis* (For Others) Award will be presented to Jeni and Joie Matousek. All are encouraged and invited to attend!

From the LCA Business Office

A friendly reminder from the LCA Business Office: Tuition accounts must be in good standing in order for students to receive their report cards for the first quarter. Please refer to the PARENT HANDBOOK, Page 28: "A family is considered in arrears when they are two or months behind in payments. If past due tuition is not paid by the day report cards are issued, your child or children will not receive a report card and will not be permitted to attend classes until the balance for that quarter is paid in full." If you are not sure if your tuition account is up to date, please call Marge Lanzola in the Business Office at 216-521-0438 and we would be happy to check it for you. Thanks!

Pictures Coming Home This Week; Re-Take Day is Wednesday, November 2nd

Individual and class pictures will be coming home this week for those who ordered them. If you are not satisfied with the results of your child's individual pictures, retake day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd. This is also a day when children who were absent on the original picture day can have their pictures taken. If you want a retake, please have your child bring back the original packet of pictures on that day. Also, anyone who is being photographed that day may "dress up" for their picture! Order forms for those students who were absent are available in the Main Office.

Be Sure to Return your Conference Forms

Conference forms were sent home with all students this week. Student conferences are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, November 9th and 10th. Be sure to return your forms as soon as possible. Conferences will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis as forms come in. Remember there will be **early dismissal at 1:30** on both conference days!

Final Call for All School Service Day Volunteers!

Thanks to all who have stepped forward as volunteers for our annual Service Day. We can never have too many! 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. until noon.

The LCA Book Fair is Rapidly Approaching!!!

The LCA Book Fair is the week of November 7-11. We plan to out-do last year's fair, which was a smashing success! The Book Fair is still looking for volunteers to help run the event. Please consider working an hour or two. Everyone is welcome to help out -- parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. We especially need people from 3 to 8 p.m. If you are available for an hour or two please let Caron Viglianco know. She can be reached by phone at 216.521.2691 or by email at ceviglianco@att.net.

New this year: ONLINE ORDERING! From November 1st through November 14th, you will be able to order books online. Click on the Book Fair's Homepage at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/hompage/lcasaints>. There will be a link to the online ordering page. The materials that are ordered on line will arrive 7-10 days after the end of our Book Fair. They will be delivered to your child in their homeroom.

Be sure to check out the book fair flyer and the special invitation to our Grandparents' Day in today's envelope.

LCA Sponsors Donut Sunday at St. Clement This Sunday in Honor of the Priesthood!

Sunday, October 30, 2011 is Priesthood Sunday. Catholics across the country will be celebrating the importance of the gift of priesthood in the life of the church. LCA will participate by sponsoring "Donut Sunday" at St. Clement Parish after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on October 30th. If you are a St. Clement parishioner or just want to attend, please stop by! Regardless of your parish, remember to thank your priest this weekend. Consider having your child write a special note

or card for placement in the collection basket this Sunday. And if you're at St. Clement, come down and enjoy a donut and thank our Pastor Designate, Fr. Workman, in person!



Pie Donations for the Lakewood Community Service Center

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

Time is running out. You only have until Saturday at midnight to enter your Market Day order online. This is your last chance to purchase a delicious dessert to share with your family during Thanksgiving or to brighten someone else's holiday by donating an apple, pumpkin or pecan pie to Lakewood Community Service Center. So far this month we have sold only 53 desserts toward our goal of 150. If you are able, please consider a purchase. It is easy to participate. Just place your order online at the Market Day website at www.marketday.com. LCA's account number is 12891. If you wish to donate a pie but do not want to enter it online, just e-mail Michelle Smith at marbury1995@sbcglobal.net with the flavor and quantity by Saturday at 10:00 p.m. and your order will be entered. Any questions can be directed to Michelle Smith.

Think Snow! It's Time to Register for Ski Club...

It's time for ski club registration! LCA has officially started sign-ups for the 2012 season! Our ski club consists of seven consecutive Fridays starting January 6. This is an extremely popular club in our school. Please register early so that your spot is reserved. **We need all registrations complete by Friday, November 18 to ensure your freebie passes before Christmas break.** LCA offers ski club through Boston Mills/Brandywine for students in grades four through eight. The cost includes the bus ride to Boston Mills each Friday, four hours of slope time per session, equipment rental (if applicable) and up to five lessons. Your cost is \$188.25 (includes rental) and \$135 (own equipment). This year signups and payment will all be online. Please note: we are not tax exempt. Transportation payments will be turned in separately, and checks need to be made payable to LCA Athletics. The transportation fee is \$91, and all participants are expected to take the bus. Check out the packet in today's envelope for all the information.

Do You Have Younger Children Who May Be Enrolling in Fall 2012?

As we enter the formal recruitment season for the 2012-13 school year, we want to assure that no family with currently enrolled students loses out on a chance to bring in a new preschooler or Kindergartner next fall! The siblings of currently enrolled students are our number one admission priority! Be sure to check out the flyer in today's packet for more information on how to let us know if you will want space in those classes next year.

St. Clement Raffle has \$10,000 Top Prize!

Everyone can use a bit more money! A good way to win \$10,000 while supporting St. Clement Parish is to participate in their annual Thanksgiving Raffle. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's packet for more information. St. Clement parishioner and finance council member Jeanne McMaster will even deliver tickets to your home! You can contact her at 216-671-4104 for more information or to arrange a delivery of tickets.

Lakewood Community Service Center (LCSC) Offers Comprehensive Services to our Neighbors

LCSC continues to provide support to an ever-growing number of individuals and families - many who are coming to us for assistance for the first time in their lives. Did you know that in addition to being a food pantry, LCSC provides social work services, assistance with energy bills, free legal and renters advice, has a supportive housing program, a community garden, a senior citizen delivery service funded by the United Way, holiday baskets and much more? With each passing month the number of folks that walk through our doors in need of assistance - increases as the economy dwindles. From our beginning in 1982, volunteers have formed the heart and soul of Lakewood Community Services Center. **Join us at LCSC on Tuesday, November 8 at 7 p.m.** for an insider's view of our facility and hear what our executive director and volunteers have to say. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's envelope for more information and also to see how you can "adopt a family" for Christmas. We will match you with a family that has completed a wish list for their children. This may be a nice thing for you and friends to do together!

And Finally... A Note of Thanks!

A special thanks to the **MANY** volunteers that made our SSO Fall Festival a huge success! We had over 300 children

attend, 100 more than last year! Thanks to our donors, including Nature's Bin and Gale's Garden Center for donating pumpkins, the Lakewood Giant Eagle for supplying cider, and Camp Christopher for supplying our s'mores. We also wish to thank the following:

- Bill Litten, Rob Verlie, Daniel Mackin and Charlie Litten from the LCA After Care who helped with set up
- The Cub scouts from Pack 76 who helped with pumpkin unloading
- The many 8th graders who helped with set up and running the games
- Sue Wadden who baked and donated over 200 cookies for the cookie decorating
- Stephanie Grucella who donated and set up the festive photo backdrop.
- Mary and Bert Wirtz for donating firewood and providing a safe festive fire for marshmallow roasting.
- Kim Tumney, Kristen Warzocha, Al Snider, Bert and Mary Wirtz, Emily Dettmer, Tom and Emma Bangert, Jason and Stacy Tucker, Jim McGowan, Debbie Riddle, Jenny Reali, Leslie Andrews, Katy Corrigan, Lisa Rea, Jamy and Gretchan Bulan, Kristin Puzon, Rick Hepp, Bob Brett, Tracy Rehl, Jenny Lishing, Lisa Tytko, Nikki Peura, Eileen Chambers, Amy and Claudia Becker, Karen and Gavin Beegan, Kristin Kalinowski, Katie Wellington, and our many many cake walk bakers!

In This Packet:

- November Calendar
- Book Fair General Flyer (two pages)
- Book Fair Grandparents Day Flyer
- Service Day Volunteer Form
- Drama Club Flyer (Grades 6-8 only)
- Flyer for Future Pre-K or Kindergarten Parents
- St. Clement Raffle Flyer