

# *The LCA Weekly*

## *November 17, 2011 Edition*

### **Calendar**

<b>November 17</b>	Full Choir Practice, 3 – 3:45 p.m. Preschool Thanksgiving Potluck, 5:30 p.m., Cafeteria
<b>November 18</b>	Grade 6 Field Trip
<b>November 20</b>	<b>LCA Open House, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>November 21</b>	Student Savers, 7:50 – 8:10 a.m. Newspaper Meeting, 3 – 3:45 p.m. Drama Club, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.
<b>November 22</b>	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
<b>November 23-25</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Vacation – No School</b>
<b>November 28</b>	School Resumes Student Savers, 7:50 – 8:10 a.m. Grade 8 Liturgy, 1:30 p.m. Newspaper Meeting, 3 – 3:45 p.m. Drama Club, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.
<b>November 29</b>	Juggling Club, Grade 5, 3 – 4 p.m. SSO Meeting, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teacher's Lounge
<b>November 30</b>	Art Club, Grades 6, 7 & 8, 3 – 4 p.m.

### **News**

#### ***LCA Open House is This Sunday!!!***

Believe it or not, the recruitment season for the 2012-13 school year is underway! Our first Open House event is set for Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. If you know of a family who might be interested in attending, be sure to spread the word! Our current families continue to be our strongest 'sales force' in the larger community. Special thanks to the Parent and Student Ambassadors who will be with us that day.

#### ***LCA's "Angels" Shine at All Saints Auction***

This year's All Saints Auction was a resounding success on many fronts! On Saturday, November 5, 370 guests gathered at the school for the sold out event, welcomed by beautiful decorations created by a talented volunteer crew of LCA parents and friends. The French-coastal themed decorations paid tribute to the heritage of our honored guests, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine.

The evening was highlighted by the presentation of the LCA Insignis Award to the Sisters by LCA Board of Directors Chairman, Michael Smith. CSA congregational leader, Sr. Miriam Erb, accepted the award with kind and encouraging words for our school's future. About 20 other Sisters also attended as honored guests of the celebration.

In addition to successful silent and live auctions, a special appeal was held that will benefit every LCA student for years to come. The appeal, aptly named "Get In On The Ground Floor" was held during the live auction to raise money specifically for

the purchase of a new gymnasium floor for the school. Many generous guests responded to the appeal. In the end, over \$34,000 was raised for the project, which means we can look forward to a new gym floor to be installed in summer 2012!

Overall event proceeds totaled \$100,200 to be used to support the students, faculty and programs of LCA.

We have many volunteers to thank for the success of this event. These volunteers and many other supporters, sponsors and friends are counted among LCA's "living angels!" The auction results reflect their tremendous effort, along with the vision of LCA staff and administration, including Mary Ann Campbell, Paul Nickels, Bill Deisler and Karen Burke.

Debbie Riddle	Julia Artbauer	Leslie Mitchell
Jenni Baker	Elizabeth Grace	Maura Armsworthy
Liz Bodziony	Allison Bradfield	Gretchen Bulan
Amy Derethik	Jane Diemer	Denise Eckman
Megan Fox	Amy Frost	Mary Ellen Kraus
Ingrid Hoegner Leek	Kathy Kniely	Timi Kormos
Janet Nolan	Wendy Pietrangelo	Jenni Reali
Laura Sacha	Kate Sessions	Kim Sinagra
Maggi Szczepaniak	Kate Trainor	Kim Tumney
Trish Vargo	Sue Wadden	Stacy Zuchold
Laura Jensen	Debbie Baker	Clynne family
Terri Griffin	Karin Conway	Mary Anne Ryan
Stacy Zuchold	Odile Guegan	Christine Gerwitz
Quilma Heuter	Amy Becker	Tom Campbell
Eileen Chambers	Andrews family	Ted Campbell
Mulgrew family	Jen Raynor	Gina Gibson
Lynn Larson & family	Melissa LaSpisa	Todd Gibson
Marcos Cortes	Mike Trebilcock	Jimmy Votypka
Doug Giebel	Jim McGowan	Mike Artbauer
Kathy Stevens	Bridgette Dineen	Litten family
Joanne Becker	Carine Chupin	Katy Corrigan
Eva Vitale	Marlene Ertle	Patty Sullivan
Mark Nolan	Chris Sinagra	Melissa Periandri
Nick Peura	Colleen Croniger	Michelle O'Toole
Melanie Harlan	Jenny Lishing	Ellen Snider
Matt Harlan	Pat Metzger	Al Snider
Carl Lishing	Melissa Metzger	Bert & Mary Wirtz family
Caroline Flannery	Lenhard family	Militello family
Jessica Bellini	Jacqui Bishop Klee	Maureen Jamieson
John Gerwitz	Holly Lauch	Mike Kotansky & family
Marge Lanzola	Monica Olivera-Cerpa	Galen Scheurlein

We thank these volunteers and the legion of angels who gave their time and talent to LCA.

### ***A Cleveland Plain Dealer "Shout Out" to our Service Day Volunteers...***

While we have received a number of calls and letters thanking our students, faculty and staff for their work on our November 4<sup>th</sup> service day, we received city-wide attention when the following quote appeared in the "Thankful Thursday" section of the Cleveland Plain Dealer last week. In case you missed it, the quote is below. Thanks again to all who took part!

*"I would like to acknowledge and applaud Lakewood Catholic Academy. Last Friday 50 eager students from all grade levels along with two parents and a teacher did fall cleaning on my back and front yard. They came with their own rakes and did a wonderful job. This senior is so grateful. Thank you to all of LCA for this wonderful project. Lakewood is a great place to live, and you have strongly reinforced that." -- Lakewood*

### ***Ticket Orders Now Being Accepted for December 10th Elf Shelf & Breakfast with Santa***

It's that time of year again! Elf Shelf and Breakfast with Santa are right around the corner, and while the elves have been busy, they need your help! Elf Shelf is an inexpensive way for children to Christmas shop for mom, dad, aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers. The Elf Shelf will open at 9 a.m. and continue until 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast with Santa will be served from 9:30 until 11 a.m. A ticket order form with much more specific information is now available for Breakfast with Santa. Be sure to see both flyers in today's envelope. Any questions about the event or making a donation can be directed to Terri Griffin at [grifster1@cox.net](mailto:grifster1@cox.net).

Please note: If you have sent us a ticket order form already for Breakfast with Santa, be sure to check your child's backpack, as we are sending reservation confirmations as we receive ticket orders!

***Reminder: Winter Sports Mass is Saturday, December 3 at St. Luke Parish***

We will once again mark the beginning of a new sports season for our LCA athletes with a celebration of the Liturgy! The Winter Sports Mass is set for Saturday, December 3 at the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Luke Parish. Athletes are urged to attend with their families and to wear their jerseys. Individual basketball coaches will be providing more information at practice. One reminder: **Please arrive on time!**

***Think Snow! Deadline for Ski Club Registration is TOMORROW, November 18***

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 arrive 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. Information packets are available on line at <http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/sportspages/skiclub.htm>.

***LCA Band Patron Drive Begins!***

One of the things that makes Lakewood Catholic Academy special is its very exciting instrumental music program. This year, LCA has 120 students participating, with three concert bands plus a jazz band. This represents nearly 50 percent of the eligible student body! It is a program that is definitely worthy of support, and we hope you will offer your support through the 2011 Band Patron program.

Some of our LCA instruments are worn, but still valuable. In these cases it is more cost effective to overhaul an instrument than to replace it. Other instruments are not worth repairing and need to be replaced. We hope to use the fund-raiser proceeds to help our very deserving students, overhaul worn instruments, and to purchase new percussion equipment. In addition to instrument repairs, past fund raisers have paid for expensive specialty instruments like the tuba, orchestral tubular chimes, gong, and baritone saxophone. These instruments are too expensive for individuals to purchase and are generally owned by schools. This year we need a new drum set, an electric bass case, a case for the bass head amplifier, and a repair of our portable sound system.

To raise funds this year, we plan to sell Band Patron memberships for the next two weeks, beginning Wednesday, November 16th and carrying through until Friday, December 2. The names of our band patrons will be listed in the Christmas and Spring Concert programs. There are five levels of contribution, ranging from \$20 to \$1,000. The \$55 level will pay for one new band musical arrangement. At \$1,000, our new St. Cecilia level will cover all new spring concert music for all bands.

- White Level : \$20 contribution
- Navy Level: \$40 contribution
- Burgundy Level: \$55 contribution (buys one new band music arrangement)
- Special Friend: \$100 and over (Contribute towards our new drum set, which will cost over \$900)
- St. Cecilia Patron: \$1,000 (covers all new spring concert music for all bands)

A patron form is included in today's packet. Thank you for supporting the instrumental music program!

***LCA First and Eighth Graders Honor Local Veterans on Veteran's Day***

In what is becoming an annual tradition, Lakewood Catholic Academy students send a contingent over to Lakewood Park to take part in Veteran's Day services. We received this note from a local veteran by the name of Maynard "Doc" Unger after this year's ceremony....

*"To Josh, Lilly, Ethan, Maeve, and your teacher, I am one of the lucky veterans that received your nice "Thank You" cards. I want to thank all of you for coming to the ceremony honoring Veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup> and I especially want to thank you for the very nice hand made cards. Hand made cards are the BEST because it shows one spends more time thinking about what*

they are doing. I am a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and I was a Prisoner of War during World War II. But most importantly, I am also a retired elementary school teacher, having taught in the Lakewood schools. Your coming to the program last week was very much appreciated! -- Maynard "Doc" Unger

### **LCA Band Alumni News...**

This item recently appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer about Christian Chapman, a 2009 LCA graduate:

*"St. Edward Junior Christian Chapman will grab both drumsticks on Thanksgiving Day. We're not talkin' turkey, either. The Rocky River snare drummer earned a spot in the Macy's Great American Marching Band. He'll be part of a band of 200 students representing every state, leading the 85th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade."*

In other band news, former LCA students Thomas Yarcusko, a senior at St. Ignatius, and Abby Yarcusko, a freshman at St. Joseph Academy, have been selected as trumpeters for the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. They recently performed a fantastic concert at Severance Hall. Thomas Yarcusko is also the first chair trumpeter at St. Ignatius High School and Abby is a strong member of the St. Joseph music program.

### **Yes, Snow Days Are Approaching...**

As you know, winter weather is not too far away. Our Snow Day Policy is as follows: If the Lakewood Public School system is closed, then we are closed. While we will typically be on the school closure lists at local television and radio stations, you can be assured that if you read or hear that the Lakewood City Schools are closed, we will be too!

### **Speaking of Snow: The Schoolbelles Winter Sale is On through December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The folks at Schoolbelles are currently offering discounts from 10%-25% off retail prices starting now through December 3, 2011. It's a great opportunity to freshen children's worn uniform or to stock up on cold weather items. Be sure to see the flyer in today's envelope for more information.



### **Market Day Update**

Market Day Bonus Days are still going on for November but time is running out. This is your last chance to order cookie dough. All orders will be in before Christmas, giving you one less thing to worry about during this busy season. The cookies come pre-portioned with no scooping necessary. You choose the amount you want to bake and simply leave the rest in the freezer for another day. The Holiday Cookie Shapes offer a quick and easy way to get into the holiday spirit. Just imagine the relief you will feel when the kids tell you about a last minute party and you are able to pull the exact number of cookies needed from the freezer and put them straight into the oven, ready to be eaten in minutes!

We have 14 orders entered this month, but need 100 boxes sold to reach the 30% profit level. It is as easy to order as it is to have hot, delicious cookies on the table. Just use the order form included in today's packet, which can be returned to the school office, or include the cookies in your regular, monthly order. All order forms must be submitted to the office by Monday, November 21. Online orders can be entered until midnight on November 26 but don't wait, enter your order now. As always, if you have any questions, please contact Michelle Smith at [marbury1995@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marbury1995@sbcglobal.net).

### **Let Your Light Shine Through "Cookie Christmas" at St. Luke Parish**

On Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, St. Luke Parish will be involved in its annual Cookie Christmas Outreach to the Homebound. The parish will be packaging home-made cookies for the sick and homebound elderly. Typically, the effort involves over 400 boxes of 20 or more cookies with a few pieces of candy. If you would like to be involved in this Christmas project with your child or just yourself, we would be **grateful** for your help. We need cookie bakers and Santa helpers to deliver the cookies. Be sure to see the flyer in today's envelope with more information.

### **St. Luke Service Opportunity is This Weekend...**

This Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, are days when the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. packs Thanksgiving meals for more than 300 Lakewood families in need. This all happens due to people who live their faith in Christ by acting upon it. Friday you may join others at the Masonic Auditorium at the corner of Detroit Road and Andrews Avenue, entering from the rear lot into the basement, where nonperishable foods previously donated will be sorted and packed. Saturday the perishables and other materials will be loaded into cars and delivered. There is work for kids and parents who may opt to drive their kids to deliver 5-8 bags around town. It really can be a great family event where we reach out to others in need in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember: "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do to me." If you can help, contact St. Luke Youth Coordinator Dave Corrigan by email at [tacodave@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tacodave@sbcglobal.net).

### ***Light Up Lakewood is December 3<sup>rd</sup>!***

One of Lakewood's great special events is the Light Up Lakewood ceremony, Once again, Downtown Lakewood will be aglow with lights, decorated festive displays and teeming with residents from Lakewood and beyond at this 2011 event. This year the event will be including a HOLIDAY PARADE, followed by The Holiday Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Kickoff at Lakewood Hospital, which takes place on closed Detroit Avenue.

Activities include music, Lolly the Trolley rides, an ice carver, jugglers, kids crafts and a "Twigbee-Style" shop along with Holiday characters, the Gingerbread House Tour and of course, Santa's arrival! If it is your first time or your 5th, make sure to join the crowd and make it your family holiday tradition. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's packet for more information on this year's event, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 3.

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

- December 2011 Calendar
- Holiday Concert Guide and Schedule
- Elf Shelf Flyer
- Breakfast with Santa Registration Flyer
- Band Patron Drive Letter & Donation Form
- Market Day Cookie Dough Order Form
- St. Luke Cookie Christmas Flyer
- Light Up Lakewood Flyer
- Schoolbelles Sale Flyer