

The LCA Weekly

December 1, 2011 Edition

Calendar

- December 1** Field Trip, Grade 1
Full Choir Practice, 3 – 3:45 p.m.
Market Day Pickup, 7-8 p.m.
- December 2** Advent Prayer Service
Grade 4 Liturgy, 1:30 p.m.
- December 3** Advanced Band Performs at “Light Up Lakewood”
Winter Sports Mass, St. Luke Parish, 4:30 p.m.
- December 4** St. Clement Candidate Session for Confirmation, 7 p.m.
- December 5** National Junior Honor Society Candy Cane Sale Begins
Grade 6 Liturgy, 1:30 p.m.
Advent Penance Service, Grades 7 & 8
Christmas Ornament Making, Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
H₂O Meeting, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- December 6** Grades K, 1 & 2 Choir Christmas Concert, 2 p.m. for the school children
Preschool to St. Clement for a Sing-A-Long, 7 p.m.
- December 7** Grades K, 1 & 2 Choir Christmas Concert, 6:45 p.m.
St. Ed’s Classroom of Champions, 7:30 p.m.
Art Club, Grades 6, 7 & 8, 3 – 4 p.m.
- December 8** Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 10 a.m.
Grade 1, Polar Express
- December 9** All Band Concert, 1:30 p.m. for the school children
Progress Reports Sent Home
- December 10** Breakfast with Santa, 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Elf Shelf, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

News

Changes Come to the Lakewood Catholic Academy Board of Directors

With the turn of the calendar year, we will have a new slate of officers on the Lakewood Catholic Academy Board of Directors. Among the coming changes, LCA parent Mike Smith will conclude both his board service and term as Chairman on December 31. We are very grateful for his service! Be sure to read his letter, included in today’s packet, for more details.

Update: Breakfast with Santa is SOLD OUT

Breakfast with Santa is **sold out** as of Wednesday morning! Anyone who submitted a request for tickets after that time will be added to a waiting list. **For those with tickets, if your plans change and you are not able to attend the event, please contact Gina Gibson at toddandgina@earthlink.net** so that another family may attend and you may obtain a

refund. And remember, **Elf Shelf, which runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m., is open to all**, so please come by to cross a few items off of those Christmas lists. Thank you for your support of Breakfast with Santa and Elf Shelf!

Reminder: Winter Sports Mass is This 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!**

A Big BOOK FAIR Thank You!

Thank you to all the families that participated in this year's book fair. It was a big success and a lot of fun. Our library will greatly benefit from everyone's generosity. The students certainly seemed to have a lot of fun. We made balloon aliens, origami Star Wars figures and read a lot of stories. We partied in our Pajamas, played Simon Says, and enjoyed a bedtime snack. A special thank you the Junior Crew!

Lucy Kress	Ashley Baus	Jacob Walters
Amanda Lutterbaugh (Clifford)	Annalise Hribar (Clifford)	Shawn Gaspar
Will Baker	Jake Sawicki	Jackie Grant
Tommy Bodziony (Clifford)	Joe Rotolo	Claire Petty
Nancy Kotnik	Zach Moore	Grace Gaspar
Sammy Jammal	Anna Kotansky	Molly Griffin
Nancy Kotnik	Caty Ryan	Jane Kalinowski
Michael Rogers	Dominic Giebel	Jack Viglianco
Patrick Needham	Jack Seeley	Daniel Arth
Isa Pauer	Bina Frost	Katie Arth
Ashley Girgis	Gabe Militello	
Laurel Slawinski	Dominic Giebel (Clifford)	

Editor's Note: A very special recognition goes to parent volunteer Caron Viglianco, who organized the Book Fair and has really expanded the event over the last two years!

A Thank You to our Faculty and our Parent & Student Ambassadors!

LCA held the first of its two Open House events on Sunday, November 20th. Our deep appreciation goes to the Parent and Student Ambassadors and to our faculty and staff members who gave up a large part of their Sunday afternoon to greet and speak with our visitors. Turnout was strong, and our visitors commented often about the friendly reception they received. Again, thank you!!! The next Open House will take place on Sunday, January 29th, as our annual kick-off to Catholic Schools Week.

A Note from the Business Office...

Invoices for Athletic Participation Fees of \$10 per family were issued this week, and were sent home with your students. Payment is due by December 15th. The fees directly support the Athletics Program at LCA. If you pay quarterly or semi-annually, simply add it to your payment. Monthly payers can send a check, or if you pay through TMS and want the \$10 fee to be added to your tuition/fees budget, please send an email to Marge Lanzola at mlanzola@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com by December 15th. ***(Please do not send cash through school.)*** Thank you!

Remember to Dress for the Weather!

With the temperatures quickly falling – and some snowflakes appearing for the first time this week - be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. As we move into December, this includes hats and gloves, as well as tights for the girls. Remember that, barring very cold or rainy weather, all students spend time outside for recess each day!

LCA Band Patron Drive Continues

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 repair of our portable sound system, and a case for the bass head amplifier.

To raise funds this year, we plan to sell Band Patron memberships through 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 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 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 letter and patron form is included in today's packet. Thank you for supporting the instrumental music program!

Kudos to our First Quarter Honor Roll Students!

The first quarter is complete, and today's envelope includes a list of our 7th and 8th grade honor roll students. Be sure to check it out!

Junior Honor Society Candy Gram Sale Begins Next Week

Once again, the National Junior Honor Society at LCA will be conducting its annual Candy Cane Sale fundraiser. Look for a participation form to come home with your child today!



Market Day Update

Did you know that Market Day is a fundraiser that earns LCA cash that can be used for any purpose? LCA will receive nearly \$350 from Market Day from last month's sale. That \$350, along with the funds earned in the previous months, will be used for technology equipment as well as conferences for our teachers that they may not otherwise be able to attend, such as the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics).

Only 55 families participated last month and yet LCA was able to earn much needed funds. Every order counts, no matter how big or small. This is a way to earn money for LCA and get something in return. How about ordering some hot chocolate packets for the cold months ahead or maybe some fruit cups or string cheese that you can include in the kids' lunches? It is easy to order and easy to pick-up. Just enter your order on-line at marketday.com, using the account #12891 for LCA. If you prefer a paper order form, just stop by the office and pick one up. Pick-up will be from 7-8 p.m. on January 12 in the school cafeteria. If you aren't able to pick up on that date, that's not a problem. Just contact Michelle Smith at marbury1995@sbcglobal.net. to make other arrangements.

Please consider supporting LCA through your Market Day purchase today.

Renovation of Before and After Care Rooms Progressing!

If you happen to be in the area of the Cafeteria, be sure to take a look at the remarkable progress we're making on the renovation of the Before and After Care rooms! Our Pro Aliis Award Winners, Jeni and Joie Matousek, have completed the Kindergarten room and the restroom, and are hard at work on the larger room next door. The change is remarkable! And of course, a tip of the hat goes to Mr. Deisler for his assistance.

Let Your Light Shine through “Cookie Christmas” at St. Luke Parish

On Monday, December 12th, 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. Ignatius Choir Holiday Concert is This Sunday

The St. Ignatius Choir, under the direction of Jason Falkofsky, will perform a concert featuring music for Advent and Christmas this Sunday, December 4th from 2 to 3 p.m. There will be a reception immediately after the concert. The concert will be at River’s Edge, on the campus of St. Joseph Academy on Rocky River Drive. Cost is \$10 per person. Check out the flyer in today’s packet for more information.

In This Packet:

- Letter from LCA Board Chairman Mike Smith
- First Quarter Honor Roll
- National Junior Honor Society Candy Cane Sale Flyer
- Band Patron Form
- St. Ignatius Choir Concert Flyer