

# The LCA Weekly



*December 15, 2011 Edition  
Final Pre-Christmas Issue!*

## **Calendar**

<b>December 15</b>	<b>Grades 4 &amp; 5 Band Concert Along with the Jazz Band, 7 p.m., LCA Gym</b>
<b>December 16</b>	Advent Prayer Service Grade 5 Liturgy, 1:30 p.m.
<b>December 19</b>	Advent Penance Service, Grades 3 & 4
<b>December 21</b>	Advent Prayer Service <b>Last Day Before Christmas Vacation</b> <b>Faculty Meeting, Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 22 – Jan. 3</b>	<b>Christmas Vacation</b>
<b>January 4</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>

## **News**

### ***A Big Thank You from the Breakfast with Santa & Elf Shelf Team!***

Saturday morning found LCA overflowing with Christmas cheer as Breakfast with Santa volunteers served 350 breakfasts and over 160 children had their picture taken with Santa. Hundreds of folks also stopped by Elf Shelf to purchase gifts and have them gift wrapped for family and friends. These events are not possible without all of our wonderful volunteers! So, thank you to our parent volunteers:

Leslie Andrews, Barb Billings, Jacqui Bishop Klee, Stephanie Colby, Rose Clynne, Tom Clynne, Amy Derethik, Maureen Dowd, Todd Gibson, John Griffin, Martha Halko, Quilma Hueter, Patty Jammal, Chris Jammal, Maureen Kantorak, Emily Knight, Susan Latham, Karen McHugh, Andrea Massie, Susan Moore, Jennifer Nezovich, Kathy Petrick, Galen Schuerlein, Elektra Sookhdeo, Amy Stanovic, Maggie Szczepaniak, Eva Vitale, Barb Wirth, Caroline Zuchold, Stacey Zuchold.

And our elves . . .

Celia Andrews, Ashley Baus, Claudia Becker, Brooke Bulan, Katie Butterfield, Julia Chambers, Maeve Chambers, Cassie Cisco, Ruth Colby, Helen Cornelison, Ann-Marie Crawmer, Daniel Cresci, Marius Cresci, MaryCait Dolan, Thomas Dougherty, Bethany Eckman, Drew Gibson, Mary Gibson, Maggie Griffin, Molly Griffin, Hannah Heben, Olivia Heidorf, Annaliese Hribar, Emma Kantorak, Marina Klee, Anna Kotansky, Amanda Lutterbaugh, Kayla McBride, Cassidy Miller, Brendan Mitchell, Emily Morabeto, Olivia Morabeto, Zachary Moore, Maeve Mullen, Patrick Needham, Alexandria Olsen, Emma Ours, Isa Pauer, Gayle Petrick, Isabella Senft, Nicholas Shewalter, Laurel Slawinski, Gwen Smith, Molly Stofko, Patrick Triesel, Jacob Walters.

We also want to thank those that donated items to Elf Shelf; Ripcho Studios for taking all of those pictures and donating a 5x7 photo to each child; Sweet Melissa's of Rocky River for a terrific meal and of course, Santa! Have a very Merry Christmas! *Gina Gibson – Chair, Breakfast with Santa, and Terri Griffin, Chair, Elf Shelf Chair*

### ***A Note from the Business Office...***

Tuition statements will be mailed this week to quarterly and semi-annual payers. Please be sure to submit your payments on time. The due date is January 25, 2012. If your records do not agree with ours, contact the Business Office by December 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have not paid Band Fees or Athletic Fees, they are also due by January 25<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU, and have a Merry, Blessed Christmas!

### ***Toboggan Night is January 12<sup>th</sup>***

LCA Toboggan Night at the Metroparks Toboggan Facility is Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 10 p.m. While 10 p.m. sounds late, remember there is no school on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>! Cost is just \$6 for students and adult riders. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's envelope with all the details. Questions can be directed to Maria Pauer at 216.521.9686 or Cristina Gerwitz at 216.226.7275.

### ***LCA Pizza Skate is January 16<sup>th</sup>***

Join us on Martin Luther King Day, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. until noon for the annual Pizza Skate at Winterhurst Serpentine Arena! What a good way to get out on our day off, see friends, and blow off some steam! The cost is \$6 per person for admission, skate rental, pizza, and a drink. See the flyer in today's envelope for more details. Please return your form and payment by January 12th through the school office. For more information, or if you volunteered to help with this event, please contact Kate Sessions at 216.221.9454 or by email at [kgsessions@gmail.com](mailto:kgsessions@gmail.com).

### ***Challenge Your Children to Continue Learning During Christmas Break!***

Are you looking for fun and educational websites for you and your child to visit over the holiday break? Well, look no further than the list of bookmarked websites LCA Computer Teacher Miss Thies has created for our LCA students at <http://guest.portaportal.com/lcacomputer>. This link will take you directly to a list of kid-friendly websites that includes Christmas fun & learning, keyboarding practice, Internet safety, learning fun in all subject areas, and more. Please check out this site and bookmark it for you and your child to enjoy together! If you have questions regarding the site, please contact Miss Thies at [jthies@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:jthies@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com). I wish everyone a fun and safe holiday season!

### ***Reminder: Check the Lost & Found Before the Holidays...***

Our Lost & Found department, located near the elevator in the B Wing, is bulging! If you are missing items, please check for them soon. We are planning to clean out the area during the Christmas break and will donate unclaimed items to charity.

### ***Congratulations to our Student Council Election Winners!***

The votes have been counted in the Student Council election. We would like to thank all of the candidates, the voters, and the faculty members for their time and support. All of the races were very close, and the candidates did an excellent job! The winners are:

- President: Nick Ventura
- Vice President: Aidan Spellacy
- Secretary: Luke Wagner
- Treasurer: Jack Romer

### ***Christmas Shopping at the LCA Bookstore!***

Want to give your child some LCA gear for Christmas? LCA families will have a special opportunity to shop on **Wednesday, December 21**, the last day of school prior to Christmas vacation, when we'll stay open **from 1:30 dismissal time until 3 p.m.** If you cannot make these hours, feel free to contact Paul Nickels by email at [pnickels@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:pnickels@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com) to arrange a special visit. We have a good supply of LCA hoodies, crewneck sweats, sweatpants, polo shirts and more, including adult sizes. **We will also be open tomorrow (Friday) from 2:45 until 3:30 p.m. and on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 until 8:30 a.m.**

### ***Be Sure to Return January Cafeteria Order Forms Before Christmas Break***

With the Christmas break quickly approaching, please remember to return your January cafeteria order forms **before** the last day of school on December 21st! You can find the forms on the LCA web, including a copy of the January menu, at [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/forms.htm](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/forms.htm).

### **Save This Date: SSO Parent Social is January 27th**

The Saints Service Organization is sponsoring a Parent Social on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents can gather at Sullivan's Irish Pub and Restaurant from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost will be just \$5 and will include a beverage and appetizers. Look for more information after the first of the year!



### **Market Day Update...**

Another month of Market Day is underway. Since the beginning of this school year your purchases have earned LCA nearly \$2,250 in profits to be used toward our teachers' continuing education. If you have not yet participated, please consider giving this fundraiser a try. You can participate by obtaining a paper order form from the school office or by going online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). The LCA Market Day account number is 12891. Our goal this month is to have 65 orders and we need everyone's help to reach this goal. If you have any questions about the program contact Michelle Smith at [marbury1995@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marbury1995@sbcglobal.net).

### **Wanted: Old Scrabble Squares!**

Do you have an old, unused game of Scrabble lurking in a closet or a basement? If so, and you don't want it, consider donating it to LCA. Mrs. VandeVelde is looking to collect them for a project involving the eighth grade. If you have something to donate, simply bring it to the Main Office. Thanks in advance!

### **Lakewood Catholic Academy Students Dominate Ignatius Bridge Building Competition!**

On Saturday, November 19, 28 LCA fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students participated in the Spaghetti Bridge Competition at St. Ignatius High School. Teams spent several weeks applying sound engineering principals to prepare their bridges. Each bridge was tested by hanging a bucket from the road bed and filling the bucket slowly with sand. Teams were scored on "bridge efficiency," which is the ratio of the weight the bridge supports to the weight of the bridge itself. Students (and coaches!) found the spaghetti to be a very challenging material to work with, but everyone persevered and learned quite a bit! Our top teams included Monica Kronstain and Grace Rodio, whose bridge held 45 times its own weight, bringing them a first-place win; Andrew Zuchold and Anthony Giebel, whose bridge held 43 times its own weight, earning them a second place finish; Noah Militello and John Reinhold, whose bridge held 37 times its own weight and earned them a third place finish, and Evie Frost and Sofia Motelka whose bridge held 34 times its own weight. Evie and Sofia finished fourth. Congratulations to all of our young engineers!

### **LCA Alumni on the Sports Pages..**

Readers of the *Plain Dealer* sports pages may have seen not one, but TWO LCA alumni written up in the section on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> as *Plain Dealer* "Athletes of the Week." Greta Burry, class of 2010 and currently a sophomore at St. Joseph Academy, was honored for her basketball skills. In a 58-45 win against Maple Heights, Greta had 18 points, 14 rebounds and two blocks. In a 45-31 win against Culver Academy, she had 14 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks. Greta also plays volleyball for the Jaguars. Also honored was Liam Geither, a 2008 LCA graduate and a member of the boy's hockey team at St. Ignatius. Liam had two goals and four assists in 7-2 win against Lake Catholic. During the Indians Snow Days Invitational, played at Progressive Field, Liam had the game-winning goal with five seconds left in 5-4 win against Bethel Park (Pa.). Way to go, Greta and Liam!!!!

### **High School Planning Session Available at Lakewood High School**

Lakewood High School will hold a planning session for parents and eighth grade students who are not currently enrolled in the Lakewood School system but may be planning to attend Lakewood High School. The event takes place on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 from 4 to 5 p.m. Attendees will park in the visitor's lot and enter the building through the main front door off of Franklin Boulevard, and will be directed to Lecture Hall #2 (Room A218). There will be information and scheduling materials for students planning to enroll in Fall 2012. Any questions can be directed to Guidance Secretary Mrs. Diamond at 216.529.4032.

### **In This Packet:**

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