

The LCA Weekly

September 22, 2011 Edition



Calendar

- September 22** Band Registration Ends for Grades 4 through 8
Choir Practice, 3:00 – 3:45
- September 23** **No School – Teacher In-Service**
- September 24** **Second Annual LCA Golf Open!!!!**
- September 26** Newspaper Meeting, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.
Grade 6 Class Mass
- September 27** Individual Picture Day – Dress Up Day
SSO Meeting, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- September 28** Class Pictures – Wear Regular School Uniforms
- September 29** Choir Practice, 3 – 3:45 p.m.
- September 30** Progress Reports Sent Home for Grades 1-3
- October 1** Pre-Race Mass & Pasta Dinner
- October 2** **Seventh Annual LCA Run for Excellence**

News

Runners and Walkers – It's Time To Get On Board!

LCA families: We need you! Registration for the Run for Excellence is going on right now. Online registration ends September 30th at 9 a.m. and the mail-in registrations need to be post marked by Sept. 28th. Visit www.hermescleveland.com to register. Please help us meet our goal of 400 walkers/runners! This year's race features many new attractions. See the attached flyer listing all the details. If you would like to help volunteer, please email Sharon Gaspar at sgasp2@yahoo.com. Please send all mail-in registrations to: Hermes Sports and Events, 1624 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44114. You will need to fill out one registration form per person running/walking. Thanks, *Jenny Reali, Event Chair*

Pre-Race Mass, Race Packet Pick-up & Pasta Dinner is October 1

Attention Runners & Walkers: Race packet pick-up will be held at St. Luke Church in McBride Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1st immediately following the 4:30 p.m. vigil Mass. You are also invited to join us for a pasta dinner catered by Italian Creations, to be held in McBride Hall immediately after Mass. The flyer is included in this week's newsletter. **The deadline to pre-order for the pasta dinner is Monday, September 26th.** Please send your order form and payment to school marked "Pasta Dinner." Thanks, *Jenny Reali, Event Chair*

Grandparent's Day is October 14; It's Time to Make Reservations

Lakewood Catholic Academy Grandparent's Day Celebration is on Friday, October 14th. We will once again invite our grandparents (or special guests in lieu of grandparents) to join us at school. The morning will begin with an all- school

liturgy at 9:00 a.m. and will be followed by an opportunity for grandparents to visit the classrooms. Registration forms are included with this newsletter. We ask that you return these forms as soon as possible. **Registration is essential to enable us to organize and direct our more than 300 guests to the appropriate classrooms.** This is always a wonderful event and we look forward to having everyone join us again this year.

Reminder: Picture Days are Next Week

Every LCA student brought home a Picture Order envelope last week. Both individual and class pictures will be taken during the week of September 26th. Individual Picture Day is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th; students should “dress up” for their pictures. Class Picture Day is Wednesday, September 28th; students should dress in uniforms. Pictures will be taken of all students for the school records, whether pictures are ordered or not.

Reminder: International Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 5th

Lakewood Catholic Academy is once again registered for International Walk to School Day on Wed. Oct. 5. LCA participated last year for the first time and we had nearly 300 participants! Students, teachers, and parents are all encouraged to walk and join in on the uplifting effects a morning walk can create! Be sure to check out the flyer in today’s envelope with more information. Have questions or are you interested helping on the morning of October 5th for about 30 minutes? Contact Marianne Quasebarth Usiak at greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.

All Saints Auction: Weekly Update

Exciting donations are beginning to roll in as we get closer to the date of this year’s All Saints Auction on November 5. **Sports and recreation fans** will have the opportunity to bid on unique items including Browns tickets, golf outings at Westwood Country Club and Kirtland Country Club, one-of-a-kind, “on the field” experiences at local high schools, skiing packages and more! **Wine lovers** will be impressed by the selection of fine wines and champagnes featured in the Wine Pull, a “spirited” attraction returning again this year. You can contribute to the Wine Pull by dropping off bottles, valued at \$20 and higher, to the Main office or by contacting Jenni Baker at jennibaker@cox.net to arrange for pick-up.

Have something to donate? There are many ways to help. Be sure to check out the auction item donation form in today’s packet.

Stay tuned! Our auction website will be up and running soon! The website will allow you to purchase tickets, see new auction items as they come in, view our sponsor page and learn more about the Sisters of Charity and the LCA Insignis Award.

Market Day Update

We are on to another month of Market Day. We already have 20 orders toward our goal of 60. Just a reminder that profits from our sales are being used to help with in-service training and additional conferences for our teachers. Wondering what to purchase? Try some chicken steaks – they are always the top seller each month.

You can place your order online at the Market Day website at www.marketday.com. Our Market Day account number is 12891. If you are a new customer and order online, enter the word NEWFIVE in the Promo Code at checkout and receive \$5 off a \$25 order. If you prefer a paper order form, they can be found in the school office. Paper orders must be turned into school by September 28 and internet orders are due on 10/1. Pick-up date is October 6. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Smith at marbury1995@sbcglobal.net.

Wednesdays with Words Volunteers Needed

Wednesdays with Words volunteers are still needed for Ms. Seghi, Mrs. Shelley, Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Conaway, Ms. Frantz, Mrs. Butcher, Ms. Hubach, Mr. Castrigano and Mrs. Arrighi. This is a wonderful program that is designed to give students in grades K-6 a hands-on approach to developing strong vocabulary skills and a love for reading. While parents are in the classrooms, the teachers will be meeting with their grade level teams to plan activities and work on curriculum. Each classroom will have two to three parent volunteers. WWW starts on **September 28th and runs on the first, second and last Wednesdays of the month during the last period of the day, starting at 2:00 p.m.** Please contact Leslie Andrews at 216-227-1729 or Blandrews4@aol.com if you are interested.

Save This Date! October 21st is Fall Festival Day

Please plan to attend the SSO Fall Festival 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 of games, prizes, face painting, 'smares and more! Avoid the lines and look for the flyer in upcoming take home packets for advance ticket purchasing. We are also still searching for volunteers to help with games, set up, ticket selling, and more. If interested in volunteering for this exciting one-time event please contact Carrie Litten at carrielitten@hotmail.com or Kim Sinagra at klsinagra@msn.com.

Registration is Approaching for CYO Basketball: Deadline is Friday, October 21st

Stay tuned, hoopsters! It's nearly time to register for CYO basketball for the Winter 2011-12 season. All students in grades four through eight will receive a registration form with next week's packet, as will PSR students in our three supporting parishes. Registrations that come in after the 21stth will only be accepted on an as-needed basis to fill existing teams and will be subject to a \$10 late fee. Again, watch for those forms next week.

Interested in Wrestling?

LCA is currently exploring the possibility of a collaboration with St. Mark School that would allow interested LCA students to participate in that school's well-established wrestling program. We should have all the details in time for next week's newsletter. Please do note that this will require a decision between playing basketball and wrestling on the part of the student athlete, as both sports run simultaneously!

It's Not Too Late to Join Green Team- LCA's After School Nature Club

Do you like being outside? Do you like learning by doing activities? Green Team might just be the club for you! Green Team has a whole new year of activities planned focusing around experiencing nature. Green Team is open to grades 3-8. Programs are designed for this age group and will be led by a variety of guest speakers, including a local recording artist and Naturalist, Cuyahoga County, the Zoo, the Cleveland Metroparks and more. We will be meeting the third Wednesday of the month after school. Space is limited, please sign up soon! A completed Green Team permission form and \$8 fee must be completed and turned into the office to participate in any meeting. Virtus trained parent volunteers are welcome! To learn more about Green Team's full mission, sample meeting agenda and special permission form, visit www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/enrichment.htm or send email to greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.

Our next meeting will be October 19th from 2:30 until 4 p.m. Our special guest will be Foster Brown. Mr. Brown is a Naturalist, Historical Interpreter, and multi-CD recording artist. Don't miss this chance to meet him in a small group setting! For this special event concert only, Green Team members welcome all other LCA students (K-8) and parents to attend. Please send an RSVP with your name and how many will attend by October 14th to greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.

Wanted: LCA Parent Ambassadors!

With our very substantial enrollment increase this fall – **we are up from 485 to 532 in grades Kindergarten through 8, and our preschool is also substantially larger** – it has become increasingly clear that one of the key drivers of interest in LCA is parents speaking with parents. Every happy LCA parent is a natural "ambassador" for the school! At this time, we are seeking individuals – moms AND dads – who would be interested in becoming official "Parent Ambassadors" for the school. The job requirements are minimal – an enthusiasm for the LCA experience that you are willing to share with prospective families at Open House and a handful of other events. This year's Open House events are scheduled for Sunday, November 20th from 2 to 4 p.m., and Sunday, January 29th, also from 2 to 4 p.m. Training is provided and the job is actually quite enjoyable. If you would like to help as a Parent Ambassador, please send an email to Director of Marketing and Admissions Paul Nickels at pnickels@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.

Interested in Cub Scouts? BSA Representative Plans Campus Visit

A Cub Scout representative will be visiting LCA on Tuesday, September 27th to visit classes and talk to the boys about the adventures of being a Cub Scout in Pack 76 at LCA. All boys in grades 1-5 can join cub scouts. The Cub Scout rep will be in the LCA cafeteria the following evening at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28th for a night-time recruiting meeting to talk to parents. The meeting will last less than half an hour. If you cannot attend and would like more information, contact Jennifer Lariccia from the Boy Scouts of America at jlaricci@bsaemail.org.

St. Luke Parish is Seeking Altar Servers

St. Luke's would like to extend an invitation to be an Altar Server at the weekday and weekend masses. If you are in grades 4 through 8 and have made your First Communion, Father Walsh asks you to consider giving your time to this

wonderful service for our Lord. If you are interested please call Deacon John at 216-521-0184 or come to an Altar Servers meeting on Saturday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Alumni Kudos...

A tip of the thinking cap goes to Kevin Jones, LCA Class of 2009, who was named a National Merit Semi-Finalist at St. Ignatius High School. National Merit Semi-Finalists are chosen based on the scores of their PSAT tests, which are taken in the fall of the student's junior year. Congratulations to Kevin and the Jones family!

Calling All Artists: Halloween Window Walk is Coming!

It's that time of year again! The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the Beck Center for the Arts are teaming up to decorate the West End of Lakewood for the 7th Annual West End Halloween Walk. The contest is open to all students in grades Kindergarten through 12. Prizes will be awarded in different categories for Best of Show and Honorable Mention. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's packet for more information.

And Finally: Lost Jacket Sought!

One of our Kindergarten students recently misplaced a jacket that was a special gift from a near and dear family friend. The jacket is a red/wine-colored fleece, with the letters "CB" written on the tag. On the back of the jacket is a picture of a cartoon character called Tintin. If you have seen this item of clothing, please return it to the Main Office at your earliest convenience. It would mean so much to its owner!

In This Packet:

- Grandparent's Day Registration Form
- Race Flyer
- Pre-Race Pasta Dinner Flyer
- Auction Item Donation Forms
- Walk To School Day Flyer
- Halloween Window Walk Flyer