

# *The LCA Weekly*

## *September 29, 2011 Edition*



### **Calendar**

- 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**
- October 3**                              Student Savers, 7:50 – 8:10 a.m.  
Newspaper Meeting, 3 – 3:45 p.m.  
H<sub>2</sub>O Meeting, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- October 4**                              Preschool Field Trip  
All School Liturgy, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, 9 a.m.  
Juggling Club, 3 – 4 p.m.
- October 5**                              **International Walk to School Day**
- October 6**                              4<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Begins  
Fire Safety Assembly, 10:30 a.m.  
Choir (Part 2), 3:00 – 3:45  
Market Day Pickup, 7 – 8 p.m.
- October 7**                              First Grade Field Trip
- October 10**                              Student Savers, 7:50 – 8:10 a.m.  
Newspaper Meeting, 3 – 3:45 p.m.  
St. Luke Confirmation Meeting at St. Luke, 6:30 p.m.
- October 11**                              Juggling Club, 3 – 4 p.m.
- October 13**                              Full Choir Practice, 3 – 3:45 p.m.
- October 14**                              Grandparent's Day, Mass at 9 a.m.

### **News**

#### ***Run for Excellence is THIS WEEKEND!***

Race goers, there are only 4 days to go! On line pre-registration for the ***Run for Excellence*** ends this Friday at 9 a.m. This is your last chance to reserve your 2011 ***Run for Excellence*** performance t-shirts. Come support LCA and the Saints Service Organization. We are expecting a sunny day with a high of 62 degrees! We need 400 runners and we are half way there. Help us reach our goal. You can still register on-site beginning at 7:30 a.m., but the cost will increase by \$5 for individuals and \$10

for a family of four. If you are interested in volunteering at the race please contact Sharon Gaspar at [sgasp2@yahoo.com](mailto:sgasp2@yahoo.com) .  
Thanks, *Jenny Reali, Event Chairperson*

***Register by Monday! Grandparents' Day Celebration is Friday, October 14***

Please remember to complete and return the Grandparents' day registration form, which is **due this coming Monday, October 3rd**. Don't miss this very special LCA tradition! An extra copy of the form is included in today's packet.

***Help Wanted! Outdoor Classroom Work Day is Saturday, October 1***

Roll up your sleeves! We're seeking LCA families to help with a clean-up of the Lakewood Catholic Academy Early Childhood Program's Outdoor Classroom on the LCA campus. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's envelope with more information, including specifics on our goals for the day and what you can bring. Thanks in advance for your help!

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

It's time to register for CYO basketball for the Winter 2011-12 season. All students in grades four through eight will receive a registration form in today's packet, as will PSR students in our three supporting parishes. Registrations that come in after the 21st will only be accepted on an as-needed basis to fill existing teams and will be subject to a \$10 late fee.

***Before- and After-Care Reminder...***

Billing statements will be sent home today to those families that have signed up for our new LCA-sponsored Before- and After-Care Program. There is still room available in the program. If you are interested, please contact the Main Office at your earliest convenience for a registration form. The number is 216-521-0559.

***Pardon Our Dust! B Wing Building Roof to be Replaced in October!***

While there will be some brief inconveniences, LCA families will be very pleased to learn that we will replace the roof on the B wing before the snow flies! The B wing includes the Junior High and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade corridors, as well as the gym and both the general and instrumental music rooms. Work is scheduled to begin, weather permitting, in mid- to late-October, and should take about four weeks. The roof will be replaced in sections and there will be some noise, particularly during removal of the old roof, but we will keep classroom disruption to a minimum. This project will conclude the replacement of the entire roof of the LCA campus, which began back in the early days of the school with the A wing.

***Auction Update: All Saints Auction Website is Live!***

The All Saints Auction website is now up and running for easy access to all information about the event coming up on November 5. The website address is [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/allsaints](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/allsaints). You can also get to the site from the homepage of the LCA school website. Visit often to view new items as they come in! You can also purchase event tickets, become a sponsor, view current sponsors, donate items, and learn about this year's Insignis Award recipients, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine.

The auction is also now on Facebook! To find our page, search "LCA All Saints Auction" on Facebook and click "Like" to receive updates. Then share the page with all of your Facebook friends!

***Weekly Update: Travel Packages!***

Get ready to pack your bags! Several exciting travel packages have recently been donated and will be up for grabs on November 5. Don't miss your chance to experience one of these special trips:

- A southwest getaway at a resort home in Sedona, Arizona
- A weekend in Washington, D.C. with accommodations at the Sofitel Hotel on Lafayette Square, including great family-friendly activities
- A one-week stay in a beautifully updated cabin in the North Carolina mountains with hiking, horseback riding, fishing and other outdoor pursuits
- A week-long Smoky Mountain retreat in an A-frame cabin
- A one-week stay in a beautiful condo in gorgeous Sunset Beach, North Carolina – the perfect spot for a beach and/or golf vacation, with dozens of excellent courses nearby

Need a donation form? Forms are included in this week's envelope. Also included is a flyer with information about the Wine Pull, a key auction activity!

### ***Reminder: International Walk to School Day is Next Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>***

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. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer that morning for about 30 minutes, contact Marianne Quasebarth Usiak at [greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com).

### ***Wednesday with Words Volunteers Still Needed***

Wednesday with Words volunteers are still needed for Mrs. Beegan, Ms. Seghi, Mrs. Shelley, Ms. Corrigan, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Castrigano and Mrs. Arrighi. Each classroom will have two to three parent volunteers. **Wednesday with Words runs on the first, second and last Wednesdays of the month during the last period of the day, starting at 2:00 p.m.** There are only 18 Wednesday with Words dates, so each parent will be in the classroom only 6-9 times throughout the year. Please contact Leslie Andrews at 216-227-1729 or by email at [Blandrews4@aol.com](mailto:Blandrews4@aol.com) if you are interested.

### ***Fall Festival Day is Three Weeks Away!***

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 with games, prizes, face painting, 's'mores and more! Check out the flyer in today's packet for advance ticket purchasing. We are also still searching for volunteers to help with games, set up, ticket selling, and more. If you are interested in volunteering for this exciting one-time event please contact Carrie Litten at [carrielitten@hotmail.com](mailto:carrielitten@hotmail.com) or Kim Sinagra at [klsinagra@msn.com](mailto:klsinagra@msn.com).

### ***Save the Date: Community Service Day is Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>***

Lakewood Catholic Academy's annual service day is fast approaching. This year we will be raking leaves in the community on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The effort will span from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and the students will have an early dismissal at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon. Additional information including permission slips and volunteer forms will follow in the weeks to come. If you have any general questions about the day, please contact Mr. Fletcher at [mfletcher@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:mfletcher@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 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m., and Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:pnickels@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com).

### ***LCA Cross Country Invitational is Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>***

Want to see LCA's fantastic cross country team in action? Come to the lower beach area at Edgewater State Park on Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The Lakewood Catholic Academy CYO Cross Country Team will be competing with more than 600 other athletes, at our team supported home meet. The LCA team has had another excellent season, with many individual and team victories. This will be the final championship meet for our 3rd through 6th graders and all of the races are guaranteed to be very exciting as our teams battle for their final victories. GO SAINTS!

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

This is your last chance to order from Market Day this month and help our teachers with in-service trainings and conferences. Internet orders are due by this Saturday, October 1. Thanks to the 39 families that have already ordered, putting us just 21 orders from our goal of 60. You can place your order online at the Market Day website at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). Our Market Day account number is 12891. If you have never ordered before, why not make this month your first? You will receive a discount of \$5 off a \$25 order if you are a new customer and order online. Just enter the word NEWFIVE in the Promo Code at checkout to receive the discount. In addition, any \$40 order entered online will get you French Breadsticks and Garlic Parmesan Seasoning FREE. Pick-up date is October 6. If you are unable to pick-up on that date, it is not a problem. Just contact Michelle Smith at [marbury1995@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marbury1995@sbcglobal.net) to make other arrangements.

### ***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](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/enrichment.htm) or send email to [greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com).

**Our next meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> to [greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:greenteam@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com).

### ***St. Clement Clambake is October 8<sup>th</sup>***

It's feeling like fall, and that means a Clambake at St. Clement Parish! This year's bake is set for Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 p.m. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's envelope for more information and instructions for getting tickets.

### ***Pumpkin Fun Run is October 30<sup>th</sup>***

The 7th annual Lakewood Women's Club Pumpkin Fun Run takes place on Sunday, October 30 at Lakewood Park. The money raised will benefit Lakewood Community Service Center, H2O and High School Scholarships. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's envelope for more information.

### ***A Football Opportunity for Children in Kindergarten through Third Grade...***

Is your child pining to play football, but isn't yet old enough for CYO? Here's an opportunity! The West Shore Flag Football League is gearing up for a season that will run from November 5 through December 17. There will be four divisions: Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 3, and games will take place at the Force Indoor Sports Complex in Rocky River. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's packet for more information and a registration form. Questions? Visit [www.westshorefootball.com](http://www.westshorefootball.com) or contact Patrick Nolan at 216-509-8309, or by email at [pnolan509@gmail.com](mailto:pnolan509@gmail.com).

### ***Baby Bargain Bonanza is October 8<sup>th</sup>***

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA's popular Baby Bargain Bonanza is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Emerson School. This is a great opportunity to pick up gently used items at very favorable prices. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's envelope for more information.

### ***And Finally... Please Exercise Caution at Pick-Up and Drop-Off Times!!!!***

We ask that all parents keep safety in mind at pick-up and drop-off times! There should be no crossing of Lake Avenue except in the crosswalks. Parents and students have been darting from between parked cars on Lake Avenue and crossing the street against traffic. Also, please drive slowly in the parking lot and near the school! Safety is always first!

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

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