

# *The LCA Weekly*

*August 24, 2011 Edition*



## **EMAILS NEEDED!**

*Be sure to complete the email form THIS WEEK  
in order to continue to receive weekly news from LCA!!!*

### **Calendar**

<b>August 24</b>	Orientation for Kindergarten Parents, 7 p.m., Cafeteria
<b>August 29</b>	Regular School Hours Begin Hot Lunch Program Begins
<b>August 30</b>	SSO Meeting, 7 – 8:30 a.m., Cafeteria
<b>September 2</b>	No School - Non-Instructional Day
<b>September 5</b>	No School - Labor Day
<b>September 6</b>	Preschool Begins Band begins this week for Grades 5-8
<b>September 7</b>	Curriculum Night, Grades 1-4, 7 p.m.
<b>September 8</b>	Curriculum Night, Grades 5-8, 7 p.m. Market Day Pick-up, 7 – 8 p.m.
<b>Opening of School Bookstore Hours</b>	<b>Parents can shop at the LCA Bookstore on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 until 9 a.m. The bookstore will also be open from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Curriculum Nights, September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.</b>

### **News**

#### ***This First Week at LCA***

**School hours for our first week of school are from 8:10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** As we begin the year, teachers and student ambassadors will be stationed throughout the building to assist students and parents in finding classrooms. Regular school hours (8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) will begin on **Monday, August 29th. There will be no school on Friday, September 2 or on Monday, September 5 which is the Labor Day holiday.**

**Kindergarten: All kindergarten students will begin school on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten hours for the first week will be from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.** Normal hours for Kindergarten will begin on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Student drop-off and pick-up will remain the same as last year.** Drivers should enter the campus from the west driveway and drop off their children in the east parking lot behind the school (near the Abitibi paper recycling bin). Walkers should enter the building from the red center doors facing Lake Avenue. Bike riders should walk their bikes once they are on school property and secure them to the bike racks that are located in the courtyard near the A (western-most) Building. We ask that drivers write their family name and the family name of any other children they may be

picking up on a large sheet of paper and place the paper on the dashboards of your car. This will help speed up afternoon pick-up procedures.

**The Hot Lunch Program will begin on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.** Please pack a lunch and a drink for your child every day until the hot lunch program begins. You will find the monthly cafeteria menu, as well as the forms needed to purchase a hot lunch and instructions for the form, in this envelope or on the LCA web page at [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/forms.htm](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/forms.htm).

**The doors from the rear parking lot will continue to be access doors during school hours.** Please buzz to gain admittance to the building. All visitors must report to the Office, sign in, and secure a Visitor's Badge before going anywhere in the building.

**Parents/guardians are requested not to enter the building before dismissal time to wait for their children.** If you wish to meet your child(ren) after school, please instruct them to meet you in the courtyard.

**Younger students (Pre-K through Grade Three)** are often unsure if they are walkers or riders. Please let your child's homeroom teacher know how your child is getting home.

## ***Lots of Paperwork!***

The beginning of the school year brings with it a blizzard of paperwork to complete, including the following:

**Emergency Medical Authorization** – An Emergency Medical Authorization Form must be completed for **EACH** student in Grades K through 8 – this is NOT necessary for students in Pre-K.

**All Families** are required to complete the enclosed yellow custody form included in today's information packet. The State of Ohio also requires us to keep a copy of legal custody documents for families in which there has been a divorce or in which there are other custody issues. If we already have a copy of the court's custody documents (not the yellow form!), you only need to complete the yellow LCA custody form. If, however, the divorce has taken place within the last year or if you have the court documents relating to a recent custody issue, you must submit a copy of these documents along with the yellow LCA custody form.

**Administration of Medicine** – Joanne Maiden, our school nurse, is on hand at LCA daily from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Please contact her for the appropriate form if it will be necessary for her to dispense medicine to your child. **No medications (including Tylenol and cough syrup) will be dispensed unless a form has been completed and the medication is in its original bottle.**

**Weekly Electronic News Email Form** - Last school year, Lakewood Catholic Academy made the long-anticipated switch to an electronic delivery of its weekly newsletter. The benefits to receiving the news electronically are enormous. Parents are able to receive the newsletter at multiple emails, and only need to click and print the forms that they need for their own children. This saves an enormous amount of time, paper, and money. Parents are permitted to give multiple emails, so both Mom and Dad can receive the newsletter at their own address. Your email is NEVER shared with anyone for any purpose other than official LCA business. **BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE EMAIL FORM INCLUDED IN TODAY'S PACKET AND RETURN IT NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY. EVEN IF YOU PROVIDED US WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS (ES) LAST YEAR, WE WILL NEED THEM AGAIN.** For parents who do not have access to email, there is space on the form to indicate that you would like to continue receiving a paper envelope each week.

**ALL FORMS CONTAINED IN THIS PACKET MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 26. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED!**

***With School Underway, a Few Reminders for Parents & Students:***

- Be sure to put names & classroom numbers on all supplies you send to school with your child.
- Be sure to keep small children close to you if you walk to school with them. We want to avoid accidents!

- Please do not litter or loiter on neighbors' yards when picking up or dropping off your children.
- Please do not bring your dog with you when dropping off or picking up children. Dogs are not permitted on campus.
- There is no smoking permitted anywhere on campus when school is in session.
- Bicycles, whether ridden by children or adults, must be walked on campus.
- Use crosswalks when crossing the street to reach cars – PLEASE DO NOT JAYWALK!

### ***Have a Long Walk to School? Bus Passes Available***

Students living in Cleveland at a distance of **more than 1.75 miles** to school may qualify for free RTA bus tickets or transportation reimbursement. If you qualify, forms are available in the Main Office. **These forms must be returned by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Also, students living in Lakewood, but **more than one mile** from school, may qualify for reduced-fare RTA bus tickets. There is a separate form for this, also available in the Main Office. **This form is due by September 2nd**. Contact the Lakewood Board of Education for more information.

### ***Back to School Picnic is Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>***

Please join us for a Back to School Picnic! The event will take place on the LCA grounds on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> between 6 and 8 p.m. As we start the new school year, we want to welcome the many new families coming to the school this year, as we grow together as a community. Bring a blanket and side dish for your family. LCA will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. RSVP to Leslie Andrews by phone at 216.227.1729 or by email at [Blandrews4@aol.com](mailto:Blandrews4@aol.com) if you plan to attend, providing your family name and the number who will be attending. We hope to see you there!

### ***Fall Sports Mass is This Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>***

In keeping with our tradition of beginning each sports season with a Mass, we'll hold the fall sports Mass this Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Transfiguration Parish. Mass begins at 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Athletes should wear their jerseys! Fr. Rooney will offer a special prayer for the athletes and looks forward to welcoming all to Transfiguration Parish.

### ***Second Annual Lakewood Catholic Academy GOLF OPEN is September 24th!***

The Lakewood Catholic Academy Athletics Boosters organization proudly announces the First Annual Lakewood Catholic Academy Golf Open, scheduled for Saturday, September 25th, 2010 at the Bob-O-Link Golf Course in Avon. The tourney is seeking both players and sponsors. This event will include lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf with a cart in a four-person scramble format, prizes, and more! For a brochure and registration form, along with more information, go to [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/golfouting.htm](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/golfouting.htm). Not a golfer? Dinner-only tickets are available too! All proceeds will benefit Lakewood Catholic Academy's CYO sports program.

### ***Get Ready to Run! LCA's "Race for Excellence" is Set for Sunday, October 2***

Race pre-registration is now open for LCA's 7th annual "Run for Excellence" 5K Race and the Michalko Mile Youth Run, coming up on Sunday, October 2. Both races are open to participants of all ages and a discounted registration fee is available to families. The first 300 pre-registered participants receive a high-quality technical t-shirt. Come join this fun LCA tradition and meet other parents and students. It's a great way to kick off a new school year at LCA. The campus will be alive with activity including music, health & safety information and a kids' tent. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the races starting shortly after. The new race routes will take runners east on Lake Avenue through Lakewood's northeastern neighborhoods and back to LCA. Awards will be presented to the top overall runners and to the top finishers from each race.

**To register:** Pre-register online at [www.hermescleveland.com](http://www.hermescleveland.com) by Friday, September 30. Mail-in entries must be post-marked by Wednesday, September 28 for pre-registration – you can print forms from LCA's website, [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com). Race day entries are also welcome with an increased fee.

**To prep for competition:** All are invited to attend a special vigil mass at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1 at St. Luke Church. Race packet pick-up and a pasta dinner will follow in McBride Hall, beginning at 5:30. The cost for dinner is just \$6 per person and will be catered by Italian Creations.

**Not a runner?** Come out to the race route and cheer on friends and classmates as they compete. Support the race with a \$50 personal/family sponsorship by September 15 and your name will appear on the official race t-shirt! Contact Jenny Reali at 216-226-9001 for information about this and other sponsorship opportunities.

**Want to help?** We will need approximately 40 volunteers in a number of key areas to help make the race a success. Look for more information after school begins, but you can also contact Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Gaspar by phone at 216.226.5804 or by email at to let her know of your interest.

Hope to see you there!

***Mass, and the Tribe!***

Catholic Family Day with the Cleveland Indians is set for **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 p.m.** There will be a pre-game Mass followed by a 1:05 start time against the Minnesota Twins. Be sure to check out the flyer in today's envelope for more information. It could be a pennant race game!

***In This Week's Packet:***

- Faculty & Staff List
- August/September Calendar
- 2011-12 School Year Calendar
- School Directory Information Form
- Curriculum Night Flyer
- Parent Checklist (For reference only – no need to return)
- Student Information Form (**One form must be completed for each child**)
- Emergency Authorization Form (**Each Child**)
- Combination Picture Release/Lakewood Park/Lunchroom Form (**Each Child**)
- Custody Form
- Parent Handbook
- Parent Handbook/Computer Use Agreement Form
- Email Form
- September Lunch Order Form & Menu (**Each Child**)
- Information Flyer on Free or Reduced-Cost Lunch (Optional)
- Catholic Family Day Cleveland Indians Flyer