

# *The LCA Weekly*

*February 4, 2010 Edition*



## **Calendar**

- February 4      **EARLY DISMISSAL, 2:30 p.m.**  
Parent Teacher Conferences 3 - 6 p.m.
- February 5      Ski Club
- February 8      Junior High Math Team 3 – 4 p.m.
- February 9      St. James Reconciliation, 7 p.m.  
Science Fair, Grades 7 - 8
- February 10     Classroom of Champions, 7 p.m., St. Edward High School
- February 11     Ident-a-Kid, 9 a.m.  
Grade 5 & 6 Math Club, 3 – 4 p.m.  
Pre-K Parent Meeting, 7 p.m., Library  
Market Day Pick-Up, 7 – 8 p.m.
- February 12     Grandparent's Day  
Ski Club
- February 13     Math Counts Competition, Cleveland State University
- February 15     **NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENT'S DAY**  
St. Clement Confirmation – 7 p.m.
- February 16     Fat Tuesday Celebration, 7:30 – 8:10 a.m., Cafeteria  
Spelling Bee Practice, Grades 6 – 8, 3 – 3:30 p.m.  
H2O Meeting, 3 – 4:30 p.m.  
Science Olympiad practice, Grades 5 & 6, 3 -3:45 p.m.
- February 17     **Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins**  
**EARLY DISMISSAL, 2:30 p.m., Faculty Meeting**

## **News**

### ***Keep Those Registration Forms Coming!***

If you have not yet had a chance to return your registration form for Fall 2010, please do so as soon as possible. Full-day Preschool for 4- and 5-year-olds has already filled and wait-listed, and there are only a few spots left in the half day classrooms. If you have any admissions related questions, please do not hesitate to contact Admissions Director Paul Nickels at 216.521.0559, extension 3028. Remember that all registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Please be sure to complete the section on the back of the form regarding registration fee options.**

### ***A Note from the School Nurse for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents...***

Today in your packet you will receive a letter regarding a new immunization requirement for seventh graders. Please call Joanne Maiden at 216.521.0559, ext. 3060 if you have any questions.

### ***Grandparent's Day is Next Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>***

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> is the Second Annual Grandparents Day at Lakewood Catholic Academy! Grandparents (and other family members) are invited to visit the school. The day will begin with an all-school Mass in the gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. and there are a variety of activities planned. Some parking spaces will be available in the LCA lot, and spaces will be available in the Old Stone House lot and at Lakewood Park.

### ***Spring Sports Signup Continues; Deadline is Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>***

Signups continue for spring sports! That includes baseball for boys, softball for girls, track, lacrosse for junior high boys, and an intramural volleyball program for third-grade boys and girls. Registration forms are available on the LCA web on the "Forms" page and the "Athletics" page. Questions can be directed to [athletics@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:athletics@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com).

### ***Applying for Financial Aid? PSAS Form Available On-Line or in the Main Office***

With open registration underway for next year, it's also time to begin the process of applying for financial aid. Anyone interested in applying for aid, from either the Diocese of Cleveland or LCA itself, will need to complete the PSAS form. This is the starting point for consideration of any financial aid! We have a writeable version of the form on our website here: [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/psas201011.pdf](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/psas201011.pdf). Paper forms are available in the main office for those who do not have access to a computer. **The initial deadline for submitting the form is March 1. THE MAJORITY OF AID IS AWARDED TO APPLICANTS IN THIS ROUND. Please note that you do NOT have to have completed 2009 tax returns to submit with the form. You are able to submit last year's forms, along with copies of 2009 W2's or 1099's!!!** Any questions about financial aid can be directed to Admissions & Communications Director Paul Nickels at 216.521.0559, extension 3028.

### ***Sweet Designs Easter Candy Sale Begins!***

LOFT is excited to announce that we will be working with Lakewood's own **Sweet Designs** Chocolatier for this year's Easter candy sale. Orders may be placed either by using the paper order form or on the Internet. Look for information in today's take-home envelope. The last day to turn in paper orders is Friday, February 26. Candy will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, March 16 (pick up is from school dismissal until 7:00 p.m.) The web site for on-line ordering is <http://www.sweetdesigns.com/lcafundraiser.html>. The last day for Internet orders is Friday, March 5. We greatly appreciate your participation in the Easter candy sale. If you have any questions, contact Tracy Rehl at 216-898-1494 or by email at [JimandTracy10392@aol.com](mailto:JimandTracy10392@aol.com).

### ***Ident-A-Kid Program is Next Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.***

Parents interested in obtaining an Ident-A-Kid ID for their children can do so at school next Thursday. The Ident-A-Kid card is a driver's license-like card that contains a child's photograph, fingerprint, and description. Parents keep the card with them at all times and, in an emergency, can provide law enforcement with crucial information for immediate response. Order forms went home in last week's envelope. Contact the Main Office for more information.

### ***A Special Mass to Welcome Fr. Joseph Workman to St. Clement...***

This Saturday at 5:15 Mass, Fr. Joseph Workman will be formally installed as the pastor at St. Clement Parish. All are invited to attend! Father Workman was on campus this week to attend the library dedication.

### ***An Open House Thank You...***

Thanks to all who made our two Open House events a great success! This includes our faculty and staff, who gave up precious Sunday hours; our student ambassadors; LOFT, and our new parent ambassadors, who did a fantastic job with visiting families! Interest was very strong, and families came to visit from an increasingly large geographic area. Thank you as well to all our parents who speak highly of us in the community. It is strongly supportive of our recruitment efforts.

### ***And Finally: Thanks AGAIN for the Generosity of the LCA Community...***

Thanks to all in the kind, generous and supportive LCA community who donated hats, scarves, mittens and gloves through the LCA Advent Collection. More than 500 families will benefit from your donations! Recipients included St. Pat's Hunger Center and St. Malachi Church in Cleveland, and the Family Room in Lakewood. THANK YOU!!!! – Debbie Barlow & The Advent Committee Members.

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

- Letter from LCA Board Chairman Mike Smith
- Second Quarter Honor Roll
- Easter Candy Sale Flyer & Order Form
- St. James Mardi Gras Party Flyer
- James E. Flynn Memorial Scholarship Application
- Market Day Cookie Flyer



February 4, 2010

Dear Lakewood Catholic Academy Families,

It is hard to believe that it's already 2010, and that LCA's fifth school year is half over. At the September LCA "State of the School" address, the LCA Board of Directors committed to providing more detailed and consistent communication with our LCA community. To that end, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself, report on several Board and LCA activities, and share a few developments that are positively impacting the school now and for the future.

### **LCA Board Update**

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as the new Chair of the LCA Board. For those of you who don't know me, I am a partner at the law firm of Frantz Ward LLP in Cleveland. My wife, Michelle, and I have lived in Lakewood for 16 years, and our daughter Frannie is a fifth grader at LCA. I have served on the LCA Board for three years, including tenure as the Vice-Chair and Chair of the Technology Committee.

We have been very fortunate to recruit several very talented people with an incredible commitment to Catholic education to serve on our Board:

Vice-Chair – Jay Romer – Principal, Great Lakes Resources and current LCA Parent  
Treasurer – Andy Holtzhauser – GrafTech International and current LCA Parent  
Secretary – Julie Madigan – School Psychologist, Cleveland Municipal Schools

We also have expanded the Board to include the following new Board members:

Jenni Baker – Non-Profit Consultant, The Bullock Group and current LCA parent  
Carl Dyczek – Partner, Walter and Haverfield  
Ed Fitzgerald – Mayor, City of Lakewood and current LCA parent  
Robert Frost – Counsel, Tucker, Ellis & West LLP and current LCA parent  
Jennifer Raynor – Principal, Ardent Communications and current LCA parent  
Andrew Strada – V.P. of Operations, Saint Ignatius High School

I also want to acknowledge two individuals who have made significant contributions to LCA. First, thanks to Joe Gibbons for his many years of service on the Board, especially these past years as Chair. Joe's vision and commitment to LCA's success is simply the best. We're very pleased that Joe has agreed to continue serving on the Board. I also want to acknowledge and thank Chuck Battiato, who is stepping off the Board. Chuck has served as Treasurer since LCA's inception, and has put more time and effort into LCA than just about anyone. He will be sorely missed, but he deserves the rest!

### **Controlling Costs & Generating Revenue**

Your commitment to LCA is certainly an investment in your child's future and we are working very hard to provide both a broad curriculum and strong Catholic foundation. We are mindful of the sacrifices you make

and the financial challenges that face each of our families and our school. As such, our Finance Committee continues to monitor expenses, make adjustments, and delay other expenditures until our financial picture solidifies.

Our new comprehensive approach to marketing, admissions and development has netted several successes I'd like to share. First, it's clear the word is getting out about LCA – we are seeing more people than ever expressing an interest in LCA, including many families from outside Lakewood. We've had 10 upper grade students and five pre-school children transfer to LCA during this school year and our registration for 2010-2011 is looking strong.

In addition, as you know, last July we hired Mary Ann Campbell to serve as LCA's Director of Advancement. In December, LCA successfully obtained a large three year grant from the Harold C. Schott Foundation to support Mary Ann and the Advancement Office activities without added cost to LCA's operating budget.

Finally, our enhanced marketing/advancement efforts have already had a direct positive impact on our bottom line. To date, our Annual Fund has generated approximately \$100,000 (the Annual Fund campaign remains ongoing until June 30<sup>th</sup>). This compares to a total \$46,000 raised last year and \$56,000 in 2007-08. So, there is much to be thankful for!

### **Continued Challenges**

As we previously reported, the anticipated closure of St. James has had a negative impact on our financial situation. The good news is that Fr. Weigand has shown St. James' continued commitment to LCA by indicating that, if and when St. James closes, the money remaining at St. James will be provided to LCA. Unfortunately, we will still need to deal with the uncertainty of losing one of our founding parishes.

In addition, the continued support of LCA from St. Luke and St. Clement continues to present a challenge to those parishes. Last year, St. Luke's Finance Committee advised us that its support for the 2010-11 school year will be \$700 per student, down from \$1,000 per student. Accordingly, we are facing these realities and, as such, continuing to evaluate alternative ways to pay for LCA's operations beyond the traditional parish support model.

Of course, this brings us to tuition. As reported at the State of the School, the Board's Tuition Committee did not believe a dramatic change in tuition structure was appropriate for the 2010-11 school year, given the current economic climate and its impact on our families. That news was shared in the tuition letter recently distributed to all LCA families. The Tuition Committee continues to evaluate all options for establishing a sound tuition structure that keeps LCA on firm footing and also recognizes the diverse financial backgrounds of our families that need to be accommodated. As the Tuition Committee begins to formulate more concrete proposals, we will advise you and seek your input. As a Board, we firmly believe that all of our families need to be part of this process and are committed to ensuring this happens.

### **LCA Needs You!**

Just as with our parishes, LCA is not a building; it is the collective group of families who make up a community of faith and who have made significant sacrifices to educate our children. We are LCA. And we need each other to ensure a vibrant LCA continues to thrive for future generations.

So, we need your help. We need you to get the word out about what a special experience LCA is for your children. We need you to tell your friends and neighbors that Catholic education is alive and well in Lakewood and that it offers children a high-quality faith-based education.

We need you to volunteer at LCA. Join me in working Bingo once a month to support one of our biggest fund-raising activities. Volunteer to be part of the Wednesdays with Words program. Volunteer to be a classroom parent. Volunteer to be a parent host who gets involved in educating others about LCA. Join LOFT, our important parent-teacher organization, and volunteer for their events such as Night at the Races. Volunteer to be a coach in sports. Volunteer to work at Market Day. Get involved in LCA's Green Team. Call the office and find out where you can help the most.

We also need you to get involved in your parishes. We need you to show the parish communities what LCA is all about, so that those parishioners who do not have day-to-day contact with us will come to know who we are. We need to continue our joint efforts with our founding parishes, and with the entire Lakewood community, to make Lakewood and LCA a destination of choice for Catholics.

We also need you to celebrate with us! We are completing our 5<sup>th</sup> year as a strong, vibrant community. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, we are going to celebrate that success at our Fifth Birthday Gala. This special celebration will take the place of our spring auction, which will return in November, 2010.

In closing, I promise to keep you updated on a consistent basis about the important activities occurring at LCA that are assuring the future of our great school. I welcome your thoughts, your involvement and your proactive support of the school! Please feel free to contact me at [msmith@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:msmith@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com).

May God continue to bless Lakewood Catholic Academy.

Sincerely,

Mike Smith  
Chairman, LCA Board of Directors

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

### High Honors

#### Grade 8

David Bodziony  
Audrey Dahill  
Halli Grunder  
Louis Morris  
Jack O'Malley  
Grace Powers  
Emily Rouse  
Christina Sharkin

#### Grade 7

Xavier Filice  
Kerry Jamieson  
Michael Kay  
Duncan Mellino  
Charlotte Rouse  
Allison Saracina  
Grant Volpe  
Juliana Withers  
Abby Yarcusko

### Honors

#### Grade 8

Megan Barrett  
Katie Basalla  
Greta Burry  
Mary Kate Campbell  
Rose Dolan  
Ashley Holtzhauser  
Allison Mazzeo  
Grace Mullen  
Mary Nekl  
Tommy O'Dougherty  
Anna Riddle  
JT Rinehart  
Alison Rogozinski  
John Wagner  
Alix Wright

#### Grade 7

Jane Conroy  
Jake Dubusker  
Curran Filice  
Ellen Flannery  
Paige Lenehan  
Alex Lutterbaugh  
Emily Marek  
Nick Mahoney  
Mary Grace Perotti  
Laura Sharkin

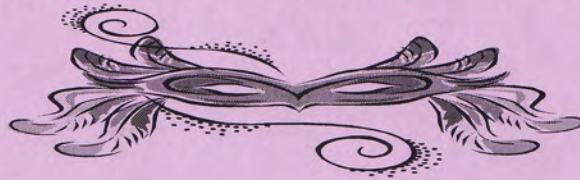
### Merit

#### Grade 8

Joelle Bougebrayel  
Patrick Lenehan  
Dylan Setta  
Mary Timmons  
Alesha Vovk

#### Grade 7

Alexis Bloor  
Erin Mullen  
Avery Pacella



JOIN THE CELEBRATION!  
ST. JAMES 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
FAMILY MARDI GRAS PARTY

Saturday February 13, 2010

JOIN US FOR 5:00 PM MASS  
then  
STAY FOR THE FUN!

St. Ignatius Circus Performers

Face Painting

Parade

King and Queen Crowning

Raffles

Scavenger Hunt

Games

Crafts

Music/ Karaoke

Please bring your favorite Cajun/Creole/Southern  
dish to share

Drinks and dessert will be provided including  
Authentic King Cakes!

Contact Alec & Diane Pacella to help or for more information  
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**Market Day.**

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