

The LCA Weekly

January 28 2010 Edition



Calendar

January 29	Ski Club Intermediate Math Club, 3 – 4 p.m.
January 31	Open House Session One, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Catholic Schools Week Begins – “Dividends for Life”
February 1	All School Mass, 8:30 a.m., Gymnasium Library Dedication
February 2	St. Clement Reconciliation, 7 p.m.
February 3	Open House Session Two, 9 – 11 a.m.
February 4	EARLY DISMISSAL, 2:30 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences 3 - 6 p.m.
February 5	Ski Club
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. Pre-K Parent Meeting, 7 p.m., Library Market Day Pick-Up, 7 – 8 p.m.
February 12	Grandparent’s Day Ski Club

News

CORRECTION: All School Mass is Monday, February 1, NOT January 31!!!

Please note that our all-school Mass in celebration of Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for Monday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. We inadvertently stated in last week’s newsletter that the date was January 31st.

A Note from the School Nurse for Parents of 5th, 6th, and 7th Graders...

Please be sure to see the gold letter in your packet today regarding upcoming postural screening. Should you have any questions or if you did not receive the letter, do not hesitate to Call Joanne Maiden at 216.521.0559, ext. 3060.

Open House Events Begin This Weekend!

Lakewood Catholic Academy will host two Open House events as we begin our open enrollment period for Fall 2010. The first is this Sunday, January 31st, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Teachers will be in their classrooms and our parent and student ambassadors will be showing visitors through the school. The second opportunity to visit is on Wednesday, February 3 from 9 until 11 a.m., when classes will be in session. All families are welcome to attend either event. **THANK YOU to all of our families who have spoken well of us to friends and other family members.** Your referrals are an important part of recruiting new students to Lakewood Catholic Academy.

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. As we noted previously, this is particularly important for children entering Preschool or Kindergarten, as spaces in those programs are filling quickly. Full-day Preschool for 4- and 5-year-olds has already filled and there is a waiting list. 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.**

Save This Date: LCA Fifth Birthday Gala Planned for April 24th!

LCA is celebrating its fifth birthday with a new event that will take the place of the spring auction this year. On April 24, Lakewood Catholic Academy will present the Fifth Birthday Gala. The event will be an elegant birthday party which will include a seated dinner and a variety of "birthday celebration" activities. The silent and live auctions will go on hiatus until late fall 2010. Organizational meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. See the enclosed flyer for further details. For information, contact Mary Ann Campbell, Director of Advancement at 521-0559 ext. 3041 or macampbell@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.

Grandparent's Day is February 12th – Reservation Forms Due by February 5th

Friday, February 12th 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, at Lakewood Park, and on the street. Be sure to return your form by February 5th. Extra forms are available in the Main Office.

Exhibit Commemorates Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's Legacy

"A Voice Crying Out on the Airwaves," a multi-media exhibit commemorating the dynamic and charismatic preaching ministry of the Late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, opens Monday, February 1 at the Bishop Emil J. Mihalik Byzantine Catholic Cultural Center in Parma, and runs throughout February and into March. For more information on what will surely be a fascinating exhibit, visit <http://www.parma.org/Sheen.asp>.

February is Heart Month... An Opportunity to Learn CPR

CPR Ohio, an American Heart Association training center, will celebrate Heart Month with a free "Family and Friends" CPR course at its location at 15480 Triskett Road in West Park for kids in grades 5 through 8. The sessions are set for February 8th and 9th, with two time slots available. Interested? Call 216.251.0747 or send email to info@cprohio.com.

Kudos Corner...

Congratulations to LCA eighth graders Louis Morris, Jeff Kantorak, and Ben Seeley. The three were honored on January 6th at the Ignatian Scholars Night assembly. Each of the three scored 95 percent or above on the St. Ignatius entrance exam!

Report Cards Sent Home This Week...

Report cards were sent home with children on Wednesday of this week. If for any reason you did not receive the report card, please contact your child's teacher.

Help Wanted: Snow Shoveling!

Amy Hyland McMahan, a realtor with Howard Hanna, is looking for a trustworthy junior high student to do some occasional snow shoveling in the area of Edgewater Drive and Nicholson Rd. If you are interested, you can reach Ms. McMahan at 440-333-6500.

And Finally: Thanks For Your Generosity!

The recent drive to collect funds for the Basil Moreau School outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti netted a total of \$2,284.28 in support. Thanks to our students and families for your generosity! It will truly have an impact.

In This Week's Packet:

- February Calendar
- Catholic Schools Week Flyer
- Letter About Library Dedication
- Fifth Birthday Flyer
- Athletics Update
- Posture Screening Letter (Grades 5-7 only)
- Ident-a-Kid Order Forms
- Girl Scout Flyer (Girls Grades K-5 only)



January 27, 2010

Dear Parents,

Lakewood Catholic Academy is pleased to announce that our library will be dedicated on Monday, February 1 as the *Saint Augustine Library*. This ceremony will honor the extraordinary service of a group of volunteers who have worked for the past four years to make our library what it is today.

Led by Mrs. Fran Andrews, retired librarian at Saint Ignatius High School, volunteers have blended the three collections from the libraries of our founding schools, organized, cleaned and recovered books, and donated thousands of new volumes to develop the library collection. Over the past months, these volunteers have cataloged each volume into a system which completely automates the library. The donated time, talent, and resources of this dedicated group of volunteers has a value of over \$200,000!

To acknowledge this remarkable gift made possible by volunteers, Mrs. Andrews and her volunteers were asked to choose a name for our library. The group chose the **Saint Augustine Library** to honor the legacy of the school that became the new home of LCA. Mrs. Andrews and many of the volunteers are graduates of Saint Augustine Academy. A bronze plaque will be placed on the wall outside of the library and the library will be dedicated and blessed on Monday. Members of the leadership team of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, the Office of Catholic Education and other guests from Lakewood and the Greater Cleveland community will be present to honor this group and celebrate this accomplishment. Students will demonstrate the new automated system for guests.

Many people contributed to this effort. They include:

Fran Andrews	Judith Gedeon
Kay Kilbane	Laura Jensen
Mary Gacka	Eric Conroy
Barbara Guardi	Alan Yarcusko
Jill Negray	Mary Heideloff
Bob Andrews	The Jim Ryan Family
Ruth Andrews	The Jim Gagen Family
Mary VandeVelde	

Please join us in offering our heartfelt thanks to these volunteers for this wonderful gift to LCA!

Maureen Arbeznik
Principal

Mary Ann Campbell
Director of Advancement



Rinehart Steps Down as Athletic Director

After five years of registering students, opening gyms, ordering, distributing and collecting uniforms, stocking concession stands, collecting fees, and charging around town to coordinate three separate athletic sites, Lakewood Catholic Academy Athletic Director Tim Rinehart has announced his resignation, effective March 1.

Tim, of course, has been synonymous with LCA sports since he helped to undertake the massive task of integrating three programs into one. Where students once blocked and tackled each other as athletes at St. Clement, St. James, or St. Luke, he helped to form a cohesive new program under the Saints banner.

With the structure Rinehart helped to put in place, the school will now go to an all-volunteer work force.

“LCA operates one of the largest sports programs in the Diocese, in term of number participants and sites. It will take the help of many individuals to cover the role and responsibilities Tim handled.” said LCA Athletic Boosters Club President Jim Bodziony.

“I am appreciative of the support and hard work of so many individuals over the years – parents, coaches, commissioners, tournament directors, school staff and board – that helped to build the program,” said Mr. Rinehart. “I am especially proud of the students themselves. They work hard, show extreme dedication, and represent the school in outstanding fashion. And most of all, they have made my job a lot of fun.”

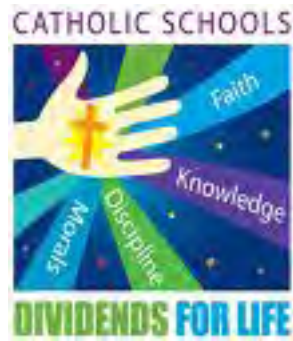
With the foundation now in place, Bodziony stressed the importance of parent volunteers in maintaining the breadth and quality of the school’s athletic programs moving forward.

“Parents have big shoes to fill,” he notes. “As we look to the future, we’ll be looking for greater involvement from our volunteer base.”

The following areas will all have increased needs in the 2010/2011 school year:

- Sport Commissioners
- Site Volunteers
- Equipment Managers
- Concession Coordinators
- Registration Coordinators
- Fundraising Event Support
- Financial Management

Anyone interested in getting involved in LCA athletics can send an email to athletics@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com!



**LAKWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2010 ACTIVITIES
THEME – DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE**

Sunday, January 31 st	Open House from 11:00 – 2:00
Monday, February 1 st	Mass at 8:30 a.m. Library Dedication
Tuesday, February 2 nd	LCA SPIRIT DAY Show your school spirit and dress in your spirit wear Math Maniac Assembly
Wednesday, February 3 rd	Open House 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 4 th	Make Valentine Placemats or Valentine Cards with partner classes for St. Patrick's Hunger Center
Friday, February 5 th	Dress Down Day Grades 5 - 8 Karaoke Grade K - 4 Dance Party

FEBRUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Newspaper Mtg:3-3:40 <hr/> Science Olympiad Practice Grs. 5 & 6 3-3:45	2 Grs. 5 & 6 Field Trip <hr/> Spelling Bee Practice Grs 6-8 3-3:30 <hr/> Science Olympiad Practice Grs. 5 & 6 3-3:45	3 Open House 9 – 11AM <hr/> St. Ed's Tutoring 3-4:45	4 Early Dismissal 2:30 <hr/> Parent Teacher Conferences 3 – 6PM <hr/> Easter Candy Sale Begins	5 Ski Club	6
7	8 Newspaper Mtg:3-3:40 <hr/> Science Olympiad Practice Grs. 5 & 6 3-3:45	9 Science Fair Grs. 7 & 8 <hr/> Spelling Bee Practice Grs 6-8 3-3:30 <hr/> Science Olympiad Practice Grs. 5 & 6 3-3:45	10 St. Ed's Tutoring 3-4:45 <hr/> Classroom of Champions 7PM <hr/> Fifth Birthday Gala Meeting 9AM or 7PM	11 Ident-a-Kid 9AM <hr/> Choir Practice 2:45-3:45PM <hr/> Science Olympiad Practice Grs. 5 & 6 3-3:45 <hr/> Pre-K Parent Meeting 7PM in the Library <hr/> Market Day Pick up 7-8PM	12 Grandparent's Day Beginning with 8:30 AM Mass <hr/> Ski Club	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS' DAY <hr/> St Clement Confirmation 7PM	16 Fat Tuesday 7:30AM-8:10AM <hr/> Spelling Bee Practice Grs 6-8 3-3:30 <hr/> H ₂ O Meeting 3-4:30 <hr/> Science Olympiad Practice Grs. 5 & 6 3-3:45	17 ASH WEDNESDAY Lent Begins <hr/> Faculty Meeting Early Dismissal 2:30	18 Choir Practice 2:45-3:45PM <hr/> Science Olympiad Practice Grs. 5 & 6 3-3:45	19 Ski Club	20
21 St. Luke Confirmation 2PM	22 Newspaper Mtg:3-3:40	23 Spelling Bee Practice Grs 6-8 3-3:30 <hr/> LOFT Meeting 7PM in the Teacher's Lounge	24 St. Ed's Tutoring 3-4:45 <hr/> Science Olympiad Meeting 3-3:30 <hr/> Green Team 3:10-4:30	25 Choir Practice 2:45-3:45PM	26 Easter Candy Sale Ends	27 Gr. 5 & 6 Science Olympiad at John Carroll
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LAKWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY
FIFTH BIRTHDAY GALA
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010

LCA is five years old! This calls for a special celebration!

Our auction event is taking a hiatus until November 2010 when it returns as the first annual All Saints Ball. Meanwhile, we have a birthday to celebrate!

Mark your calendars for this special event as we remember the past five years and celebrate our future! Join us for an elegant seated dinner at LCA and attractions that are sure to bring back memories of what makes birthdays so special!

For the first time, we will be presenting *The Lakewood Catholic Academy Insignis Award*. *The Insignis Award* is the school's highest honor and recognizes the significant impact of individuals on LCA through their extraordinary commitment and service. The first winner of this award is Joseph P. Gibbons. Joe continues to leave his mark on LCA as a leader who has dedicated himself to strengthening the school with his vision, energy, and faithfulness. He is chairman emeritus of LCA's Board of Directors and has served the City of Lakewood as a councilman and a member of many civic organizations. Joe is a member of the Lakewood Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees. Joe and his wife, Peggy, are members of Saint James Parish.

An invitation to volunteer....

Please join us for cake and coffee at an organizational meeting for the LCA Fifth Birthday Gala!

Wednesday, February 10
Two meeting times are available
9:00 a.m. – The LCA Board Room
7:00 p.m. – The Library at LCA

Plenty of volunteer opportunities are available in the areas of entertainment, decorations, set up, reservations, marketing, and more! Please RSVP to Mary Ann Campbell and indicate which meeting you plan to attend. If you would like to volunteer and are unable to attend the first meeting, please contact Mary Ann Campbell at 521-0559 ext. 3041 or macampbell@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.