

The LCA Weekly

September 1, 2011 Edition



Calendar

- September 2** **No School - Non-Instructional Day**
- September 5** **No School - Labor Day**
- September 6** Preschool Begins
Band begins this week for Grades 5-8
- September 7** Curriculum Night, Grades 1-4, 7 p.m.
- September 8** Choir Practice, 3:00 – 3:45
Curriculum Night, Grades 5-8, 7 p.m.
Market Day Pick-up, 7 – 8 p.m.
- September 15** Choir Practice, 3:00 – 3:45
Annual SSO Volunteer Fair & Dessert, 7 p.m., Cafeteria
- September 21** **Faculty Meeting, Early Dismissal at 2:30 p.m.**
- September 22** Mass in Honor of the Sisters of Charity
Band Registration Ends for Grades 4 through 8
Choir Practice, 3:00 – 3:45
- September 23** **No School – Teacher In-Service**

News

Return those Email Forms -- This is the FINAL Paper Newsletter!

Thanks to all families who have returned their email information forms to date. If you have not yet done so, please do so by Tuesday! Except for those families who have specifically asked to continue receiving the weekly newsletter in paper form, this will be the final paper newsletter of the year, and if we don't have your form in, you will not be receiving LCA news!

ALL families are required to return a form, even if you completed a form last year or sent an email to Paul Nickels to "open the channel." Even if you have done that, remember that we STILL need you to complete your form. A copy of the form is stapled to the back of this newsletter for anyone who might have misplaced their original form. The form is also downloadable from the LCA website on the forms page at www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/forms.htm . Look for it in the "General Forms" section. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

Permission Slips Needed for St. Luke Church Mass Visits

During the course of the school year, students in Grades 1-8 will occasionally have the opportunity to walk to St. Luke Church for Mass. In lieu of sending home a permission slip every time we attend Mass there, we are enclosing a permission slip in this week's information packet that will cover the entire year. **We ask that you sign a permission slip for each child in your family.**

Our first liturgy at St. Luke will be on Thursday, September 8, our Blessed Mother's Birthday. **All permission slips must be returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, September 7.** Future dates will be published in the weekly newsletter.

Foursomes Wanted: 2nd Annual Lakewood Catholic Academy Golf Open is in Three Weeks!

The Second Annual Lakewood Catholic Academy Golf Open, scheduled for Saturday, September 24th, 2011 at the Bob-O-Link Golf Course in Avon, is just weeks away! **WE WANT FOURSOMES!!!!**. This event will include lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf with a cart in a four-person scramble format, prizes, and more! You can find a registration form and lots more information about the event, including sponsorship opportunities, on the LCA web at www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/golfouting.htm. Not a golfer? Not a problem! Dinner-only tickets are available too! All proceeds will benefit Lakewood Catholic Academy's CYO sports program.

A Special Opportunity to Support the Race for Excellence...

Attention LCA families! Here is your chance to showcase your family name on our race t-shirt. We are offering a **\$50 family sponsorship** this year. If you would like to see your name in print, please send back the attached form with a check made out to SSO along with the precise way you'd like your name to be displayed on the race t-shirt. Our goal is to sell 20 family sponsorships! Please help support SSO and the **5K Run for Excellence and the Michalko Mile** by signing up today! The deadline for all sponsorships is September 10th. Also, remember that race registration is now open, and the first 300 pre-registered participants will receive a very nice race t-shirt. You'll find the registration form linked on the front page of the LCA website at www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com. Thank you! *Jenny Reali, Race Chairperson*

Immunization Forms are Due Now...

A special note to parents of kindergarten and 7th grade students: We need your immunization forms **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Law requires that these be on hand with fifteen days of the start of school. If you have not yet returned those forms, please do so as soon as possible!

Another Important Medical Note...

Students with food allergies or asthma and need to take medication during school hours must complete the appropriate form to allow the school nurse to administer these medications. These forms, along with a variety of other special medical forms, can be found on the LCA website at www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/forms.htm and should be completed as soon as possible and returned to the attention of School Nurse Joanne Maiden. If you have any questions about any aspects of your child's medical care at school, please Mrs. Maiden at 216.521.0559, ext. 3060.

Preschool Openings Available

As we head into the beginning of the 2011-12 school year for our Early Childhood Program, we have four openings in the four-year-old program. Each is a five-day, morning space in Mrs. Cernoia's classroom. If you know of anyone who may be interested in one of these openings, please have them contact Director of Marketing and Admissions Paul Nickels at 216.521.0559, ext. 3028, or by email at pnickels@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com. The first day of preschool is Tuesday, September 6th.

Volunteer Fair & Dessert is September 15th

Lakewood Catholic Academy's Saints Service Organization will host the annual LCA Volunteer Fair and Dessert on Thursday, September 15th from 7-9 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Representatives from Athletics, Auction and SSO will be on hand to answer questions and to discuss different volunteer positions that will provide flexible time commitments to meet the needs of LCA parents. It is with your help that we are able to provide activities and programs to help students grow and learn. Five \$20 gift certificates to the LCA Bookstore will be raffled off, so plan to attend this informative and fun event.

"Beyond the Classroom Door" Tours Begin at LCA

Lakewood Catholic Academy resumes its monthly "behind the scenes" tour for members of the Greater Cleveland community interested in learning more about LCA. Come to this innovative one hour event and experience LCA's new model for Catholic elementary education. Join us on Tuesday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. Please call Mary Ann Campbell at 216-521-0559 ext. 3041 to make your reservation (required). Tours will be held on the third Tuesday of every month during the school year.



Market Day Kicks Off a New Year...

Welcome back to school and to a new year of Market Day. For those of you who are not familiar with this program, Market Day is a monthly food fundraiser. Your monthly orders help earn money for LCA and in return provide you with nutritious food and grocery items. Last year we more than doubled our profits from the prior year, earning \$3,190 from Market Day sales with only about 1/7 of our families participating. The money was used to help cover the cost of the Smartboards that were above and beyond what was donated at the auction, a notebook computer, a projector, and a monitor. Additionally, some of the profits were used to send two faculty members to the Technology Integration Program Workshop.

For the 2011/2012 school year, we have a goal of \$5,000. This money will again be used for technology equipment as well as conferences for our teachers that they may not otherwise be able to attend, such as the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics). If each family in the school commits to ordering just three times throughout the year, we will easily meet our goal.

You can find out more about Market Day and even place your order online at www.marketday.com. Our Market Day account # is 12891. This month's sale is already in progress and order sheets are available in the school office. 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. Internet orders can be entered until midnight on September 3.

Please give Market Day a try! Our goal this month is to have 60 orders. We already have 23 families who have ordered, so just 37 to go. We look forward to seeing you at pick-up on Thursday, September 8 between 7:00 and 8:00p.m. As always, if this date is not convenient or if you have any other questions, contact Michelle Smith at marbury1995@sbcglobal.net.

EdLine Registration Information Comes Home Today

Be sure to look for the letter attached to the newsletter today with instructions on how to set up your EdLine account. Any questions about EdLine can be directed to Technology Coordinator Marilyn Wangler at 216.521.0559, extension 3023, or by email at mwangler@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.

Remember to Return Your 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.

Custody Form - 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.**

If you have not yet completed these forms, please do so as soon as possible! If you are missing any of the forms, please contact the Main Office and we'll send them home with your child.

A Note on 2010-11 Yearbooks...

To those families who ordered a 2010-11 LCA yearbook: We are expecting them to arrive shortly after Labor Day. Thank you for your patience! Books will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

Volleyball Tourney Dates

For our volleyball fans, please note that the dates on the September calendar were incorrect. The calendar stated that the tourney takes place September 19th through October 10th. The correct dates are September 26th through October 14th.

A Special Note to Rocky River Bus Riders...

We were all very excited to see our very first school bus, bringing more than 20 children from Rocky River, pull up to school on the first day. If you live in Rocky River and were not aware of the availability of the bus and are interested in more information, send an email to pnickels@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com. And for those families who use the bus, remember that if your child does not plan to take the bus on a particular day, such as a sick day, be sure to call the Rocky River Transportation Office and let them know.

Tennis Balls Needed

We are in need of used tennis balls to cover the feet of our student 's chairs. If you've worn out a batch this summer and would like to donate them, simply bring them to the Main Office.

Jelly Jars Too...

Art Teacher Debbie Barlow is looking for jelly jars, with lids. In particular, she is interested in those with approximately a 3-inch diameter. These are very useful items in an art department! If you've got any, drop them off at school at any time. Thanks in advance!

Bookstore Hours

The LCA Bookstore, in addition to being open on both Curriculum nights (September 7th and 8th), will be open each Monday morning from 7:30 until 8:30 and each Friday afternoon from 2:30 until 3:30. Because there is no school this coming Monday, we will be open next Tuesday from 7:30 until 8:30 instead. Watch for additional hours soon.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial is September 11th at 9:11 a.m.

The Lakewood Community will gather with members of the Lakewood Fire Department to reflect on what has been both gained and lost in the heroism of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001. A new sculpture, constructed with steel beams from Ground Zero, will be unveiled at Station #1, located at 14601 Madison Avenue. Public parking will be available at 5/3 Bank, Charter One Bank, Sherwin Williams, and Walgreens for the duration of the ceremony. Madison Avenue will be closed from Belle Avenue to Warren Road.

And Finally... A Big THANK YOU to SSO & Friends!

Many thanks to SSO president Leslie Andrews and her army of volunteers, who did such a wonderful job with the New Family Picnic on Friday, August 26th. More than 400 attendees enjoyed a great cookout under beautiful late summer skies. We have 49 new students in grades 1 through 8 with us this year, and they've now seen first-hand what a great community we have in Lakewood Catholic Academy!

In This Packet:

- Letter from the Principal (sealed envelope)
- SSO Information Packet
- Email Form (for those who have not yet turned on in)
- EdLine Information
- Race Flyer
- St. Luke Mass Permission Slip (Grades 1-8)