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LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Nourishing the Human Spirit ~ Mind, Body, and Soul ~
through Jesus Christ*

LAKER FAMILY UNITY NETWORK: LAKER F.U.N.

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Laker F.U.N. Directory of Officers, 2010-11

Laker F.U.N. News & Events

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Volunteer Breakfast (Drop-In): 6/1, 7:30-9am, ES
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Last 5th Grade Mass: 6/1, 9:30, ES
Used Uniform Sale: 6/2, 7:30-7:30, ES
Drop-Off: 6/1, 7:30-7:30, ES
Item & Cash Return: 6/3
Last Mass of the School Year: 6/3, 9:30, ES
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The final Laker F.U.N. events of this school year, Laker Field Days, have come and gone. Chairmen **Mimi Stockton, Gretchen Busch** and **Tricia Salvano** were a good fit, *not to mention physically fit*, for the 2-day production for students in Preschool – 2nd Grade, and 3rd Grade – 5th Grade. On behalf of the three chairpersons, our thanks go to all the volunteers who helped at the different stations on each day. And to **Mrs. Mary Dudding**, the older kids performed, well, *brilliantly* in their tie-dyed T-shirts.

On May 8th, Hidden Pointe, our destination for the Mother & Son Event lived up to its name, by being obscured by rain. Cancel? *Us?* Ha! It's Michigan, and takes more than rain to knock us down. Event chair **Angela Harding-Poll and her team** got the word out that the moms and their boys were on for their day out a week later on May 15th. We've got picture proof of sunny skies and good times. Well done, Angela, for the masterful bit of juggling and rapid communication with our families. As is the Laker F.U.N. tradition, next year brings the **Daddy-Daughter Dance**. Take a rest, Angela—it's **Susan Latham's** turn with the girls and their special guys.

At the close of our last business meeting, **Kathy Quatrochi** officially took the helm as president. She'll need a reliable vice president. *Consider stepping up—we work hard but laugh often.* In the meantime, please accept my thanks for all your help during the past year. Enjoy summer; then watch the back-to-school packets for Laker F.U.N. information for the 2010-11 year. **Connie Flood**



Elementary Essentials from Mrs. Maher

Have you noticed how beautiful our school looks these days? Due to the hard work of many, our landscaping looks great! A HUGE thank you goes to **Karen Dolohanty, Betsy Langbo, Renae Starr, Jeanine Lewis, Tricia Salvano, Bill Golden, Julie Kessler** and **Jackie Markoch**; this group spread 25 yards of mulch in what seemed like the blink of an eye. **Patrice Schroeder** has been working on the butterfly garden at the far north end of the school property, making it an inviting fast-food stop for our more colorful visitors. Our gorgeous flower beds that surround the building have also been trimmed, weeded and had some new plantings added to an already lovely welcoming school front. The colorful spring display yields to spectacular summer colors which change again to greet us in the fall. When we show our school to families, the gardens are yet another symbol that the Laker family is a caring community.

All our volunteers hold a special place in my heart. My sincere thanks go out to the many volunteers without whom Lake Michigan Catholic would not be the outstanding school we are. At the end of each day, I thank God for all of you in my nightly prayers. Before your attentions turn back to home, I invite our volunteers to join fellow helpers at the **Volunteer Breakfast on Tuesday, June 1st. Drop in any time between 7:30am-9:00am. Let us know if you can make it by contacting Chris Glendening (cglendening@lmclakers.org or 757-4391) by Friday, May 28th.**

In these final days of the school year, take a minute to thank your sons' and daughters' teachers, helpers, kitchen and office staff for another year filled with joy! Your words and prayers are so meaningful. I will miss all of you! Have a restful summer vacation; enjoy family and friends.

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With Gratitude from the Traugh Family

Thank you to the Lake Michigan Catholic staff, students and families for all of your prayers and concern for my husband Tom and our family at the time of his open heart surgery in February, and during his ongoing recovery. It was a frightening time for us and we are very aware how much everyone's prayers helped in getting us through. We are happy to say that Tom is doing very well. So, thank you again and God bless you all!

Saluting Laker Senior Volunteers

Working in various capacities throughout the year, several LMCHS seniors have been valuable helpers to teachers, and mentors to the elementary students. **Alexa Prusa** assisted Mrs. Bodley; **Megan Kurina** had the opportunity to see her mother in a different light as she helped in Mrs. Kurina's 5th Grade classroom. **Nick Siedenstrang** was a favorite among Dr. Learman's 1st semester gym students and dining with the lunch crowd lunch when he got to know the students one-to-one. Under the guidance of adult volunteer **Mrs. Helen Marzke**, the *Girls on the Run* mentors, **Laura Starks, Lauren Foley, Sarah Monte**, and **Jake Lancaster** modeled fitness habits they've carried into young adulthood.

Market Day: Summer Summary

We'd like to thank everyone who supported our May Market Day sale! The Market Day fundraiser continues throughout the summer months. In June, you'll receive a FREE bottle of Market Day Grilling Sauce with a minimum order of \$40. **Please note the different day and time for order deadline and pick up. Order on-line at marketday.com until 11pm CDT on Thursday, June 10th.**

Pick up your orders on Wednesday, June 16th from noon-1pm in the LMCES GYM LOBBY. Information for the July and August sales can be found on the school website at lmclakers.org. This summer, you'll receive a FREE lunch tote when you purchase 3 Customer Favorites on the back page of the Summer Order Guide.

If you have any questions, please contact chairman **Tracy Glotzbach** at ptglotzbach@ameritech.net or 428-8256. Thank you again for your support, and please tell your friends and neighbors about the summer service. Have a glorious summer!

Preschool with Mrs. Grundy, Mrs. Hanley & Mrs. Cutter

It's hard to believe that our year is almost over. Our Preschoolers have had a successful year making new friends, learning to get along with each other and learning about God's world. This past month has been filled with great science and theology lessons. New life has been shown through our units on seeds and planting, life in the pond, and finding out what animals hatch from eggs—oh, my, birds aren't the only ones! It's very exciting to see and hear God's love firsthand. You can hear the youngsters in all our classes enjoying music and playing games enthusiastically as the school year winds down.

We teachers want to thank all of you parents for entrusting us with your children. Your love and support throughout this school year has been a blessing. Our mission is to teach your children about Christ's love and prepare them to use their God-given intellect and innate kindness to navigate their next steps in life and learning. We sincerely hope that all of you have a safe, fun summer and come back to us refreshed in the fall.

Junior Kindergarten with Mrs. Fields

As the school year comes to a close, we thank God and our parents for giving us the opportunity to attend LMC. Each JK'er has grown physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually in unique ways, as well as maturing as a group. They have learned to appreciate the special ways each of their classmates contributes to our days together.

How wonderful it has been to have had so many learning experiences both in school and outside of school on our many field trips. Though we didn't travel too far afield, we know that our community offers much to explore, whether out in the countryside or in the cities and towns.

The JK year concludes with Field Days and our end-of-the-year picnic. What a great way to celebrate the blessings of this past school year, and the exciting things that are yet to come.

Kindergarten with Mrs. Kuehn & Mrs. Mills

Kindergarten students have been busy finishing off the end of the year activities and projects. We celebrated Beach Day with fun games, crafts and even a palm tree snack! It was a treat to break out our summer clothes just a little earlier than normal. A few weeks later, our rooms turned into rainforests when we learned about parrots, snakes and other animals living in that unique habitat. During the same week, we attended the 4th Grade bake sale to raise money that will go toward preserving rainforest acreage—perfect timing! We helped a great cause and received a yummy treat in return.

We celebrate the end of the year by tie-dyeing our T-shirts to wear as we travel to Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend to look at the animals and enjoy lunch together. Classroom studies of zoo animals help us gear up for seeing some amazing creatures up close.

So many things have been achieved during another wonderful year in Laker Kindergarten. It's not over yet—we are learning up to the very last day. Practicing for the **Kindergarten Prayer Service to be held on Wednesday, June 2nd** has all the students full of anticipation, and everyone is excited to celebrate their accomplishments and showcase their beautiful singing voices at the service.



1st Grade with Mrs. Petsovich & Mrs. Faris

The 1st Graders are very **egg-cited** about our Religion/Science unit, **New Life!** We hatched eggs in our incubators. The greatly anticipated dates of hatching were May 17-19! Our **Chicks Have Arrived** flag flew proudly, and we were host to many black and yellow fuzzy friends. We even hatched a duck this year! Thank you to the **LaSata and Birk families** for providing our fertilized eggs! Our chicks and *we* have been growing by leaps and bounds in Rooms 1 and 4! Remarkable!

As our 1st Grade experience comes to an end, we would like to thank all of our parents who have given so generously of their time and talents to help us: reading parents, party planners and food and paper goods donors for our classroom parties, Junior Achievement volunteers, lunchroom and playground supervisors, Brownie, and Tiger Cub leaders and helpers, those who supported our fundraisers. You have all contributed to make our year a successful one. **We thank you one and all!**

2nd Grade with Mr. Deja & Mrs. Fish

Congratulations, 2nd Graders, on completing another great year at LMC! Many exciting things have happened that we will never forget.

Receiving the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist were the highlights of our year. The May Crowning Mass brought all the students in their sacramental finery to honor Mary. It was a beautiful and prayerful event. **Max A.** and **Anne Marie N.** crowned Our Blessed Mother, and **Cici S.** read from Scripture. We would like to thank **Father Mike** for being our celebrant, and **Mrs. Gallagher** for leading us in our sacramental preparation.

Our class work lead us in many new directions. We learned to multiply and divide in Math. The 2nd Graders began to learn cursive, and are quite good at it. Science took us to the area of botany, and the study of animals and their behaviors. In addition to our reading books, we learned the joy of reading through classroom novels and library reading time with **Mrs. Mathews**. The students were also challenged with nearly 30 lists of spelling words that allowed them to become better writers and readers. The list could go on and on.

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To celebrate this wonderful year, the 2nd Graders are taking an end of the year field trip to Binder Park. Under the supervision of their teachers and parents, the students will learn about different animals and their habitats. This trip offers a reminder that fun and learning can, and do, belong together.

We offer our thanks for **Mrs. Maher, our many staff members, and parent volunteers** who assisted us in our 2nd Grade journey.

3rd Grade with Mrs. Bodley & Mrs. Bruder

The end of the year has been filled with many memorable events. We honored our mothers with our annual Mother's Day Mass, and our Heavenly Mother, Mary, by praying the Rosary each day during the month of May. We participated in swimming lessons at South Shore Health and Racquet Club, took to the track on Field Day at Upton Middle School, and now look forward to our End-of-the-Year Picnic at Riverview Park.

We would like to thank the parents for all of their help and support throughout the year. Thank you to the parents who helped plan and participated in our classroom parties. Thank you to **Mr. Janson** and **Mr. Ball** for introducing us to many educational Junior Achievement activities. And, thank you to the *Time for Kids* volunteers, **Mrs. Zay, Mrs. Tan, Mrs. Langbo,** and **Mrs. Yacobozzi**, who led interesting discussions in Mrs. Bodley's classroom every week. It has been a wonderful year for the students—*full of growth, responsibility, and success*. Parents, you should feel very proud of your children.

We will miss **Mrs. Bruder** as she leaves LMC to relocate to Missouri this summer. Mrs. Bruder has been an inspiration to so many students at LMC and we will never forget her.



4th Grade with Mrs. Binger & Mrs. Zetts and News Team 4

Electrifying News! As part of our study of electricity we visited the Cook Nuclear Plant. One of our News Team 4 reporters, **Miss LaSata**, interviewed a few 4th Graders about the experience.

REPORTER LASATA: *Addie, what did you learn at the Cook Nuclear Plant?*

ADDIE: *I learned that the domes are made of cement, and when water goes through the machines, it is warm.*

REPORTER LASATA: *Peter, what did you learn?*

PETER: *I now know nuclear energy when used for electricity is good for the environment.*

REPORTER LASATA: *Jesse, what did you find interesting?*

JESSE: *I like the big domes where it is all at.*

Conservation Never Tasted So Good! The May 12th bake sale hosted by the 4th Grade was superb! There were cupcakes, doughnuts, brownies and more. We raised \$482.15. Part of the money will go to buy more acres of the rainforest. We have about 52 acres protected now. Part will help support Sarett Nature Center. It was an exciting day for 4th Grade. A big thank you goes out to all the parents who baked and helped the day of the sale.

by Alex S.

Court Is in Session! The 4th Grade took a trip to the Berrien Springs Courthouse Museum. We acted out a trial from 1843. The trial was about George Harlan (**Jeffrey M.**). He was accused of making counterfeit coins. Witnesses, Samuel Street (**Connor C.**), Jane Kennedy (**Addie P.**), and Abraham Hoig (**Kyle J.**) testified to the fact that George wasn't guilty. These witnesses, sworn in by court clerk, (**Max B.**), had all been to George's house and did see a machine but agreed it was not a coin-making machine but a sewing machine. The two other witnesses, jailer (**William M.**) and sheriff (**Dominic D.**) argued he was guilty. After all the testimony, the prosecuting attorney, Jane S. Chapman (**Angela G.**) and defense attorney, Vincent Bradford (**Myles C.**) gave their closing statements. Miss Chapman stated, "The sheriff caught George red-handed. What more evidence do you need?" Mr. Bradley pointed out, "My client isn't guilty. Why would George leave a counterfeit coin-making machine in the middle of the living room? He would try to hide it!" Our jury was hung, unable to reach a conclusion. In the real case, George was found guilty. The judge fined him \$25 and one day in jail. Our judge was played by **Jack H.**, with two justices, **Leo C.** and **Anthony S.**, assisting him.

After the trial we toured the museum. First, we went to the rebuilt jail. The jail was originally built in 1870. We even got to go inside the jail cells. Then, we examined an old log cabin with a double-sided fireplace. **Mr. Robert Myers**, our tour guide, said women spent most of their time inside doing chores. He showed us the tools they used like a toaster, foot warmer and bed warmer. It was an exciting trip, and we are glad we could experience this field trip.

by Olivia A. & Katie S.

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**"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible,
and suddenly you are doing the impossible." St. Francis of Assisi**

5th Grade with Mrs. Kurina & Mrs. LaSata

As our 5th Graders get ready to embark on the road to Middle School, they reflected on their time at LMC Elementary, and reminisced about events, both recent and relatively distant for 10- and 11-year olds, that remain particularly memorable. Among them are:

Erika S.: My favorite LMC memory is my First Communion Mass in 2nd Grade. I had a lot of fun with all of my friends, receiving the Eucharist together.

Leo G.: My favorite elementary school memory is the nice, wonderful, and caring teachers at the elementary school. I will always remember them in my heart.

Andrew A.: My best elementary school moment was the Binder Park Zoo field trip. It was so fun. I played in the kids' exhibits, and I went to the petting zoo. Plus, I was able to spend the day with my mom and my friends.

Jenna D.: My favorite thing in elementary school was doing the Iditarod with **Mr. Deja**. I still follow my musher each year!

Allana C.: My best memory in elementary school was Earth Day. We learned about plants, trees, and flowers. Everyone has a baby tree now.

Fred P.: My favorite thing in elementary school was when I met **Mrs. Maher**. I met her on a hot summer day when she showed my family the school. She told me that I would have a terrific time, and I have had a terrific time.

Gabby C.: My favorite memory of elementary school was the chicks in 1st Grade.

God bless the 5th Graders. We will miss you as you continue your journey.

Scouting Around at LMCES

Our 5th Grade Junior Girl Scouts **Morgan G.** and **Hannah S.** received their Bronze Award in May. The Bronze Award is conferred by the Girl Scouts of America for leadership in planning and completing a 15-hour service project. The Juniors organized a collection of small toys to ship to our troops abroad, where the soldiers share the toys as they make friends with the local children. The Juniors thank all of the LMC and parish families that donated toys for the project—a total of 1083 toys were collected.

Library with Mrs. Mathews: Nostalgia & Now

A favorite memory with my now grown-and-gone girls is walking to the library every summer week. Each of us carried a canvas bag, and the girls had their own shelf markers. Library geeks, through and through. Half-a-dozen blocks to the bluff then back again carrying bags of books offered another exercise beyond the mental. Whether you walk, bike or drive, wherever your community is—even if you are spending a few weeks in a different town—visit the public library. The librarians are tuned into topical trends and technology. The experience is as rich as you are willing to make it. Keep track of the events for toddlers through adults by visiting the libraries' websites often.

Lincoln Twp. Public Library:

www.lincolntownshiplibrary.org/

SJ Maud Preston Palenske Public Library:

www.youseemore.com/maudpreston/

Benton Harbor Public Library:

www.bentonharborlibrary.com/

Don't forget that your library is a friendly shelter on a rainy or too hot summer day!

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JULY ORDERS & PICK-UP

Orders Due: Thursday, July 8th
Order Pickup: Wednesday, July
14th, Noon -1:00 - Elementary School



AUGUST ORDERS & PICK-UP

Orders Due: Thursday, August 5th
Order Pickup: Wednesday, August
11th, Noon -1:00 - Elementary School

Young Rembrandts: Drawing on Their (New) Strengths

The Young Rembrandts will wrap up its first 8 week session on Wednesday, June 2nd. All the students worked very hard, and have learned many new things about art and drawing. **Mrs. Garavalia** had a wonderful time as their teacher, and hopes to begin another session in the fall. In the meantime, all you artists have a wonderful summer and keep on drawing!

Kalamazoo Art Hop Featuring the Art of Karen Garavalia

Karen Garavalia, our own Young Rembrandts instructor, will be the featured artist in **Newman's Bookshoppe at 340 E. Michigan Ave. in Kalamazoo on Friday, June 4th from 5-9pm**. The Kalamazoo Art Hop is a free event that features new artists in a fun, casual atmosphere. Numerous galleries and businesses in the downtown area host a variety of artwork for guests to "hop" from one exhibit to the other, and meet the artists. There will also be music and food along the Art Hop route.



Laker Drama: A Recap and Preview

The past school year saw three terrific productions, and we thank our audiences for supporting the stagings that allowed over 100 students to experience the joy of performance. Our 2010-11 selections have been finalized—plan on joining us for all three, starting in the fall with *A Night of One Acts and Improv*. The title aside, it's actually six nights but who's counting. Come and join us as we do a number of short plays and scenes followed by some audience-assisted improv. No two nights will be exactly the same.

In February, our Little Lakers will hit the boards, and hopefully, the notes, in the musical *A Twist of the Tongue*, a vernacularly contorted tale of Mr. Roses, a teacher at Bitter Batter School, and his old high school rival, Sally Seashell, now his principal. Former foes, the two must form a united front and face their nemesis, Nettie's Knitting Knight School, led by Hazel Hazelnutt, who is angling to take the tongue twister trophy and control of the Bitter Batter School. There will be twists and turns galore—it's a verbal Gran Prix to determine the victor in the tongue twister contest.

The spring musical will be *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* or "Drood" for short. A story within a story, "Drood" takes us to the Music Hall Royale where a Victorian musical troupe is putting on a production of Charles Dickens' unfinished mystery. The mystery itself deals with John Jasper, a Jekyll-and-Hyde choirmaster who is deeply enamored with his music student, the fair Miss Rosa Bud. Now, Miss Bud is, in turn, engaged to Jasper's nephew, young Edwin Drood. Our title character disappears mysteriously one stormy Christmas Eve—but has Edwin Drood been murdered, and if so, whodunit? Dickens died before tying up the loose ends, leaving the conclusion open to interpretation. We'll let the audience vote on the solution as prelude to the most unusual and hilarious finale!

Aside from staging performances, Laker Drama exists to foster leadership and teach project management. Congratulations to our new Drama Club officers: **Chad R.**, President; **Matt G.**, President-Elect; **Patrick P.**, Secretary, and **John G.**, Treasurer. These young men are familiar faces at the Elementary, and we look forward to finding future leaders among the ranks of our youngest performers.

SUMMER TUTORS

LMC staff members, noted, have access to LMC resources, and equipment but tutoring takes place off-site. All arrangements (financial, location, and frequency of sessions) are between the instructor and client family. If you are unfamiliar with any of the tutors listed below, please contact the corresponding building administrator:

Mr. John Berlin (MS/HS: 983-2511); jberlin@lmclakers.org

Mrs. Jody Maher (ES: 429-0227); catholicprincipal@yahoo.com

Britton, Chris (LMCHS Instructor)

(231) 288-7271 (home)

Age/Grade Preferred: Gr. 6-12, Math; Gr. 9-12, Physics

Subject Areas: Any Math & Physics

Area(s) of Specialty: Algebra, Calculus, Physics

Foster, Rachel (LMC ES/MS/HS Resource Instructor)

(269) 428-7022 (home) or (269) 208-7800 (cell)

(269) 429-0227 (work AM) or (269) 983-2511 (work PM)

Age/Grade Preferred: Gr. 1 – 12

Subject Areas: English, Reading, Spelling, Writing, Social Studies

Area(s) of Specialty: Certified Special Ed. Gr. K – 12, experienced

Nuter, Kris (LMCHS Instructor)

E-mail: knuter@lmclakers.org

Age/Grade Preferred: HS

Subject Area: Chemistry

Ordiway, Janet (LMC Curriculum & Instruction Consultant)

(269) 983-2307 (home) or 983-2511, Ext. 37 (work)

E-mail: janet@einstein-coaching.com

Age/Grade Preferred: K-HS

Subject Areas: All subjects in K-8;
HS Math, Science & Social Studies for MS/HS levels

Wilson, Lindsey (LMC Alum; MI Licensed Teacher)

(269) 470-1493)

Age/Grade Preferred: K-12

Area(s) of Specialty: MI Gr. 6-12 Integrated Science, English & Reading Endorsements
OH Gr. 4-9 Language Arts & Sciences
OH Gr. K-12 Reading Endorsement

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