



LAKWOOD
CATHOLIC
ACADEMY

2020 - 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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LAKWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY

AFTER ALL, WE ARE SAINTS

Dear Friends of Lakewood Catholic Academy,

In August 2020 when we were preparing to welcome students back to school, **I penned these thoughts in my prayer journal one evening** and later shared them with faculty members and then our school families in a short video...

We are teachers, and even through face shields we see possibilities rather than limitations. Possibilities for joy and laughter, for learning and growth.

When you weary and worried, know that you are not alone. We will get through this together because we can do hard things. After all, we are teachers... and we are Saints!

We will meet the changing challenges we will face because flexibility and patience are in our teacher DNA. Hope and grace are at the heart of who we are.

Times are tough, and the feelings of fear and anxiety are real.

No distance can be put between us that my enthusiasm can't bridge.

No distance over which prayer won't connect.

No distance across which laughter doesn't unite.

While so much remains uncertain, what we know for sure is that faith, hope and above all else, love will guide our way forward together.



Whether we see a child through a screen at home or behind a desk in a classroom, we will be here for them every day, no matter what comes our way.

I am more convinced than ever that it was God who inspired those words and who accompanied us throughout last year, encouraging us with abounding love and strengthening us with courageous hope. Within the pages of this Annual Report, I hope you will come to realize that we not only said these words, we lived them. As I look back on the 2020-2021 school year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and pride for all that we accomplished together, and I hope you are as well.

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART, *Brian*

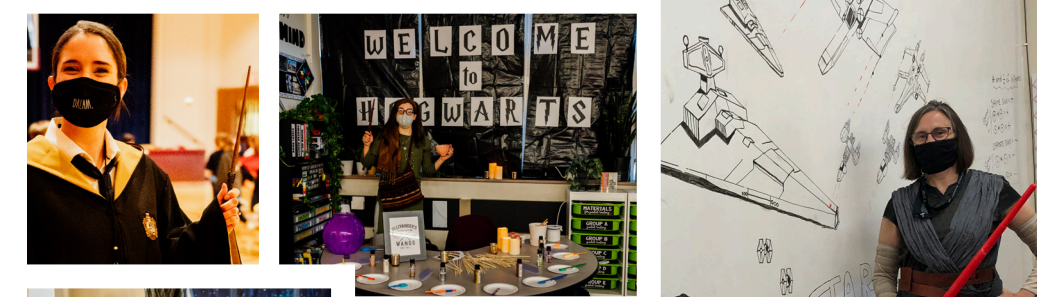
BRIAN SINCHAK, President

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MAKING MAGICAL MOMENTS AMID A PANDEMIC

Creating magic and embracing childhood joy are at the heart of our mission at Lakewood Catholic Academy. When the world challenged this mission by presenting seemingly insurmountable obstacles by way of a global pandemic, the LCA faculty rallied together to not only offer safe in-person instruction, but to also courageously continue this mission of making magic. The LCA staff decided that no matter how scary the outside world may seem, within the school they would help their students focus on joy.



LCA: THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH

On two different days during the year, students arrived at school surprised to learn that their **teachers had been replaced with Disney characters and characters from famous children's books**. Not only that, but when they arrived in their classrooms, they discovered that they had been transformed. Students spent these days in classrooms like Buzz Lightyear's Space Academy, Willy Wonka's Writing Workshop, Hogwarts, Under the Sea with Ursula, and on the Magic School Bus with Miss Frizzle.

Donors who support our Annual Fund support this type of creative instruction, the dedicated teachers who give of their whole selves to make moments like these happen, and ultimately, the joy, magic and love we believe every child deserves.

DISNEY DAY



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These are the virtues at the heart of the Lakewood Catholic Academy story and our school's mission. As a school family, we rely on these same virtues as we strategically chart the future direction of LCA. Remaining committed to our Catholic Faith, we will continue to develop new ways to form our young boys and girls into men and women inspired to serve the Church and the world.

The example of generosity set forth by the individuals listed here have made the first phase of LCA's first-ever capital campaign possible. Their bold leadership has set the foundation for growth in three key areas:

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Support the Saints of Lakewood Catholic Academy with **student scholarships** as they learn and grow into **faith-filled leaders**.

teachers

Contributing to more **competitive salaries** for our faculty and making world-class **professional development** available to our outstanding educators.

future

Investing in our ongoing work to update our campus and **reimagining learning spaces** for our student scholars.

Although our work to meet our campaign goal is well underway, we need additional support to make all of our dreams a reality. **To learn more about the 20/20 Vision Capital Campaign, please contact Brian Sinchak, President, at 216-521-0559.**

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Despite not being able to gather in-person for the Spring Gala again this year, hundreds of LCA's friends and families were part of the fun from home as they tuned in to support SaintsTV, a livestreamed variety show that aired from the school's gym on Saturday, April 24. By the time the show wrapped that night, we raised over \$210,000 to benefit the students and staff at LCA.

We extend our gratitude to the following Sponsors and Fund the Mission Donors who helped make SaintsTV a smashing success!



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THE SPARK CONFERENCE:

LCA Reignites Creativity and Innovation in Elementary Education

Lakewood Catholic Academy is a leader in elementary education and provides professional development opportunities for other Catholic school educators and administrators. In 2018, LCA created **The Spark Conference** and it has become **one of Cleveland's largest conferences for Catholic elementary educators**. This annual August event is a one-day professional development experience that inspires and energizes teachers for the school year ahead. The event features both nationally recognized leaders in education, as well as breakout sessions led by Lakewood Catholic Academy teachers and administrators. In addition to showcasing the work of our brilliant LCA teachers, this event generates important revenue for the school that is reinvested into our own creative and innovative programming for our students and families, and in resources for our teachers.



“Thank you for creating and hosting the premier event of the 21-22 school year. Your staff is to be commended for their extraordinary dedication to duty and devotion to our craft. As always, it was a day of unparalleled inspiration.”

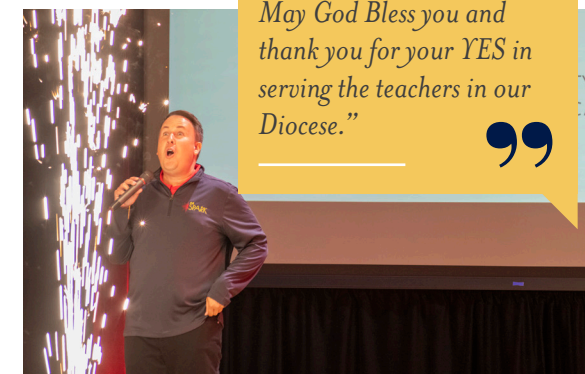


“Once again, the Spark Conference did not disappoint! It has become my favorite way to kick off the new school year. The upbeat and positive messaging provides such an affirming feeling for the work that we do as well as inspire all in attendance to do our best for our students.”

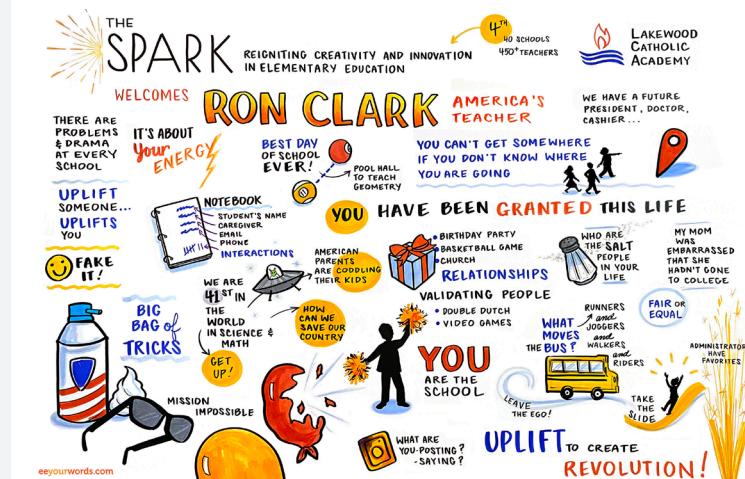
“Thank you for your incredible work at the Spark Conference! It was an amazing experience again! May God Bless you and thank you for your YES in serving the teachers in our Diocese.”



This year's Spark Conference was held on our beautiful campus where we welcomed over 450 educators from Northeast Ohio. We are grateful for underwriting support from **The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland**. Spark 2021 showcased diverse leadership and talent with guest presenters **Kayla August, Nyla Watson** and **Ron Clark**, who is a New York Times Best Selling Author, and Disney's American Teacher of the Year.



2021 SPARK VIDEO



“Thank you very much for planning such an awesome professional development day for teachers in our state. The speakers were excellent. The energy was palpable. The excitement was just what we needed to start the year! Thank you for sharing your vision and expertise with so many teachers who otherwise would not have access to such first-class training.”



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