



### **Power of Prayer - Please Pray For...**

\*Congrats to Coach Roback who welcomed a new granddaughter into the family. Livvy Grace was born on Saturday night. Mom and baby are doing great.

\*For a reflective Lenten season

### **Thank You!**

A huge thank you to Allie Batey and LPA for transforming the gym into an enchanted forest this weekend for the My Guy & I dance. What a night to remember!

### **5/6 Girl Falcons**

Our 5/6 girls' basketball team played their hearts out this weekend in the championship game. The crowd was full of Falcon fans cheering them on. We are so proud of you! Great Job!

### **Hot Lunch Orders-Don't Forget to Order**

The window for hot lunch for March closes on Feb. 15th. Make sure you place your order:)

### **Ash Wednesday Mass**

Our Ash Wednesday Mass on February 14th is at 1:45 pm at the SND Chapel. Fr. Herb Weber will be our celebrant. This year, Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message on the Book of Exodus, choosing "Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom" as its main theme to encourage the faithful that the season is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom. A Lent prayer intentions worksheet has been enclosed today to help with this journey.  
\*\*Note: Wednesday is a Thursday school schedule for students.

### **2nd and 3rd Trimeseter**

#### **Conferences & Extended Day**

There will be NO extended day on conference days. Our extended day staff are current teachers and will be in conferences. Please make a note on your calendars. The dates are March 5th and 7th, 3:15-6:45pm.

### **A Roaring Good Time- Big Event Big Event Sneak Peek!**

Enclosed in today's envelope is a "sneak peek" of the auction items we have already secured. There are so many amazing packages to bid on. Be sure to get your tickets. The window to purchase tickets closes on February 23rd.



- Celebrity Chef, Chopped! Edition - The Basto's and Zawodny's are teaming up to prepare an awesome feast for 8 in their home. Excellent food, beautiful centerpieces, and comedic relief from the chefs are part of this package.
- Private Bourbon Tasting for 8 - James Perry, local bourbon, will open his private bourbon bar for up to 8 guests. 4 tastings will be paired with a gorgeous charcuterie board. James' knowledge and passion of bourbon are sure to entertain the bourbon lover or novice.
- Le Petit Gourmet Private Dinner for 8 - The restaurant will open just for you and your guests. Amazing food and wine pairings will make this a night to remember.

\*\*\* The auction committee is looking for gift card donations in amounts of \$5, \$10, \$20 to local establishments.

Please send in any gift cards to the office, attention to Jackie Flom. Purchase your tickets using the QR code.

Saturday, March 9th at Sylvania Country Club.



### **Primary/INT Update**

Please read the enclosed letter in today's envelope talking about the shift in Primary for the 24/25 school year.

### **Registration**

Make sure you turn in your registration forms for the 2024-2025 school year. To secure your child(s), please return the paperwork and the registration fee of \$500.

### **LPA Family Night Out**

Let the good times roll! Mark your calendars and join LPA for Family Night Out on Thursday, February 29th at Ohio Skate (4pm-6pm) and Schlotsky's in Maumee (order anytime 11am-9pm). Bring the kids to burn off some energy, skip cooking dinner, and help raise funds for Lial all in one night! It's a win-win-win! Watch for flyers and reminders in the White Envelope and the FB Parent Page.

### **A Look Ahead:**

Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

\*Wednesday School Schedule

Feb. 15-16, 19 No School...Winter Break

Feb. 20 - Classes Resume and  
Subway Hot Lunch

Feb. 23 - Big Event RSVP Due

Feb. 27 - Marco's Hot Lunch

March 5 & 7 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

## Lent prayer intentions

Use our Lent prayer intentions, and colour in each leaf, as a family everyday from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

1. Pray for people who are hungry.
2. Pray for people who are sick.
3. Pray for lonely people.
4. Thank God for the gift of creation.
5. Pray for people without a safe home.
6. Pray for refugees.
7. Pray for your friends.
8. Pray for your family.
9. Pray for your Church community.
10. Thank God for something that brings you joy.
11. Pray for the government.
12. Pray the 'Glory Be...' today.
13. Pray for your neighbours.
14. Pray for someone you love.
15. Pray for people in places where there is conflict or war.
16. Pray for creation to be cared for.
17. Pray for people in your class at school or your workplace.
18. Pray for a more just and fair world.
19. Pray for people suffering because of climate change.
20. Pray for people without access to safe, clean water.
21. Thank God for your family and friends.
22. Ask a saint to pray for you today.
23. Pray the 'Our Father' today.
24. Pray for people who don't have a job.
25. Pray for your teachers or mentors.
26. Pray for mothers and the people who care for us.
27. Pray for people who are treated badly because of their beliefs.
28. Pray for world leaders.
29. Tell God something you are sorry for.
30. Pray for children who can't go to school.
31. Pray that God will help you make good choices.
32. Pray for people who are poor.
33. Pray for someone who has hurt or upset you.
34. Pray for people in prison.
35. Pray for the Pope.
36. Pray for the elderly.
37. Pray for people affected by flooding.
38. Pray for someone you find difficult.
39. Thank God for your food today.
40. Pray for peace in the world.
41. Pray for Christian unity.
42. Pray for people affected by droughts.
43. Ask Mary to pray for you and say the 'Hail Mary...'.
44. Pray for an end to racism and prejudice.
45. Pray for people who are grieving or sad.
46. Pray that you will be close to Jesus today.
47. Pray for patience and hope.
48. Thank God for the new life that Jesus brings.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

45. Pray for people who are grieving or sad.

### GOOD FRIDAY

46. Pray that you will be close to Jesus today.

### HOLY SATURDAY

47. Pray for patience and hope.

### EASTER SUNDAY

48. Thank God for the new life that Jesus brings.







February 13, 2024

Dear Families,

One of the best aspects of Lial is partnering with our parents to be sure each child is supported. The parent survey is one tool used to keep our partnership strong. Over the past few years, we have noted the concern of second years moving up to Intermediate. As a staff, we have had many lengthy discussions on the Primary Unit returning to a 1-3<sup>rd</sup> year grade band creating a 3-year cycle in this unit. (Lial originally was composed of the traditional Montessori 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> "grade" band.) After much discernment, it has been determined that starting the fall of 2024, Lial will return to Primary being composed of 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> year students.

**Factors Determining the New Shift:**

- The 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> "grade" band returns Lial to traditional Montessori groupings allowing students more time at the younger years to foster independence.
- Socially, 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> year students have more in common. 3<sup>rd</sup> years and 5<sup>th</sup> years have quite a different level of maturity, sometimes making it difficult to find common interests.
- The Science of Reading is Ohio's reading initiative and focuses on direct phonetic instruction through grade 3, so keeping 3<sup>rd</sup> years in Primary will allow our teachers to continue the phonetic emphasis.

**What does this mean for Intermediate and Middle School?**

Beginning in the fall of 2024, Intermediate will become a 4th-5th year "grade" band. Middle School will remain a 6th-8th year "grade" band.

**Why does Lial believe in Multi-Age Groupings?**

Lial understands that students learn at their own pace. Learning has little to do with age, and much more to do with how well a child absorbs and interprets information, at their level and ability, and on his or her own continuum.

Multi-age groupings:

- Encourage students to build strong bonds with others not of their own age (much like how older and younger students interact).
- Teach older students the reward of being a good role-model for younger children.
- Teach students to be sensitive to others around them, recognize when others need help, and allow them to become more responsible/independent in their actions.

Primary and Intermediate teachers collectively helped make this decision. Our Primary teachers have all taught 3<sup>rd</sup> years in the past. Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Kelly have the unique perspective of teaching in both the Primary and Intermediate units, and Mrs. Maltman was teaching at Lial when Primary was originally 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> years. We realize registration paperwork was returned before this announcement. For those who have concerns, please email me. I am happy to talk through this decision and come up with a plan that best fits your student's needs. [ljcherry@lialschool.org](mailto:ljcherry@lialschool.org)

Peace always,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms. Cherry', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Ms. Cherry

## A Roaring 20's Good Time



Here's a sneak peek at auction items for this year's Big Event!  
Full Descriptions will be available online one week before event. Be sure to share the link to family and friends- anyone can bid on these one of a kind offerings.

Thank you to all our wonderful donors & sponsors! The night will be great!

### **Category: Positively Lial (Donations by Lial's Amazing Staff)**

Get Crafty- Craft Party with INT teachers

The Ultimate Football Fiesta- Football watching with Sr. Ann-Marie and Mrs. Kurtz

Big Cheese for a Day- Trade places with Ms. Cherry for a day

EZ Pick Up- Reserved spot in bus lane all year

Front Row 2024 Christmas play

Front Row 2024 Spring Musical, Aladdin Jr.

Get Casual- 30 days of free dress code for a family

Party in Park- Use Lial's FW kitchen, gym, tables, backyard for a private party

Party at Buff City- Spend the afternoon on May 4<sup>th</sup> with the Readiness Teachers for soapmaking

Personal Parking Space for a year

Art Party- Art party for four led by Mrs. Sasala

Puttin' on the Ritz- Spend the day away from school with Ms. Cherry & Dr. B.

Max-Q Bag- 2 handmade reusable totes created by Mrs. Staten

Piano Lessons for a Year- Given by Mr. Murcko

Pizza with a Priest- Fr. Jeff McBeth, pastor of St. John's in Pburg, will bring in pizza for the whole class

### **Category: On The Lam**

## **(One of a Kind Experiences)**

On The Water- Try your hand at kayaking for up to 6 people at the Metro Parks

Tree House Staycation- 2 nights at the Cannaley Treehouse Village in a 4 or 6 person villa

Bourbon Trail in the 419- Private bourbon experience for up to 8 people in the private home of local enthusiast Jim Perry (4 tastings + heavy apps)

Le Petit Gourmet Private Dinner- The restaurant is open only to your 8 guests for a private dinner and wine pairing

Marco's Mudhens Suite- 12 guests, 2 parking passes, & gift card to Swamp Shop

Chopped!- Lial celebrity chefs, Dan Basto & Jim Zawodny, will battle it out in your home preparing dinner complete with libations, décor, and music for up to 8 guests.

Learn Chess from a Master- 1 hour private online chess lesson from a chess master

Brew Tour- Brewery tour at Maumee Bay Brewing Co. & beer tasting for 8

Lace up those Skates- 2 hour private skate party at OH Skate for up to 75 skaters

Little Women- 2 tickets to the May 14 show at Valentine Theater

Out of this World- 4 day, 3 night package to FL including 2 day pass to Kennedy Space Center WITH a tour and chat from an Astronaut (Land Only)

Reset Party- Reset in Rossford will host 8 people in a private party room for 2 hours with food & tickets

Tim McGraw Tickets- 2 tickets at Huntington Center on May 30<sup>th</sup>, Great seats!

Japanese Whiskey Tasting- Up to 8 guests will enjoy 4 Japanese whisky tastings with appetizers from the collection of Amanda Foster, local enthusiast

Scotch Pairing Dinner- 8 guests will be treated with apps, full course dinner, and dessert paired perfectly with different Scotch (For those who don't like scotch- wine pairings will be offered) from the collection of Amanda Foster, local enthusiast

## **Category: Got the Goods (Gift Cards & Baskets)**

Golf Club Fitting- full bag fitting at McDivot's from Dan Sutton

A Healthier You- Neuroflex gift card

Restore Wellness gift card

Mudhens/Walleye Package- 4 tickets to both Mudhens & Walley game AND a Zamboni ride

Kids Clothesline gift card

Cookie Cutters- Kids' haircuts



Cork & Knife gift basket and gift card

Breakthrough Photography- Family photoshoot by Bethany Moore

**Category: Got the Goods  
(Gift cards & Baskets)**

Lial Quilt

Gardening gift basket

Sharecutterie basket- gift cards to specialty food stores and other goodies

Zoo Membership

Skyzone- Family of 4 pack

Urban Air- 4 platinum passes

Let's Eat Cake- 3 layer celebration cake from Dollop Shop

Benchmark gift card

Dave's Running package

Host Table- Modern classic white design by Allermuir Furniture

Notre Dame High School gift basket- AND \$1000 tuition credit

St. Francis gift basket- AND \$1000 tuition credit

Central Catholic gift basket

SUA gift basket

