

Weekly Parent Bulletin

August 18, 2026



Prayer for the New School Year

Dear Lord, guide the Lial families, students, and faculty, to work together, with respect and understanding. Fill our hearts with patience and kindness. Let us treat each other with the respect and love that mirrors Your teachings. Amen

NURSE AMY'S NOTES:



1. Immunization records need to be sent in for all new students, Readiness, and 7th grade students
2. Immunization exemption form needs to be completed yearly; it can be found online
3. Outstanding OTC medication forms need to be completed and returned
*A copy is included in the white envelopes for those families who need to complete.

Monday Prayer Group

All Lial parents and caregivers are invited to pray for Lial students, teachers, and staff every Monday after drop off (8:00 am) outside in the front yard. We will begin Monday, August 24, and plan to pray for a few minutes each week, rain or shine (or cold!)! Join us every week or just when you're available to pray for God's protection and blessings over our school for the week ahead. Younger siblings are always welcome! Contact Katie Hohler with questions:

khohler@lialschool.org

Art Drop Off

If you have any art room donations, the art room doors will be open and you can drop off. Thank you!

Monthly Envelopes

These envelopes will go home on Orientation Day and then monthly or as needed. This will come home with the oldest child in each family. Let the office know if you want to change which child receives it. Please return these envelopes with any forms and/or communication back to the office the following school day.

Extended Day K-8

Extended-day care for students who returned registration forms begins Monday, August 24th. If you would like to register, it's not too late. Forms are in today's envelope.

Flocknote

Flocknote is the email and text platform we will be using for unit newsletters, all-school news, and emergency email/text notifications.

To sign up: Text "Lial" to 84576.

Then, you will be prompted to provide your email and sign up for groups. If you are a parent of a readiness, primary, intermediate, or middle school student—or all four—please sign up for the corresponding group(s). You can change this at any time.

All families should sign up for Flocknote or you will miss important information!

LIAL PARENT ASSOCIATION

WELCOME TO THE LPA - GET INVOLVED

Parents at Lial are part of every aspect of our school.

Volunteering in the classroom, working on a committee or in the office, coaching a sport, or monitoring a club... parents are part of it all! Information can be found on the QR code in your envelope.



Important Forms

Several important forms are enclosed in this month's envelope. The following forms are enclosed and need to be checked.

Forms Enclosed:

Use the **Family Name Cards** included in the white envelope at the afternoon carline. Please place the sign in the front windshield or hang it on the rearview mirror of your car to help us identify you until we become familiar with cars. Each family was given two cards to share with others who may be picking up your student(s).

• Teaching Safety

Empowering God's Children - Each year, Lial offers a Teaching/Touching Safety Program in the fall and spring. If you want to "opt your child out" of the program, please complete and return this form by August 28, 2026.

• Piano Lesson Form

If you would like your child to take piano lessons, please fill out the form and return it to the office by August 28, 2026. Lessons are for Primary through MS students, and spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

• Non-Public Schools Low-Income Eligibility Form

Please read the form, and if your family is eligible, fill it out, sign it, and return it. If your family is not eligible, please print your name on the bottom line of the form and write "not eligible". Return forms to the office by August 28, 2026. This form is important, as it helps us receive state funding.

• Internet Acceptable Use & Internet Safety Policy Enclosed are the Acceptable Use & Internet Safety Policy

This is for all students, K-8. Please sign and return to school by August 28, 2026, for your student to stay "connected". **ALL students need to sign forms.**

2026-27 Parent Handbook

A copy of the handbook is on our website under Resource/Handbook. This section contains forms, policies, and other great information.

Hot Lunch Program

We will once again provide hot lunches for students on Tuesdays. This is a parent volunteer project; we need your help to make it happen each week. Please see the enclosed information to sign up for lunches, as well as if you would like to volunteer. (on the volunteer sheet)

Did You Know?

Many school districts offer a payment instead of transportation for students (K-8) in their district. If offered, forms are due to the school district early in the school year. You should contact the transportation department of the school district in which you reside to see what is offered. Please take advantage of this payment, as it is a taxpayer's right.

A Look Ahead

August 20 First full-day of school
August 20 Readiness A Only
August 21 Readiness B Only
August 24 Readiness A Only
August 25 Readiness B Only
August 26 All Readiness Students A and B
September 3 Mass - Miss Pawsey's class
September 4 Spirit Wear Friday
September 7 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
September 8 LPA Meeting in Spanish Room 8am
September 9 State of the School Open House
6pm-7pm
September 10 Mass - Mrs. Sanford's class
September 11 La Petite at 10:00am
September 9-21 MAP - Fall Testing
September 15 Picture Retake Day
September 23 Early Dismissal @ 1:00pm.
Teacher PD Day
September 24 Mass - Mrs. Cannon's class
Sept. 27-Oct. 2 Spirit Week



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August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 New Student Visit for Readiness 6 th Grade Boot Camp 10:30am-12:00pm	12 Family Food Truck Night 5:30-7:30pm	13	14	15
16	17 Parent Night PreK-3 5:00pm Readiness 5:30pm Primary 6:15pm	18 Parent Night Intermediate 5:30pm Middle School 6:15pm	19 Orientation Day 9am-1pm Picture Day	20 First Full Day of School Readiness A only	21 Readiness B only	22
23	24 Readiness A only	25 Readiness B only	26 All Readiness	27 2pm Mass Practice Students Only No Actual Mass	28	29
30	31					 Back To School



Family Covenant Agreement – 2026–2027 School Year

At Lial Catholic School, we believe each child is created by God out of love and for love. The Lial Covenant is more than words — it is the foundation of our culture. By signing below, you affirm your commitment to living the Covenant together as a family that is part of the larger Lial school family.

The Lial School Covenant:

Because I am a Child of God, I have a right to be happy and to be treated with kindness in this school, and the responsibility to treat you with kindness.

Because I am a Child of God, I have a right to be myself in this school, and the responsibility to respect your unique differences.

Because I am a Child of God, I have a right to be safe in this school, and the responsibility to make choices that keep our school safe.

Because I am a Child of God, I have a right to hear and be heard in this school, and the responsibility to listen and to speak with kindness.

Because I am a Child of God, I have a right to learn about myself in this school, And the responsibility to let you learn about yourself.

Because I am a Child of God, I have a right to listen to others, and the responsibility to let you listen and respect you when you speak.

Because I am a Child of God, I have a right to listen to my teachers, and the responsibility to let you listen to your teacher.

Because of I am a Child of God, I will try my best To attend to what is being taught So that I will be the best student I can possibly be.

Because I am a Child of God, I have these rights and responsibilities. Because you are a Child of God, you have these rights and responsibilities. Our respect for each other as God's children will guide our attitudes, words, and actions.

So I pray.

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Family Commitment

As a Lial family, we understand that the Covenant is not simply a statement for students — it is a way of living within our entire school community.

We agree to:

- Support our child in living out the Covenant daily.
- Speak about teachers, students, and other families with respect.
- Partner with the school in promoting kindness, safety, responsibility, and faith formation.
- Address concerns directly and constructively in alignment with Gospel values.
- Model the dignity and respect we expect our children to show.

We understand that maintaining a positive, faith-filled school culture requires partnership between students, parents, faculty, and administration.

By signing below, we affirm our commitment to the Lial School Covenant and to living the Lial Way together.

Student Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Lial Catholic School

Family: _____

NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS LOW INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR 2026-2027

To the parent/guardian: It is becoming increasingly important for Lial to know the number of students who qualify as "low income." There are several programs and grants that may be available to our students that are at least in part dependent on the number of "low income" students. Programs such as the federal Title I remedial reading, the telecommunications e-rate discounts, and private foundation grants. The information provided on this form will be held in strict confidence. Qualifying names are not released to anyone, only the total number of eligible students. Please review the scale below to determine if your family qualifies as "low income." If your total household income is at or below the amount listed for your total household members, you qualify. **If you qualify, please complete and return this form by September 11, 2026.**

Student Information: Please print the name(s) of your child(ren) who attend Lial.

Name	Date of Birth	Sex	Grade

Circle if child(ren) are: -Foster child -Ward of Court -AFDC Recipient -Food Stamp Recipient

Calculating Household Income: Calculate the total amount of income in your household. Include all income for all household members (include yourself, all children in the home, your spouse, grandparents, and all other related and unrelated people living in your home). See list of income to report:

Earnings from Work

- Wages/salaries/tips
- Strike benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Worker's compensation
- Net income from self-owned business or farm

Welfare/Child Support/Alimony

- Public assistance payments
- Welfare payments
- Alimony/child support payments

Other Income

- Disability benefits
- Cash withdrawn from savings
- Interest/Dividends
- Income from Estate/Trusts/Investments
- Regular contributions from persons not living in the household
- Net royalties/annuities/net rental income

Pensions/Retirement/Social Security

- Pensions
- Supplemental social security
- Retirement income
- Social security

Household Income: Please circle the total number of household members, whether they receive income or not. Then, circle the amount that is the total income (or less) of all the household members. The income can be the amount received last week, last month, or last year, but should be the **total income before taxes or anything else is taken out**. PLEASE ONLY CIRCLE THE FAMILY TOTAL INCOME (OR LESS) LISTED AND NOT BOTH AMOUNTS ON THE LINE ITEM. For example: A family of 2 who makes \$560 weekly would qualify for the reduced price meals category and should circle \$770 because they make more than \$541 but less than \$770.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES												
Effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027												
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	REDUCED PRICE MEALS =		185%			FREE MEALS =		130%			
	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES												
1	15,060	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568		20,748	1,729	865	798	369
2	21,640	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770		28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541
3	27,320	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972		35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683
4	33,000	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175		42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825
5	38,680	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377		50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967
6	44,360	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579		57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109
7	50,040	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781		65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
8	55,720	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983		72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393
For each additional family member, add	5,680	10,508	876	438	405	203		7,384	616	308	284	142

Certification and Signature: I certify that all of the information above is true and correct, and that all Income is reported.

X _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



2026-2027 Extended Day Hours: Monday through Friday, 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Drop In Rates (\$10 per hour)

\$10 Flat Rate: 3:00-4:15

\$20 Flat Rate 3:00-5:30

Package A - 20 Hours (\$7.50 per hour) **\$150**

Package B - 40 Hours (\$5.00 per hour) **\$200**

- Additional hours over 40 may be purchased at the \$5 rate.

Payment: Families must pay with Venmo

- Any family whose student is a late pick up (after 5:30) will be charged \$1 per minute per student. Families who are late picking up their student(s) 3 times in a trimester will no longer be able to use the extended day program.
- **The extended day director will send a request to provide payment at the end of each school week for students using the drop in rates.** Please write student name/dates of service for that week in the memo line. Ex. Joe Smith, 8/1-8/4.
- **The extended day director will keep track of families using the prepaid package options and notify each family via email when it is time to purchase a new package.**

Extended Day Provides:

- ❖ Area for reading and doing homework. (Extended day staff are not tutors. Students should be able to work independently.)
- ❖ Supervised indoor and outdoor activities.
- ❖ Time to eat snacks. (Students should bring a **peanut free** snack and a water bottle.)

Emergencies:

- ❖ Emergency Medical Health forms will be kept on site.
- ❖ Procedures for emergencies will follow regular school procedures.

Attendance:

- ❖ Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each day for safety and security purposes.
- ❖ *There will be no Extended Day services provided on days when school is not in session or there is an early dismissal, special events, etc.*
- ❖ All school policies, administrative procedures, and rules apply to the Extended Day Program. Families should refer to the school handbook for guidance. This includes the use of electronic devices. Only school approved Chromebook will be allowed for homework only. No cell phones or tablets.



2026-2027 Extended Day Payment Options

Family Name _____

Student Name

Unit

___ We have purchased a package via Venmo.

Amount _____

Date _____

Please include the student's full name and number of hours purchased when paying on Venmo.

___ We may use the Drop-In Option

Family Venmo Account Info _____

Phone Number _____

Lial Venmo Account:
@LialCatholicSchool

**Please remember only Extended Day will accept payments using Venmo.



Lial School Directory

Yellow Pages

2026-2027

Every year Lial Catholic School publishes a directory of family names, addresses and phone numbers. We also include our "yellow pages" section listing business names. There is a \$10.00 fee for each entry.

Return form with check to office by **September 18th** to be included.

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Website OR Facebook: _____

Phone: _____ and/or Email: _____

Category:

- ☐ Architects
- ☐ Attorneys
- ☐ Builders
- ☐ Business Service
- ☐ Children's Activities
- ☐ Financial Services
- ☐ Graphic Design
- ☐ Home Decor
- ☐ Landscaping & Lawn Care
- ☐ Medical, Dental, & Optical
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Other _____

Example:

SCHOOLS

Lial Catholic School
Jenn Castorena
419-877-5167

www.lialschool.org
secretary@lialschool.org

To: Parents

From: Lial Catholic School

Subject: Opportunity to "opt your child out" of the ***Touching Safety*** program

Date: Fall 2026 and Spring 2027

Lial Catholic School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the ***Touching Safety*** program, to our students during **the fall and spring** of the 2026-2027 school year. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children* program developed the Touching Safety program. This program is provided to us by the Toledo Diocese, and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lessons are being offered to all students at Lial Catholic School. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact your child's teacher. If you determine that you **DO NOT** want your child to participate, please complete the "opt out" form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child's teacher no later than **August 28, 2026**.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS Online website at: www.virtus.org.

Opt-out form 2026-2027 for use with the Touching Safety program:

Lial Catholic School **does not** have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program to my child:

Child's Name printed: _____

Parent's name printed: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

Appendix I

August 2026

GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Use of G-Suite for Education Account

While attending Lial Catholic School, each student has access to Google Apps for Education (GAPE). The Google Apps "G Suite" includes word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, calendar, email, Classroom and many other collaborative tools. Additionally, this suite of applications is available in "the cloud", which allows our students immediate access to their work, from any device, be it a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer from any location. Finally, a student's Google Apps login allows them to access our classroom mobile devices, in the form of Chromebooks and iPads.

In order to create a safe, effective way for students and staff to communicate with one another, Lial Catholic School issues to each student a GAPE account under the domain @lialschool.org. Students access their account using Gmail. Lial Catholic School is required by the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) to have measures in place which protect students from harmful materials. As such, Lial Catholic School takes the following steps with student email usage:

- Students are only allowed to email other staff and students in the Lial Catholic School. They cannot send emails to any address that does NOT end in @lialschool.org. This applies to receiving emails as well, as we will be blocking all email to students from outside of Lial Catholic School.
- Student Gmail is ad free, and is filtered for spam.
- Student email is archived internally, and is searchable by district administrators at any time, should the district deem it necessary. The student email service will be turned on for grades 3 through 8 only.

Lial Catholic School also has the duty to abide by the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), which limits companies from collecting personal information from children under 13. To meet this duty, Google advertising is turned off for all Google Apps for Education users, both staff and students. No personal information is collected while students are utilizing Gmail, or the Google Apps core suite which includes restricted Gmail, Classroom, Drive, Calendar, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Sites.

Lial Catholic School will act in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and not use the Google Apps for Education suite to publish any confidential student records for online public view. Additionally, parents have the right at any time, and should regularly investigate the contents of their student's email account, and/or their student's Google Apps for Education files. School staff are responsible for monitoring a student's behavior online during the school day, while parents take over that responsibility at home. Students are responsible for their behavior at all times.

Students that adhere to proper use of Google Apps for Education, including email (if applicable), will do so by demonstrating the following behavior:

- Students will have no expectation of privacy with their Google Apps account, and thus should remain committed to using it academically and professionally.
- Students will avoid, at all costs, using their Google Apps for Education to promote any unlawful activities or personal financial gain. Additionally, students should not use their account to promote or spread inappropriate or offensive content, or to threaten another student or staff member.

APPENDIX H2
SIGNATURE FORM

Lial Catholic School, Whitehouse, OH

Please write legibly and return to Lial by August 28, 2026

Acceptable Use Policy & Internet Safety Policy:

Student and Staff Section

1. **I have read the Internet Safety Policy (Appendix H1) online.** I understand the policy of Lial Catholic School regarding Safety and Security while using the internet and other technology, and I agree to abide by measures established by these rules. I understand that if I violate the rules, my account can be terminated, and I may face other disciplinary measures up to and including suspension or expulsion.
2. **I have read the Acceptable Use Policy (Appendix H) online.** I agree to abide by measures established by these rules. I understand that if I violate the rules, my account can be terminated, and I may face other disciplinary measures up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Name of User (Student or Staff): _____

Signature of User: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Section:

As the parent of legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy online. I grant permission for my son or daughter to access the internet and to use the school's technology. I understand that it is impossible for Lial Catholic School to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school or its staff responsible for materials acquired on the internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



Volunteers are a vital part of our school community!

SCAN the QR Code to get involved:



Hot Lunch — Family Night Out — Conference Meals — Harvest Party
Christmas Sale — Live Nativity — Teacher Christmas Gifts
Christmas Decorating — My Guy and I Dance — Mother/Son Event
Talent Show — Monthly Teacher Appreciation — Teacher Appreciation Week
Grandparent Event — Book Fair — Family Picnic — Mission Fair

Any ideas, questions, or concerns? Send them to LPA! lpa@lialschool.org

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Piano lessons will be offered at Lial School this year for the cost of \$20 per lesson. If your Primary or older student is interested and has an instrument to use for practice time, please fill out the form below and return by September 4th. Lessons will begin in October. New students will be on a first come, first serve basis. If you are on the waiting list, we will contact you as soon as an opening occurs.

Family Name _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Previous instrument lessons? _____ No _____ Yes - What Instrument? _____

CLASSROOM SET UP FUND



Our teachers go above and beyond every day—often spending their own money on supplies, decor, and creative resources to set up amazing classrooms and hands-on learning experiences for our kids.



This fund helps reimburse teachers for some of that expense.

Please help us support the teachers that make our kids' learning spaces engaging and beautiful!

WAYS TO GIVE



LIAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL VENMO
Scan the QR code below
or find us on Venmo
@LialCatholicSchool



venmo



CASH
Send cash in
with your student
or drop off at
the school office.



CHECK
Make checks
payable to LPA
and send in
with your student
or drop off at
the school office.



*be sure to notate "teacher fund"
with any donation!*

Thank you for supporting our teachers!

