

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **Hot lunch forms are due this Friday, Jan. 19!**
- **We had a fantastic Open House last week!** It was a great turnout with lots of excitement about Legacy Christian and next school year! If you have not done so already, we are asking you to register your student for next year's Preschool, Dev. Kindergarten, or one of our Kindergarten classes before the end of this month. Even if you are not positive on which class your student will attend next year, it's better to have their name on a list. This information is **VERY** important for decisions that are already being made for next school year regarding staffing, class sizes, etc. So, don't delay! Register today with your completed registration form and \$50 deposit to secure your child's spot in one of these classes. (New students to Legacy will require a copy of their birth certificate as well.) Please know that some of our classes fill quickly and all registrations are accepted in the order in which they are received. Please have them turned into the office by Jan. 31! Thanks for your help!
- **The past few years a parent has stepped up to manage** two different reading incentives for our students. One is the Whitecaps reading program and the other is the Six Flags incentive. The Whitecaps incentive is just around the corner. We'd love to have someone take this over. If you are willing, please e-mail Amy Hackert at ahackert@legacycs.org.
- **The 2018 Auction Committee needs you!** Do you have a passion for Legacy and want a way to support the school and get involved with other Legacy parents? Join the auction committee! The first committee meeting of the year will be Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7:00 pm, in the west campus teacher's lounge. If you are interested in more details about joining the committee, contact Danielle Mier at daniellemier@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!
- **School Board Nominees**—Our school's executive committee is collecting suggestions for school board nominees. Would you like to suggest any names for consideration? The committee welcomes input from parents and staff members. If you have suggestions, please submit them to Mr. Bonnema or any of the school board officers!
- **PLEASE TAKE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT AT THE NEW LIFE THRIFT STORE!** February is Legacy's month to cover shifts at the store. We are responsible for filling at least 30 shifts. Thank you to those of you who have taken a shift! Use this link to see the available shifts for February! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0945a9a928a0f58-volunteers>
- **Caberfae Ski Trip will be Friday, Feb. 16, 2018!** Mark your calendars now and get signed up for a fun day on the slopes! The cost is only \$28 per person which includes food for the day, ski rental and lift ticket. Helmet rental and snowboard rentals are an additional fee. Registration packets are available on our website and in both school offices! Invite your family and friends and get signed up today!

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

JANUARY

- 19 Report Cards Distributed
 19 February Hot Lunch Orders Due
 24/25 Vision/Hearing Screening
 29/30 Preschool "Dad's Breakfast"
 31 PTC Online Scheduling Begins
 31 MS Exploratory Classes

FEBRUARY

- 5-9 Elementary Book Week
 13 Stay & Play at Elementary (8:45-9:45)
 13&15 Parent Teacher Conferences
 16 Caberfae Ski Trip
 16&19 **NO SCHOOL—MID WINTER BREAK**

TO THE POINT

While Legacy's enrollment process continues, there may still be questions about joining an immersion program. Research shows that children are able to learn one, two, or multiple languages early in life, and they do so with ease. Learning more than one language gives children cognitive advantages and increases cultural awareness and sensitivity.

Here are two articles that might give you additional insights.
How, why and when should my child learn a second language:
<http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwgcl/whyesfl.htm>

Exposure to two languages carries far reaching benefits:
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/05/090519172157.htm>

If you would like to visit in one of our Spanish Immersion Classrooms at Legacy, please call us to schedule a visit (616-455-0310), we would love to show you the program and answer any questions you might have. Register for Spanish Immersion Kindergarten today!

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship**—(Fridays 8:15) **Jan. 19**—Mrs. Andino **NEXT: Jan. 26—All School Small Groups (K-8)**
- **We could use some extra help on our Playground!** Ideally we like to have 3 adults supervising (2 parents and one teacher). We have many days in our schedule with only 2 adults supervising. It's a large area for 2 people to cover, especially in the winter with the snow piles in parking lot area where many students play. If you can spare a half hour one or two times a month to help supervise the playground (12:00-12:30), please email Bambi Lanting at blanting@legacycs.org or call 455-0310. Thanks for your help!
- **Parents of Preschoolers and Kindergarten age students**—Have you registered your student for classes this coming fall? If not, please do this as soon as possible as some classes are filling! Please inform neighbors, friends and family members who many not be aware that registration is taking place now! Thank you!

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Worship: Jan. 17** - Mrs. Hoekzema **NEXT: Jan. 26—All School Small Groups**
- **Next: West Campus Worship: Jan. 17**—Small Groups **Next: Jan. 26—All School Small Groups**
- **SKI CLUB (6th, 7th, & 8th graders):** We will be heading to Bittersweet on the following dates: Jan. 18, 31, Feb. 21, and March 1. If you are interested in going with us, make sure that you sign up on the Signup Genius site no later than the Monday before we go (so we can make sure we have enough drivers). Here is the link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44a8ab22a64-lcsski2>. You can also sign up by contacting Pam Schumaker through text or e-mail: 616-788-9910; theschucrew@comcast.net.
- **8th Grade Graduation and Baby Pics** should be submitted no later than Wednesday, Jan. 31. Please send them electronically to Kim Zwyghuizen, kzwyghuizen@legacycs.org, or bring a hard copy in to the WC office. Pictures can be indoor or outdoor, and can go vertical or horizontal. If you wish to use Karen Huttenga's picture, please let Kim know. Please email Kim or call the WC office with any questions - 455-3860.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

JAN. 18	ZEELAND 1	AWAY (5:15)
JAN. 23	HUDSONVILLE	HOME (4:00)
JAN. 25	JENISON	AWAY (4:00)

8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

JAN. 18	MOLINE	HOME (4:00)
JAN. 23	ZEELAND	AWAY (4:00)
JAN. 25	JENISON	HOME (4:00)

TERRACYCLE

Keep sending in your TerraCycle items! Over Christmas break we received a check from TerraCycle for over \$500.00. Money for trash - what a great way to raise money for Legacy! It's so easy - keep a TerraCycle list handy and keep a separate bag at home. When it's full bring it to school so we can send it off to TerraCycle and they can send us \$\$\$! Let's make 2018 our biggest year yet with TerraCycle!

Thank you for all the boxes. At this time we do NOT need any more.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Friday morning we meet at 8:45 am, in the conference room at the elementary to pray for our kids, our school and specifically board members, Ben VanderMeyden, Cinda Wilson, and staff Nico Damsteegt, Vince Bonnema and Kerri Monroy. You're always welcome.

We are going back to meeting EVERY Friday for the rest of the school year. Come when you can. Our faithful Monday evening few will still be praying so if you want to join them, Gina Huizingh or Heidi Vanderlaan can get you in touch with them. Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them."

TRIP

We are back to our normal schedule with TRIP!

- Thursday Cash and Carry from 7:45-10:00 am at the west campus TRIP office.
- Thursday orders—Your TRIP order form and check need to be in one of the TRIP boxes by 10:00 am on Thursdays. You can pickup your order the following Thursday after 9:30 am at the school office you have designated on your registration form.

If you want information on how TRIP works or how to sign up for TRIP, please contact Melody Newhouse (243-6472) or email legacytrip@sbcglobal.net. You can find a copy of the TRIP order form on the Legacy website under "Current Parents" heading, then click on "TRIP".

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Caledonia Youth Lacrosse Club**—Open House, Thursday, Jan. 18, from 6:00-8:00 pm, at Duncan Lake Middle School in the commons area. Registration is now open! Early bird and payment plans are available. Please check the website for more details. www.caledoniayouthlacrosse.com
- **The South Christian Athletic Department** has put together an online survey intended to establish an accurate number for students at Moline, Dutton, Legacy and Byron Center Christian schools that will want to participate in the Byron Center High School co-op hockey program (BC/Wayland/South) in the future. If you do not have any interest, then please DO NOT fill out the survey. Click the link to access the survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/yGyoV0qXBgQFwjL62>
- **CLC Network Annual Auction**—Looking for some mid-winter fun for an excellent cause? Bring your family and friends to the CLC Network (also known as Christian Learning Center) Auction on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at Calvary Christian Reformed Church (3500 Byron Center Ave SW, Wyoming, MI). The dinner and silent auction start at 4:30 pm, the live auction begins at 6:00 pm. Bid on merchandise, gift certificates, activities, and much more! Your participation helps equip schools and congregations to glorify God through purposeful, innovative inclusion of persons with varied abilities. Learn more at clcnetwork.org.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Legacy Christian is blessed to have a large number of supporters! These supporters believe deeply in the importance of Christian education. And, these supporters willingly provide for our school's needs. Without these wonderful individuals, businesses and churches, our yearly tuition would likely have to increase by at least 15%. In addition, projects that we are able to complete and purchases that we are able to make "out of budget" would have to be added to our yearly budget, raising tuition even more. It is not exaggerating to say that financial supporters of Legacy Christian truly make an important difference. They are partners in the work of Christian education.

Recently we conducted our annual fall drive. As I scrawled a brief but heartfelt thank you note on each gift receipt, I often found myself saying prayers of thanks for our donors. It is a wonderful thing to see and observe the way that God provides through his people.

To date, our 2017 fall drive has resulted in a total of \$88,992 in gifts to our school! This compares to a total of \$75,050 last year and \$65,856 in 2015. Of the \$88,992 contributed, \$35,479 is going to our General Fund, \$20,703 to the LCS Foundation, \$21,060 to Tuition Assistance and \$11,750 to various other accounts or needs. So as you can see, God continues to provide! What a blessing!

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema