



GETTING READY FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR!

- Are you interested in learning more about the Spanish Immersion Program at Legacy Christian? It's no secret that our world is increasingly becoming more and more interconnected. We believe equipping the next generation for success means thinking deeply about education that promotes high academic achievement in English and an additional language - often Spanish. [Make plans now to join us this Thursday, Dec. 7, in the elementary building](#) to learn more about Spanish Immersion education.
- Preschool/Kindergarten pre-registration begins after Christmas break on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. If you are planning to send your student to Prek, DK, or English or Spanish Kindergarten at Legacy next fall, please use this opportunity to pre-register them. Let your friends and neighbors know about this important date, especially those whose oldest child would be eligible. These families are not always aware that pre-registration takes place this early! More information will follow in next week's newsletter. Help us promote Legacy Christian!
- Legacy's Early Childhood Open House will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018. This evening is designed for parents and for their children. Please share this information with friends and families. Legacy parents are our biggest promoters!

General Announcements

- **Save the Date!** Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about Legacy's Spanish Immersion Program? We are proud to host a New Parent Spanish Immersion meeting to give new families information about our amazing program. You will meet our exceptional teachers and they will answer any questions you may have! Please spread the news that Legacy is hosting an information night about our wonderful **Spanish Immersion program on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 pm**, at the elementary!
- **You are invited to our Christmas All School Worship** on Thursday, Dec. 21, in the elementary gym at 8:15 am. We also invite you to stay for coffee, a cookie and fellowship after worship! A perfect way to begin your day!
- **All School Service Project** - We will continue to collect new and gently used hats and mittens for the children whose families visit Streams of Hope. We have a display set up at each school. Drop off your donations anytime before Dec. 18. Thank you!
- **Christmas Break will begin on Thursday, Dec. 21**, with a half day of school, dismissing at 11:30 am. All buses will run as usual. We will resume classes on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. **Please Note:** Kentwood buses will not run Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 3-5. Kentwood buses will resume Monday, Jan. 8.
- **Hot lunch forms for January** are being sent home today. They are due back Friday, Dec. 15. Please note that there will be **no hot lunch Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 3-5**. Hot lunch will resume Monday, Jan. 8.
- **Preschool request:** Are you cleaning out gently used toys before other things move in? If you are looking for a new home for them, the preschool can usually take care of that for you. Please contact Gail Hansen at ghansen@legacycs.org if you would like to make a donation. THANKS!
- **Plans for the 2018 Auction are underway!** Please consider what you might be able to donate to the auction! We are on the lookout for great live and silent auction items, as well as new and exciting raffle items. The Auction Committee has put together a wish list of items we would love to auction off this year. LCS Auction Wish List 2018: Yeti Cooler, Bikes, Dyson vacuum, iPod, Apple Watch, golf clubs, anything autographed, Fitbit, wiiU, DSLR camera, Apple TV, luggage, and hunting or outdoor equipment. If you see something you'd like to donate that isn't on our list, please do! We want to make sure we have something for everyone at this year's auction! Donation forms will be available in both offices. Donations from Legacy families are greatly appreciated. Pick up a form today!
- **School directory change**— Please change the email address listed for Shelly Hendricks in your directories to shelly.d.hendricks@gmail.com.
- **If anyone is looking to get rid of their** artificial Christmas tree at the end of this season, please consider donating it to the elementary. We are in need of a bigger tree for our Christmas service project. Thanks so much!

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 7 Spanish Immersion Parent Meeting—Elem (7:00 pm)
- 12 5th-8th Grade Christmas Concert—WC (**6:30 pm**)
- 14 IPOD Caroling at Calvin College
- 15 Elem. Students Community Caroling (1:30-2:30 pm)
- 21 All School Christmas Worship (8:15)
- 21 Half Day of School Dismiss at 11:30**
- 22- Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK**

JANUARY

- 3 School Resumes
- 3 Prek/DK/Kdgn Registration begins for 2018-19
- 3-5 NO HOT LUNCH/NO KENTWOOD BUSSING
- 11 Early Childhood Open House (6:00-8:00 pm)**

CHRISTMAS IDEAS

- **Looking for some gift ideas** for your favorite LCS employee? Check out the binder in the office at each campus called "Staff Favorites". Lots of "favorites" listed to help you give the perfect gift!
- **Bittersweet Ski Cards**—Anyone can buy a card. Cost is \$16. Forms available in both school offices. Return by Dec. 14 to get your passes before Christmas Break.
- **We have LCS tumblers and LCS Cookbooks** available for \$5 each. Available in both school offices!

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship**—(Fridays 8:15) **Dec. 8**—Mrs. Monroy **NEXT: Dec. 15**—All School Small Groups
- As we prepare for Christmas break we will have "theme days"! (Elementary only!) The theme for each day is as follows:
 - Monday (18th) - Wear Green
 - Tuesday—(19th) - Wear some "sparkle"
 - Wednesday (20th) Wear Red
 - Thursday (21st) Wear Christmas sweatshirt, shirt, sweater, etc.

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Worship: Dec. 6**—Mrs. Hoekzema **Next: Dec. 13**—Christmas Caroling at Calvin
- **West Campus Worship: Dec. 15**—All School Small Groups **Next: Dec. 21**—All school Christmas Worship
- **A big thank you** to the 7th and 8th grade choir members who sang at the airport yesterday. The choir received many positive comments from passersby and people waiting at the airport. Many people appreciated not only the choirs performance but also their message of God's love. Thank you to the parents and friends who turned out to listen and the airport personnel for their hospitality.
- **Progress Reports** will be sent home with 6th-8th grade students today, Dec. 6. Please read over these reports carefully so you know the current progress of your student. Our goal is to provide information that allows you to praise, encourage, challenge and be informed.
- **Legacy Ski Club (6th/7th/8th graders):** Sign up in the office and fill out your forms if you'd like to be part of the ski club. We'll try to go as a group 4-5 times on either Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays this year (dates TBD). We'll use a Sign-Up Genius site to communicate which days we'll be going.
- **The West Campus Annual Christmas Concert** is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12, at **6:30 pm**. Please note this time as we have adjusted it in order to coordinate with a concert by the South Christian band and orchestra that night. Our Legacy concert will feature performances by the 6th grade orchestra and band, the 7/8 orchestra and band, the IPOD choir, the 7/8 choir, and all students singing our annual sing along of "Christmastime". Join our students as we celebrate God's most precious gift through His gift of music.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

DEC. 6	HOPE	AWAY
DEC. 8	MOLINE	HOME
DEC. 11	ZEELAND	AWAY

7TH GRADE BASKETBALL

DEC. 6	HOPE	HOME
DEC. 7	JENISON	HOME

LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

- **Ski Club Discount Card: YES, the snow is coming!** Buy your discounted Bittersweet Ski Card soon so you can enjoy it! Anyone (friends, family, neighbors, etc.) can buy a card. Just fill out the ski form (you can find forms in both school offices) and return it with your \$16 to the west campus office. To get your passes before Christmas Break, please return your form and money on or before Dec. 14. Make checks payable to Pam Schumaker. If you have any questions, call Pam at 616-554-3628 or text 616-788-9910.

TERRACYCLE

Keep sending in your TerraCycle items! TerraCycle is once again offering Holiday Bonus Bucks through the end of the year. Every shipment of CEREAL bags, Solo CUPS (must be #6), FLONASE products and packaging, Crystal Light DRINK MIX packets, MUFFIN pouches and BEAR NAKED packaging earns extra money for Legacy! Yesterday we sent off 11 boxes to be recycled, 8 of them earned extra money due to the Holiday Bonus Bucks. What's better than being paid to recycle your trash? Earning extra bonus money for every shipment! Help us earn even more money for school by collecting and sending your TC items to school!

We are still looking for some very LARGE (up to dishwasher sized boxes) and some very SMALL (like the little Amazon boxes that just fit inside your mailbox) shipping boxes. If you have any to contribute please leave them on top of the TC center or near the rollout. Please note that we are currently well stocked with medium sized boxes and don't need anymore of that size. Thank you!

MOMS IN PRAYER

We meet two more times before Christmas break—Friday, Dec. 15, and Monday, Dec. 18. You're welcome anytime in the conference room across from the gym after worship on Fridays, or Monday evenings. Questions or prayer requests? Feel free to talk to or email Heidi Vanderlaan or Gina Huizingh.

TRASH FOR CASH

Last call for Campbell/Labels for Education. The program is ending. Please send in any labels you may have. The labels must have the logo on them. I will make the final submission right before Christmas break!

We received our first check from the new Coke Give program for \$75.75! You can enter codes on your own account or they can be put in any of the collection bins.

Every little bit helps out the PTO which in turn will bless LCS! Thank you for your continued support of Trash for Cash. Please spread the word to LCS families and beyond about what we collect!

TRIP

Amazon \$100, Target \$10, and Starbucks \$5 cards are once again in stock for the holidays.

TRIP will be closed Dec. 28 for Christmas--Online orders received after 10:00 am, Dec. 14, but before 10:00 am, Dec. 28, will be ready Jan. 4.

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".

FINAL THOUGHTS

The advent season is a fun time to be involved with education. It seems like every day I see one more set of decorations completed or one more group of student projects that has been posted in the hallways. And of course, it is very enjoyable to see the students getting excited about Christmas.

Last Sunday the children's pastor in my church talked with the kids about advent being a season of waiting. Waiting is hard - for young people and for adults. But when used correctly, waiting can be a valuable time of preparation. Yes we need time to prepare decorations and projects, but even more importantly we need time to ponder and to prepare spiritually for meaningful celebrations.

Our Savior, born in the flesh. Our Savior, here to save us from our sins. Our Savior, coming back again in triumph and glory. That's worth preparing for!

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema