

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **PLEASE SHARE THE NEWS** that Legacy is hosting a New Parent Spanish Immersion informational meeting. Please join our fantastic teachers and learn how you can give your child the gift of a second language! Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7:00 pm, in the elementary library!
- **The Legacy Staff would like to thank the STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE** for the way you provided us with meals for both nights of Parent Teacher conferences! We want you to know that each one of us appreciates the extra effort you make to bless us and support us. THANK YOU!
- **Thanks to the 175 skiers** who enjoyed a great day at Caberfae last Friday! It was a beautiful day to be on the slopes! Special thanks to Gina Huizingh, Melissa VanderMeulen and Kim Zwylghuizen for providing us with delicious pulled pork BBQ and other food all day long. Six dozen cinnamon rolls, six dozen glazed donuts, 25 lbs. of pulled pork, 300 hot dogs, fresh fruit and seemingly endless snacks...building LCS community, priceless! Special thanks to Tim VanSolkema and VanSolkema Produce for donating all of the fresh fruit! See you next year!
- **March is Reading Month!** 2018 Whitecaps Reading Club will be starting soon. This season marks the 25th Anniversary of the West Michigan Whitecaps. Lots of exciting giveaways are lined up for this season. Get your reading in and go see the Caps battle for another pennant! More information coming soon. Contact Kevin Novak if you have questions; 616-304-7390 or grthunder.gameday@gmail.com
- **Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will be administered** to students in grades 3-8 during testing periods on Feb. 26-March 9.
- **Mark your calendar for the all school Skating Party** at The Kentwood Fun Spot! We will be skating on March 6, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 pm. The cost is \$6 per skater! Come for a night of fun!!
- **Want to see a preview of some the auction items received to date?** Check out the Legacy Facebook page. Thank you to our faithful and amazing donors!!
- **Legacy Christian School is STILL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS** for Preschool, Developmental Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Spanish Immersion Kindergarten for fall of 2018! We offer preschool for 3 & 4 year olds, a 1/2 day morning DK program for "young" fives, a 5-day full-day kindergarten and 5-day full-day Spanish Immersion kindergarten. Days and class times vary for each class. Call 616-455-3860 today for more information, to schedule a visit, or with any questions you may have.

"Lookin' At Legacy" Preview Days are coming soon!

Do you want your child to SHINE? At Legacy Christian we will teach your child to SHINE socially, academically and most importantly, spiritually. We invite you to consider Legacy Christian School! We will be offering a Preview day one day per month in March, April and May. This is a "walk-in" type preview where you and your child may come to see our Preschool, Developmental Kindergarten, Traditional Kindergarten and Spanish Immersion Kindergarten "in action". You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, observe the classroom and learn more about what Legacy has to offer for your child's first experiences in school. Join us on Tuesday, March 6, from 9:30-10:30 am, Friday, April 13, from 9:00-10:00 am (come and experience our Worship at 8:15, too!) or Wednesday, May 9, from 9:30-10:30 am. Questions? Please contact Kim Zwylghuizen at 616-455-3860 or email her at kimz@legacys.org.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY

21-22

Vision/Hearing Rescreening

22**Spanish Immersion Parent Info Night at Elementary (7:00 pm)**

26-Mar. 1

Iowa Basic Testing

MARCH

5-9

Iowa Basic Testing

6

Legacy Preview Day (9:30-10:30 am)

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All School Skating Party at Kentwood Fun Spot (6:00-8:00 pm)

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Stay & Play at Elementary (8:45-9:45)

23

8th Grade Musical

23

End of 3rd Quarter

26-29

Middle School Research Week

RUNNING CLUB

The Legacy Running Club is in need of volunteers to lead it this year. This wonderful program for boys and girls in 3rd-5th grades runs for about 9 weeks leading up to the Calvin 5k. The whole program is laid out and was shared with us by Byron Christian. It includes long runs with maps for routes and games for strength and speed. If you would be interested in helping to continue this program, please contact Marci Woodfield or Robyn Arp. Unfortunately we will not be able to offer this program this spring if we cannot find someone to lead it.

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship**—(Fridays 8:15) **Feb. 23—All school small groups NEXT: March 2—Mrs. Huerter**
- **Spanish Immersion will again be offered** this fall for Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade! Will you have a kindergarten student here at LCS next year? Are you considering placing your student in our Spanish Immersion program? We are now accepting registrations! Make plans to attend our walk-in Preview Days on Tuesday, March 6 (9:30-10:30), Friday, April 13 (9:00-10:00 am) and Wednesday, May 9 (9:30-10:30) where you can see this program and our other fantastic early childhood classes in action! Registration forms are available in the school office and online at www.legacycs.org.

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Worship: Feb. 23—All school small groups Next: Feb. 28—Mrs. Lautenbach leading**
- **West Campus Worship: Feb. 23—All school small groups Next: Feb. 28—Small groups**
- **Legacy is looking for a track coach for the 2018 season**, for the 6th-8th grades. Please pass the word to anyone who would be interested. All inquiries should contact Elly TerBeek at eterbeek@legacycs.org.
- **Notes from the west campus music room:** These are some upcoming music events and dates: Tuesday, April 17, is our annual Fine Arts Night with performances by the 5th and 6th grade bands, orchestras and choir at 6:30 pm, followed by the 7th/8th grade band, orchestra and choir at 7:30 pm, in our gym. Thursday, May 3, is Grandparents' Day. There will be late morning performances by all of our music groups in grades 5th-8th. Our annual Pops Concert (west campus performs for the elementary students) is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, at 1:30 pm, at the west campus.
- **The 5th grade students** were able to enjoy a trip to the Grand Rapids Symphony yesterday. The concert featured works by Bach and Beethoven as well as several pieces of art from our students helping to illustrate one music selection.
- **SKI CLUB (6th, 7th, & 8th graders):** We will be heading to Bittersweet on 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; theschu-crew@comcast.net.
- **Jr Equestrian Team**—Anyone interested in joining the 2018 SCHS Jr Equestrian team please email zoppa49316@hotmail.com (or text 616-516-4647) for information and forms. Anyone in grades 5 thru 8 can join the team. The show is on May 12 at Barry County Expo Center. Sign up deadline is April 2.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

FEB. 21	HUDSONVILLE	AWAY (4:00)
FEB. 28	TOURNAMENT	LEGACY
MAR 1	TOURNAMENT	TBD

Any 7th/8th grade student interested in tennis please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

TRASH FOR CASH

Turn in all your labels. The deadline is fast approaching! BoxTops do expire. We don't want to miss out on the cash for LCS!

Please remember the collection bins by either office are for Trash for Cash labels only. The little labels get lost when put in with the larger teracycle items!

A check for almost \$200 was received from the Coke Give program! Keep those codes coming in!

Reference sheets can be found in either office. Questions? Feel free to contact me, Sheri Albrecht, by email (kuip13@hotmail.com) or via the Facebook parent page.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Friday morning we will meet at 8:45 am, in the conference room at the elementary to pray for our kids, our school and the following staff and board members; Glenn Carlson, Matt Veltema, Curt DeYoung, and Kelly Holleman.

We are going back to meeting EVERY Friday for the rest of the school year. Come when you can. You're always welcome. 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."

TERRACYCLE

Keep sending in your TerraCycle items. We are especially looking for items in the CEREAL BAG Brigade, the FEBREZE Air Care Brigade and the CLEANING Brigade. Help us earn bonus money for our trash.

Brigade Spotlight: Febreze Air Care. This brigade accepts ANY and ALL BRANDS of air freshener cartridges and plugs, packaging and flexible film packaging, trigger heads, and aerosol containers. (In order to recycle this waste stream properly, please make sure all excess product has been removed.) This includes the air freshener plugins for your house and your car (Glade, Bath and Body Works, etc.)

Brigade Spotlight: Cereal Bags. This brigade accepts ANY and ALL BRANDS of plastic cereal bags, plastic cereal bag liners (the clear bags from boxed cereal), clear cracker bags (like from Triscuits, Cheezits, etc.), cracker sleeves from Ritz, Saltines and graham crackers, cake/brownie mix bags, and the inner bags from boxes frozen waffles.

TRIP

We continue 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 pick up 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

- **SCHS Summer Football Camp (Grades K-8):** The SCHS football camp will take place this summer on June 11-14. This camp is perfect for those who already play football and would like to improve their skills or for those who have never played before. Regardless of your experience level, we would love to see you there. Contact Josh Rozema with any questions. His email is jrozema@schs.org and his cell number is 616-405-8277.
- **St. Paul the Apostle School** is hosting a 3:3 basketball tournament on Sunday, March 11, at Catholic Central's Athletic Complex, 2770 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids. This event is for girls and boys grades 4th-8th Grade. Click here for the registration <http://www.stpaulhoopstourney.com> or contact Sean Trudeau at strudeau84@gmail.com. Applications and payment must be submitted online no later than March 2, 2018.
- **Electronics Recycling Day for Comprenew**—Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9:00-11:00 am, at Princeton CRC. Any office or household electronics which contain a cord are accepted. Suggested items: Cell phones, microwaves, radios, VCRs, small kitchen appliances, laptops, PCs, and modems.
- **Kentwood Baseball League**—Player registration is going on for the 2018 Season. Boys and girls ages 5-15 are eligible to play. Register online at www.kentwoodbaseballleague.net. Registration ends March 1.
- **The South Christian High School Scrap Metal Drive** is planned for April 20-21. Proceeds will benefit the Tuition Assistance Fund. Please save your scrap metal (steel, aluminum, copper, brass, etc.), old cars, worn-out farm equipment, tired appliances, used car and equipment batteries, electrical wire and stripped or unstripped copper wire for the drive. Extra manpower and equipment will be available to assist during drop-off at South Christian's east parking lot.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Quite a few years ago, eight to be exact, I was asked by a Legacy parent to write about "snow days". More specifically, I was asked a number of questions that prompted me to write about this topic in the weekly newsletter. Since we recently actually had a snow day, our first of the year, I thought it might be interesting to run that Final Thoughts once again. So with a few edits to make sure the information is still accurate, here are the "snow day" questions and answers from eight years ago.

"Does the state of Michigan have limits related to how many snow days we can take?" The state of Michigan requires schools to count both hours and days in their school year calculations. These calculations also allow schools to count the first 30 hours they are scheduled to be in session but can't because of factors such as weather, sickness, natural disaster, etc., Beyond that, if the school year just barely meets the state's minimum requirement, the school may have to make the hours up. LCS is generally just fine with both hours and days, and I anticipate that to be the case this year once again. If we would ever get behind we may need to look at a mid-year correction such as the second day of our mid-winter break, or extending the year.

"What is the reason for having a snow day?" The safety of our students, bus drivers, other drivers and staff are all factors that are considered.

"Who makes the decision to have a snow day?" I actually make the decision. However, it is not an isolated decision. I often talk with the Kentwood bus garage and have multiple conversations with other administrators. I also watch a lot of weather reports and monitor what neighboring schools are doing. Even though we are a suburban school we do have a bus route that goes out as far as Green Lake. So, we monitor the Kentwood, Wyoming and south Grand Rapids conditions as well as conditions south of town.

"Who do you call when you make the decision?" I call our building leaders, our instructional leader, our bus drivers, the Kentwood transportation department and the hot lunch people. I also post the decision on channel 13 and channel 8. The postings become "live" almost immediately. If you have subscribed to receive a text from either of these channels, you generally receive this notice very soon after our decision is submitted.

"Is there a security code at area television stations that schools need to use?" Yes, there are security codes. So, enterprising individuals cannot make an "announcement" for a school.

"When does this process begin?" When the weather is threatening I generally get up around 4:30-4:45 am and step outside to see what's going on. Soon after, I'm watching channel 13 and channel 8 and/or talking and texting on the phone. We try to have the decision made before bus drivers leave their homes. The most difficult mornings are those where a turn for the better or a turn for the worse is predicted for some time between 6:00 and 8:00 am.

Have a great week...enjoying the rain instead of snow,

Mr. Bonnema