



### General Announcements

*The staff at Legacy Christian would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and many blessings as we look to a new year!*

- **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. Legacy buses will run as usual.
- **Please note that there will be no hot lunch Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 3-5**. Hot lunch will resume Monday, Jan. 8.
- **You are invited to our Christmas All School Worship tomorrow**, 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!
- **Remember we have our 4th Stay & Play** coming up on Jan. 16! Put it on your calendar to attend now! Great way to break up those gray January days! We can't wait to see you there!
- **School Cancellations**—Legacy Christian School postponements and cancellations are announced through WZZM (Channel 13) and WOOD (Channel 8). Please check these stations to see our announcements scroll across the bottom of the screen or you can check the station website to quickly access a list of all school announcements. Also, the stations offer automatic email or texting services. Parents who sign up for this feature receive personal notification when our school makes an announcement. The option is especially helpful if we close due to an unexpected complication such as a heat or electricity issue!

### Preschool, DK & Kindergarten Registration Information 2018-2019

Registration for all early childhood classes will begin on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, 2018. Legacy Christian offers the following early childhood classes: Multi-age (3's & 4's) two day preschool, multi-age (3's & 4's) three day preschool, 4 year old three day preschool, developmental kindergarten, 5 day kindergarten and 5 day Spanish kindergarten. Age requirements and meeting times for these classes can be found on our website, on the registration form that was emailed to each school family today with this newsletter, and on paper copies of the registration form that are available in each school office.

Completed registration forms returned to school with a \$50 deposit (and for new students a copy of your child's birth certificate), will secure your child's spot in one of Legacy's early childhood classes. Please know that some of our classes fill quickly, and that all registrations are accepted in the order in which they are received.

**Please remember:** Legacy's Early Childhood Open House will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 pm, at our elementary building.

### **GETTING READY FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR!**

- **Legacy's Early Childhood Open House will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018. Classrooms will be open from 6:00-8:00 pm.** This evening is designed for parents and for their children. Please share this information with friends and families. Legacy parents are our biggest promoters!
- **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! Help us promote Legacy Christian!
- **For our Early Childhood Open House on Thursday, Jan. 11**, we would love it if we could get several of our LCS families to help provide the goodies that will be served to the families that come to check out Legacy Christian. Our theme for this year's open house is "Shine Like Stars". You are welcome to make something "star" related, but it certainly doesn't have to be. Please indicate in the comment box what you plan to bring. Thank you in advance for supporting LCS in this way.  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D44A8AA2BA13-early2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D44A8AA2BA13-early2)

## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 21 All School Christmas Worship (8:15)  
**21 Half Day of School—Dismiss at 11:30 am**  
**22-31 NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK**

### JANUARY

- 1&2 NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
3 School Resumes  
3 Prek/DK/Kindergarten Registration Begins for 2018-19  
3-5 NO HOT LUNCH/NO KENTWOOD BUSSING  
**11 LCS Early Childhood Open House (6:00-8:00 pm)**

## ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship**—(Fridays 8:15) **Dec. 21 (Thurs)**—All School Christmas Worship **NEXT:** Jan. 5—Mrs. Bosma
- **Theme day tomorrow**—wear a Christmas sweatshirt, shirt, sweater, etc.!
- **HELP KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!** Please remember that a number of our students have food allergies that are very significant. Even if no student in your child's class has an allergy, shared food during programs, birthdays, special celebrations, etc., may affect someone who does. If you volunteer to bake and send food to school, please ask your child's teacher about specific guidelines. Thank you for helping LCS provide a safe environment for all of our children!

## WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Worship: Dec. 21 (Thurs)**—All School Christmas Worship **NEXT: Jan. 3**—Mrs. Lautenbach
- **Next: West Campus Worship: Dec. 21(Thurs)**—All School Christmas Worship **Next: Jan. 3**—Small Groups
- **Middle School exams** will be held on Jan. 11 and 12. The 7th graders will be taking two exams (US History and Bible) and 8th graders will be taking four exams (Civics/Geography, Bible, Science, and LA). Both Thursday, Jan. 11, and Friday, Jan. 12, will be half days for just the 7th and 8th graders with a 12:05 dismissal. See parent email for further details.
- **At Christmastime** it can easily be possible that some west campus students buy presents for their friends. If these gifts are exchanged here at school this gesture between friends often winds up causing pain among classmates. We ask that if gift exchanges occur, they take place away from school. Thank you for your understanding.
- **SKI CLUB (6th, 7th, & 8th graders):** We will be heading to Bittersweet on the following dates: Wednesday, Jan. 3, and Thursday, Jan. 18. More dates TBD. If you are interested in going with us, make sure that you sign up on the Sign up 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. Thanks!

## GIFT IDEAS

- **Ski Club Discount Card:** 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. Make checks payable to Pam Schumaker. If you have any questions, call Pam at 616-554-3628 or text 616-788-9910.
- **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!
- **We have LCS tumblers and LCS Cookbooks** available for \$5 each. Available in both school offices
- **There are a few double crust apple pies** left from the Craft Sale at the west campus! \$10 each! Great for those holiday parties!

## **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. The final submission will be made 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](mailto: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

- **Softball Clinics - If your daughter is interested in softball**, all of our 2018 camps are now listed and open for registration. All camps have limited space so register asap to ensure spot(s). Any questions, contact Brad Koch, Head Softball Coach, Recruiting Coordinator, at Aquinas College at [bsk001@aquinas.edu](mailto:bsk001@aquinas.edu). Please see the following link for camps: <http://www.aquinassoftballcamps.com/register.cfm>
- **Christian Schools International (CSI)** is seeking qualified applicants for the temporary part-time position of receptionist for Jan. through May 2018. Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This front desk person will greet visitors, answer the phone, and provide administrative clerical support. Must be organized and able to multi-task. Competence in Microsoft Office software is necessary, and experience in an office environment is a plus. Knowledge of Microsoft CRM program is preferred. Send cover letter and resume to [dlantz@csionline.org](mailto:dlantz@csionline.org).

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Full-time employees of our school who receive our benefit package are members of the Christian Schools International Pension Plan. This plan, begun many years ago, was designed to provide for our Christian school employees' retirement years. During each year of participation our employees have been devoting a portion of their earnings to this plan. Those contributions have been matched by the employer, or in our case, Legacy Christian.

This pension plan was begun in good faith and in the past has generally been highly regarded by both employees and the participating CSI schools. Yearly statements typically indicated that the plan was doing very well. However, during the fall of 2016 our participating schools and employees began to hear a different message. As has been the case with so many defined benefit pension plans in our country, our plan began to experience funding difficulties. In fact, beginning with this school year the plan needed additional funds from the schools in order to fulfill promises made to its participants.

As you can imagine, while this very complicated situation continued to unfold (during the remainder of 2016 and now on into 2017) there have been many meetings, lots of shared information and hours of discussion. Although final decisions have not yet been made, it now seems apparent to many that the CSI pension plan needs to end. We need to discontinue new activity in the plan and simply concentrate on fulfilling the binding retirement income earned by the participants. However, in order to do that, even if/when we discontinue new activity in the plan schools will need to continue a substantial level of participation. In other words, schools will need to continue whatever contributions are necessary to maintain 100% funding.

If you are interested in more information about this complex issue, detailed explanations are available on the CSI website ([www.csionline.org](http://www.csionline.org)). Or, please feel free to speak with me or one of our school board members.

Have a great week and a wonderful Christmas,

Mr. Bonnema