

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **Please Note—Kentwood Buses will not run** on Tuesday, Feb. 17, (the day after winter break). Legacy buses will run as usual.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10, and Thursday, Feb. 12, from 5:00—8:00 pm **Note**—Joan Stob will be available for walk-in conferences any time after 6:15 pm both nights.
- **BOOK FAIR**—Next week we'll be having our book fair at the elementary building. We're excited about promoting reading and supporting the school library through the proceeds of the fair. Although our school does do some selection of the books at the fair, we still ask that you use your judgment in choosing books for your child. Please look over the flyer that came home and discuss book choices with your child. Once again, we will be open during parent/teacher conferences (see schedule). This might be a good time to look at the book your child wants to purchase. Parents will be able to use major credit cards to purchase books. Each class will also be coming to the book fair. There is a 6% sales tax. Keep this in mind when sending money with your child. Look at the following to determine when your child will be coming to the fair: Tuesday—DK, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, or Wednesday—3rd & 4th grades.
Book Fair Hours: Tuesday (Feb. 10) after school until 3:30 and also during PTC from 5:30-8:00 pm
Thursday (Feb. 12) from 2:30-3:30 and also during PTC from 5:30-7:30 pm
- **If your child is participating** in the Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club, please remember to turn in the completed form by Tuesday, Feb. 24.
- **SAVE THE DATE....The third annual Legacy Golf Outing** (4-person scramble) will be held Saturday, May 2, 2009, at Quail Ridge Golf Course, 8:00 am, shotgun start. We had a wonderful turn-out last year and hope to have an even better turnout this year. So, call your neighbors, friends, and family, and get your team together for 2009! Please contact either Mark Tucker or Mike Plasman if you have immediate questions. More details, including sign-up forms, donor opportunities, etc., to follow.
- **The Caberfae Ski outing** sponsored by Legacy Christian is only days away! The date is Friday, Feb. 13. The cost to ski from 10 am to 5 pm is \$25 per person, which includes all equipment, lift ticket, food for the day and a bus ride, if desired. All are welcome whether Legacy families or friends! But, time is running out and you must get a ski packet from either school office and return it by Wednesday, Feb. 11. So do it right away!
- **Legacy extends a warm welcome** to Leah Koole and Nick VanScheper who will be doing their student teaching with Mrs. Lyzenga's and Mrs. VanWingerden's 4th grade classes.
- **Help the 3rd graders take care of God's world** by collecting #2 and #4 plastic grocery bags from Meijer, Family Fare, D&W, and other grocery stores. This recycle challenge begins this week and ends mid March. Please bring your bags to the elementary school.
- **We have a number of families** going through difficult times, such as a death in the family or extended illness, and we would like to support them by bringing them meals. If you would be willing to help with this, please call Tiffany Snyder (827-2488) or Jill Ellens (827-2651). Thank you for your help.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

February

- 9-12 Book Fair at elementary
10/12 Parent Teacher Conferences
13 Caberfae Ski Outing
13-16 **No School—Winter Break**
17 School Skating Party at Woodland
17 NO KENTWOOD BUSING
18 Janie's Cookie Dough sale begins
26 BOB Extravaganza (9-11:40 am)
28 Mom & Son Bowling event (2-4 pm)

March

- 13 Pool Party at Kentwood Aquatic Center
20 Kindergarten Testing
21 End of 3rd Qtr

Reflect, Respect and Respond to Creation Care

A borrower and a lender be. If you need something you won't use often or ever again, borrow it from a neighbor, and lend that same neighbor something of yours. Consider sharing the purchase of a snow blower or other items.

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship-Friday** (8:15) All School—Boerman
- **Kindergarten and First grade parents** - have you called Sara Northouse (656-9219) to sign up to bring something for our staff suppers on 2/10 and 2/12? If not, please do so today! We need your help as we encourage and support our LCS teaching staff!

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

Often I am asked by prospective families who are touring our school how parents are involved. That's an easy question to answer. They are involved in countless ways. I first talk about the partnership between home and school. It is because of home and school supporting each other and "being on the same page" that students excel. I then go on to talk about the many ways parents are involved in the day to day life of our school. Many parents bring students to and from school. They come and read to classes when their child is "special person of the week." They help with spelling tests. They attend programs, special events and parent teacher conferences. They volunteer on the playground, in the library, in the classroom and in the office. They serve on committees. They serve on the Board of Trustees or on the PTO. What a wealth of expertise and help we receive as a school from our parents. What strength we have as a school because we have parents who care deeply about their child's education and school. We are blessed!

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **Reminder to all 8th Graders:** Ms. Meines from SCHS will be here on Thursday morning to collect your course selection sheets and activity sheets. Please bring your COMPLETED sheets to school TOMORROW!
- **Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents:** Our second set of Exploratories will take place February 25, 26, and 27, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Look for a list of classes to come home the week of February 16. We would like to offer as many choices as possible, so we are looking for more teachers. Students love classes in athletic skills, the arts, crafts, and high-interest academic areas. Please contact Shari Verduin by February 13 if you are interested in teaching a class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

8th grade boys basketball

FEB. 9	ZEELAND	HOME
FEB.11	HOPE-9TH GRD	HOME

7th grade boys basketball

FEB. 5	MOLINE	HOME
FEB. 9	ZEELAND-2	AWAY
FEB. 17	ZEELAND-1	HOME
FEB. 19	DUTTON-2	HOME

6th grade boys basketball

FEB. 14	SCHS	TOURNAMENT
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ACTS OF SERVICE

Service at the East Campus:

Thank you to all the families who donated beautiful hats, scarves, gloves and socks to the St. Johns Home for the elementary service project! It was all greatly appreciated!

Service at the West Campus:

Service is an important part of Christian education, and students at the West Campus have been involved in a variety of service projects this year.

- On the third Wednesday of each month a group of students help distribute food from the ACCESS food truck that Discovery Church sponsors. Several Legacy sports teams have taken a turn doing this project.
- Twice a month one of the West Campus homerooms goes to LifeHouse Crystal Springs retirement home to do crafts with residents or read to them. All the sixth and seventh grade homerooms and 8A have gone already, and 8B will go this Friday. 8C and the fifth graders will go in the future. Some homerooms may be able to make a second visit.
- In September West Campus students donated 76 pairs of gently used shoes to "Soles for Souls"
- In November the 8th grade students delivered baskets of food donated by other West Campus students to area families. Also, on Veterans' Day students made cards or wrote letters to veterans and these were delivered to the Veteran's Home.
- In December the IPOD students sang at Calvin College and some middle school students sang at the airport.

Future service projects include participating in the Relay for Life fundraisers, an IPOD economics unit that will raise some money for Heiffer International, and a community clean-up day in April.

MOMS IN TOUCH

This week in our prayers we praised God for being all we need; "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (II Corinthians 12: 9). We prayed that our children and all of us at Legacy can say "Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You" (Psalm 73:25). At our next meeting we will be praying specifically for Mr. Bergakker, Mr. Frens, Mr. Michewicz, and Mrs. VanWingerden. The next Monday morning meeting will be at 8:30 am on February 9 at the home of Janine Brouwer (1130-59th St., Kentwood). The next evening MIT meeting is planned for February 9 at 7:00 pm at the Elementary library. For information, contact Janine Brouwer (janinerb@juno.com, 455-9484).

Passport to Our Father's World Legacy's 3rd Annual Auction

DID YOU KNOW that our best selling items at last year's auction were items created or provided by our own LCS families? We need your participation to make this year's event a success! It is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. **Mark your calendars**, NOW, and plan to attend our "*Passport to Our Father's World*" on **Saturday, March 28!** Doors open at 5 pm, supper and silent auction are at 5:00 pm and the live auction will begin at 7 pm.
2. **Think of something you and your family could donate to the auction!** Whether you have a business connection, a family connection, a hobby, or a service idea – PLEASE don't hesitate to share! Plow service, lawn service, salon services, baked goods, cookies of the month, dinner parties, large ticket items, travel opportunities, home sales items (i.e. scrapbooking or jewelry), sewing projects, event tickets and more are just some of the items that people love to bid on.
3. **Think of one or two contacts you have in the community who might be willing to donate something for the auction!** We appreciate monetary donations, service donations, large items, gift certificates, travel packages, fun outings, lessons, and more! Stop by either office at school to pick up a letter and donation forms. Then contact those people and ask them to support the LCS Auction for Tuition Assistance. NOTE: Please check with Jill Ellens to make sure we have not already contacted the individual or business.

We appreciate the efforts of all of our LCS families to make our auction a success. The money raised at the auction is used for tuition assistance and affects all of us each year!
Let's join together and make this year's auction the best ever!

TRIP

Please note: There will be no Monday orders on February 16 because school will be closed that Monday. Any orders in the TRIP boxes will be processed with the following Monday's orders.

Don't forget to treat your sweetheart to a Valentine's Day celebration! TRIP carries Celebration Cinema \$10 gift cards, and restaurant gift cards to Pietro's, Olive Garden /Red Lobster/Longhorn Steakhouse, Outback/Carrabba's/Bonefish Grill, Applebees, Logans, Chilis/Macaroni Grill/On the Border, Texas Roadhouse, Mongolian BBQ and more!

Thursday Cash and Carry—Purchase from a large variety of gift cards/certificates in our TRIP inventory with cash or check at the TRIP office (located at the west campus school building) from 7:45-10:00 am on Thursdays. If you want to start a TRIP account, you or a relative can sign up on Thursday and buy inventory right away. There is no fee to start and TRIP can transfer your earnings to any tuition paying school including colleges. We would love to help you start saving money on your tuition!

Monday orders: The next Monday orders are due by 10:00 am on February 9 in one of the TRIP boxes (there is a box at each campus). Please enclose a check rather than cash with your order. Orders are ready first thing Thursday mornings at Cash & Carry, from there they will be delivered to the campus office you have designated.

Changes to TRIP

Little Caesar's Pizza \$20 gift card has decreased from 8% to 7%.

Steak 'n Shake \$10 gift card has decreased from 6% to 5%.

New to TRIP

Cranker's \$10 gift certificate @ 9%, available at Cash & Carry

Great Clips \$25 card @ 7%, available at Cash & Carry

To sign up for TRIP or ask any questions, call Mara Koning at 827-9548 (home) or 617-9105 (cell) or email her at: legacytrip@sbcglobal.net.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Kentwood AYSO Spring Soccer Registration** – Feb. 5th & 6th from 6:30-8:30 pm and Feb. 7th from 8:30-11:30 am at Ascension Lutheran Church located at 2627 44th SE, Kentwood. Fee is \$55. If new to AYSO, please take along child's birth certificate.
- **Friendship CRC Field and Stream Club.** Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 7:00 pm. Featuring our own Dave Lanting and his Red Tailed Hawk Rudi. Come learn the ancient art of falconry.
- **Far Out Volleyball Club** spring tryouts will be March 1, 2009. Registration begins at 2 pm and the tryouts will be from 2:30-4:30 pm at Caledonia HS. Please visit our website: www.faroutvbc.org for complete details.
- **Coach Craig Neitzel** will be hosting a boys basketball clinic beginning Feb. 8, 2009 for boys in 2nd thru 8th grade. Please call West Mich. Lutheran High School for registration information, 616-455-2200.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Part 3: Prior Planning For Future Tuition Payments

I've written before about the irony of me offering financial advice to you. Neither training nor experience has provided me with appropriate credentials in this area. In fact, financial experts would likely find some of my wife and my actions to be irresponsible, especially things we have done to be able to meet our tuition payments. So please understand that my thoughts are humbly offered and if nothing else simply use them as encouragement to examine some of your own beliefs and practices. And then, consider talking about your experiences and convictions with your children.

Tuition payments are a huge amount of money that suddenly have to fit into a family's budget when their oldest child reaches preschool or kindergarten age. If there is no prior planning it may seem like there is simply no way to make these payments work. That alone can become a major factor in a decision to send children to a tuition free school.

So, for the sake of discussion here are five suggestions regarding prior planning for future Christian schooling.

1. We have long heard wise advice about couples making "religious" or "church" decisions while they are dating instead of after they are married. The same is actually true of education. The type of schools desired for their children is one of the most important decisions and certainly one of the biggest financial decisions couples make. If there isn't unity this subject can become a source of serious conflict in years to come. On the other hand if there is a shared commitment, parents are well positioned to meet future challenges and financial adjustments.
2. When young people get married they often enjoy a life style supported by a double income. When children are born and soon need to go to school, tuition payments may not seem possible. Quite frankly, many of our school parents designate the income from one of their two jobs simply for tuition payments. Young couples should give serious thought to a budget that leaves the door open for Christian school tuition payments within 5-10 years after marriage. This is an important part of planning that may not be included in advice columns and/or self help books written by financial planners.
3. Mortgages can easily become a major detriment to the ability to pay for Christian education. Formulas that determine how much money you may be able to borrow for a home do not include anticipated Christian school tuition payments. Young couples should be encouraged to enter mortgages which allow for another major monthly expense – Christian school tuition.
4. Many young couples not only make an early decision for Christian education; they also start saving money in advance. Something as simple as early participation in programs such as TRIP can result in a sizable amount of money set aside for the day that their child goes to school. Other couples set up a savings account for tuition money, greatly enhancing their ability to pay when their children go to school.
5. Finally, don't fear the future and don't sell God short. A decision to send your children to a school that honors God and recognizes Him in all of life is a decision that He honors. Many school parents look at the bottom line of their yearly registration form and can't understand how it can possibly happen...only to experience that it does in fact work out. That isn't due to our wisdom or terrific planning. That is from God!

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema