

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **BOY'S BLAST!** Reminder—please be sure you have sent in your Boys Blast registration form! Forms will be accepted until this week Friday, Feb. 20th, at the latest!! Return form to either school office and get ready to bowl!
- **LCS's Relay for Life** team thanks you for your support of our recent "Happygram" and "Flowergram" sale. We raised over \$375 toward our school team's fight against cancer! Happygrams and Flowergrams will be delivered this Friday! Thanks for your support - we look forward to seeing you at the Relay on May 8 and 9. More details coming in March!
- **Two hundred forty six skiers**, 20 dozen hot dogs, 10 bags of chips, 300 BBQ's, fun, fellowship, community.....PRICELESS! Thanks to all the skiers for a great outing at Caberfae! See you next year!
- **Hot Lunch Menus** for March are included with today's newsletter.
- **Do you have any International-themed** children's clothing/costumes that the auction decorating committee could borrow? We are looking for ALL nationalities and kids sizes. (Must be something that you are OK with having it actually worn) Please call or e-mail Michelle Barbrick at #455-5076. jmbarbrick@sbcglobal.net.
- **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.
- **Six Hour Reading Club** deadline is this Thursday, February 19th. Please fill in your Keeping Track forms by Thursday with your parent's signature and return it to your teacher!
- **Reading for Bring on the Books** ends Thursday, February 19th. Fifth grade students will be attending the B.O.B. Extravaganza next week Thursday, February 26th, at Heritage Christian Reformed Church (hosted this year by Byron Center Christian School).
- **Grandfriends Day 2009 is scheduled for May 1st.** Save the date cards will be sent out to grandparents this month. It is bound to be a great event! Help, however, is needed to make it a great day for our grandparents and grandfriends. Tiffany Snyder is currently the only committee member and she is looking for assistance. General plans have been made, but the details need to be filled in. If you are willing to pitch in, please contact her at 827-2488 or frausnyder@gmail.com. Thanks so much!
- **Janie's Cookie Dough Sale** begins today and ends on Wednesday, March 4, with pickup on Wednesday, March 18, at the west campus. Order forms are going home with today's newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

February

- 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 Quarter
27 Report Cards go home
28 LCS Auction

School Family Praises & Prayer Requests

We express our sympathy to Mike and Jill Plasman (Geffrey-6th, Zachary-3rd) on the passing of their father and grandfather, Geno Reinke, last week.

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship-Friday (8:15)** All school singing
- **Please check out** the Lost and Found table at the elementary to claim your items!
- **Thanks for supporting our elementary library** by coming to the book fair! We received \$235.00 worth of free books for our library as well as a cash profit of \$500 that will go towards purchasing new books for our library.
- **A big thank you** to all the mothers who volunteered at the library book fair, both during the day with the students and in the evening. Your time was much appreciated! We couldn't have had a successful book fair without you!
- **Recycle Plastic Bags:** We've taken on a recycling challenge. Help us preserve God's earth by bringing in your #2 and #4 plastic bags such as Meijer and Target bags. If in question, look for the symbol printed near the bottom of the bag. Put them in the large boxes near the entryway in the elementary building. We'll be collecting the bags for about a month.

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

Our Care and Connections Committee works hard to plan activities that help enfold families into our Legacy Christian School Community. An idea that we are planning for this spring is a dinner with fellow Legacy parents in a host family's home. We are calling it "Dine with Seven to Nine". It is being planned for Saturday evening, April 25, beginning at 6:30 pm. We will be looking for families who are willing to host a group of people in their home and prepare the main course. Others who sign up will be asked to bring a salad, potato, vegetable or dessert. At 8:30 everyone will meet back at school for dessert. Mark the date on your calendar now and look for more details coming home with your newsletter in a couple of weeks. We hope each family who comes will be able to get to know a few Legacy families a little better.

Reflect, Respect, and Respond to Creation Care

Turn off lights and use timers. Rather than leave a light on while you are at work or on vacation, use timers so they come on only when it is dark!

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **Please make sure to** check the Lost and Found items for things you may have lost.
- **Please note**—We will be taking sign-ups for Spring Sports next week: 8th boys baseball, 8th girls softball, 7-8 girls soccer, 6-8 track.
- **Attention 7th Grade Parents:** We are currently working on the class project for the LCS auction and we need your help! We are asking each family to contribute \$5.00 to cover the cost of the project. Please have your student bring the money in an envelope clearly labeled "7th Grade Auction Project" and turn it in to the office by Friday, March 6. Thank you for your help and contribution!
- **8th Grade Parents:** Could you please send in a \$5 donation to help defray the costs of assembling this year's auction project? Put it in an envelope marked "8th Grade Auction Project" and send it to the West Campus office within the next week or so. We appreciate your generosity and hope to turn out a terrific project.
- **8th graders: please bring your yearbook** pictures to the office by Friday, February 27. If you are using the picture taken by Nyhof, a picture is not needed, but please notify the office of this. If you are turning in your own picture, please include \$5.00! Any questions, contact Kim Zwuyghuizen at the West Campus - 455-3860.
- **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. A list of classes should come home this week. 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 if you are interested in teaching a class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

8th grade boys basketball

FEB. 19	MOLINE	AWAY
FEB. 20	BYRON	AWAY
FEB. 24	HOPE	AWAY
FEB. 26	TOURNAMENT	SCHS
FEB. 28	TOURNAMENT	SCHS

7th grade boys basketball

FEB. 19	DUTTON-2	HOME
FEB. 26	BYRON	HOME

PTO NEWS

- **D&W School days**—Shop any day between Feb. 15 – 21, 2009 at your local D&W. Present the cashier with our school code (87743) and they will automatically donate 2 1/2% of the total purchase to Legacy!
- **If you would like to place** an ad in the Legacy Chr. Shopper Ads for February, please have them in to the elementary office by Monday, Feb. 23. Cost is 10 cents per word. They will be published with next week's newsletter.

MOMS IN TOUCH

All Legacy mothers are invited to join one of the prayer meetings which meet to pray for our children and our school. Our groups are part of Moms In Touch International, which directs us to this verse, "Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street" (Lamentations 2:19). At our next meeting we will be praying specifically for Mrs. Pfruender, Mrs. DeHaan, Mrs. VanSledright, and Mrs. Slotsema. The next Monday morning meeting will be at 8:30 am on February 23 at the home of Janine Brouwer (1130-59th St., Kentwood). The next evening meeting is planned for Monday, March 2, at 7:00 pm in the Elementary library. For information, contact Janine Brouwer (janinerb@juno.com, 455-9484).

TRASH FOR CASH

- February 24 will be my final pick up day before the February 28 BoxTops deadline. Please turn in all your Box-Tops and bonus offers from the grocery store. Thank you.

TRIP

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 23 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

- **Come enjoy the South Christian High School** Concert Band, Orchestra and Choirs as they perform their festival music. The concert will be held Sunday, Feb. 22, at 8:00 pm in the South Christian High School Auditorium.
- **Byron Center Christian School Foundation** 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Join us on Saturday, March 27, for our first annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Open to students in grades 3-8. Pre-registration is required and due Friday, March 6. For information, please go to our website: www.bccs.org and click on 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Or call Peggy at 878-3347 to request a brochure.
- **South Christian High School** is accepting applications for an Athletic Department Secretary. This position is 4 days per week (Mon, Tues, Thur, and Friday) from 8 am – 4 pm for 9 months with reduced hours during the summer. The applicant should possess quality office skills along with a general knowledge of website use, Quick Books and Excel. This position could start as early as May. A cover letter and resume should be sent to Maelia Post at South Christian High School or emailed to Maelia at mpost@schs.org by March 1.
- **Kentwood Baseball winter sign-ups** for 2009 season, Saturday, Feb. 21, 9:00-noon at Valleywood Middle School. If student did not play in 2008, they must bring a birth certificate. \$40 for players who are 6 by Dec. 1, 2009, \$60 if 7 yrs or older by Dec. 1, \$95 for 2 players in same family, \$110 for 3 or more. Kentwoodbaseballleague.org for more info.
- **Grand Rapids Christian Middle School** announces its musical.
It's a fun little romp with the title of "Seussical"!
March 27 & 28 are our days in the sun.
You'll want to buy tickets 'cuz it's sure to be fun.
There's Horton and Mayzie, the Cat in the Hat,
Yertle, the Grinch, and still more than that...
There's singing and dancing and music galore.
You'll see talented students, about fifty or more!
Performances will be held March 27 (7:30 pm) and March 28 (2:00 pm) at the DeVos Center for Arts and Worship on the Grand Rapids Christian High campus. Tickets are \$5 each and are available from the Grand Rapids Christian Middle School office or at the door before each show.
- **Is your child struggling with a class?** Or does your child need an extra challenge? Individual tutoring may be what your child needs. I am a certified teacher with a Master's Degree in Education and over 12 yrs teaching and tutoring experience. I offer tutoring for students 3rd-12th grade in math skills, reading comprehension, grammar, essay and research paper writing, study skills, an ACT prep. Call Aimee Paulson at 616-277-1241 for a free consultation to assess what your child needs.

FINAL THOUGHTS

-This week we're taking a small break from the recent series that has been running in this column. I suppose I could claim that I have been too busy to write the last two installments...but the truth is...I've been too busy enjoying the four day "mid-winter break". The newsletter deadline comes much too fast when you begin the work week on a Tuesday.

-Thanks for such strong participation in parent teacher conferences last week. I know about schools that cancelled their second round of parent teacher conferences years ago. Other schools do an abbreviated version on one afternoon or evening. While our numbers are somewhat down from the first round, we still have excellent parent participation at February conferences. Thank you for being involved!

-With this newsletter you should receive a Family Advocacy Network Newsletter from the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools. Enjoy reading the first issue of this publication and feel free to sign up for future editions by following instructions printed on the last page. (Our school is a member of MANS.)

-The vacation from school really came at the right time as far as "sickness" was concerned. The west campus especially seemed hard hit. So, hopefully our school is over that hump and on the road to energetic students and better attendance this week.

I hope you and yours are healthy and well,

Mr. Bonnema