

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **Reminder!** Janie's Cookie Dough pick-up is **TODAY** from 1:30-5:00 in the west campus commons!
- **Pool Party Lost and Found**—Thanks to all the students and families that attended the Pool Party last Friday night! A few items were left behind, so please retrieve them from the middle school office if they are yours: black Speedo goggles, clear with blue trim Speedo mask, waterproof knee brace, green MI State hooded sweatshirt size XXL, plastic bag with boots and brown sweatpants with yellow trim and a white t-shirt. If you are missing any other items, you can call the Kentwood Aquatic Center at 698-6700 ext.42336 to ask if they were found.
- **RESCHEDULED BOYS' BLAST**—Saturday, March 21, at Spectrum Lanes. Please return the flyer included with last week's newsletter. Please note that all families should send the form back, letting us know what you intend to do. **Time is 3:00-5:00 pm!!**
- **Room Parents**—Please turn in your classroom auction project descriptions to Kristi Samdal this week! Please email these to her at auction@legacycs.org.
- **Hot Lunch**—please note the April hot lunch calendar is coming home with today's newsletter.
- **Tuition Tips and Strategies**—April 23, 7:00 pm at the West Campus Music Room. Plan to join other Legacy Christian School parents in discussing ways they have found to help pay tuition. In these tough economic times, it becomes even more important to support each other and share what we are doing to continue to provide a Christian education for our children. Families continue to be able to make it work even though for some their wages have decreased. Let's hear how. We hope to see many of our parents at this informal night of sharing.
- **Dine with Seven to Nine**, Saturday night, April 25, 6:30 pm in various Legacy Christian School families' homes. We want to get to know you a little better. We have many new families at Legacy Christian School this year. Often times we don't have the opportunity to get to know each other very well in the few times we see each other while dropping off students or volunteering for a short time at school. This night of fellowship will allow our families to spend a little more time together, without our children, in the homes of our host families. Mark the date on your calendar now and watch for a sign-up sheet to come home with next week's newsletter.
- **Legacy's Relay for Life team** needs your quarters! Each student is coming home today with an empty film canister attached to a note about our 3rd annual LCS Relay for Life team. Please look over the note about the 2009 Relay for Life, on May 8 and 9 and start collecting those "QUARTERS FOR A CURE." Relay for Life benefits the American Cancer Society, so all quarters that we collect will go toward supporting those currently battling the disease and toward finding a cure for cancer. Quarters will be collected through next Friday, 3/27. Thanks for your support!

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

March

- 20 Kindergarten Testing
- 20 End of 3rd Quarter
- 21 Odyssey of the Mind
- 21 Boys' Blast
- 27 Yearbook orders due
- 27 Report Cards go home
- 28 LCS Auction

April

- 1 Combined All School Easter Worship
- 3 **SPRING BREAK BEGINS—NO SCHOOL**
- 6-10 **SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL**

School Family Praises and Prayers Requests

We congratulate Eric & Kelly Boonstra (Cayden-1st, Addyson-Prek) on the birth of a new son, Breckyn Joel, born last Wednesday.

Reflect, Respect, and Respond to Creation Care

Drive at slower speeds. As your speed increases, so does wind resistance, causing you to use more fuel.

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship-Friday** (8:15) All School Singing
- **The 3rd Graders' recycle challenge** will end next week Friday, March 27!
- **Kindergarten Testing**—just a reminder to parents to sign up for testing on Friday, March 20, for all students who will turn 5 after May 1 and are planning to start kindergarten in the fall.
- Two teams of 4th grade students will represent Legacy at the Odyssey of the Mind regional tournament at Delton Kellogg Schools this Saturday, March 21. Odyssey of the Mind is a problem-solving tournament in which teams present an 8-minute skit that follows given rules and solve a "spontaneous" problem. The "Lost Labor of Hercules" team, coached by Joel Gritter, will present their skit at 11:20 am and the "Superstition" team, coached by Kristen Lobbes, will present their skit at 9:00 am. Best wishes to both teams and their coaches!
- **Feelin' Good Mileage Club** needs some volunteers!!! Once again our kids will be participating in the Fifth Third River Bank Run "Feelin' Good Mileage Club". This is for K-4th graders and will start the week after Spring Break and run through the middle of May. Students will run Mon/Wed/Fri at lunch recess. Students are encouraged to walk, jog or run a course on the playground. As laps are completed, volunteers pass out their mile marker sticks and offer ENCOURAGEMENT! Are there any excited volunteers available 1-3 days a week during our lunch breaks (12:00-12:30)? Please call or e-mail Kristen Lobbes, if you are willing to help: 656-0564 or kristenlobbes@comcast.net.

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel**—Passion Week—March 23
- **West Campus**—Small Groups—March 27
- **A big thank you** to our 7th/8th grade vocal ensemble for representing our school in Lansing last Friday. The group consisted of Alyssa DeVries, Joel Theule, Jon Krul, Kendra Walters, Kailyn Elzinga, Emily Blankenspoor, Renee Broekhuizen, Tara Oskam, and Taylor Wierenga. Thanks also to Mr. Rob Theule for driving and Mrs. Jill Schepers for accompanying us.
- **Our west campus music** ensembles will present a Pops Concert for the elementary students next Thursday, March 26, at 1:30 pm in the west campus gym. Parents and friends are certainly welcome to attend.
- **Upcoming Student Council Event** - April 28: Student Council Variety Show-Student Council will be hosting the 2nd Annual Legacy Variety Show at South Christian. It will be held on April 28 from 7-8 pm. The students, and maybe even the teachers, will be encouraged to put together various acts and performances. Come for a night of entertainment! Dates for tryouts will be set later. More details to come!
- **8th Grade Parents:** We are still in need of money for the 8th grade auction project. The project involves taking the watercolor artwork of our 8th graders and using them to make note cards. They are going to look terrific but we are going to have to pay our printer. If you can help us out, please send an envelope to the West Campus office as soon as possible.

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

God is blessing Legacy Christian School with many new families inquiring about our school. In an average week we have two or three families tour our school. Most of them have registered their family and are planning to enroll. Many of them have heard about our school from one of our current families. During the last couple of weeks, several people have called to inquire about our kindergarten program, especially "developmental kindergarten". Kentwood Public Schools will no longer be offering "young fives" or "developmental kindergarten" next school year because of funding changes. If you know of someone in your neighborhood who would be interested in the opportunity to have their child receive this program at Legacy, please talk to them. If you would rather have me talk to them, please give me a call.

WEST CAMPUS SPORTS INFO

- **Baseball:** 7th grade boys try-outs will be March 25 & 26, 3:10-4:30: Players must bring/wear appropriate clothing for indoor or outdoor practice. West Campus
- **7th-8th Baseball practice:** March 30, April 1 3:10-4:30: Players must bring/wear appropriate clothing for indoor or outdoor practice. West Campus
- **Softball:** March 24, 3-4 Pitchers and catchers practice only. West Campus March 25, 26, 31, April 01: 3-5 Players must bring/wear appropriate clothing for indoor or outdoor practice. West Campus
- **Girls Soccer:** March 30, 31 3-4:30: Players must bring/wear appropriate clothing for indoor or outdoor practice. West Campus
- **Track:** Will begin after Spring Break

AUCTION NEWS

Are you a scrap booker? Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 18, for a scrapbooking crop from 6-11 pm in the Legacy middle school commons. Hosted by Joan Stob, the crop will cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and all proceeds will go to Legacy's tuition fund. Tickets will be available at the Legacy Auction. Come for a night of scrapbooking, games, prizes, goodie bags, snacks, challenges, and sharing ideas with fellow scrap bookers. Can't attend the auction, but want to go to the crop? Call Joan Stob (827-2631, school, or 949-8170, home) to reserve your spot. Always wanted to scrap-book, but don't know how to start? Bring your pictures and an album and we will teach you. The crop is open to Legacy parents and their friends and relatives, middle school students, and IPOD students (with a parent).

PTO NEWS

- **\$6 Apple Pies & Dumplings:** (Note change in price.) There is still a supply of apple pies and dumplings for sale at the West Campus. Stop in the West Campus office to purchase yours today. They make great desserts!
- **Shopper Ads** are due in the elementary office on Monday, March 23, to be included in the newsletter on March 25. Cost is 10 cents per word.
- **2008-2009 PTO Parent Survey**—included with today's newsletter you will find a PTO Parent survey. Please read the instructions and return to either office. Thanks for your input.

MOMS IN TOUCH

This week the Moms In Touch prayers focused on praising Jesus our *Savior*. "When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy." (Titus 3:4-5a). We prayed that Legacy students may "confess with their mouths 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in their hearts that God raised Him from the dead, and be saved" (Romans 10:9). All Legacy mothers are invited to join us in prayer for our children, the Legacy staff, and the Legacy community. At our next meeting we will be praying specifically for Mr. VanderHill, Mrs. Warsen, Mrs. Tolsma, and Mrs. Hollins (the Occupational Therapist who services our school). The next Monday morning meeting will be at 8:30 am on March 23 at the home of Janine Brouwer (1130-59th St., Kentwood). The next evening MIT meeting is planned for Monday, March 30, at 7:00 pm in the Elementary library. For information, contact Janine Brouwer (janinerb@juno.com, 455-9484).

TRASH FOR CASH

Please remember to get all your apple bags in the drop-off bins before spring break starts. I have to submit those for the contest during that week of vacation. We have over 300 saved up so far. That's a lot of apples! Great work, everyone!

TRIP

There are **two Mondays and three Thursdays left** before Spring Break to stock up on your TRIP! Be sure to think ahead for the week off (April 6-10) and inform your relatives who buy 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.

Monday orders: The next Monday orders are due by 10:00 am on March 23 in one of the TRIP boxes (there is a box at each campus). Orders are ready first thing Thursday mornings at Cash & Carry, from there they will be delivered to the campus office you have designated.

TRIP Bonuses:

JC Penney \$25 & \$100 cards, 1% bonus through Thursday, April 2 (5% instead of 4%)

TGI Fridays \$25 card, 1% bonus through Thursday, April 2 (9% instead of 8%)

Hotels that can be ordered on a Monday order form:

Choice Hotels (Comfort Inn, Sleep Inn, Quality Inn, Clarion Hotels) \$25 & \$100 cards @ 5%

Best Western \$25 & \$100 @ 11%

Marriott (Fairfield Inn, Courtyard, Residence Inn) \$50 & \$100 cards @ 7%

BedandBreakfast.com \$50 @ 9%

Hyatt Hotels \$50 card @ 8%

If you are thinking about filling your gas tanks for Spring Break, TRIP Cash & Carry offers the following options:

Marathon Gas \$25 & \$100 cards @ 2%

Quality Gas \$25 & \$100 cards @ 2%

Speedway/SuperAmerica \$25 & \$100 cards @ 4%

Sunoco \$25, \$50 & \$100 cards @ 2%

Gas cards available to order:

BP Gas \$50 & \$100 cards @ 1%, \$250 card @ 2%

Chevron \$50 & \$100 cards @ 1%, \$250 @ 2%

Exxon \$250 card @ 1%

Mobil \$250 card @ 1%

Shell \$25, \$50, \$100 cards @ 1%

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.

PASSPORT TO OUR FATHER'S WORLD

Legacy Christian School 's 3rd Annual Auction for Tuition Assistance, Saturday, March 28. Doors open at 5:00 pm.

- See the auction items we have received to date listed on our website. We update it daily as items come in.
- We have about half of the items we need to make this a successful auction. If you haven't brought in your donation yet, please do it today.
- If you know of a business we might contact for a donation or to sponsor a table, please let Jill Ellens (827-2651 or jellens@legacycs.org) know so that she can contact them.
- Dinner will be served throughout the silent auction. Come hungry; there will be a lot of food, representing eight different countries. Minimum donation for dinner is \$5.00 per person.
- We are in need of individuals to help with set-up on Friday, March 27, and to stay after the auction to clean-up. Call Jill to volunteer.
- We still could use more children's costumes from other countries. Drop them off at the elementary school office if you have one we could borrow.
- Are you thinking you would rather watch the big game that night? Don't miss the auction! You will still be able to watch the game! For a small donation you can slip out of the auction and catch a part of the game on a television in the Commons.
- Is the date on your calendar? Have you booked a babysitter? Are you ready for a fun night of fellowship with other Legacy supporters?

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Camping anyone?** Tennis Camping, that is! Can you fit SAILOR TENNIS CAMP into your fun, summer schedule? Sailor Tennis Camp 2009, is scheduled for 2 separate weeks: June 15-19 or July 13-17, with each of the Fridays reserved for rain-outs. The tennis lessons are for any kids exiting grades 1-8; Beginners, Advanced Beginners, or a new level 3—Skills and Drills. All lessons will be held at the Sailor Sports Park tennis courts. Informational flyers and registration forms are available in your school office(s), or you may call Jayne Boerman, 281-9546, with any questions.
- **Attention 5th-8th grade boys**—SCH Flag Football is back! The dates are April 18, 25, and May 2. We will begin at 2:00 and go until 3:30 pm, on the fields behind South Chr. We will plan on playing rain or shine so dress appropriately (spikes recommended). South Chr. varsity players will coach the teams and members of the coaching staff will be there to supervise and referee. Email Mark Tamminga at Tamminga3@aol.com if you plan on attending.
- **Dyslexia**—It is estimated that 20% of the population is Dyslexic. This includes children and adults. This directly affects a person's ability to read; therefore it is important to correct the problem so that these individuals can become avid readers. Dyslexia should not be confused with reversal of letters alone. The term Dyslexia, in its simplest terms, is defined as a picture-thinking individual who cannot decode phonics, is easily distracted and/or transposes letters, numbers, or symbols. The symptoms of learning disabilities can be numerous, however, the root cause is the ability to think in pictures. We believe that this ability, when used to its fullest potential, is actually a gift. Tuesday, March 24th, from 6:30-7:30 pm, New Chapter Learning will provide a free informational seminar on the thinking style, learning differences, disability and gifts of the visual thinker. The seminar will be held at the Wyoming Public Library and will be free of charge. Call 616-534-1385 to register.
- **At Camp Roger, kids still play outside.** With overnight summer camp options for ages 6-18, Camp Roger provides a safe place for the kinds of adventures that every kid should have – experiences that increase their independence, provide them with new skills, and kindle a love for God. To reserve a spot for your child this summer or to learn about financial aid, visit www.camproger.org or talk to a Camp Roger staff member at 616.874.7286. **New to camp? Six to eight year olds can now register for a three day experience!**
- **On March 26, 27 and 28** at 7:00 pm each night, South Christian's Drama Department will present the classic musical *The Sound of Music*. Tickets are \$8 each and will go on sale for all three shows on Wednesday, March 18. Come on out for a great night of music, theater and family fun. See you then.