

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **Report Cards for both elementary** and west campus students will be distributed this Friday. Please check with your student for these. West campus students should pay all office fines and library fines before receiving their report card. Thanks.
- **Thanks to all who participated in** the BOYS BLAST last week! Over 160 Legacy moms, sons, grandmas and special friends had a great time bowling! Strikes and spares were everywhere!
- **Thank you to everyone who participated** in the Janie's Cookie Dough fundraiser. All of the backordered pretzel mix and coffee should have come home with your child on Monday or Tuesday. If you are still missing something, please call Kim DeVries at 281-3096.
- **The Finance Committee** would like to remind parents who make three lump sum payments that your third (and final) payment is due by April 1, 2009. Since it is the end of the 3rd quarter, all tuition accounts should be at least 75% paid. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping your tuition up to date. If you have any questions about your accounting, please contact Karen Brinks in the middle school office at 455-3860.
- **Whitecaps Reading Incentive:** Completed Whitecaps reading bookmarks must be returned to school before spring break if your child is participating. The bookmark will be returned to your child along with a letter explaining how to get the tickets.
- **REMINDER**—yearbook orders are due this Friday, March 27. Cost is \$12.00. Please make checks payable to Nyhof School Pictures.
- **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. A sign-up sheet is attached to our newsletter today. Sign up and send it back to either building's office.
- **Keep those "Quarters for a Cure"** canisters coming in to school FULL of quarters! You are doing a GREAT job helping us collect quarters to help find a cure for cancer! Please return all film canisters (filled or not) before spring break! Thanks so much for your support of our LCS Relay for Life team. Watch for more information right after spring break!
- **Variety Show:** The Middle School Variety Show is April 28 at South Christian. Save the date for an evening of fun and excitement as our students show off their many talents! Tryouts will be held after Spring Break.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

March

- 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**

Reflect, Respect, and Respond to Creation Care

Stay off fragile ecosystems. If you visit the dunes, don't walk on them, where you can trample the precious plants that keep the dunes from blowing away. If you are in a park and the sign says "Stay on path", stay on the path!

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship-Friday** (8:15) All school singing
- **The 3rd Graders' recycle challenge** ends on Friday, March 27! Thanks so much for your wonderful response to this project. At last count over 5,000 bags have been collected and kept out of our landfills!

LCS Auction—Saturday, March 28!

You are invited! Passport to Our Father's World, our third annual Legacy Christian School Auction to raise money for tuition assistance is this Saturday, March 28. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Take a tour around the world as you feast on food from different countries and bid on silent auction items. Silent auction tables close every 10-15 minutes, beginning at 5:30. Live auction begins at 7:00 including all the incredible class projects up for bid. There will be something for everyone in every price range. We have:

- 19" LCD TV
- Cherrywood Entertainment Center from Talsmas
- Wii, including games and accessories
- Herman Miller Aeron Chair
- Grill
- Carol Roeda artwork
- Golf bag
- Chocolate truffles
- Homemade American Girl clothes
- U of M football tickets
- Cockapoo puppy w/kennel and dog food
- Camcorder
- Fire pit
- Milwaukee 18 volt, 4 piece kit

Go online to get a complete list of items. It is updated daily. Donations will be accepted until Thursday afternoon. Please have all items to our west campus by that time so that we can prepare our auction booklet. Minimum donation for dinner is \$5 per person.

We would like to thank the following table sponsors for supporting our auction this year!

Paris Motors
Harvest Health & Henry & Cathy Atsma
Pylman Power, Inc.
Thomas Nykamp, D.D.S.
Broadmoor Motor Sales
Berends Hendricks Stuit
NAI of West Michigan & Rodney & Jamie Alderink
Morgan Stanley & Greg and Julie Bootsma
AJACS Die Sales
Steve & Joy Petersen
Bredeweg & Zylstra
Buist Electric
D.J.s Lawn Service & D.J. and Lisa VanderSlik

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel**—Mr. Leugs leading—March 30
- **West Campus** —Small Groups—March 27
- **Gym Night** The 7th/8th grad Gym Night has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict at Grand Rapids Community College. The Student Council will look into re-scheduling. Sorry for any inconveniences.
- **Our west campus music** ensembles will present a Pops Concert for the elementary students tomorrow, March 26, at 1:30 pm in the west campus gym. Parents and friends are certainly welcome to attend.
- **The 7th and 8th graders** will be participating in our annual Research Week during the next few days. The theme this year is ***This Is My Father's World***. Each student will research a topic under one of the six sub-groups of this theme. Then each student will develop a project which highlights what he/she has learned. Highlights of the week include spending two days doing research in the Grand Rapids Main and Wyoming Public Libraries on Friday and Monday, eating lunch out together on Monday, developing individual projects which show how much each student has learned on Tuesday and Wednesday, sharing with other group members on Thursday, and an afternoon of group activities on Thursday. Additional details for the week are listed under the homework tab on the Middle School web site. Everyone is invited to an open house showcasing the students' projects on Wednesday evening, 5:30-7:00, in the West Campus gym. Please come and enjoy the work the students have done.
- **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 your gift in an envelope to the West Campus office as soon as possible.
- **5th/6th parents** please RSVP in regards to the Passion Week walkthrough as soon as possible. Call Kim at the West Campus at 455-3860.

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

Yesterday I was at Calvin College for a seminar. The speaker at noon was the author, Gary Schmidt. He said the problem with the United States is that we have lost our love of children. He challenged us as educators to realize the opportunities we have to daily show our love for children. It helped me reflect a bit. How do we show our children that we love them? In our pursuit of bigger and better things, have we neglected our children? Do they know how important they are to us? Are we investing in them or in the stock market? What would have more impact on me - to lose a child or to lose my monetary investments with a downturn in the economy? Does my life and my time reflect my priorities? What an awesome opportunity and responsibility we have as Christian educators and parents! May God help us to love our children!

PTO NEWS

- **Shopper Ads** are included with today's newsletter.
- **2008-2009 PTO Parent Survey**—please remember to return these to either office. Thanks for your input.
- **D & W School Days**—shop at any D & W stores between the dates of April 12—18, give the cashier your school code (87743) and 2.5% of your total purchase will be given back to Legacy!

MOMS IN TOUCH

This week the Moms In Touch prayers focused on praising Jesus the Lamb of God. We prayed that our students may be able to appreciate the sacrifice that Christ made for them, and they may "know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that they were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to them from their forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.." (I Peter 1:18, 19). 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 Mrs. Boersma, Mrs. Winkle, Mrs. Wiltjer, and Mrs. VanderWoude. The next Monday morning meeting will be at 8:30 am on March 30 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 make sure you turn in all your plastic apple bags by April 2. I will be cleaning out the bins before school lets out for Spring Break.

TRIP

There are **two Thursdays and one Monday 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 30 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. **Orders must be picked up by the end of the school day on April 2.**

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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **South Christian Garment Sale:** Come shop for SCHS clothing on Friday, March 27. All items will be discounted. All proceeds from the Garment Sale go to the Parents Guild which helps the classrooms, students and teachers at SCHS. The sale will be from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on the west end of the school by the Activity Center.
- **Spring Break Skate**—Woodland Skating Center, April 7 & 9 from 2-8 pm. Cost is \$5.00, this includes skate rental, (Inline rental, \$2.00).

MARCH SHOPPER ADS

- **Backhoe/operator for hire.** Dirt moved, holes dug, shrubbery removed, ground leveled, drainage problems repaired, etc. Call Jim at 283-9755.
- **Carpenter for hire:** small or large jobs, framing, decks, windows replaced, roofing, additions, etc. Call Jim at 283-9755.
- **Violin for sale**—full size, student type, great for beginner, with case, \$75. 443-0882.
- **Golf clubs for sale:** Ladies Cyclone, right handed, full set woods and irons, stainless steel, soft bag, excellent condition, \$150, 443-0882.
- **For sale**—Portable soccer net with metal tube frame, \$20, 443-0882.
- **For Sale**—Yamaha 43" console piano light walnut, 13 years old, excellent condition. \$1,800. Call 891-8442.
- **For Rent:** Cottage on Green Lake. \$750/wk. Weeks available in June & August. 2 BR plus sun porch, lots of sleeping room, living room, family room, one bath. Beautiful East Shore location, fantastic sunsets, sandy bottom. Call 891-8442.

FINAL THOUGHTS

1. The number of Legacy Christian students that have cell phones at school has been growing significantly this year. Cell phones and all other personal electronic gear (with the exception of calculators) are not necessary tools for the school day nor are they permitted at school. If parents want their child to have a phone with them for after school use, students are reminded that the phone must be turned off and remain in their backpack (in their locker) for the entire school day. Legacy Christian is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged phones.
Phones that are seen by teachers during the school day, that ring in class or that are being used in class for texting or picture use will be confiscated and held at school for one week. Thank you so much for your understanding and your support.
Incidentally, if you have access to the internet I encourage you to look up the March 16, 2009 essay by Nancy Gibbs that ran in TIME magazine. Ms. Gibbs expresses some "cell phone second thoughts" that I found to be interesting and thought provoking...both as an educator and as a parent.
2. One of our LCS parents recently encouraged me to write a bit about internet monitoring, being aware of our young people's social networking, etc. I found their encouragement very appropriate. We have certainly run similar information in this newsletter in the past but it bears repetition. www.OnGuardonline.gov is a very helpful website that includes good information for both parents and young people. Please consider the following tips taken from their web site:
 - Help your kids understand what information should be private.
 - Use privacy settings to restrict who can access and post on your child's website.
 - Explain that kids should post only information that you and they are comfortable with others seeing.
 - Remind your kids that once they post information online, they can't take it back.
 - Know how your kids are getting online.
 - Talk to your kids about bullying.
 - Talk to your kids about avoiding sex talk online.
 - Tell your kids to trust their gut if they have suspicions.
 - Read and understand sites' privacy policies.
 - Take extra steps to protect younger kids.
 - Go where your kids go online.
 - Review your child's friends list.

Have a good week,
Mr. Bonnema