

# Legacy Link



## General Announcements

*The Staff at Legacy Christian wishes you a safe, relaxing Spring Break!*

- **The school offices** will be closed from Friday, April 3, through Friday, April 10, for Spring Break.
- **Report Cards were** sent home last Friday. Please sign and return the envelope as soon as possible.
- **Please visit the West Campus Gym tonight** (Wednesday) some time between 5:30 and 7:00 to see the projects 7th and 8th graders did for Research Week. Everyone is welcome--parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends!
- **The Finance Committee** would like to remind parents who make three lump sum payments that your third (and final) payment is due by April 15, 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 west campus office at 455-3860.
- **Whitecaps 2009 Reading Club:** Don't forget to show your teacher your completed Whitecaps Reading Club bookmark by **tomorrow** in order to receive a ticket order form. All bookmarks must be accompanied by a completed individual ticket order form to be redeemed! *Great job to all of the students who read the entire 450 minutes during the month of March!*
- **Last call for all "Quarters for a Cure"** quarters AND canisters. Please return your film canister filled or unfilled so we can reuse and recycle the canisters and count how many quarters we have collected for our Relay for Life team, that will be walking to find a cure for cancer! More details will be coming home after spring break!
- **Don't forget!** Legacy's Sub/Soup sale begins Wednesday, April 15. Stock up for easy lunches or quick meals in the busy spring season!
- **Plans are being made for our Grandparents' Day on May 1.** The elementary students are busy learning songs for their musical "Roamin' in Romans". They will be performing for Grandparents and Special Friends at 9:00 am on the 1st. West campus bands, orchestras and choirs will also be performing for grandparents immediately before and after lunch. A more detailed schedule of the day will be mailed to grandparents and sent home with the newsletter after spring break. The elementary students will also be performing their musical for parents on Thursday night, April 30, at 6:30 pm in the elementary school gym.
- **There is still time to sign up for the** Crop for Legacy scrapbooking party on Saturday, April 18, even if you didn't buy a ticket at the auction. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (IPOD and older). Call Joan Stob at 949-8170 (home) or 827-2631 (school) by Tuesday, April 14. Digital scrapbookers: a wireless connection to the Internet will be available.
- **Would you like to be a part** of the summer cleaning crew at LCS? Pick up an application at the west campus office.
- **Legacy Christian Golf Outing** form is being sent home with today's newsletter. Sign up today!

### UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

<b>April</b>	
3	<b>SPRING BREAK BEGINS—NO SCHOOL</b>
6-10	<b>SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL</b>
13	Classes Resume
15	Legacy Sub/Soup Sale begins
16	7th/8th grd Ford Fieldhouse Nite (6-9:30pm)
17	Pre-school Grandparents' Day
23	Tuition & Tips Strategies Meeting (7 pm)
25	Dine with Seven to Nine (6:30 pm)
28	MS Variety Show
30	Grandparents' Day Musical for Parents

### AUCTION ITEMS

**We have a few items that** are still available for those families who weren't able to attend the auction. Stop at the elementary before Spring Break to purchase:

- Kindergarten self portraits
- Classroom books for Mrs. Broekhuizen and Mrs. Vredevoogd's class are available to order
- 3rd/4th grade teachers' "Games Galore"
- Limited number of 4th grade car wash coupons.
- 5th grade "Spiritual Vitamins" book to order
- Limited number of IPOD teachers' "Early Bird Special" coupons
- 8th grade "O'Keefe" note card sets

**ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES**

- **Weekly Worship** was combined today with West Campus students! What a blessing to experience all the students worshipping together!
- **The 3rd Graders' recycle challenge** ended on Friday, March 27! Thanks so much for your wonderful response to this project.
- **TV Turn-off week** is coming! Consider turning off the TV with your family for just one week so that you can do things like read, hike, play games, and ride bikes. Consider taking this challenge from April 20-26!
- **Anyone interested** in helping to put together field day for our elementary students, or to help run the events on the day of May 14, please call Joel Leegwater at 827-2601 or the elementary office at 455-0310.

***Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits***

Have you ever focused on the gift of a day or time of rest? Last Saturday night I came home from the auction tired, with sore feet and legs, but excited with how well the auction had gone. I had a hard time falling asleep and woke up often throughout the night. Sunday morning came all too soon. But God in His wisdom gave us the gift of a day of rest and worship. While I was tempted to try to catch up on things I had not finished on Saturday because of the time I spent preparing for the auction, I felt it was necessary to use this gift of rest and worship. I ended the day refreshed and eager to come to school and face the challenges of the week.

How often do we take this gift for granted or misuse it by filling our Sunday with so many activities that we do not experience rest and renewal. In our culture we are always tempted to do more. This has crept into our Sabbath as well. I'm guilty of that. What a reminder for me to not misuse this gift from God!

***SCHOOL FAMILY PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS***

Pray for safety for all the Legacy families who will be traveling over Spring Break and for those who will be staying close to home.

**WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES**

- **West Campus Chapel**—Mr. Ponstine—April 15
- **5th Graders** will be bowling tomorrow, April 2, from 12:30-2:20 at Spectrum Lanes.
- **"A Walk Through Passion Week"** pictures are available in CD format. If you would like this collection of pictures, send a CD (labeled with your child's name) to any of the IPOD teachers and we will make a copy in CD format for you.
- **The Variety Show** is scheduled for April 28 at SCHS. Save the date for some laughs and entertainment. Tryouts for the acts will be Wednesday, April 15.
- **Middle School Gym Night** Gym night has been re-scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at Ford Fieldhouse. Buses will leave at 6 pm from the West Campus and return at 9:30 pm. There is no cost for a night of swimming, basketball, volleyball, and pizza. Please remember the required swim wear for girls, one pieces or tankinis.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** - Did you know that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Legacy have the opportunity to serve the needy in our community by volunteering their time at a local mobile food pantry? Those who have already participated will tell you that they've been blessed. The next opportunity for this is on Wed., April 15. Please encourage the middle schooler in your life to sign up in the office to be a part of this wonderful ministry. The time commitment is about 2 hours. More information is available in the west campus office – or contact Amy Hoekzema [ahoekzema@legacycs.org](mailto:ahoekzema@legacycs.org)

**SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE**

***GIRLS SOFTBALL***

APRIL 23	MOLINE	AWAY
APRIL 28	DUTTON	HOME

***BOYS BASEBALL***

APRIL 23	MOLINE	AWAY
APRIL 28	DUTTON	HOME

***SOCCER***

APRIL 17	HUDSONVILLE	AWAY-4:00
APRIL 28	CALVARY SCHLS OF HOLLAND	AWAY
APRIL 29	KNAPP	HOME

***TRACK***

APRIL 29	DUTTON & HOLLAND CHR. SCHOOLS	At Byron Public
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### PTO NEWS

- **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 Suffering Servant. "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) We prayed that our students may be able to confess their sins, and know that "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret." (II Corinthians 7:10a). 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 Miss Boerman, Mrs. Walters, and Mr. DeYoung. The next Monday morning meeting will be at 8:30 am on April 13 at the home of Janine Brouwer (1130-59<sup>th</sup> St., Kentwood). The next evening MIT meeting is planned for Monday, April 20, at 7:00 pm in the Elementary library. For information, contact Janine Brouwer ([janinerb@juno.com](mailto:janinerb@juno.com), 455-9484).

### AUCTION NOTES

Thank you, thank you! We raised over \$27,000 for tuition assistance on Saturday evening at Legacy's third annual auction. Special thanks to all of you who came out to enjoy the fun and fellowship. Thank you for bidding often and supporting our school with your financial gifts. Thank you for the many creative and generous donations you gave to make the auction possible. Thank you to the auction committee (Marcie Apple, Michelle Barbrick, Jodi Bos, Jill Ellens, Tom Elzinga, Lynn Fennema, Angie Latvaitis, Patty Lobbezoo, Lois Madden, Mike Mahon, Todd Mulder, Tom Nykamp, Mary Rottman, Kristi Samdal, Tiffany Snyder, Jim VerHoef, Kim VanderHill, Heidi Wassink) for their hard work and endless energy in planning and working on the various committees. Thanks, too, to our table sponsors, Ajacs Die Sales—Scott and Mike Wierenga, Berends, Hendricks, Stuit Insurance, Bredeway and Zylstra—Dave Zylstra, Broadmoor Motor Sales, Buist Electric, DJ's Lawn Service, Harvest Health Foods, Morgan Stanley Investments—Greg Bootsma, NAI of West Michigan—Rod Alderink, Steve & Joy Petersen, Paris Motors—David Niewiek, Thomas Nykamp, D.D.S., Pylman Power, Inc., who added \$6500 to help offset expenses and to add to our total amount raised. We also thank All-Star Printing for their help. We indeed are blessed!

### TRIP

There is **one Thursday left before Spring Break** to stock up on your TRIP! Be sure to think ahead what you might need in TRIP for the week off (April 6-10) and inform your relatives who buy TRIP.

**Monday orders placed on March 30 must be picked up by the end of the school day on April 2.**

**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 April 13 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.

### New to TRIP:

**Starlite Kitchens & Baths and Village Flooring:** 5% of cabinetry & flooring orders, 3% of countertops & tile orders. Contact Starlite Kitchens & Baths at 583-9304 and Village Flooring at 878-5000. They are both located at 365 84<sup>th</sup> St. SW in Byron Center.

### 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%)

### 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%

### **Have a wonderful Spring Break!**

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](mailto:legacytrip@sbcglobal.net).

### TRASH FOR CASH

Remember to turn in all your plastic Michigan Apple bags by today! Thank you.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The SCHS Drama Department** will be holding its Drama Camp June 8—12. During the week students will learn the fundamentals of effective drama in the morning, then put those ideas into practice in rehearsals in the afternoon as they prepare to present a short play and other items at a Friday program. The camp is offered to any students from grades 6 on up. Cost is \$75 and includes a camp t-shirt. If you have any questions call Bob De Weerd at 455-3210 or e-mail him at bdeweerd@schs.org. Registration forms available at feeder schools and on our website [www.schs.org/extracurricular/drama](http://www.schs.org/extracurricular/drama).
- **Attention horse lovers** in middle school, grades 6-8. SCH is offering a Junior Equestrian team for interested students that own or have access to a horse and would like to show. There will be one show on June 20, 2009 at the Holland Western Club located in Holland, MI. If you would like to join or need more information, please call either coaches Dot or Sherri Zoppa at 616-891-9630. We are planning on a few practices before the meet.
- **Foreign Language Camp at Calvin College**, June 8 - 12, 2009, 9:30-12:00 pm. Games, songs, hands-on crafts, fun activities for learning words and phrases and more! For children ages 7-10. Choose from: French, German, Japanese or Swahili. Cost: \$100. Registration: in early spring, go to <http://www.calvin.edu/go/camps> (foreign language camps) for online registration information. For more information, email Renée VanKeulen at [rvkeulen@calvin.edu](mailto:rvkeulen@calvin.edu) or call 616-526-6361. Brochures are available from your school office.
- **The 8th Graders of Byron Center Christian School Request Your Participation** -This spring, the 8th graders are conducting an experiment to see how small changes in your diet and the amount of exercise you get in a day affect your health. We are asking for your help! We would like children, teens, adults, and even grandparents to join. The experiment starts on Friday this week and finishes up on May 8 so we are only asking for you to volunteer for 6 weeks. We are asking that you add at least 10 minutes of exercise to your day about 5 times a week and that you try to add one extra serving of fruit or vegetables to your current diet each day. To track how these changes are affecting you, we are asking that each day you exercise, you record what you have done on a simple form located at the following link: <https://sites.google.com/a/bccs.org/exercisestudy/>. The results of our study will be published at this web site on May 22, 2009. We hope you will join us in staying fit and active!

### FINAL THOUGHTS

The school board recently approved our 2009-2010 school calendar. A lot of work and consideration went into this topic. The end result is not only a calendar for next year, but also some overall guiding principles for future calendar formation at Legacy Christian. As approved, these principles are:

- There is a connection between LCS and the South Suburban Christian Schools that we wish to recognize through our school calendar. LCS should participate in the SSCS common calendar formation process and should whenever possible coordinate major events such as the first day of school and major holidays.
- LCS should make every effort to have two week Christmas vacations even if the SSCS common calendar does not. If Christmas occurs on a weekend this may not be advisable. By following that pattern we hope to eliminate several possible school days that we could be in session without receiving public school bus service.
- The LCS school calendar will not show less than 175 student days and 4 professional days.
- The LCS school calendar will always meet or exceed the state of Michigan's required amount of hours.
- LCS school calendar decisions are made with educational benefit to students as the overriding factor of consideration.

Some important dates from next year's calendar are:

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| a. August 31      | First day of school                         |
| b. October 22-23  | Christian Educator's Association Convention |
| c. November 26-27 | Thanksgiving vacation                       |
| d. Dec. 21-Jan. 3 | Christmas vacation                          |
| e. January 18     | Records Day – No school                     |
| f. Feb. 19–22     | Mid-Winter break                            |
| g. Apr. 2-11      | Spring break                                |
| h. May 31         | Memorial Day                                |
| i. June 4         | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade graduation            |
| J. June 8         | Last day of school                          |

As soon as various events such as concerts, etc. are added to this calendar we will send home a hard copy for your convenience. In the meantime you may want to record these dates for your handy reference.

Have an excellent week and an excellent spring vacation with your children,

Mr. Bonnema