

# Legacy Link



## General Announcements

- **Newsletter announcements** need to be in to the elementary office by **noon** on Tuesdays. You can also e-mail announcements to [gveenstra@legacycs.org](mailto:gveenstra@legacycs.org).
- **Newsletter Distribution**—your youngest child in grades K-8 should have received a newsletter today. Please ask your student for these each week and read them! They contain a lot of important information.
- **Magazine sales continue at Legacy Christian.** Please contact either school office if you have not been called or visited by one of our middle school students. This fundraiser is a fantastic way to support our students while securing magazine subscriptions at excellent prices. Sale ends Sept. 23rd. Thank you for your consideration.
- **Green Health Forms**—are needed for all students in *Preschool, Developmental Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 6th grade*, and *all students new to Legacy* this year. Your green health forms must be returned to either school office as soon as possible!!
- **Peanut Allergies**—due to the fact that we have some students at Legacy who have severe peanut allergies, we are requesting that all school sponsored events are “peanut free”. Please do not serve anything that contains peanuts or peanut oil. Thanks!
- **Tylenol Use**—If you **DO NOT** want Tylenol or Ibuprofen administered to your student while at school, please call either school office.
- **Mark your calendars** for the Fall PTO meeting. Plan to attend the Fall PTO meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7:00 pm in the west campus band room. Come and meet the 2009-2010 PTO Board members, see what we have planned for this year, and hear more information about our upcoming Craft Sale. We will also let you know where opportunities are still available for you to help.
- **Can you help?** Periodically, throughout the school year, we put out school related bulk mailings. It's a large job and many hands make light work! We would like to keep a list of names of people we could call when help is needed. Please call the elementary office (455-0310) to volunteer!
- **We have a few openings** in our 3's preschool program (meets Tuesday, Thursday mornings) and our afternoon 4's program (meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoons). If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them contact our elementary school office (455-0310).
- **We would like to give special thanks** to our “Care and Connections” committee. What a great turnout for our all school picnic last Monday!

### School Family Praises and Prayer Requests

We would like to list any prayer requests or praises we have in our school family. Please call the elementary office with any praises or concerns. We know the power of prayer and covet the ability to uphold the needs of our school family before our Lord in prayer.

### **UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS**

#### **September**

10/11	Preschool classes begin
16	Sports Physicals at West Campus (6:30-9 pm)
22	Fall PTO mtg -West Campus band room (7 pm)
23-25	7th Grade Outdoor Education Camp
25	Entertainment Book Sale ends

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALE INFORMATION**

The Entertainment Book sale begins today and ends on September 25. Please take a moment to browse through the book and consider purchasing one or selling one to friends or family for ONLY \$20.00! Notice the four \$5 gift cards on the front of the book - use these and the book pays for itself! If you choose NOT to participate in the sale, just put the book back into the bag and return to school. If you DO decide to buy/sell some books, please return the money in the envelope that came with the book. If you need additional books you may send the money back to school and the envelopes will be looked through each week and we will send the books home with your students. ALL STUDENTS WHO RETURN THEIR BOOK OR MONEY BY THE 25TH WILL GET THEIR NAME IN A DRAWING TO WIN A FREE BOOK!! PLUS, EACH CLASS WHO TURNS IN THEIR BOOKS OR MONEY ON TIME WILL BE TREATED TO A FROZEN SURPRISE! Entertainment Books is also offering some fantastic prizes - these are listed on the sheet that came in the bag. This year we will once again just be sending the books home with the elementary students. However, middle school students/families can also win prizes - they just need to pick up their books out of the west campus office. Any questions, please call Deb Oskam at 281-6565. Thanks!

## ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship**— (Fridays 8:15) Our first elementary weekly worship will take place this Friday, Sept. 11, at 8:15 am with Mrs. Pfruender.
- **We need help on our playground!** We have some names in place from the PTO forms, but we need more! 2 parents and 2 teachers are scheduled each noon to supervise from approximately 12:00-12:30. We also need a parent to supervise before school begins (7:40-8:00 am) on Tuesday mornings while staff are in devotions. If you would like to help out, please call the elementary office at 455-0310.

### Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

Thank you, to the many parents who are faithful in wearing their nametags when they are at school. It helps us learn your name and promotes community. Knowing someone's name is the first step in getting to know other parents and feeling like you belong. It also helps our staff recognize if there is a stranger in either of our buildings. This promotes safety. It is one of the key factors in preventing potentially dangerous situations in schools. If you are wearing your nametag, it isn't necessary that you stop in the office when you are at school. If you forgot your nametag we ask that you stop in the office to sign in (and out when you leave) and pick up a visitor card.

### **WELCOME NEW LEGACY FAMILIES!**

- Robert & Irene Brus—Kaitlyn (2nd), Kallie (1st)
- Chris & Carla Burns—Bethany (2nd)
- Kevin & Jodie DeVries—Jack (DK)
- Rachelle Douma—Kaylin (3rd)
- Jay & Sarah Dykla—Grace (2nd)
- Brian & Holly Hager—Daniel (DK)
- Greg & Jennifer Helder—Samantha (Kdgn)
- David & Nicky Kooistra—Ayva (2nd), Wyatt (DK)
- Brian & Lisa Marzolino—Jack (Kdgn)
- Jason & Holly McGavin—Ashley (Kdgn)
- Jason & Tam Nguyen—Tristie (Kdgn)
- Jae & Young Seo—Irene (Sang Yeon) Choi (8th)
- Dave & Donna Sinnema—Zach (7th)
- Brent & Tricia Springvloed—Carissa (1st)
- Valerie Taylor—Paige Thomas (7th)
- Tim & Angela VanSolkema—Chandler (Kdgn)

Next week we will list Legacy's new preschool families.

## WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel**—Sept. 14—Amy Hoekzema
- **The magazine sale is in full swing!** Profits from this sale enable LCS to cover items such as class trips, athletic equipment, student activities, field trips, etc. without charging a student activity fee. Your favorite magazines can be ordered or renewed through our program. Feel free to contact one of our middle school students or either school office for further information.
- **Sports Physicals** will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 6:30-9:00 pm at the west campus. All sports participants must have an updated form on file for 2009-2010; this includes 6th graders who intend to do track in the spring. Forms are available in the west campus office. Cost is \$10.
- **7th & 8th grade parents** - we still have many non-perishable items that we would like donated for various staff appreciation treats throughout the year. Look in your "back to school" packet, that was mailed to you, for the complete list. Call or email Joy Lotterman to donate an item(s), or to see what is left to donate (656-9178, jlotterman@bcpsk12.net). Thanks for your help! The Staff Appreciation Committee

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS**

#### Soccer

Sept. 17	DUTTON	AWAY
Sept. 18	BYRON	AWAY

#### 8th grade volleyball

Sept. 14	BYRON	AWAY
Sept. 17	DUTTON	AWAY

#### 7th grade volleyball-1

Sept. 15	BYRON-1	AWAY(3:45)
Sept. 17	DUTTON-1	HOME(3:45)

#### 7th grade volleyball-2

Sept. 15	BYRON-2	AWAY(4:45)
Sept. 17	DUTTON-2	HOME(4:45)

### **LEGACY STUDENTS SERVE**

Legacy Christian School staff is committed to leading our students to understand that one of their greatest privileges in life is to be Christ's hands, feet, lips and heart in the world. To begin this year, we want our students to realize that serving can be done easily right where we are – for each other and at our school. Because we care for our school and the needs of our school community, we want to encourage our students to serve each other in small ways. Each of the grades is responsible for a "school help project" which will usually be done weekly throughout the year. It may be picking up trash on the playground, emptying recycling bins, wiping door handles, or some other small job. Check in with your child over the next couple of weeks to see how your child's class is serving in his or her school community.

### **MOMS IN TOUCH**

As our children start the school year, we would do well to consider God's words to us from Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." All mothers of Legacy students are invited to pray together for our children, Legacy teachers and staff, and the Legacy community. No prior experience in prayer groups is needed, there is no preparation prior to attending, and the only thing needed to bring is a heart open to God's blessing! The Monday morning meetings begin on September 14 at 8:30 am in the elementary library, and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. Watch the school newsletter for future announcements regarding meetings of an evening prayer group. For more information, contact Janine Brouwer-janinerb@juno.com or 455-9484.

### **TRASH FOR CASH**

- **Everyone should** have received their blue Trash for Cash label refunding flyer with the weekly newsletter. If you didn't, please get one from the office. It outlines all our programs and drop off information.
- **Watch the stores** for bonus BoxTops and Campbell's points offers and contests. A lot of them come out right when school starts.
- **Avery office supplies and Green Giant** have been added to the Box Top family this year.
- **BoxTops is running** a contest for 500,000 BoxTops (\$50,000) right now. It runs until October 31 and you can enter every day! Type in [www.TheBigClip.com](http://www.TheBigClip.com) and follow the prompts (you need our school's zip code for one screen - 49548) and then basic info from there. It is very simple and you can sign up for coupon alerts and a newsletter along the way. Give it a try!

### **PTO INFORMATION**

- **Shopper Ads** come out once a month and are included with the newsletter. This is a list of ads for services, items for sale, advertising a home business, job opening, etc. This is published on the last Wednesday of every month. Cost is 10 cents per word. Our first shopper ads will be published on Sept. 30. Please bring any ad you would like included to the elementary office by Monday, Sept. 28.
- You are invited to the fall PTO meeting to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7:00 pm in the band room at the west campus. All the plans for the new year will be discussed!
- The Legacy Craft Sale is Saturday, Nov. 7! We need every family's help to make this year a huge success. Please fill out and return your craft sale volunteer form as soon as possible!

### **TRIP**

The beginning of a new school year is a great time to sign up for a TRIP account or get in the habit of using TRIP regularly! You receive credit on your tuition account by simply buying gift cards for things that you normally would purchase like gas, groceries and supplies. You can even pay your Kohl's credit card bills with TRIP gift cards.

If you want information on how TRIP works or how to sign up for TRIP, please contact Mara Koning (827-9548) or email [legacytrip@sbcglobal.net](mailto:legacytrip@sbcglobal.net).

\*\*Note new time for Monday order drop off:

**There are two ways to participate in T.R.I.P.:**

- 1) **Monday orders** -Your TRIP order form and check need to be in one of the TRIP boxes (located near each building's office door) by **8:30 am (new time) on Mondays**. Filled orders can be picked up on Thursdays at the school office you have designated on your registration form or sent home with a middle school student if you have signed a release form. If you have a change in pick up location, please note that on the order form.
- 2) **Cash and Carry** - Purchase gift cards/certificates from our TRIP inventory with cash or check at the TRIP office (located at the west campus building) from 7:45-10:00 am on **Thursdays**. Please note that if school is not in session on a Thursday, then Cash and Carry is not available.

Remember that **JCPenney** no longer takes TRIP gift cards to pay your JCPenney credit card bills. You may still buy JCPenney gift cards to pay for purchases in the store.

### **New to TRIP Inventory:**

Meijer \$25, \$50 & \$100 gift cards @ 3%  
Aeropostale \$25 gift cards @ 6%  
Starbucks \$25 gift cards, as well as \$10 gift cards  
Panera \$25 gift cards, as well as \$10 gift cards

**Performance Plus** is offering a gift card for \$35 (the cost of an oil change), \$50 and \$100 @ 4%. The closest locations to school are at 355 28<sup>th</sup> St. SE and 2211 28<sup>th</sup> St. SW. **These cards must be ordered on a Monday order form.**

Mary Kay representative **Amy Sytsma** is offering 5% in TRIP benefit back to customers who purchase their Mary Kay products from her. A customer would pay Amy for the total purchase, then she will write a check to TRIP for the percentage toward the family's account. Make sure she knows you want the TRIP credit! Contact her at [asysma@yahoo.com](mailto:asysma@yahoo.com)

### **Changes to TRIP Inventory:**

Eddie Bauer gift cards no longer available.  
Auntie Anne's gift cards no longer available.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **South Christian High School** will be hosting a blood drive on **Monday, Sept. 21**, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Walk ins welcome.
- **South Christian Music Boosters** will be hosting the September Travelogue featuring Don & Fran VanPolen's "A Taste of Old Holland" on **Friday, Sept. 25**, at 7:30 pm. The program will be at South Christian in the auditorium. Proceeds benefit the Music Boosters at South Christian High School. Tickets can be purchased in advance at SCHS office. Tickets are \$5 adults/\$2.50 children.
- **Outdoor Wiffleball Tournament**—Saturday, Sept. 19, at Caledonia CRC. (corner of 100th and East Beltline). Cost is \$20 per team, money is refunded if team plays all scheduled games. 3 different times and age brackets ranging from noon until 6 pm. Registration forms available in the elementary office.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

The H1N1 virus is "front and center" in the news as our nation's schools begin the 2009-2010 school year. At Legacy Christian we have received a number of helpful bulletins from both our state and federal departments of education. Many non-profit organizations are also sharing information with us.

Most of the materials we have received about H1N1 are very similar to the information you have been seeing and reading at home. In this article I simply want to share some highlights that pertain directly to schools and share information about how we are responding at Legacy Christian. Please know that we began talking about this subject as a staff during our opening meetings several weeks ago. Knowing that schools are an excellent place for transfer, we are committed to doing what we can to prevent the spread of colds, the flu and other contagious diseases.

### ***Highlights gleaned from educational bulletins:***

-Students and staff are encouraged to stay home when sick. In addition, students and staff should remain at home for 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever.

-Students and staff who exhibit a flu-like illness at school should be separated from others as soon as possible. They should remain in a private room while waiting for parents or guardians to pick them up from school.

-Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are being stressed like never before. Washing hands frequently with soap and water and covering noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow when no tissue is available) are basic sanitary practices that are even more important to stress this year. All teachers were also given several bottles of hand sanitizer at the beginning of the year. Already the teachers are establishing some new routines in their rooms and are sharing their good ideas with each other. Would you be willing to help us by sending in one or two bottles of hand sanitizer and perhaps a box or two of tissues? This would enable our staff to lay in an excellent supply before winter without becoming a burden on our cleaning and maintenance budget.

-Schools continue to be encouraged to regularly clean high traffic areas with disinfectants. In addition to the good work done by our custodial staff, every classroom is being given appropriate supplies. Again, the staff and students are developing excellent routines designed to contain the spread of the flu or flu-like illnesses.

-Schools are being encouraged to do what they can to practice containment. In a change from last year, schools are not encouraged to immediately close if students or staff are diagnosed with H1N1. Rather, we are being encouraged to balance the risks of flu in our community with the disruption dismissals will cause in both education and the wider community.

Have a great week and a healthy year!

Mr. Bonnema