

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **Advance Note – Calendar Change**—Please make the following important change to your 2009-2010 school calendar. Legacy Christian, along with all other South Suburban Christian Schools, will only have ½ day of school on Wednesday, October 21. Our school will dismiss at 11:30 am. Afternoon preschool and developmental kindergarten will not meet on the 21st. The school board decided to make this change to enable our teachers to participate in professional development meetings with teachers from the other South Suburban Christian Schools. Thank you for making this adjustment to your calendar and to your plans.
- **Notes for non-custodial parents:** If your child(ren) have a non-custodial parent who would like to receive newsletters and other school information, please contact either office with their name and address so we can send them this information.
- **Final Week for the Entertainment Books!** Please return your Entertainment Book or money by this Friday, Sept. 25. Remember, if the entire class brings their book or money back by then they will receive an ice cream treat! In addition to that, everyone who returns the items on time will be entered into a drawing to receive a free book! If you have any questions, please contact Deb Oskam at 281-6565. Thanks!
- **The October Hot Lunch** menu is included with today's newsletter.
- **Dine with Seven to Nine**—Saturday, Oct. 17, please see the invitation to this fun evening included with today's newsletter. Send back to either school office!
- **Occasionally we use pictures** of students in our promotional materials and on our webpage. We do not list student names. If you do not want your student's picture used for these purposes, please notify either school office.
- **School pictures**—PreK (3)'s, 5th—7th graders will have their pictures taken next Thursday, Oct. 1, and Prek (4's) through 4th grade will have their pictures taken on Friday, Oct. 2. Please return the envelope, which was sent home with last week's newsletter, on the day of pictures. More forms available in either school office.
- **We would like to welcome** Calvin teacher aides Esther Kim and Meghan McCarthy who are helping Mary Pfruender and Naomi Lyzenga.
- **Shopper Ads** are due on Monday, Sept. 28, to be included with the Sept. 30 newsletter. 10 cents per word.
- **Parents, Grandparents, etc...** Turkey donations and turkey cookers are needed before we assemble turkey roll-ups. If you are willing to either purchase a turkey to donate, or cook, or both, please contact Julie Theule at 827-8127 by October 8.

Speech Therapy

Eligible Legacy Christian School students receive speech therapy services through Kentwood Public Schools. Mrs. Ana Taruc will be the speech pathologist providing services to our school this year. Parents whose students have received services in the past should have had information sent to their home from Kentwood.

School Family Praises and Prayer Requests

- We offer praise for Pete and Sue Beintema (Tyler-5th, Rhiannon-3rd) as Pete was able to return home this past week! God is good!

FUN FACTS

Last year our elementary school students collected clean lunch trays that could be recycled. 1,486 Styrofoam trays were collected, brought to the recycling center, and kept out of our landfills!

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

September

- 23 Magazine Sale ends
- 23-25 7th Grade Outdoor Education Camp
- 25 Entertainment Book Sale ends

October

- 1-2 School pictures (Prek—7th)
- 17 Dine with Seven to Nine (6 pm)
- 21 **1/2 day of school -dismiss at 11:30**
- 22-23 **NO SCHOOL—CEA Convention**
- 26-27 Vision & Hearing screenings
- 30 End of 1st quarter

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship** (Friday 8:15) All school singing
- **Thank you to the South Chr.** students who came last week and helped out in various classrooms as part of their service day!
- **Preschool parents**—please return your green health forms to the office before Sept. 28. We need current forms on file for all the students. Thanks!
- **Advance Notice: Sally Foster Sale** will begin on October 7 and end October 21. The packets will be sent home with newsletter carriers on October 7.

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel**—Sept. 28: Bob Frens
- **West Campus Chapel**—Sept. 30: Small groups
- **7th graders left for Outdoor Education Camp** today with the 7th graders from the other feeder schools. Pray for safety, tolerable weather and a good time for all!
- **The Magazine Sale** ended today. Please turn in any late order to the office by this Friday.

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

Attached to the Legacy Link today is an invitation to "Dine with Seven to Nine". The Care and Connections committee organized a similar night last spring. Parents enjoyed the opportunity to get to know some other parents who send their children to Legacy and asked if we could do it again, earlier in the school year. It is planned for Saturday night, October 17. This event is for all Legacy parents, not only those who are new to our school. Take a minute to read the details in the attached note and send it back to either office. We look forward to fellowshipping together!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Soccer

SEPT. 29	HUDSONVILLE	HOME
OCT. 1	HOPE	AWAY

8th grade volleyball

OCT. 1	HOPE	AWAY
OCT. 6	MOLINE	HOME

7th grade volleyball-1

SEPT. 29	HOPE	HOME
OCT. 6	MOLINE	AWAY

7th grade volleyball-2

SEPT. 29	HERITAGE	AWAY
OCT. 1	HOPE	HOME

Talent Development Night Thursday, October 1, 2009

from 7 – 8 pm in the Middle School Music Room

Mrs. Stob will talk about

*Enrichment Groups

*Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search

*Odyssey of the Mind

*Academic Competitions

*Middle school math acceleration

and answer any questions you might have about the Talent Development program at Legacy Christian. All are welcome.

MOMS IN TOUCH

This week in our prayer meeting we praised "the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" (II Cor. 1:3b-4). We prayed that Legacy students may "encourage one another and build each other up" (I Thes.5:11).

All mothers of Legacy students are invited to pray together for our children, LCS teachers and staff, and the LCS 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! At our next meeting we plan to pray specifically for Mr. Michewicz, Mrs. Ashby, and Mrs. Vredevoogd. The next Monday morning meeting is planned for Sept. 28 at 8:30 am in the Elementary library. Watch the newsletter for future announcements regarding meetings of an evening prayer group.

CRAFT SALE 2009 Saturday, November 7th

Specific NEEDS are:

- Coordinator for the "Game Time" booth . . . a collection of gently used board and electronic games.
- Coordinator for the "Play It Again Sports" booth . . . a collection of gently used sports equipment.
- Coordinator for the "Tool Time" booth . . . a collection of gently used tools.

Any of these would be great for a Dad or Mom to volunteer to do!!

- Parents are still needed to help ensure the Craft Sale runs smoothly on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Please block out time on your calendar, especially Saturday afternoon between 1-4 pm, to come and help! Work bee dates and times will be announced as soon as possible. Also needed are individuals to donate cakes, soups and pies for the Kountry Kitchen booth.
- If you have already turned in your yellow volunteer form, THANK YOU!! If you need one to fill out, they are available in the office at both campuses. Questions about the Craft Sale? Do you have a great idea? Contact Kim VanderHill (dkhillcrew8@aol.com, 532-0551) or Julie Kruithof (john-kruithof@att.net, 531-0867).

TRASH FOR CASH

- Please note that the Campbell's cookbook web site name does not have a hyphen in it as it appeared in last week's newsletter. The web site is www.LFFcookbooks.com. Sorry for any confusion.
- If you have any Tyson labels at home, please turn them in. I only need 10 more for our submission of 200.
- October 31 is the deadline for our first Box Tops submission of the school year. It seems too early for that, but the last one was actually 8 months ago. The fall submission is always our biggest. Please clean out your stash from the summer and start turning them in. It helps even out the work load as the deadline approaches. Thank you.

TRIP

TRIP would love to have a few new faces to help on Thursday mornings at Cash & Carry. We are looking for people who can work at the counter from 7:45-10:00 am handing out orders or assist the computer entry person with check recording, stamping, and alphabetizing of orders. Contact Mara Koning at 827-9548 about your interest. We especially need the extra help closer to the holiday season.

Did you know that you can pay for your trash with TRIP? The following trash companies participate in TRIP:

- **Allied Waste (formerly Sunset Waste)** offers \$20 and \$25 gift certificates @ 10%
- **Bob's Disposal** offers \$20 gift certificates @ 5%
- **Everkept** offers 4% rebate mailed back to the school if you pay your bill in full and note on the bill stub your school and TRIP account number

****Note new time for Monday order drop off in TRIP boxes is 8:30 am.**

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.

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

Guitar Center \$25 gift cards @ 3%, must be ordered with a Monday order

Shear Attitudes Hair & Tanning Salon has been added to our list of TRIP retailers. The salon is owned by a South Christian parent, Linda Foster. You may order a gift certificate of any amount with a 14% benefit. The salon also does manicures and pedicures. It is located at 4624 N. M37, Suite B in Middleville; phone number is 269-795-4254.

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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **Special Friends/Grandparents** of the SCHS Community: We will be holding our annual Special Friends/Grandparents Day on Friday, Oct. 9, from 8:45-11:30 am. Come enjoy a special chapel and spend time with our students.
- **Sunshine's 2009 Fall Arts & Crafts show**, Saturday, Oct. 10th. The Christian Ed Committee of Sunshine Community Church is hosting this show on Saturday, the 10th, from 9 am to 3 pm. Over 90 quality Arts and Crafts Booths, Food, Music, Fellowship, Family time. Located at 3300 East Beltline, between 3 & 4 Mile Roads. Bring your friends and make a day of it! Admission is free!
- **Host an International Student!** International Student Exchange is looking for host families for the Jan. 2010 semester and 2010/2011 school year. Your family can make a difference in the life of a teenager from across the world. Any caring family can make great hosts? Contact area representative, Jodie DeVries at 616-916-0859 or Jodie@cruiseholidays.com.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Last year our school began a new small group program for our middle school (gr. 7-8) students. The leaders of each of these groups were parents of the students and staff members of the school. These leaders were asked to:

- a. Encourage the kids to have regular daily devotions
- b. Share personal faith stories.
- c. Provide a positive role model.
- d. Develop meaningful, open, honest relationship with the students.
- e. Show their interest in the students through their regular commitment to the group.
- f. Encourage proper sharing and questioning within the confines of appropriate confidentiality.
- g. Encourage students in their home life, church life, school life, attitudes and other relationships.

Feedback from both students and leaders was very positive last year. In fact, many are eager to continue our small group program this year. However, we have a bit of a problem that I hope you may view as an opportunity!

We currently do not have enough leaders to operate this program effectively. Middle school parents, like many of us, are busy people. Other responsibilities are keeping many from being able to volunteer in this capacity. Even if your children are not yet in middle school, would you be able to help? Or, do you know someone who would be an excellent small group leader who does not have children or whose children are no longer in middle school?

There is absolutely no reason why our small group leaders have to be parents of our current middle school students. We, more importantly the students, need consideration from a much greater pool of adults.

Qualifications include being a mature Christian who enjoys young people and is excited about being a positive influence in their lives. Also, availability on Wednesday mornings between 8:00 and 8:35 is important.

If this opportunity interests you, or if you simply would like more information, please contact me as soon as possible. I would be happy to talk with you about our small group program.

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema