

### General Announcements

- **School pictures—PreK (3)'s, 5th—7th graders** will have their pictures taken tomorrow, 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 previously, on the day of pictures. If a student is not ordering, please send the envelope back to school with a note so the teacher knows. More forms available in either school office.
- **A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who bought and sold Entertainment Books this year! We are still working on the totals but the sale was a great success. To those of you who earned the Stars on Ice Tickets and Meijer gift cards, these will be coming home next week. If you still need to turn in your book or money, please do so before the end of this week.
- **Talent Development Night** is tomorrow night, Thursday, Oct. 1, from 7-8 pm in the West Campus music room. Come to find out more about enrichment classes, Northwestern University Search, academic competitions, and more. If you want information but are unable to attend, please call or email Joan Stob, 827-2631, or [jstob@legacycs.org](mailto:jstob@legacycs.org).
- **Please remember** to send in your RSVP to "Dine with Seven to Nine" by October 9.
- **ALL School Roller Skating Party** -- Monday, Oct 19. Mark you calendar for a night of fun and fellowship!! The Skating party will be from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Woodland Skating Rink. \$5 to skate and \$.50 for each skater goes back to the school. (You only pay if you plan to skate.) Free pizza lunch to the class that has the highest attendance, so encourage your classmates to come. Elementary skaters are encouraged to come from 6:30 to 8:30-ish. West Campus Skaters are encouraged to skate from 7:00 to 9:00. This will allow for shorter lines at the door and for anyone getting skates and turning them back in. We would love to see parents, teachers and staff all come out and enjoy themselves away from the school setting. Don't forget to wear your Legacy name tags!! Parents/students interested in creating some car pools for middle school students ONLY, please e-mail Michelle Krul at [mkrul@calvin.edu](mailto:mkrul@calvin.edu). If there is enough interest, we'll see what we can pull together. (For those at the PTO meeting last week, the Fundraiser at Kentwood Fun Spot came with "a catch". If you have questions, please contact Michelle Krul.)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

The Staff Appreciation Committee encourages you to join them in wishing the following staff members a "Happy Birthday" during the month of October:

- 1-Mrs. Lynelle VanderWoude
- 6-Mrs. Mary Van Wingerden
- 8-Mrs. Karen Brinks
- 25-Mrs. Jane Adams
- 27-Mrs. Kristi DeKock



### 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 express our sympathy to Bob & Carolee Miliusis (Noah—8th) on the passing of their mother and grandmother last week.

### UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

#### October

- 1-2 School pictures (Prek—7th)
- 1 Talent Development Night—WC (7 pm)
- 7 Sally Foster Sale begins
- 7 WC progress reports sent home
- 9 5th & 7th grade vision testing
- 17 Dine with Seven to Nine (6 pm)
- 19 All School Skating Party (6:30-9:00 pm)
- 21 **1/2 day of school -dismiss at 11:30**
- 22-23 **NO SCHOOL—CEA Convention**
- 26-27 Elementary Vision & Hearing screenings
- 30 End of 1st quarter

## ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship** (Friday 8:15) Mrs. Ellens leading
- **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.
- **Can you help?** We are in need of some help on our playground, once a month, on Tuesday mornings from 7:40-8:00 am, while our staff is in devotions. If you can help, would you please call the elementary office at 455-0310. Thanks!

### **ACTS OF SERVICE**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade "Big Help Afternoon" at the Elementary** Last Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade visited the Elementary and helped in various classrooms. The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders helped in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classrooms. They read books, researched, did a lesson on the food pyramid, played math games, and other games. It was a great afternoon for everyone!

## WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel:** Oct. 5—Mr. Leugs
- **West Campus Chapel:** Oct. 7—Mr. DeYoung
- **Outdoor Education** - our 7th graders, their teachers and many wonderful parent volunteers were blessed with absolutely awesome weather last week at our annual outdoor education experience. Many safe and fun filled hours were spent in both class and free time! Thank you to all who were involved with conducting this camp!
- **Progress Reports** - Progress reports will be sent home with all west campus students next week Wednesday, October 7. Please ask to see these communications from your child's teacher. Upon review we encourage you to keep the report but return the signed envelope to school. In that way we know you have been informed and we'll be able to use the same envelope for first quarter report cards. Progress reports are an indicator of academic progress at the midpoint of the first nine week period. For the report, some teachers provide a printout from their grading program while other teachers prefer to jot a quick personal note. Regardless of the format, our goal is to provide information that allows you to praise, encourage, challenge and be informed.

### **Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits**

What is one of the best ways to get to know families in our school? It is to get involved. There are many opportunities for you to get involved. Check out the PTO corner of our newsletter. Volunteer to help in the library or on the playground. Come to "Dine with Seven to Nine". Invite another family in our school to come to your home for dinner. Each of these activities will provide you with an opportunity to get to know some other families in our school and help you feel a part of our school community. And...our school will reap the benefits of your gifts!

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS**

#### **Soccer**

OCT. 1	HOPE	AWAY
OCT. 6	MOLINE	HOME
OCT. 8	HCS	AWAY
OCT. 9	ZEELAND (7TH)	AWAY

#### **8th grade volleyball**

OCT. 1	HOPE	AWAY
OCT. 6	MOLINE	HOME
OCT. 8	HCS	AWAY

#### **7th grade volleyball-1**

OCT. 6	MOLINE	AWAY
OCT. 8	HERITAGE	AWAY

#### **7th grade volleyball-2**

OCT. 1	HOPE	HOME
OCT. 7	MOLINE	AWAY

## PTO INFORMATION

- **Shopper Ads** are included with today's newsletter.
- **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.
- **ALL LEGACY FAMILIES:** Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to donate a food item to the Country Kitchen booth for the school craft sale. We are still in need of more volunteers to donate soup and/or almond bars. If you are willing to donate either of these items, please contact Renee VanKeulen (281-2494) or Helen Broekhuizen (281-6775).

## MOMS IN TOUCH

This week in our prayer meeting we praised God for His understanding. "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!" (Romans 11:33). We prayed that all of us at Legacy may desire God's work in our lives and "know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

All mothers of Legacy students are invited to pray together for our children, Legacy teachers and staff, and the Legacy community. There is no need for prior experience, preparation, or homework, just openness to meeting God in His Word and in prayer. At our next meeting we plan to pray specifically for Mr. Frens, Mrs. Doorn, Mrs. Lanting, and Mrs. Broekhuizen.

The next Monday morning meeting is planned for October 5, at 8:30 am, in the elementary library. The evening Legacy Moms In Touch group has planned its first meeting of the year for Monday, October 5, at 7:00 pm in the elementary library; this group meets a couple of times per month and new faces are always welcome! For more information, contact Janine Brouwer ([janinerb@juno.com](mailto:janinerb@juno.com), 455-9484).

## TRASH FOR CASH

More offers from Box Tops web site (BTFE.com):

- Box Tops Marketplace: Shop your favorite stores through BTFE.com and a percentage of your purchase will be automatically credited to our school's account. Hundreds of stores are available including Aeropostale, Old Navy, JC Penney, Land's End, Avon, Gap, Cabela's, Home Depot, Kohl's, Staples, Barnes & Noble, and tons more. Double the benefits and try purchasing with TRIP certificates. I don't know for sure if this a payment option on this site, but it's worth a try!! If someone tries and it works, let me know and I'll spread the word. (Cindy 878-7767)

## 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 assisting 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.

**\*\*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.

**Have you ever wondered if buying TRIP is really worth it?** Some people have asked recently how much **TRIP might be earned in a school year**. Here is an example of a typical TRIP order from our Cash & Carry on Thursdays:

If you buy the following each week, this is how much you will earn toward your tuition in nine months:

- Meijer \$100 @ 3%           \$3.00
  - Speedway \$100 @ 4%     \$4.00
  - Pizza Hut \$20 @ 7%       \$1.40
  - Walgreens \$25 @ 5%       \$1.25
  - Kohl's \$25 @ 4%            \$1.00
- \$10.65 x 36 weeks = \$383.40

**It is worth it!!**

**New to TRIP:**

**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](mailto:legacytrip@sbcglobal.net).

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Everyone is invited! Come join us October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at South Christian High School for the *Sailor Run Pancake Breakfast*. Starting at 8:45 am we will be serving hot delicious pancakes and sausage, juice and coffee. All South Christian athletes are sponsored to walk or run for one hour to raise money for South Christian's Athletic programs. All walkers/runners eat free! A donation is appreciated. Thank you for your support.
- **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!

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Economic factors have proven to be challenging for many businesses, organizations and individuals in the past year. As you know, an economic downturn has affected many areas of the world as well our own country. It has certainly affected the State of Michigan, Kent County, and, Legacy Christian.

During the 2008-2009 fiscal year our school's families demonstrated incredible resolve. Faced with great changes in the workplace and at home, many never waived in their commitment to the needs of the school. They kept tuition payments regular or worked faithfully with the finance committee, family members or their church to make appropriate arrangements. As a result, tuition income was a bit low but remained relatively consistent.

Meanwhile, overall donations did not reach budgeted levels. Many wonderful Christian education supporters remembered the school through various fundraisers for the P.T.O., new technology, tuition aid, etc. However, accumulated general fund donations were significantly below budget, signaling one impact that the economy was having.

Even though 2008-2009 expenditures were lower than budgeted levels we ended the year with total income being about 4.5% (\$100,000) short of our expenses. Our school board recently allocated money from savings in order to balance and close that fiscal year. The board was thankful to be able to take this action...but is also understandably concerned about our current budget. In short, we don't have unlimited savings and we certainly want the school to operate within a balanced budget.

We believe that the current economic downturn continues to affect our school in various ways. One of those ways is through our enrollment. Last spring we projected 474 students for this year. While that number already anticipated less students than last year due to a large 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class, it didn't prove to be an accurate estimate of this year's beginning enrollment of 460.

There doesn't seem to be any one particular reason for this decline...other than the economic downturn. Indicators include the fact that students transferring to LCS in the middle grades (10) did not match those who went elsewhere (17). Also, numbers in entry level classes were about 7 students lower than expected.

Many contacts last spring and summer indicated that quite a few inquiring families were not able to follow through on their interest in LCS by enrolling. Economic factors were cited as the overwhelming reason.

So, our school has not been immune to the economic issues that surround us. How must we then respond? Our school board recognizes the situation, is currently forming appropriate plans and will move deliberately forward to accomplish our mission. Next week I'll write more about that process.

In the meantime, rest assured that our talented employees and volunteer leaders continue to provide the day to day excellence that our students expect, deserve and receive. We are having a wonderful year!

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema