

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **Sally Foster fundraiser starts today.** Packets were sent home with your newsletter carrier in grades PreK-4th. If you did not receive your packet or just need an extra, please stop by either office. Just a reminder that the sale ends Oct. 21. Have fun selling and remember that PTO receives 50% of all sales. Turn envelopes in to the school office. You do not need to return the envelope if you are not ordering. Please collect money at time of order and there is no sales tax. Questions, please contact Melanie at 538-6022.
- **A huge thank you** once again, to all for making this year's Entertainment book sale a success! We want to thank those who bought and sold books AND those who returned the books they were not buying. We appreciate it! As of last Friday we had sold more than 325 books. If for some reason you have not turned in your money or your books, please do so this week because we have to wrap up the classroom portion of the sale. Congratulations to the 3 yr. old pre-school class, Mrs. Pfruender's 3rd grade class and Mrs. VanWingerden's 4th grade class who won ice cream sandwiches for having all of their money and books returned by the 25th. Sophia & Abigail Apple had their name drawn to win the free book and our top seller, Ashley McGavin (KBR), sold 15 books and earned a \$20 gift card to Meijer. Together the kindergarten class sold 82 books! We will continue to have books for sale in both offices until after the Craft Sale in November. Remember, they make great gifts - and if you use the four gift cards on the front of the books, it pays for itself.
- **We thank the many families** who are conscious of the need for extra vigilance in keeping children home when they are ill to minimize the spread of illness. We ask that children remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours.
- **All School Roller Skating Party**—Monday, October 19, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Woodland Skating rink. Cost is \$5 to skate and \$0.50 for each skater goes back to the school. (You only pay if you plan to skate.) Elementary skaters are encouraged to come from 6:30 to 8:30. West campus skaters are encouraged to skate from 7:00 to 9:00. 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!

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
- 31-Mrs. Sandra Vroon



UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

October

- 7 Sally Foster Sale begins
- 7 WC progress reports sent home
- 9 8th grade to Ropes Course
- 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 Sally Foster Sale ends
- 21 **1/2 day of school -dismiss at 11:30**
- 22-23 **NO SCHOOL—CEA Convention**
- 26-27 Elementary Vision & Hearing screenings
- 26-30 Book Week at Elementary
- 30 End of 1st quarter

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship** (Friday 8:15) Upper: VanWingerden
Lower: Bosma
- **DK and Kindergarten Parents**—there are still a few green health forms that need to be turned in. Please make every effort to get your student's immunizations up to date and get them on file in the office. We need to report this information to the health department on Nov. 2. So please make appointments with your doctor soon, if needed. Thanks.
- **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!
- **Just a reminder**—if your student will be late for school, you need to call in a hot lunch order before 8:15 am if you plan on them taking hot lunch that day. The order is placed first thing in the morning and cannot be added to later. Thanks.

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel:** Oct. 12— Mrs. Hoekzema
- **West Campus Chapel:** Oct. 14—Small Groups
- **6th grade parents**—please turn your completed green health forms in to the office by Oct. 16th
- **8th grade boys Basketball try-outs** are scheduled for Oct. 20-21. Coaches are Mr. Jim Blaauw and Mr. Cory Meyer.
- **7th grade boys basketball** starts Oct. 26. Coach is Mr. Curt DeYoung.
- **PLEASE NOTE: Boys basketball begins** at the end of Oct. and finishes just before Christmas break, Girls basketball begins just after Christmas break. These are new dates, please be advised.
- **Auditions are underway** for the 8th grade musical, "Annie", to be performed on January 7th. All interested 8th graders may be involved in this production. Please reserve this date!
- **Progress Reports** - Progress reports were sent home with all west campus students today, 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

Have you ever been at a sporting event and overheard someone talking about their child's school? I'm sure most of us have. Much of what is said to those around us in casual conversation shapes what we think about a school. This is often how reputations are started and continue to grow. What are your casual conversations about Legacy? Do you talk about how many things your children are learning and how much your children love school? Or, do you complain about how much homework your child has or how long the bus ride is? With a few words we have the ability to promote our school or to damage our reputation. Consider your words carefully. Each one of us has opportunities to be a part of the promotion of Legacy Christian School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Soccer

OCT. 8	HCS	AWAY
OCT. 9	ZEELAND (7TH)	AWAY
OCT. 13	BYRON	AWAY
OCT. 15	MOLINE	AWAY

8th grade volleyball

OCT. 8	HCS	AWAY
OCT. 13	DUTTON	HOME
OCT. 15	BYRON	AWAY
OCT. 17	TOURNAMENT	SCHS

7th grade volleyball-1

OCT. 8	HERITAGE	AWAY
OCT. 12	ZEELAND 1	AWAY(5:00)

7th grade volleyball-2

OCT. 7	MOLINE	AWAY
OCT. 12	ZEELAND 2	AWAY(4:00)

LEGACY CRAFT SALE—NOV. 7

- **Attention pig committee...**We will be working at Cutler-ville East CRC (across from the elementary) **Thursday Oct. 29 from 3:00 until finished & Friday Oct. 30 from 8:15 am until finished.** Please call Shelly Tubbs at 554-3524 or E-mail me at Shelly-tubbs@yahoo.com to let me know when you will be working. If you are not on the pig committee but would like to be, we would love to have you! Thanks in advance!!
- **Do you have games or toys** that your children have outgrown? Donate any gently used board games, video games or toys to the Craft Sale Committee. The Committee will be selling all donated items at the Legacy Craft Sale. Drop off donations at the elementary and west campus offices between now and Nov. 6.
- **Christmas ornaments**—Order forms were sent home Monday. Extra order forms and sample ornaments are available in both offices. If you wish to pick up your finished ornament at the craft sale, please have your orders turned in by Oct. 30. They will also be available to purchase at the craft sale on Nov. 7.
- **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 Oct. 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).

TRASH FOR CASH

We will receive a check from Tyson for \$48 for the 200 labels we have submitted. Also, please keep those labels coming in. We have about 2 1/2 weeks to go before our next Box Tops submission. Thanks for all your efforts!

MOMS IN TOUCH

This week in our prayer meeting we praised God using the words of Jeremiah 32:17b, "Nothing is too hard for you"! We prayed that all of us would be bold to speak about God's greatness, and "declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples" (I Chronicles 16:24).

All of you mothers of Legacy students are invited to pray with us for our children, Legacy teachers and staff, and the Legacy community. "To lift up my children to the throne alongside other believing moms...does it get any better?" (quote from a Washington mom, MIT pamphlet). At our next meeting we plan to pray specifically for Mrs. VanWingerden, Mr. Haagsma, Mrs. Guikema, and Mr. Bergakker. The next Monday morning meeting is planned for October 12 at 8:30 am in the Elementary library. Watch the newsletter for announcements of the next meeting of the Monday evening group.

TRIP

Reminder: TRIP Cash & Carry will be **closed on October 22** because school is not in session that day. There will be Monday orders the week of October 19 and pick up of the orders will be arranged by Mara Koning.

We have had many new families sign up for TRIP in the last month and they are now saving money on their tuition by buying gift cards from TRIP each week. Do you need information about TRIP or have a family member, friend or neighbor who would like to get started with TRIP? Please contact Mara Koning (827-9548) or email legacy-trip@sbcglobal.net for registration forms and information. There are no fees to sign up and you can start buying the same day!

****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.

Back on TRIP:

Eddie Bauer \$25 gift cards @ 9%; only 4 gift cards may be used per online order with the Eddie Bauer website

Bonus Percentage

J.Jill \$25 gift card at 10% (instead of 7%) now through January 29, 2010.

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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CLC Network presents** the parent seminar: "ADD/ADHD and Your Child" with Robert Bulten, M.D. and Doug Bouman, Psy. S. on Thursday, November 5, from 7-9 p.m. The seminar will be held at 4340 Burlingame Ave. S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509. Admission is free, but seating is limited; pre-registration is required. Contact Karen at (616) 855-3123 or email knienhuis@clcnetwork.org.
- **Far Out Volleyball** -We are very excited about the opportunities we have to offer this year. More detailed information will be posted on our website in the coming days & weeks so check it frequently for updates. Here are some dates to keep in mind:
 - **Free Clinic #1 & Informational Meeting - November 8**
 - **Free Clinic #2 & Informational Meeting - November 14**
 - **Informational Meeting - November 18**
 - **Tryouts - November 22**

We will also have great opportunities for 1st-6th graders this fall. We will have a 4 week instructional session from Oct. 14-Nov. 4 for Volleytots (1st-3rd) and Mini Volleyball (4th-6th). Along with this, 4th-6th graders will have the opportunity to enter a team of 4 in our Mini Volleyball league on Sunday afternoons from Oct. 18-Nov. 15. This will be an opportunity to put into practice the great skills they'll learn on Wednesday evenings. Registration info will be posted on our website very soon. After checking the website if you have questions, feel free to contact us. We're looking forward to a great season and hope your family will be a part of it! www.faroutvbc.org

FINAL THOUGHTS

Last week this article contained data from our last fiscal year as well as enrollment information for this year. As was shared in that piece, "Our school has not been immune to the economic challenges that surround us". If that is the case the next logical question is, "What should be our response to those challenges?"

The school board is actively examining existing areas of operation in an effort to control expenses as much as possible. In addition the board and its committees continue to plan effective ways to involve the Christian community in the mission of our school. Last month the board generated a list of financial ideas during a brainstorming session devoted to this topic. These ideas have now been referred to the board's executive committee for further consideration. In addition, our development committee has been working hard on their action plan for 2009-2010. As always, God has called the right people to positions of leadership at just the right time.

This year it is essential that we communicate properly with the greater Legacy Christian School group of supporters. Can you help us with this process? Perhaps a word or two from you to your loved ones will cause them to prayerfully consider adding LCS to their list of kingdom causes. Or perhaps they already support us, but a reminder from you that we can't expect our Christian school to be immune from the economic downturn will cause them to reconsider the amount or frequency of their gifts.

We appreciate your timely tuition payments and encourage you to continue to make them a priority. As you know, our monthly needs are regular. In turn, our income needs to be regular and timely. Thank you for remembering that and for meeting your tuition due dates.

Just as you pour over your finances in an effort to be responsible, your school does the same. These efforts are not to be interpreted as an indicator of panic, past irresponsibility or weakness. Rather, they should convey a sense of comfort. This work is just too important to take lightly.

Thank you for your prayerful, physical and financial support. Challenges always seem great and are not to be taken lightly. However, as redeemed people of God we face them with confidence and contentment, knowing that God will provide for our needs.

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema