

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **Parents please note**—the all school (K-8th) Thanksgiving worship will **now be held at the West Campus**, (please note this change of location) on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 8:30 am. The food baskets that the students have been collecting the non-perishables for will be displayed and delivered later that morning.
- **COACHES! We are still in need of** one 5th grade boys basketball coach, one 5th grade girls basketball coach and one 6th grade boys basketball coach. Please contact Mr. Leegwater if interested at jleegwater@legacycs.org.
- **STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:** Our staff once again was overwhelmed with thanksgiving for the way you blessed us last week by providing meals for us both nights of Parent Teacher conferences. We want you to know that each of us appreciates the extra effort you make to bless us and support us. THANK YOU!
- **Shopper Ads** are due by Monday, Nov. 23, to be included with the Nov. 25 newsletter. Cost is 10 cents per word.
- **Sally Foster pickup** will be Thursday, Nov. 19, from 2:30-4:00. Please pick up your orders in the gymnasium hallway at the elementary campus. If you find any discrepancies, please call Melanie Tolsma at 538-6022, no later than Nov. 25. Note this is an absolute deadline. After Nov. 25, Sally Foster will be unable to adjust your orders. Thank you for your support.
- **To those families who sold 5 or more books** for the Entertainment Book Sale - Smuckers Stars On Ice order form is in. You should have received it home with your child. If you did not receive it and believe that you should - please call Deb Oskam (281-6565) Thanks!
- **Thanks for supporting our library by coming to the Book Fair!** We received \$730.00 in Scholastic Dollars as well as a cash profit of \$540.00. Both the Scholastic Dollars and the cash profit will go towards purchasing new books for our library as well as reading incentive prizes for fun events like Book Week, Bring on the Books, and other reading programs that your children take part in throughout the year. Thanks for helping our library grow!
- **Kids Christmas Store**—The store is a shopping day for kids grades K-6 to purchase Christmas gifts for immediate family members and grandparents. Gifts range in price from \$1-4. This year's store will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 4-8:00 pm in the elementary gym. There are 2 different time slots for shopping. If your last name starts with N-Z, come any time from 4-6 pm, A-M may come any time from 6:00-8:00. Gifts are put out periodically during shopping hours to ensure a great selection for everyone. To allow children to shop on their own, parents may drop off their child and have a social time in the library while they wait. There will be volunteers to help kids choose appropriate gifts. Look for an instruction sheet and gift tags to come home Wed., Dec. 2.
- **The Christmas Store** is in need of helpers on Tuesday, Dec. 8. We need cashiers, wrappers and shoppers for each time slot, 3:45-6:00 pm, and 6:00-8:15 pm. Please call Sherri Miedema at 249-0669 or Kris DeKock at 656-8839 to help out. Thanks!
- **Country Kitchen** - A big thank you to all who donated soups, baked goods, and other treats for the Craft Sale. The response was tremendous! A special thanks to the banket "sub committee"; they made 112 sticks of banket, and we sold all of them! Thanks again to all the workers and for all the donations!
- **Dear Parents**—The Christmas season is fast approaching and the PTO has begun making preparations for the LCS staff gifts. In this tough economic time, we thought it would be wise to pool our resources and we are asking that parents send \$3.00 (or more!) for each child to help cover the costs of the gifts. If you would like to give your child's teacher an additional gift, you are more than welcome to do that as well. Please send your money to either school office in an envelope marked "Staff Gift" by Friday, December 11. Thanks for your help!! In Christ, LCS PTO
- **We will be mailing** our Legacy Lens this Friday. It is a large mailing and we could use some help with this. If you are able to help please call the elementary office, 455-0310, or just stop in on Friday. We will begin around 9:00 am at the elementary.

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship** - Friday (8:15) — All school singing
- **Next week Wednesday**, Nov. 25 (8:30) - All school (K-8th) Thanksgiving worship will **be held at the West Campus** (please note this change of location).

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

How do you foster a heart of gratitude in our children? This is the vertical habit that we are focusing on this month at Legacy. On Tuesday morning our elementary school staff gathers for devotions. The teacher who led yesterday used an exercise she does with her students. She challenged us to start with the top of our head and think about why we are thankful. She started us out by thanking God for her hair to keep her warm. We went on to talk about other parts of our body and why we were thankful for them. We also talked about how difficult it is when a part of the body doesn't function as it is supposed to. How often do we take the time to express our gratitude for our bodies? I have to admit I most often take my body for granted and only pray when something isn't working properly. This Thanksgiving, let's join our children in thanking God for all things, big things and little things.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

November

- 19 Sally Foster Pickup at Elementary
- 19 Eighth Grade Pictures
- 24 Hearing/Vision Rescreening
- 25 All School combined worship (Elem/WC)
- 26/27 **NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break**

December

- 8 Kids Christmas Store
- 10 Christmas Band/Choir concert (6th-8th)

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel:** Nov.23—No Chapel—All School Worship
- **West Campus Chapel:** Nov. 25—All School Worship
- **8th Grade pictures are TOMORROW!** Please be sure to bring your **\$5.00 deposit** with you when you have your pictures taken. If you do not wish to order any portraits, you do not need to pay your \$5.00 now. **All 8th graders** will have their picture taken for cumulative record and yearbook purposes. 8th graders who fill out and return order forms, including proper payment, will receive their photo packages in several weeks. If you are submitting your own picture, we will start collecting those after the holidays. Stay tuned for further announcements.
- **Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries/8th Grade Parents.** The 8th Graders will be delivering the baskets on Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 9:30–10:30 am. The Student Council needs parent drivers to help. We need large vehicles that can take 4-5 students and 3-4 deliveries. There will be a flyer coming home with the 8th Graders soon. If you can help or have questions, please contact Mr. DeYoung at 827-2626 or cdeyoung@legacycs.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

8th grade boys basketball

NOV. 18	MOLINE	HOME
NOV. 19	ZEELAND	AWAY
NOV. 24	HERITAGE	HOME

7th grade boys basketball—team 1

NOV. 19	ZEELAND 2	HOME
NOV. 23	ZEELAND 1	AWAY
NOV. 24	HERITAGE	AWAY

7th grade boys basketball—team 2

NOV. 23	MOLINE	HOME
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ACTS OF SERVICE

The sixth graders visited the residents of Crystal Springs Retirement home this month. This past Monday 6F helped them make nameplates for their doors by sanding over embossed paper. Two weeks before that 6H read jokes and funny stories to them in their rooms. It's hard to say who enjoys the visits more! Legacy students are always welcome there because of their politeness, friendliness and helpfulness. And the students buzz with excitement and stories on their way back to school and ask to do it again.

MOMS IN TOUCH

Do you have worries about your children, yourself, life? The Bible verses from MIT this week remind us of God's great care for us. "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him" (Nahum 1:7). "The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing" (Psalm 145:14-16). "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you" (I Peter 5:7).

All mothers of Legacy students are invited to pray with us for our children, Legacy teachers and staff, and the Legacy community. At our next meeting we plan to pray specifically for Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Bosma, and Mrs. VanBeek. The next Monday morning meeting is planned for November 23 at 8:30 am in the Elementary library. Please watch future newsletters for announcements about the next evening meeting. For more information, contact Janine Brouwer (janinerb@juno.com, 455-9484) or see www.MomsInTouch.org.

CRAFT SALE NEWS

- **We are still** selling apple dumplings at \$8 for a half dozen. Stop in the west campus office to pick up yours for a holiday treat.
- **Pigs-in-a-blanket are for sale** through the West Campus office. They make a nice and easy dinner on these cool autumn evenings. They sell for \$8 a dozen. Pick some up today!

New Life Thrift Store

- **November Deals!** Donate a non-perishable food item and receive a coupon for a buy-one-get one regular stock item. Example: donate 10 items get 10 at special price. (Some exceptions apply)
- **December Deals!** Come Spin The Wheel for a percentage off your purchases! (Some exceptions apply)
- **Calling All New Life Thrift Store Volunteers** - Volunteer Appreciation Open-House - Join us Tuesday, December 1 - 6 pm to 8 pm - 4339 South Division for a time of fellowship, door prizes and festive hot and cold snacks. We want to thank you for the hours you serve at the store. Hope to see you there! Don't forget our gift to you - 50% off all clothing purchases that evening!

TRIP

Please note these Cash & Carry dates for November.

Cash & Carry will be open on **Nov. 12, 19, 24 (the Tuesday before Thanksgiving)** from 7:45-10:00 am.
****No Monday orders processed on Monday, Nov. 23.**
Any orders in box will be processed the next week.

TRIP EARNINGS STATEMENTS will be printed after Cash and Carry on November 19. TRIP statements will be available to pick up in the TRIP office or may be sent home with a student by your request. The actual TRIP money will not post to your tuition account until later in December in order to allow us to keep inventory stocked for Cash and Carry. If you want to deduct your expected TRIP earnings amount from your December or January tuition payment, you may do so.

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.
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**.

Bonus Percentage:

Bath & Body Works \$10 card @ 17% (5% bonus) from now through December.

Logan's Roadhouse \$25 card @ 9% (2% bonus) from now through December.

Cabela's \$25 card @ 11% (1% bonus) through December.

Applebee's \$25 card @ 9% (2% bonus) through December.

J.Jill \$25 gift card at 10% (3% bonus) now through January 29, 2010. Must be ordered with a Monday order.

Shutterfly \$25 card @ 13% (a 5% bonus) from now until Dec. 11. Must be ordered with a Monday order.

Please note: As was reported in the press, **Max & Erma's** is pursuing reorganization through a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. TRIP has been advised by Great Lakes Scrip Center (the source of our cards) that we advise our families to use any Max & Erma's gift cards as soon as possible. Great Lakes Scrip Center will not accept any returns of Max & Erma's cards from TRIP programs.

As the holidays get closer, also keep in mind that anyone can buy gift cards from TRIP and have the earnings go to the General Fund – it is an easy way to shop for all your gift cards in one place!

If you have any questions about TRIP, please contact Mara Koning at 827-9548 or email her at legacytrip@sbcglobal.net.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The South Christian Parents Guild** will be hosting their Garment Sale on Friday, Nov. 20, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm near the Activities Center. Check out the new designs, many of which include our new logo. All proceeds from the Garment Sale go to the Parents Guild which helps the classroom, students and teachers at SCHS. Please park on the west side of the building.
- **Flag Football Tournament for 5th—8th grade boys**—The South Christian Football Program will once again have a Thanksgiving Flag Football Tournament. The date will be Friday, November 27. We will start at 2:00 pm and go until 3:30 pm. Current and/or former South Christian players will coach the teams while members of the coaching staff will supervise and referee. Fields will be set up on the Sailors practice field (behind South Christian High School), and we plan on playing rain or shine, so dress accordingly. Please email me at coachburgess09@gmail.com if you plan on attending so we have an idea on how many to expect. If you think you may be too busy and don't think you can attend but have a last minute change in plans please feel free to come anyway, we want to get as many guys involved as possible. There is no cost.
- **Adams Christian's 7th Annual Craft Show** is planned for Saturday, November 21, from 9 to 3 pm. Stop in and shop from a large variety of crafters who have worked diligently on their projects (70 have signed up). Stay for a delicious lunch (chicken salad croissants), and purchase from the bake sale to satisfy your sweet tooth. Your support by attending this event is greatly appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Lydya at 681-5609 or Ljhulst@gmail.com. The school is located on the corner of 56th street and Byron Center Avenue.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Last week in this column I expressed gratitude for the many volunteers here at Legacy Christian. The volunteer positions named in that article were offered as examples of all the many contributions that are made to our school on a regular basis. It is good to collectively thank people who contribute so much to an organization like ours. In addition to being able to say a general "thank you" to everyone, it often seems wise to not run the risk of offending anyone by naming certain individuals.

However, that train of thought can be carried to a fault. This week, with all due respect to the many volunteers at Legacy Christian, I want to individually thank one of the people who make a fantastic difference at our school. Mrs. Mara Koning has served as our school's Trip coordinator since the first days of Legacy Christian. Mara has never spoken to me about the amount of time she devotes to this position, but I know that the level of her presence here at school combined with the work she does at home rivals the amount of time many of us spend with some pretty significant part-time jobs. I'm sure that several days each week are spent processing Monday orders, ordering the gift cards from Great Lakes Scrip or the stores themselves, preparing for our Thursday "trip to go", organizing other volunteers and getting ready to do it all over again the next week. In many cases, the trip coordinator position is filled by a school employee.

Mara assumes a lot of responsibility with her position. Even a partial understanding of Trip leaves us with the realization that these little cards are just like cash. The program demands good order. Meticulous records and oversight are consistently displayed by Mara and her group of dedicated workers. We are so appreciative of all their efforts.

Last year, representatives from the company that supplies the majority of our gift cards, Great Lakes Scrip, spent time at our school observing the Thursday sale, interviewing Mara and looking at the organization of our program. Our high volume of sales and the way everything is structured caught their eye...and they wanted to know more. This was a tremendous testament to Mara's work!

Thank you to all of our Trip volunteers! Mara, thank you for your leadership! Trip helps many of us reduce our tuition in an innovative way. We greatly appreciate your efforts to provide this excellent service.

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema