

General Announcements

The staff at Legacy Christian would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and many blessings as we look to a new year!

- **Christmas Break** will begin Dec. 21, and we will resume classes on Jan. 4. Please make note of these dates. Both school offices will be closed during Christmas Break.
- **Shopper Ads** are included with today's newsletter.
- **Kids Christmas Store Volunteers:** A huge thank you for all your help last Tuesday. There were an estimated 180 kids that came to the store in a very short period of time, making for a busy afternoon. We could not have done it without all of you. Thanks, Kris & Sherri.
- **Relay for Life**—The stars are beginning to come out!! Great job on the colorful, twinkly, decorated stars made in honor or in memory of loved ones and the fight against cancer! Keep 'em coming! Please send them in to school, with the (suggested minimum) \$1 donation to American Cancer Society and we'll hang them for our 'walk under the stars'. Thank you!
- **Our fourth annual auction** is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 27. The theme for the auction this year will be "Take Me Out to the Auction!." It takes many volunteers to plan and carry out an event like this. Many have already called to volunteer their time and talents but we could still use more. Are you willing to help with decorations? Can you make a few calls to businesses to ask for a donation? Are you available on the 26th and 27th of March to help with set-up? Please don't delay. Call Jill Ellens at 827-2651 today. Everyone who has agreed to help in some way is asked to be at our next planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19.
- **School Board Nominees**—our school's executive committee is collecting suggestions for school board nominees. Would you like to suggest any names for consideration? The committee welcomes input from parents and staff members. If you have suggestions, please submit them to Mr. Bonnema or any of the school board officers.

Preschool, DK & Kindergarten Registration Information 2010-2011

Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year will begin on Monday, January 4, 2010. Forms will be available online and are being sent home with all students presently in preschool and DK. They are also available at the elementary office and can be picked up or mailed to your home. Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received along with a \$50 deposit. Please note that some classes fill quickly and it is necessary to register early on Monday, the 4th, in order to have your choice of classes. The classes we will be offering are:

- **A preschool class** for three year olds that meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:45-11:15. Students must be 3 years old by December 1, 2010, to be eligible for this class.
- **There are two classes** of preschool for students who are four years old. Both meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The morning class time is from 8:45-11:15 and the afternoon class is from 12:00-2:30. Students must be 4 by December 1, 2010, to be eligible for this class.
- **A class of Developmental Kindergarten** that meets every afternoon from 12:00-3:00. It is for students who have summer, fall or early winter birthdays and would benefit from waiting a year to start kindergarten.
- **We offer a class of half day kindergarten** that meets every day from 8:00-11:15 **and a full day program** that meets every day from 8:00-3:00. Students must be 5 years old by December 1, 2010, to register for one of these classes.
- **Testing for kindergarten readiness** will take place in March to help parents determine the most appropriate class for their children in order for them to be successful.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Ellens at 455-0310.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

December

21-31 NO SCHOOL— CHRISTMAS BREAK

January

1 NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK

4 Classes Resume

4 PreK/Kdgn registration begins for 2010-11

21 6-8th Grade Band/Choir/Orch at WC (7 pm)

26 Culver's Night for Relay for Life

29 "Read With Me" for Jan. Reading Month

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship:** Friday (8:20) - All School combined worship at elementary
- **Our 4th graders** will be attending a performance of the Grand Rapids Ballet's "Nutcracker" at DeVos Hall on Friday.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS... "Read With Me" Friday, January 29 @ 7:45 am.** January Reading Month will be packed with exciting reading activities for your elementary student(s)! On January 29 come into your child's classroom and read together before the school day starts. Dad's, this would be a great opportunity for you to spend a few minutes with your child before you head to work! If you are not able to make it, we would love to have a grandparent or other loved one come in and read with your child instead! Mrs. Nitz will be reading a book in the library to all students who do not have a loved one present. Coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts will be served as well!

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel & West Campus Chapel:** All school combined worship at elementary.
- **The Fifth grade orchestra** will give a brief demonstration and concert on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 12:50 pm in the elementary gym. Parents and friends are invited to attend along with the elementary students.
- **8th grade girl's basketball tryouts** will begin Tues. Jan. 5, from 3:00-5:00 at the West Campus.
- **7th grade girl's basketball practice** will begin Tues. Jan. 5, from 3:00-5:00 at the Elementary school. Girls will need to take the bus from the west campus to the elementary school.
- **The 6th-8th grade band, orchestra and choir concert** originally scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10, has been moved to Thursday, Jan. 21. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held in the west campus gymnasium. Your directors recognize that trying to fit a concert into next week's schedule may cause various conflicts. We want to be able to give enough lead time so that everyone can plan accordingly. Once again, the 6th-8th concert will take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday, Jan. 21.

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

After we return from Christmas vacation we will begin registration for preschool, developmental kindergarten and kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year. We need your help in talking to neighbors, co-workers, relatives and friends about Legacy. Invite them to give me a call to check us out. We'd love to give them a tour and set up a time for them to sit in on some classes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

8th grade boys basketball

DEC. 17 & 19

TOURNAMENT

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ACTS OF SERVICE

Yesterday our IPOD students (5th-6th grade) went caroling at Calvin College. Below is an excerpt from an email received from a former student. We praise God that our students could be a blessing to the Calvin students.

"I just have to say a huge thank you to you, the teachers, and all the kids who were a part of caroling at Calvin College today. One of my favorite memories from elementary school was caroling at the dining halls at Calvin College, and I'm glad that I got to be on the receiving end of that activity. I don't think that the kids really know all that they do for the students here (I sure didn't when I was in their place), but I can honestly say that in under a half hour, those kids made my week. I haven't smiled that hard in what seems like months! I left the dining hall in such a good mood!"

PTO NEWS

- **We are selling** reusable grocery tote bags. They are in both school offices, and they have the Legacy logo on them. They sell for \$2 each.
- **Thanks parents for such** a wonderful response to the request for donations for Staff Gifts. Because of your willingness to give, the PTO will be providing a holiday gift for all our wonderful teachers and staff members.

TRASH FOR CASH

Please turn in all your Campbell's labels by December 18 at noon. I need to ship them by December 31 in order to take advantage of their matching points offer. Thank you.

MOMS IN TOUCH

Wishing all at Legacy a wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus, who said, "I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star" (Revelation 22:16). During this Christmas season and always, may we all "shine like stars in the universe as we hold out the word of life" (Philippians 2:15b-16a).

You are invited to start the new year by praying for our school! There is always room for more in the weekly Monday morning or twice-per-month evening meetings. At our next meeting we plan to pray specifically for Mrs. White, Mrs. Winkle, Mrs. Nitz, and Mrs. Boersma, as well as for our children and the needs of our school community. The next Monday morning meeting is planned for January 11 (note there is no meeting on January 4) at 8:30 am in the Elementary library. The evening group plans to resume meetings in January; watch the newsletter for details. For more information, contact Janine Brouwer (janinerb@juno.com, 455-9484) or see www.MomsInTouch.org.

TRIP

One more Cash & Carry TRIP shopping day until Christmas! Purchase your gift cards from 7:45 am to 10:00 am on Thursday, December 17.

****Please note**:** Since this Thursday will be a very busy day at Cash & Carry, please check all the math on your order forms very carefully and it would be beneficial to highlight your order forms for us ahead of time to save extra minutes at the counter. Also, please do not write out your check until we have verified that everything you ordered is available. Some gift cards will sell out quickly during the morning.

TRIP is closed for the winter school break from December 21-January 3. We will resume Monday orders on Monday, January 4 and Cash & Carry on Thursday, January 7.

Did you know that you don't need a TRIP account to buy our gift cards/certificates? If you want one stop shopping for Christmas gifts for your Sunday School teachers, choir directors, South Christian carpool driver, GEMS/Cadet counselors, etc., you can purchase TRIP and have the earnings go to the school's General Fund or Tuition Assistance Fund. **OR** if you have wanted to sign up for TRIP and haven't yet, stop by any Thursday morning at CASH & CARRY to sign up and shop right away. Start saving on your tuition now!

Bonus Percentages for the holidays:

Staples \$25 card has a value of \$26.25 on each card (\$1.25 gift from Staples)

Lands' End \$25 card @ 18% (2% bonus) through December

Starbucks \$10 & \$25 card @ 8% (2% bonus) through December

The Home Depot \$25 & \$100 card @ 5% (2% bonus) through December

iTunes \$15 card @ 7% through December

Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic \$25 card @ 10% (2% bonus) through December.

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

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

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

Applebees \$25 card @ 9% (2% bonus) through December.

Outback \$25 card percentage has increased from 4% to 7%.

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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Brookside's 14th Annual Living Nativity** - Telling the Christmas Story with Live Actors and Animals. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Dec. 18, 19, and 20. Performances at 7, 7:30, and 8:00 P.M. each evening. Come for a memorable family outdoor experience - dress warmly. Hot chocolate and cookies served inside. Signing for the deaf on Dec. 19. Free - no tickets needed. Brookside Christian Reformed Church, 3600 Kalamazoo SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. For more information 616-452-3191 or www.brooksidecrc.org
- **Come out and enjoy our LIVE NATIVITY** to celebrate our Savior's birth! It is a time to get your family together and remember what happened so long ago..." This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12) Our nativity involves live animals, actors and singing performances. There will be an opportunity for refreshments and for children to do a small craft after each performance. The performances are as follows: December 16, 2009 @ 7:00 pm, December 18, 2009 @ 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 pm, December 19, 2009 @ 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 pm. Please come and see what Jesus has done for you! (Providence CRC, 7730 Eastern Ave)
- Get on the road to Financial Peace! Financial Peace University is a biblically based, video-driven small group study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth and give like never before! Prayerfully consider joining the winter session at Covenant CRC. Free preview will be Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 pm. Classes begin Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 pm. Childcare available. For more information, contact Kerri @ #455-5120. www.daveramsey.com.

SHOPPER ADS

- **For Sale**—Foosball table, good shape, 5 years old, very lightly used. \$75.00 Call 281-4567.

*May you and your family have a
Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!