



General Announcements

- **The staff would like to send out** a huge thank you to the PTO for the ornament and fabulous lunch we were treated to from Panera Bread. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!
- **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.
- **We would like to welcome** Kara Johnson and Amy Knuth from Cornerstone University. Kara is student teaching with Mrs. Pfruender's 3rd grade class and Amy is student teaching with Mrs. Lyzenga's 4th grade class.
- **Relay for Life, Walking under the stars!!** Thank you for returning more than 55 decorated stars labeled in honor or memory of people and the fight against cancer. We've also collected over \$70 so far from our Legacy team to donate to American Cancer Society, thank you! Very soon the stars will be hanging in the hallways; if you'd still like to contribute a star or \$\$, please find extra's at either school office. It's not too late. Then, save-the-date: Tuesday, January 26 is our school's night at Culver's where a percent of all proceeds will also be given towards our team's total for ACS. Remember to get some Culver's TRIP and come to Culver's for supper that night!
- **The LCS spelling bee** will be held on Wednesday, January 20, in the west campus music room after school, beginning at about 3:15. The spelling bee is open to students in grades 4-8. Spelling lists are available in both offices.

Preschool, DK & Kindergarten Registration Information 2010-2011

Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year began on Monday, January 4. Forms are available online and were 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 up quickly and it is necessary to register early 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

January

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| 7 | 8th grade musical "Annie" at SCHS (7 pm) |
| 14 | 7th/8th grade exams— dismiss at 12:05 |
| 14 | Kdgn Dads & Kids gym night (6:30-7:30 pm) |
| 15 | 7th/8th grade exams— dismiss at 12:05 |
| 15 | End of 2nd qtr |
| 18 | NO SCHOOL —Records Day |
| 21 | 6-8th Grade Band/Choir/Orch at WC (7 pm) |
| 22 | Report Cards go home |
| 26 | Culver's Night for Relay for Life |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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

18-Mr. Tom VanderLaan
23-Mrs. Naomi Lyzenga



ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship:** Friday (8:20) - Mr. Bonnema
- **January Reading month** is under way! Please refer to the calendar your child brought home Tuesday. Note that how much your child participates in the activities is completely up to you and your child. All activities are optional unless it is a classroom activity.

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

This week we started registration for preschool, developmental kindergarten and kindergarten. Many people have already called to register. There are others who may not have heard that it is time to start thinking about school in the fall. Please help us out and talk to your neighbors, friends, and extended family about Legacy Christian School. Have them give me a call to set-up a time to tour and sit in on some classes. We will not be doing a formal open house since we have found we are able to better meet the needs of interested families with an individualized visit.

CARE AND CONNECTIONS

The Legacy Christian School Care and Connections Committee has some exciting events planned for the next couple of months. Write the date on your calendar now and look for more details later. We hope you can join us and get to know some fellow Legacy Christian School families.

- **Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten** students and dads gym night – Thursday, January 14, 6:30-7:30 pm at the elementary school gym.
- **Bunco Night for families** – Friday, February 5, 6:45 pm, at the elementary school gym.
- **Dine with Seven to Nine** – Saturday, February 27, 6:00 pm.

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel: Jan. 11**—Bob Frens
- **West Campus Chapel: Jan. 13**—Small Groups
- **"Annie" is here!** Come to see the 8th grade production of Annie tomorrow (Thursday) night at 7 pm in the SCHS auditorium. General admission is \$1 for students, \$2 for adults or \$5 per family. Don't miss it!
- **Semester exams** in science will be given to 7th graders on Thursday, Jan. 14, and in social studies on Friday, Jan. 15. 8th graders will take semester exams in social studies and Bible on Thursday, Jan. 14, and in science and language arts on Friday, Jan. 15. Detailed exam schedules (including test times and dismissal times) were distributed to all 7th-8th graders today (Wednesday, January 6). Extra copies of this schedule are available in the west campus office.
- **The LCS geographic** bee will be held next Monday and Wednesday (January 11 and 13) at noon break in the west campus media center. The bee is open to all west campus students.
- **7th-8th graders will be** dismissed from school at 12:05 pm on both exam days. We do offer quiet study halls on Thursday afternoon if students want to remain at 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.
- **PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS:** Plan to attend one of South Christian's Curriculum Nights on January 19, 20, or 21 at 7 pm in the school media center. Be informed about graduation requirements, course selection, etc. in an extremely important meeting for parents who either have made the decision or are still uncertain about their son/daughter's high school education. Questions? Call Jean Meines at 455-3210.

AUCTION NEWS

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.

MOMS IN TOUCH

Why not start the New Year by praying with other mothers for our children? "Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin, pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street" (Lamentations 2:19). The first Legacy Moms In Touch meeting of 2010 is scheduled for Monday morning, January 11, at 8:30 am in the Elementary library. No prior experience with prayer groups necessary! 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 evening group plans to resume meetings soon; watch the newsletter for details. For more information, contact Janine Brouwer (janinerb@juno.com, 455-9484) or see www.MomsInTouch.org.

NEW LIFE THRIFT STORE NEWS

From New Life Thrift Store - BIG HELP IS NEEDED!!! We are drowning in year-end donations and need help asap!!! If you are looking for something to fill your winter days, as well as a way to serve, look no further. The New Life Thrift Store, benefiting the five South Suburban Christian Schools could use your help sorting and stocking. We are very blessed with donations, but need volunteers to assist in processing. Call a Manager at 534-7134 to volunteer.

TRIP

Thursday Cash and Carry Purchase from a large variety of gift cards/certificates in our TRIP inventory with cash or check at the TRIP office (located at the west campus school building) from 7:45-10:00 am on Thursdays. If you want to start a TRIP account, you or a relative can sign up on Thursday and buy inventory right away. There is no fee to start and TRIP can transfer your earnings to any tuition paying school including colleges. We would love to help you start saving money on your tuition!

Monday orders: The next Monday orders are due by 8:30 am on January 11 in one of the TRIP boxes (there is a box at each campus). Please enclose a check rather than cash with your order. Orders are ready first thing Thursday mornings at Cash & Carry or will be delivered to the campus office you have designated.

WOW! A check for \$27,492.00 in TRIP earnings from the last six months was given to the school office in December to post to tuition accounts. The New Year is a great time to start a TRIP account or to get back to buying TRIP on a regular basis!

Help needed: TRIP is looking for someone who could pick up the Family Fare gift cards weekly on Tuesday or Wednesday from the Spartan building at 76th and Clyde Park and drop them back off at the West Campus office. Please contact Mara Koning at 827-9548 if this volunteer opportunity is something that fits in your schedule.

Did you know that TRIP carries the Dining Concepts \$25 gift certificate? Cash & Carry stocks these certificates each week and they make a wonderful gift or treat for a night out for you and a loved one. The Dining Concepts gift certificate covers many local Grand Rapids and Holland restaurants including the Amway Grand Plaza restaurants, Rose's on Reed's Lake, the B.O.B., Mangiamo, and Boatwerks (in Holland). For a complete list of the 60 restaurants in West Michigan, please go to diningconcept.com (not diningconcepts.com which will give you a list for a different state!)

To sign up for TRIP or ask any questions, call Mara Koning at 827-9548 (home) or 617-9105 (cell) or email her at: legacytrip@sbcglobal.net

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Friday, January 15th**, Marcie Apple (LCS Parent) is co-hosting a bone marrow drive at Rogers Plaza from 12-5 pm. A very good friend of hers is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Please come out and donate and help save lives! The Gift of Life - the Greatest Gift of All!! God Bless and Thank You!
- **South Christian Alumni:** Come join us on Friday, February 5, 2010 as we celebrate Homecoming! Our crew of senior leaders will be recognized between the Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys basketball games. Former band members are invited to join the pep band for the evening; Alumni are invited to join the fun and spirited competition with the Crew seniors during halftime; and Alumni may catch up with old friends over a cup of coffee in the Media Center after the game. We'd love to see you.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Welcome back to the 2009-**2010** school year. (We were off so long it seemed prudent to double check the actual school year!) I trust that you had a most blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shortly before Christmas I invited all readers to submit ideas for Final Thoughts articles. I wasn't sure just what to expect when I issued that invitation. In fact, I wouldn't have been surprised to not receive much of a response at all. However, I was very pleased to receive a number of excellent suggestions. In the next several weeks I hope to write a bit about several of them. Thank you so much to each of you who responded! I really appreciate your ideas and your willingness to take the time to respond.

Recently, one of our Legacy families was discussing the role that music plays in their family's life. That conversation led to a discussion about the fine music program their children have been able to participate in at Legacy. Finally, these parents expressed appreciation for the fine work that Mr. Michewicz and Mr. Haagsma do with our students. Please enjoy reading some quotes from the email I received.

"As parents with a child in high school who is now participating in both band and choir, we have found that Legacy's choir and band programs gave him excellent preparation to participate in high school musical groups!"

"We have been amazed at Mr. M.'s ability to take a room-full of 5th graders who have never played their particular instruments, and by Christmas teach them to play a full-band holiday piece with individual parts (not all in unison), and sound *good!*"

"We love Mr. M.'s ability to encourage those young musicians--it's obvious that he takes great delight in all of their progress."

"We love Mr. H.'s ability to lead our students to worship God in song...their young voices are such a blessing to those who hear them! Some of those songs have been heard repeatedly around our home long after the concerts are finished."

"The elementary musicals which take place in the spring provide our children with an amazing immersion in music filled with God's love and grace. And the performances have a powerful impact on their audiences!"

"In these days of increasing academic requirements, we are so glad that Legacy's schedule allows room for students to participate in both choir and band or orchestra. The fine arts are so important in children's lives. We've heard that many schools have had to decrease opportunity for the arts, and we're so thankful that Legacy isn't one of them."

This parent concluded their message with a recent quote from Mr. Ted Craig, the band and orchestra teacher at South Christian. Apparently, at a recent concert Mr. Craig said, "I've never known an adult who wished they had quit band when they were in 7th grade. On the contrary, many adults regret quitting when they were young. Playing an instrument is a life-long skill, and there are not too many things you can say that about."

This parent is obviously very appreciative of our music teachers. I am too! Just like the rest of our faculty, Mr. Haagsma and Mr. Michewicz do a wonderful job!

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema