

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **Please Note—Kentwood Buses will not run** on Monday, Feb. 15 or Tuesday, Feb. 16. Legacy buses will run as usual.
- **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE scheduling began this past Monday.** Please call the elementary office (455-0310) to set up a conference time. Please call before Thursday, Feb. 11, so we can finalize our schedules. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and Thursday, Feb. 18, from 5:00-8:00 pm. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE....West Campus teachers will not be holding walk-in conferences on Thursday, only scheduled conferences from 5:00-8:00 pm. Walk-ins are still available on Tuesday, between 5:00-6:00.** Ana Taruc (speech therapist) will not be available to conference on these nights but asks that you email her at ana.taruc@kentwoodps.org to set up a meeting.
- **We Can Make A Change with your Change:** Our all school service project (now –Feb. 5) is collecting coins to help a Haitian orphanage, *God's Littlest Angels*. Our collection is approaching \$2,000! Our coins will be used to purchase formula, diapers, clothing and other baby supplies for the children living there. Keep up the good work! Parents, you may participate, too! *God's Littlest Angels* is a 501(c)3 non-profit Christian Ministry. If you would like to send a check, please make it payable to *God's Littlest Angels*. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt from the organization. Thank you for using your change to make a change!
- **Help the 3rd graders take care of God's world** by collecting #2 and #4 plastic grocery bags from Meijer, Family Fare, D&W and other grocery stores. This recycle challenge begins this week and ends mid March. Please bring your bags to the elementary school.
- **Legacy extends a warm welcome** to Rachael Terpstra who will be doing her student teaching with Mrs. VanWingerden's 4th grade class!
- **The Caberfae Ski outing is only days away!** The date is Friday, February 19! The cost to ski from 10 am to 5 pm is \$25 per person. That includes all equipment, lift ticket, food for the day and bus ride, if desired. All are welcome, whether Legacy families or friends. But, time is running out and you must get a Ski Packet from Legacy's West Campus office or online @ www.legacycs.org. Get your reservations in TODAY!
- **The 2010 Census is coming!** A flyer is being sent home with today's newsletter to help prepare all families for the arrival of the census questionnaire in March. Stand up and be counted!
- **7th/8th Graders:** Would you be willing to donate your time babysitting to help out the school? We are looking for 7th and 8th grade volunteers to babysit for other Legacy families. A letter is being sent home today with all the details. Sign-up for this great opportunity today!

School Family Praises and Prayer Requests

- Congratulations to the Puckett family (Zachary, DK) in the birth of a baby girl on Monday.
- We express our sympathy to Mr. Vince Bonnema in the death of his sister in Florida early this morning.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

February

- 15/16 **NO KENTWOOD BUSING**
 16/18 Parent Teacher Conferences
 19 Caberfae Ski Outing
 19/22 **No School—Winter Break**
 27 Dine with Seven to Nine (6 pm)

March

- 5 Pool Party at Kentwood Aquatic Ctr (6:30-9)
 19 Kindergarten Testing
 19 End of 3rd qtr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

The Staff Appreciation Committee encourages you to wish the following staff members a "Happy Birthday" during the month of February:

- 5-Mrs. Ellen Doorn
 7-Mrs. Louanne Winkle
 16-Mrs. Sue Boersma
 17-Mr. Jim Ponstine
 17-Mrs. Heidi Tameling
 20-Mrs. Ronda VanSledright



ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship:** Friday (8:20) All school: Mrs. Hansen
- **THANK YOU for all** of the brownie and sugar cookie orders! Together we were able to raise just over \$300 for God's Littlest Angels orphanage in Haiti!! Thank you again!

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

I was talking this weekend to a young friend of mine who doesn't go to our school (Not yet, that is!). He was sharing with me all the things that his school was doing to raise money for Haiti. They were doing many of the same things we are. Even though his school is a public school, they still believe in the importance of giving to those less fortunate than us. Service learning is an important part of the curriculum in many schools. Where is it different at Legacy Christian School? Countless times I have heard teachers talk about why we give. It is out of gratitude to our God for the many blessings we have. We also have the opportunity to talk about God's control over our life and our response to devastation. We use our life's situation to teach about God and His presence in our life. I'm so glad I know that as Psalm 46, our theme verse this month says: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and mountains fall into the heart of the sea..."

AUCTION NEWS

As a reminder to all room parents, you should be making final decisions this week about your classroom auction project! Please call Lynn Fennema at 698-0327 with your ideas or if you have further questions. Thanks so much!

GIRLZ ON THE GO

LCS will be starting a 3rd – 5th grade variation of Girls on the Run, called Girlz on the Go. We need interested moms or teenage girls that would be willing and able to volunteer their time on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for approximately an hour. This program needs women that will encourage, support, inspire and run with the girls in the program. Information packets went home Tuesday, the program will begin Feb. 9, 2010.

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel: Feb. 8**—Mrs. Hoekzema
- **West Campus Chapel: Feb. 10**—Small Groups
- **The Staff Appreciation Committee** would like to continue their tradition of providing the staff with supper before parent/teacher conferences. We are asking the 5th and 6th grade parents to help with the meals for Feb. 16 and 18. Parents of 5th and 6th graders should ask their child today for a letter listing items that are needed for these meals. Thanks in advance for your help!
- **8th Graders:** We need your pictures for the year-book. Please submit the picture of your choice to the west campus office. If you are submitting your "own" picture, not taken by Nyhof, please include \$5.00! We can accept an electronic version, digital, or hard copy. If you have any questions, please call the WC office.
- **Attention 8th graders and parents**—South Christian counselors will be talking with the 8th graders about their schedules for the 2010-2011 school year on Friday, Feb. 5, at 1:30 pm. Please complete the blue activity form and the schedule form you received and send these along with your student. If you have any questions, please call Jean Meines at 455-3210 or email at jmeines@schs.org.
- **Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents:** Our second set of Exploratories will take place February 10, 11, and 12 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Look for a list of classes to come home early during the week of February 5. Please sign the form and have your student return it to school for signups on Thursday or Friday.
- **Spring Sports sign-ups** will be happening at the Middle School this week and next week. The sports that will be offered are: 8th Girls Softball, 8th Boys Baseball, 6-8th Boys and Girls Track and 7-8th Girls Club Soccer. If you have any questions, please contact Joel Leegwater at jleegwater@legacycs.org
- **Attention 8th Grade Parents:** We are looking for people who are interested in being part of the **8th Grade Graduation Party Planning Committee**. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Amy Quist at 827-3939 or aandsquist@aol.com. (Feel free to contact me with questions, too!)
- **Advance notice of date change.** Due to Ascension Day on May 13, our annual West Campus Fine Arts Concert (grades 5-8) has been moved to May 20. Please make note of this on your calendars.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

8th grade girls bball

FEB. 4	MOLINE	AWAY
FEB. 9	BYE	

7th grade girls bball

FEB. 5	MOLINE	HOME
FEB. 9	BYRON	AWAY(3:30)

MOMS IN TOUCH

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Please help us pray this week that God will grant our children a life-long faith that "is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1). Please join our next Moms In Touch meeting on Monday morning, February 8 at **8:55 am** (note that on February 8 and 15 we will start at 8:55 am) in the elementary library. We plan to pray specifically for Mrs. VanderMeulen, Mrs. Lyzenga, Mrs. Trifan, and Mrs. Tolsma, as well as for our children and the needs of our school community. Or join the next meeting of the evening prayer group on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in the elementary library.

For more information, contact Janine (janinerb@juno.com, 455-9484) or see www.MomsInTouch.org.

TRASH FOR CASH

Good job so far on the bonus Box Top offer at Meijer. I've already seen \$266 in bonus points turned in. I'm sure there are more out there yet.

Also, we received 2500 bonus points from Campbell's matching offer in December.

There are always bonus point contests at Box Top's web site (www.btf.com). Just keep entering. Campbell's web site has some, too (www.labelsforeducation.com).

Great job on the apple bags! Don't forget that hand-drawn pictures of apples on 3x5 cards count as one entry for the contest as well. No name is needed on these cards, just the picture. Get those kids drawing! All entries must be in when school lets out for spring break. We've won something from this contest 2 years in a row. I'd love to win again--it's free and easy money!

THRIFT STORE NEWS

February Is Blow-Out Month at the New Life Thrift Store!

Weekly sales are carried over into the next week!

- Week #1 Dresses/Skirts/Women's & Men's Pants Buy One Get One (mix & match)
- Week #2 Adult Shoes \$1.49, Children's \$1.00 & Adult Sleepwear 50% Off
- Week #3 Men's & Women's Long Sleeve Tops \$1.49
- Week #4 Baby, Toddler, Children- **ALL CLOTHING IN THESE DEPARTMENTS = Buy one get one free!**
- BOUTIQUE DEPARTMENT - ALL RED "X" TAGS 50% OFF NOW AND ALL MONTH!
- March 1, 2 ALL ITEMS REMAINING 94 cents!!! - Then get ready for the Spring/Summer stock to roll out!!

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 February 8 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.

Think Spring! Ludema's is offering a special 10% bonus percentage on their gift certificates. The \$10 gift certificate will be sold at 19% instead of 9% during February only. Certificates available at Cash & Carry and through Monday orders.

Don't forget to treat your sweetheart to a Valentine's Day celebration! TRIP carries Celebration Cinema gift cards, and restaurant gift cards to Pietro's, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Outback/Carrabbas, Applebees, Logans, Chilis/Macaroni Grill, Mongolian BBQ, the Dining Concepts restaurants and more.

New to TRIP:

I-tunes \$25 gift card @ 4% will be stocked at Cash & Carry; \$15 I-tunes card will also still be available
Buckle \$25 gift card @ 7% available to be ordered on Monday order form

Bonus percentage:

Motherhood Maternity is offering their \$25 gift card @ 11% instead of 5% through April 2. The cards can also be used at A Pea in the Pod and Destination Maternity. Must be ordered on a Monday order form.

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

- **South Christian Alumni:** Come join us this Friday, Feb. 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 of 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!
- **South Christian's Travelogue Series** continues on Friday, February 12, with a show on *The Real World of New Zealand*. The show begins at 7:30 pm and is held in the SCHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children and can be purchased at the door.
- **Come listen to South Christian's Bands & Orchestra** as they present their district festival music on Sunday, February 14, at 7:30 pm. Also, plan to attend South Christian's Choirs concert as they present their district festival music Wednesday, February 17, at 7:30 pm. Both concerts are being held at the SCHS Auditorium.
- **Kentwood Baseball League winter sign up** for the 2010 season. Saturdays, Feb 6, 13, & 20 from 9 am-noon and Thursday, Feb. 11, from 5-7 pm. For more information go to: kentwoodbaseballleague.net.
- **Allendale Christian School 3 on 3 basketball tournament**, Saturday March 27, starting at 9 am. Grades 3rd—8th boys and girls. \$80 per team, advance registration required. Deadline is March 5, 2010. Registration forms in both school offices.
- **Looking for a job? The 2010 Census** is hiring for several positions in the Greater Grand Rapids Area. Pick up information in either school office, or go to www.2010censusjobs.gov.
- **Parenting Conference on Saturday, February 27**, from 8:30 am to 12:15 pm, hosted by First Byron Christian Reformed Church. "Stepping Stones" is a conference designed to inspire and equip parents with some concrete steps to help guide them in graceful, purposeful parenting. Workshops include home discipleship, shepherding a child's heart, structure and scripture for parenting framework, avoiding power struggles, angry teens, study skills, and technology and social networking. Cost is \$10.00 pp or \$15.00 per couple. Information and registration forms are available at www.firstbyroncrc.org or call 616-878-9768.

FINAL THOUGHTS

It's important to keep everything in perspective. I Timothy 6:17 says, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

To tell you the truth, sometimes I don't feel so rich. I tend to stretch and juggle various bills and purchases from payday to payday. Occasionally, while driving through new developments, I wonder why others live in such homes while mine just doesn't seem to "cut it". And, especially in times of economic uncertainty, the thought of sending one child to a Christian college while completing South Christian for the other can send a quick shiver down my spine.

The times when thoughts like those come to mind are the times when I need perspective. Timothy tells me to not be arrogant to the fact that I make a tremendous amount of money and my family's needs are fabulously met. He also reminds me to not put my ultimate hope in bank accounts or homes or investments. These things are uncertain...and they are fleeting. My hope needs to remain firmly grounded in God!

This past Sunday the guest minister in our church told a little story about a speaker he recently heard. This speaker had spent years in Haiti. I believe he used to be a missionary there. As a result he knows and understands the Creole language. While watching a recent news report this individual began to focus on the people in the background instead of on the reporter. To you or me it would have seemed that these Haitian people were crying and shouting and carrying on. This former missionary heard what they were really doing. Yes, they may have been crying out to God in sorrow, but they were also expressing their current dependence on Him and the fact that their hope for the future was firmly rooted in Him.

I suppose that's what I mean about keeping things in perspective. This seems like a fantastic time to be thankful for everything we have while depending on God to be in control of our future. When we do that, fears about making the next tuition bill fade significantly.

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema