

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **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. 9, so we can finalize our schedules. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, and Thursday, Feb. 16, from 5:00-8:00 pm. **PLEASE NOTE- 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 be available for Parent Teacher conferences on Thursday, Feb. 16.
- **Save the date! "Dine with 7 to 9"**- an evening of food and fellowship for all Legacy parents is set to take place on Saturday, February 25th. More details will be distributed soon. Questions? Please contact Tiffany Snyder at frausnyder@gmail.com or 207-7088.
- **Plans are again being made for the 11th Annual Caberfae Ski outing** sponsored by LCS. The date is February 17, 2011, the Friday of Winter Break. The cost to ski from 10 am to 5 pm is **\$28 per person**, which includes all equipment, lift ticket, food for the day and bus ride if desired. *Please note : The cost has gone up this year, as Caberfae has raised their prices!* All are welcome whether Legacy families or friends! Mark your calendars now. Ski packets are available in either office.
- **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY for K-6th** graders to turn in their Six Flags Great America reading records! THANKS to all who participated! Tickets will come out in May. If you forgot, you can still send it in through Friday of this week! Questions? Call Julie Kruithof at 531-0867 or email at john-kruithof@att.net.
- **Free Griffins tickets!** Does your child like to read? If so, he or she can win two free tickets to a Griffin's hockey game by reading for just three hours. If you're interested in participating in this reading program, you can stop by either office to pick up a bookmark that explains the program. There are several smaller prizes along the way too. Just start at the bottom of the bookmark and work your way up to the top. This program is for preschool through eighth grade.
- **Rising Starz Fitness** is offering a preschool and recreational program on Monday evenings in the Elementary Gym. Please join us for Session 2: February 20th-March 26th. This program is open to both Legacy and Non-Legacy Families. Classes will be offered for children 18 months to 10 years old. Children will engage in a wide range of fitness activities which will include: basic gymnastics tumbling balance beam, bars, vault training, strength exercises, and of course tons of FUN!! Flyers are available in the elementary office and on our website. You can call 616-540-7989 for more information or to register www.risingstarzfitness.com

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 8-10 West Campus Exploratories
 14&16 Parent Teacher Conferences
 17 Caberfae Ski Outing
 17&20 **NO SCHOOL—WINTER BREAK**
 25 Dine with Seven to Nine
 27 Iowa Basic Testing begins

MARCH

- 10 LCS 6th Annual Auction (doors open at 5)
 16 End of 3rd qtr
 23 Pool Party at Kentwood Aquatic Ctr

AUCTION UPDATE

- **Donations needed:** Does anyone have a cottage, trailer, or timeshare condo they could donate to the auction this year? Travel donations go well and we are looking for any getaway possible. We are also in need of families to donate their time (babysitting, piano lessons, an hour or two on the court, field, or rink). Would you be willing to teach a trade to another adult/student? Please prayerfully consider a donation of any kind; large or small. Contact Kristi Samdal (ksamdal@comcast) or drop off your donation description at either office by March 1.
- **Auction news #2:** The food committee from the auction is looking for donations of pop and water. Please drop off your packs/cases of pop and water at either office and write "auction" on them.

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship –8:15**— Pastor Curt Walters will lead.
- **Lost and Found tables** are set up by the office. Many items need to be found! Please look over the tables for anything that could be claimed.
- **The Elementary is in need** of more playground helpers! Time commitment is from 12:00-12:30 pm. You choose how many times you volunteer, once a week or once a month! Please call the elementary office at 455-0310 if you can help!

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD worship**—Pastor Paul Sausser of Discovery Church
- **West Campus worship:** Feb. 8— Small Groups
- **Attention 8th graders and parents**—South Christian counselors will be talking with the 8th graders about their schedules for the 2012-2013 school year on Tuesday, February 7, 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 Rebekah Wierenga at 455-3210 or email at rwierenga@schs.org.
- **Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents:** Our second set of Exploratories will take place February 8, 9 and 10 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm.
- **8th Graders:** We need your pictures for the yearbook and graduation slide show. Every 8th grader needs to submit an 8th grade picture and a "baby" picture. We can accept an electronic version (preferred), digital, or hard copy. Pictures need to be submitted by **Friday, Feb. 3**. If you have any questions, please call Kim at the WC office.
- **Spring Sports sign-ups** will be happening at the Middle School this week and next week. The sports that will be offered are: 7th-8th Girls Softball, 7th-8th Boys Baseball, 6th-8th Boys and Girls Track and 7-8th Girls Club Soccer. If you have any questions, please contact Joel Leegwater at jleegwater@legacycs.org
- **The 6th & 7th Grade Odyssey of the Mind Team** is in need of your "holey" or "mismatched" socks for their project! Any kind of socks will work...colorful, white, knee high, crew, ankle, etc.,...Please get them to either school office, and we will pass them along.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

8TH GRADE GIRLS BBALL

FEB. 2	MOLINE	HOME
FEB. 7	ZEELAND	HOME

7TH GRADE GIRLS BBALL

FEB. 2	MOLINE	AWAY
FEB. 7	ZEELAND-1	AWAY
FEB. 9	ZEELAND-2	HOME

NOTES FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER

I hope these few excerpts over the last few weeks have helped to solidify your understanding that Christian education is truly founded in God's Word. It has been a rich treasure for me, as Instructional Leader, to read every Christian perspective of every teacher at LCS. I realize they are not just words on paper, but the hearts of dedicated teachers wanting to teach in a way that helps your children become Christ Followers and Kingdom Builders.

A last smattering of Christian perspective statements:

- "All God's children have varied interests and abilities. Taking the time to nurture these areas is important in reading development."
- "As Christians, our economic life is one of the chief areas where we live out our faith, love our neighbor, confront temptation, fulfill God's creative design, and achieve holiness."
- "God created the earth with enormous resilience, but it will only "bounce back" so far. Humans are responsible to Him for taking care of the earth and the species that live on earth so that all life is sustainable and healthy."
- "The study of literature provides us opportunities to explore many themes that apply to our lives. We learn a true hero is someone who loves and forgives enemies, rather than hating and trying to destroy them. We learn that part of growing up means developing the ability to love, give, and forgive. We learn that we should not compromise our Christian beliefs and values in order to gain wealth or personal glory. We learn it's important to understand ourselves and tell others who we are, what we believe and why we believe it. We learn that we need to help and fight for those who are oppressed and discriminated against rather than ignoring them or discriminating against them ourselves."
- "God expects us to use language in ways which communicate effectively and precisely. God also expects us to use language to build others up rather than put them down and to use language honestly rather than manipulatively."
- "The Bible is the story of God's acts and words, written so that His people might know God and themselves."

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 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: Please drop your order in one of the TRIP boxes by 8:30 am on Mondays. Orders will be ready to be picked up from the campus you have designated after 11 am on Thursdays.

Limited time offer: Great Lakes Scrip Center (our main supplier of gift cards) is offering a special promotion on Gap \$100 Gift Cards, **through February 17, 2012, or while supplies last**. The \$100 card will be at a 15% contribution.

The special offer Gap card gift card can be used at all Gap, Banana Republic and Old Navy locations in the US and Canada, and online at oldnavy.com, gap.com, bananarepublic.com, piperlime.com and athleta.com.

Bonus offer: Marriott \$50, \$100, \$500 gift cards will be at a 2% bonus for Monday orders through February 13. The percentage will be at 9% instead of 7%. Their hotel

brands include: JW Marriott Hotels, Autograph Collection, Renaissance Hotels, Marriott Hotels & Resorts, Marriott Vacation Club, Courtyard, Fairfield Inn and Suites, SpringHill Suites, Residence Inn and TownePlace Suites.

Don't forget to treat your sweetheart to a Valentine's Day celebration in February!

For your date night, TRIP carries Celebration Cinema gift cards, and restaurant gift cards to Pietro's, Olive Garden/Red Lobster/Longhorn Steakhouse, Outback/Carrabba's/Bonefish Grill, Applebees, Logans, Chilis/Macaroni Grill/On the Border, Charley's Crab, Leo's Restaurant, bd's Mongolian Grill, Texas Roadhouse, Ruth's Chris Steak House, the Dining Concepts gift certificate (see list of local restaurants at www.diningconcept.com) and more.

New to TRIP:

Ruth's Chris Steak House \$50 gift card @ 9%, available through Monday orders

DSW – Designer Shoe Warehouse \$25 gift card @ 8%, redeemable at stores and online

Smashburger \$10 card @ 9% available at Cash & Carry

P.F.Chang's China Bistro \$25 gift card @ 7% available at Cash & Carry

Buffalo Wild Wings \$25 gift card @ 7%, available at Cash & Carry.

If you have any questions about TRIP, please contact Mara Koning at 827-9548 or email her at legacytrip@sbcglobal.net. You can find a copy of the Cash & Carry order form on the Legacy website, www.legacycs.org, click on "Parents", then on "TRIP".

TRASH FOR CASH

- I have received some of the Campbell's bonus offers from the Jan. 8 coupons. They will be sent in by March 23.
- The Boxtops deadline is **Thursday, Feb. 23!** Please bring your labels in often so I can process them! We just received a check for **over \$2,000** from the last submission! SMALL AMOUNTS DO ADD UP! They are worth 10 cents a piece! That is A LOT of Boxtops!
- **Always watch for new products** entering both the Boxtop program and the Campbell program. Some new products are Pace, People, Dannon and Emerald.

MOMS IN PRAYER

We can take courage because God is our Protector: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him." (Psalm 91:14-15). We can pray that we may not have "a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline" (II Timothy 1:7).

You are invited to our next meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, at 8:45 am in the Developmental Kindergarten room of the elementary. We will be praying for Mrs. Lyzenga, Mrs. Kamstra, Ms. Franken, and Mrs. Veenstra, as well as for our children and school concerns. Come join us....newcomers are always welcome!

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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Advanced Notice – Plan now to** take your family out for breakfast on February 25. Applebees Restaurant (by M6 and Kalamazoo Avenue) will be hosting a fund-raiser to help support South Christian's senior all-nighter. Contact any senior from SCHS or check at the school office to get your tickets for an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Tickets are \$7 and kids two and under eat free.
- **JR. EQUESTRIAN TEAM--for students currently** in grades 6 thru 8. Sign up for the South Christian Junior Equestrian team. There will be one show on 6/16/2012 at Lowell Fair Grounds. If you would like to join or need more information, please call either coach - Sherri or Dot Zoppa, 616-891-9630. We are planning on a few practices before the show. Sign up deadline is 4/15/2012.
- **World-renowned author and speaker** Dr. Jim Burns is coming to Cornerstone UMC on February 8! Jim will be presenting his Confident Parenting seminar, which will equip and encourage *anyone* who interacts with children and teens, whether as a parent, grandparent, teacher, or mentor. Topics that will be covered during the 2.5 hour seminar include: finding replenishment for overcrowded lives; overcoming negative family patterns; creating a grace-filled home; communicating with affection warmth and encouragement; raising kids who love God; and addressing issues of media influence and purity. Tickets are \$6 (\$10 for two), which will include a seminar manual and light refreshments, and can be purchased at the Church office or by visiting the website www.cornerstonemi.org/parenting. Call Bob Spoolstra (616-656-1105) or the church office (616-698-3170) with questions or for more information.
- **Love God? Love Fun? Love Horses?** Equine Assisted Development of the Great Lakes Hosts Betty J Ranch Ministries for our NEW Fellowship Riding Program. Join us for 2 hours of fellowship, Bible study and horseback riding. We will be studying the Bible in a fun interactive way while enjoying God's beautiful creation of the horse. Meetings start Tuesday night on Feb. 7, from 6-8 pm, and go for 8 weeks. Cost is \$250 for whole session. Get \$50 off if you sign up with a friend! For Ages 8 and up. Snacks will be provided. To get signed up, or learn more, Contact: Rachael Weske (616) 443-2235, email: rlweske@gmail.com, 9402 100th St, Alto, MI 49302.

FINAL THOUGHTS

There are ten weeks between the beginning of the second semester and spring break. The only school-time interruption during these weeks (and it generally is a welcome one) is our two day mid-winter break. Apart from that, we are "in session" for an extended period of time when:

- classroom routines and relationships have been established.
- spring fever is not an issue.
- many of our days are not yet affected by special programs, field trips, etc. that happen in the spring.

In short, this is **prime education time!** Please encourage your child to:

- tell and show you his/her assignments and responsibilities.
- practice proper and appropriate study habits.
- work hard and do their best during the school day.

We look forward to seeing you (if not before) at parent teacher conferences in several weeks. Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Bonnema