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TAKING OUR DREAM CAPTIVE

BY: AUDRA MAY, HEADMASTER

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ," 2 Corinthians 10:5 I'm sure many of you, like me, have heard this verse several times. I've always received these words in the context of a warning; a warning NOT to dwell on negativity, NOT to allow sinful thoughts to enter my mind, NOT to allow Satan to have a foothold. And, I do believe that this is partly what God had in mind when he gave us this directive. But, look again. We are to "take captive EVERY thought to make it obedient to Christ."

We often read verses like this one and focus on the negative implications while ignoring the positive possibilities. For instance, what if this verse is about capturing thoughts that inspire us and then making them obedient to Christ? Thoughts like ideas, our hopes and dreams, or our passions. What if this verse is really about being a good shepherd to every idea the Holy Spirit uses to prick at our hearts? Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." I know many Christians see this verse as a promise of salvation. I'm not one of them. I see this verse as instruction to parents. We are to train up our child to help them find their yoke, their purpose in life. We are to train them to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit. If this is true, and I believe it is, then we must also teach them to take those ideas, those promptings and passions, and make them captive, protecting them until they become the fruit of our obedience to Christ.

The enemy wants to destroy every good thing, every good thought. That is why we must be equally vigilant about protecting our dreams and creative ideas, as we are about keeping out thoughts that could bring us harm. Mark Batterson, a Christian writer, put it this way, "If your dream is a book, you make it obedient with a keyboard. If your dream is to play professional sports, you make it obedient at the gym and on the field. Whatever your dream or calling, your dreams will never exceed your imagination. You can't achieve what you don't believe."

AUDITIONS

BY: MADDIE REID, HS STAFF REPORTER



Audition is one word that makes the heart of an actor race. The nervousness that floods the mind is beyond compare. However, even though auditions are full of stress and anxiety, there are a few simple tips that can make the entire process easier. Proper song choice, a strong monologue, and having an idea of what directors are looking for are the few keys to an audition that works for the entertainer.

One of the most difficult factors of audition preparation is song choice. Choosing a song is a long, tiring journey that consumes vast amounts of time. When selecting a song, there are many factors to be noted. It is important to find a song that suits not only the actor's unique vocal range but also the style of his or her voice. Is the strongpoint of an entertainer a big, bold song similar to "Anything Goes," or a beautiful, relaxed love song like "Easy to Love"? Should the actor hit the high soprano notes, or highlight their lower register with bolder sound quality? These are important considerations to factor into the choice.

"Generally, I choose my audition piece two weeks before. I make sure it's a song that fits the style of the musical I'm going to audition for," Abby Crook, a Christian Youth Theater and National Youth Theater actress, commented. "Then, I regularly practice the front of a mirror, practicing facial expressions and perfecting the pitch."

Another important component is choosing an intense monologue. Without a monologue that helps the actor feel confident, how will the actor display confidence? A monologue reveals the ability of an actor to command the stage with words and develop a credible character. It shows flexibility and a capacity to master different types of roles.

"For my monologue, I normally go through the monologue and create a character to go with it, like a bit of a nice guy but arrogant, or shy but determined," added Sean Ramsower, veteran when it comes to auditioning. "Then I usually practice my audition in front of people, so I can get used to people watching."

Being prepared for an audition is crucial. Not only will it help an actor have a successful try-out, but it allows the actor to hone his or her craft.

"Auditions can be very stressful. However, when I feel prepared and ready, it adds a note of confidence to my audition that eases my nerves," Hannah Yeates concluded.

LIONS 2016 FOOTBALL

By: Ben Schardt, HS Sports Editor

With school just starting, football is in full swing here at Legacy.

Our Lions have begun district play and are looking to make their first playoff appearance in three years since making the transition to 11-man football. Senior Ryan May has been a part of



the Legacy football program from the beginning and has helped shape it into what it is today. When asked what his expectations are for this year he said, "Being a senior this year I have high expectations for this team. We have been working hard since the beginning of the year and are ready to put that hard work into action and win some ball games." Ryan said that this year the team had come together as one.

"The big difference this year is brotherhood and trust. In the years past our team has been more divided than it is this year. I believe in my teammates, and I am proud to call them my brothers," he said.

The Lions are under Head Coach Larry Harvey, who is at the helm for his second season. Coach Harvey in just his two years has been able to turn the program around and help Legacy get on the map. Implementing winning traditions for the Lion football program. With his and the rest of the coaching staffs' knowledge of the game, the Lions are primed and ready for a successful year. Coach Harvey said that, "this team is an experienced bunch, they know the expectations as well as the tough competition we face and what we will need to do to be successful." The thing that has surprised

Harvey the most is "The great amount

of talent we have had move in," he said. "We need to improve on having depth at every position. This team will be a much more physical team, that loves to run."

Coach Travis Harvey, who is the secondary coordinator, has been on the coaching staff for three seasons. When asked about the progression of the football program, Coach Travis said, "Compared to the previous years it is a night and day difference. We have come so far in three years of being an eleven-man team, and it is only going to get better from here." The team has increased the number of wins each year, and when asked about the expectations for this year's team he said, "I expect us to continue to improve, take it one win at a time and make the playoffs for the first time in school history." Coach Travis said that even though he has been around these guys for quite some time now he has been incredibly surprised so far this season. "I have been surprised by the way we have come together and the unity we displayed. By the way, the guys come to work every day, whether it is the game, practice, or watching film, the whole team is there ready to work and get better. The younger players have surprised me by the way they have stepped up and filled important roles and done fantastic jobs in their respected positions. Legacy has a great future ahead of itself," Travis predicts.

LIONS 2016 ROSTER

- #3 Matt Chester
- #7 Jack Granack
- #9 Jared May
- #10 Andrew Ekleberry
- #12 Sam Bargainer
- #14 Terrell Morgan
- #18 Patrick Carlson
- #22 Noah Lightfoot
- #25 Kyle Harrison
- #42 Darryl Pineda
- #53 Isaac Beeman
- #54 Brad Hamilton
- #55 Dylan Bonner
- #58 Logan Mace
- #60 Bobby Cruthirds
- #75 Donald Brockett
- #77 Kyran Miseldine
- #79 Kyle Harrison
- #83 Casen Hutton
- #88 Ryan May

RYAN MAY

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Standing Legacy

By: Dalton Henkes, MS Student Reporter

“Keep Calm and Leave a Legacy,” it may sound like a bumper sticker, but it is the goal of members here at Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy. Legacy is a school that teaches kids everything from Language Arts to the Bible. Everyone also gets forty minutes to have a conversation with all friends during lunch and recess.

Legacy is an extraordinary school because it helps students grow stronger in your faith.

Seventh grader, Gavin Gerwick was interviewed about Legacy and asked if he liked it, he replied “I like Legacy because you can speak freely of God at school.”

Selah Henkes, a third grader responded, “Yes, because we only have to go to school two days a week, and there are great teachers.”

Finally, Easton Havemann, who is an eighth grader, was asked his opinion of Legacy, “It is great. I only have to go to school three days a week,” He replied.

Legacy is an extraordinary private, Christian school. They teach you everything a young person needs to know about the Bible. Legacy is a powerful school firmly rooted in their faith in Jesus Christ.



LEGACY
PREPARATORY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Senior Poll

By: Alonso Lamuno, HS Staff Reporter

How well do you know our seniors? With graduation looming right around the corner, it wouldn't hurt to get to know some of our school's leaders and role models for the class of 2017 before it's too late. For this edition, we have decided to interview our fifteen seniors on a topic they are undoubtedly all too familiar with: college. The soon-to-be college students responded to three questions regarding their major, college of choice, and feelings toward graduating from Legacy. Here's what they had to say, respectively.

Kyran Miseldine: Computer Science and Engineering
UT, A&M

"I'm going to miss all the friends and togetherness of this school."

Becca Bargainer: Graphic Design
Savannah College of Art and Design

"I will definitely miss everyone here, but I am excited to start the next chapter in my life."

Ariana Zgabay: International Affairs
Carnegie Mellon

"I'm excited to begin a new chapter in my life."

Taylor Perniciaro: Psychology
LSU

"It's kind of scary but at the same time exciting, leaving to be out there on our own. However, it's going to be hard leaving Legacy and all the people that I will miss so much."

Jake Dye: Mechanical Engineering
Letourneau University

"Nervous."

Bobby Cruthirds: Environmental Engineering
Stephen F. Austin

"It has been my home for a long time, so it will be bittersweet. I am very excited about starting my college career because of the opportunities it will open up to me for career choices, I will get the chance to travel some."

Jason Laycock: Computer Science and Engineering
(Combined Degree)
Letourneau University

Was not available to comment on his feelings toward leaving Legacy.

Joshua Micheletti: Kinesiology
A&M

"Life's a parade; I am on to my next float."

The Dedication it Takes

By: Hannah Condley, MS Contributing Editor



For the past four years, the junior high cheerleaders have attended a home cheer camp in preparation for the upcoming football and basketball seasons. This year they traveled the same path, going to practice from 9am-4pm three days in a row. The fifteen cheerleaders who worked extremely hard during these tough days are Jayne Freevol, Emma Hoover, Emma Demczak, Mia Seay, Presley Mondick, Jordyn Conley, Madeline Rinn, Hayden Carson, Abby Monsanto, Chloe Holiday, Samantha Rush, Laney Elguezabal, Lexie Mauch, Co- Captain Macey Raines, and Captain- Hannah Condley.

On the first day, the two UCA instructors who lead the girls throughout the three days arrived and met the team. After getting to know everybody, the team was informed that everyone had a chance to qualify for All-American. All-American means they would get to perform at the Thanksgiving Day parade in Houston. During the first day they played some fun games, getting everybody awake and ready. After having some fun, they were taught a couple cheers to go practice in order to perform at games and show off in pep rallies. Later, the girls took a quick lunch break and hurried back in to hit some stunts. The new and advanced skills they learned this year were stair steps to extension, baskets to

full ups. The extreme routine, hip hop dance, and fight song were the three routines which will be shown at half time or when a junior high football player makes a touchdown during a game. The second day was all the same things except for being taught more cheers and stunts. Everything was spread out over the three days so everyone came prepared on the second day and ready to fulfill the privilege of being a Legacy junior high cheerleader. On the last day they enthusiastically performed in front of their friends and family, showing off the fruits of their labor.

Peppy cheers, fascinating stunts, and stunning dances were not the only perks of cheer camp. During the last day, the friends and family of each talented girl on the team witnessed an amazing show which included a flip to extension lib transitioned to from the extreme dance and three cheers the group agreed on before everyone arrived. At awards, they received the superior trophy which is the highest title you can get and gives the team as a whole the chance to take their skills to Florida where they would perform a learned dance choreographed by UCA and UDA at a college football bowl during the pre-game. Not only was that announced, but also the fun titles such as class clown, Legacy sweethearts, and many more. Also, five Legacy cheerleaders won the title of All American, such as Hayden Carson, Jayne Freevol, Macey Raines, Laney Elguezabal, and Hannah Condley. Come Thanksgiving and these "lions" will be found participating in the Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade. Performing in the parade means learning a long dance to a remix of music, putting on a smile, and proudly representing Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy. All in all the girls had a great time and loved the experience of learning the hard work and dedication of a cheerleader.

National Honor Society 2016-17

The purpose of the Legacy National Honor Society is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of Christian character. Our chapter's specific goal is to cultivate a culture of honor within our student population. Members meet regularly throughout the year and participate in school-wide, local, and international service projects.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors that meet certain requirements are eligible to become members of the National Honor Society. Among those requirements are a GPA of at least 88.0, evidence of demonstrated leadership and service, and a rapport of honor with Legacy teachers, administration, and students. For more information on criteria for membership or other



administration, and students. For more information on criteria for membership or other details, our bylaws may be viewed on the Legacy website. Students will only be able to join NHS if they fulfill the requirements. Candidacy will be determined at the end of the first quarter.

LEGACY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By: Danielle Ferebee, MS Staff Reporter



Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy has many new students and teachers. The population of the school is growing continuously throughout each school year. Legacy is pleased to have new students so they can teach them the ways of the Lord and provide a good education. Legacy offers different opportunities for new students and teachers to be comfortable in their environment.

One of the brightest new teachers interviewed was Sonja Miller. She has been teaching for fourteen years. Mrs. Miller quoted, "I did not enjoy school as a kid. I was determined that I could find a way to make school more enjoyable and less miserable."

Mrs. Miller graduated from Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. She has been married for twenty-seven years and has three children. When asked about being a Christian, she added, "I have always attended church and spent my childhood in the Methodist church. I became born again through Christ twenty-one years ago. Born again is an evangelical term that means I was rebaptised as an adult. In the Methodist denomination babies are baptised and as the child grows up they are confirmed in middle school. The denomination does not require adults to be rebaptised, although they may choose to do so if they want."

Mrs. Miller uses the Socratic Method

of teaching. When asked why she prefers to use this method she shared "It is my opinion that people learn more, and remember more of what they learn if they discover the information. When a teacher gives information to their students the learning process is one sided; students are receivers and not engaged. When learning is acquired through the Socratic Method, students are the boss of what they learn and why they are learning it."

Mrs. Miller chose a private school because the large class and grading size was tedious. Legacy provides her with the opportunity to do what she loves with less stress. She chose to teach English and other classes at a Christian school because she could teach from a Biblical perspective. She teaches for the 10th and 11th grades but also, middle school and high school publications.

"I am a certified special education teacher, therefore I use all modalities in my teaching, verbal, visual, and kinesthetic. I tend to throw information at students all at once in many different formats and hope the information sticks," shared Mrs. Miller.

Legacy has given the new teachers and students a place to grow in the Word of God and education.

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Friday Night Lights

By: Ben Schardt, HS Sports Editor and Logan Mace, HS Staff Reporter

Friday, September 9th was a man versus beast showdown between our Lions and district rival, Woodlands Christian. The Lions and the Warriors fought all night in what ultimately came down as a defensive battle. The Lions were able to defeat the Warriors for the first time in three years, since joining the district. The Lions and the Warriors both fought a long hard game.

The Lions were able to score early. It was set up by the dynamic duo that is the May brothers; quarterback Jared May was able to connect with his brother, Ryan May for a sixty-yard completion. A few plays later, Jared May was able to take it himself on the goal line for the Lions score. Jared led the way all night offensively for the Lions as he threw for 120 yards and rushed for 78. Terrell Morgan also helped carry the load with a 47 yard run and a total of 62 on the night. After a two point conversion, the Lions jumped to an early 8-0 lead, which, in the end, was all they needed. Casen Hutton was the defensive spark for the Lions; he was able to come away with two interceptions and get the ball back for the Lion offense.

"We had been preparing all week for this game, physically and mentally. In the end, we were able to come away with the win," Hutton said after the Lions victory. Donald Brockett and Noah Lightfoot led the charge on defense, each recording seven tackles, Brockett with one for a loss of yardage. Bobby Cruthirds, Darryl Pineda, Logan Mace, and Ryan May were all there on defense as well, all recording four tackles. The Warriors were able to put together a touchdown in the second half, but failed to capitalize on the two point conversion, making the score 8-6 in favor of the Lions.



It was a hard fought matchup, but in the end the Lions' hard work paid off as they came out victorious.



"Run to the Roar"



THE PRIDE'S FIRST RALLY

BY SONJA MILLER PUBLICATIONS ADVISOR



The alpha female of the Legacy Pride, Audra May, has encouraged us to "Run toward the roar." It is a counterintuitive act, running toward the earthquake of sound meant to illicit fear from all who hear it, although those who succumb to their fears and run from the roar will find themselves running directly into an ambush by pride members strategically placed to pick off the cowards. As I descended the stairs and rounded the cafeteria for my first Pep Rally at Legacy, a sonic wall of cheer penetrated my core and generated shock waves which reverberated like ripples in a pond after a stone disturbs the murky depths.

"You are not a coward," I reminded myself. "You are a Legacy Lion, get in there and roar."

Upon entering the Lion's "den," I was surprised to see the very students who had been sitting silently and studiously in my Leadership and English classes some thirty minutes ago, were the very people rattling the rafters of the gymnasium. Cheers rang out to encourage fellow Lions who, later that day, are set to compete on the home volleyball court, and others who would find themselves on foreign football fields fighting for the honor of first blood. Older student leaders acknowledged each member of the fall athletic teams, introducing the youngest

members first, just as Jesus had instructed. During the class cheer off, middle school showered their high school elders with a percussive storm of stomps and claps that made it difficult to determine a spirit winner, other than the obvious, the entire student body. Parents watched from the sidelines as their "cubs" showed an exuberance for their school community, a community created by parents and given to children. Parent generosity increased as the noise level elevated and one mom passed out aspirin as if they were Skittles. The Legacy pride was showing here among the Pride; each member, an individual, thriving being a part of something bigger than himself. Romans 12:4-5 says it best, "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Running toward the roar led me exactly where God would have me, in the Lion's Den; a place where the students, staff, and parents taught the teacher a lesson in community.



Meagan Murray, Off the Court

By: Tayler Perniciaro, HS Editor

Who is Meagan Murray? The new JV and Varsity volleyball coach. If you have not seen her around school, she's the one always wearing a smile and who is always bursting with energy. This year is her first year coaching volleyball at Legacy Prep. She came to Legacy with her husband, Nash Murray, who is one of our new football coaches. As it is my first year playing volleyball, I could not ask for a better coach. She sure makes us girls work hard, but we all have fun while doing so.

Born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, she is definitely used to the cold. I remember this one, hilarious story about how her hair froze because of the freezing temperatures. Moving to a new place in Silver Spring, Maryland at age ten, she picked up on the game of volleyball and has loved it ever since. Although being told she was too young to play, she kept up the hobby and waited a year until she was able to join the club team in Silver Spring. She played all the way through college. And when I say she played, I mean PLAYED. She was a starting varsity player her freshman year at Howard, a Division 1 university. Another amazing memory is going to the MEC Conference and winning 2nd place in their division! However, she has then transferred from Howard university to Sam Houston University, where she is still studying. Throughout her volleyball career, she excelled at every position on the volleyball court.

When Meagan is not spiking a volleyball on the court, she enjoys the calming time of pottery and photography. Which is kind of ironic, compared the intense and fierce volleyball player she is. Being a

consummate competitor, Mrs. Murray also tries out many other sports, such as darts which ends up with many holes in the wall. However, her first love and dedication will always be volleyball

When asked why she chose to become a coach volleyball, "I have played all my life and wanted to share my knowledge and passion for the game with the girls" and also it is a job where she can "be a coach but also a mentor and Christlike role model."

It has been thrilling getting to know Meagan Murray. Watching her serve the ball across the court, spiking it to the ground before you even have time to blink. Some may think she is a little too extreme. However, she is one of the kindest and funniest people I have met. We are truly blessed and grateful to have her as our coach, encouraging us on the sidelines.



A Day in the Life of a Beach Bum

By: Mary-Grace Schwartzkopf, HS Staff Reporter

Though the sun had only risen, it managed to reach the window and hit my peaceful eyes, waking me up. Sighing in content, I rolled over so I could access my phone to check the time which read seven o'clock.

Why did I wake up so early? Suddenly it hit me like a massive rock. The first day of tenth grade was going to start in an hour and a half, and I was nowhere near ready to face the day.

As my car rolled up to the front of the school, I couldn't help but compare my already dreary day, to a tropical one, at the beach. Knowing only a week ago I was sleeping in and splashing around in the ocean made me feel even more gloomy than I previously was. As someone who goes the beach fairly often, I can attest that sitting on the sand, while watching the waves is something that I would rather do than wake up early and go to class, on any given day. Though school can be rather enjoyable, it is not that pleasant.

Imagining myself laying out with a coconut water in one hand, and the newest issue of Vogue in the other was a daydream that my mind replayed over and over. Summer seems to go by faster every year. The beautiful blossoms of summertime turn too soon into the red and orange leaves of autumn. The only way to drift back to the carefree summer mindset, is to imagine that summer had never ended. The thought of pure white sand and the sound of the serene waves made the thought of trading my bathing suit in for my uniform even harder than I had anticipated. My

made the thought of trading my bathing suit in for my uniform even harder than I had anticipated. My mellow trance continued for some time until the sound of the teacher's voice snapped me back into reality. The stern voice instructed, "Mary-Grace, please pay attention because this will be on Wednesday's test."

That, my friends and fellow Legacy Lions, was a day in the life of a beach bum.



Spirit Sticks: A New Way to Show Pep for Legacy

By: Caroline Freeman, MS Contributing Editor

Should Cheerleaders be the only ones to show their school spirit? Luckily, Legacy has come up with a creative way for lions everywhere to express their love for their school. Students grades Pre-K through 12th are able to purchase a kind and encouraging message shaped as a stick for just one dollar! Although spirit sticks allow scholars to proclaim their peppy spirit, these energetic notes indicate much more meaning. Spirit sticks help lions to communicate their spirit and encourage students to practice Christ-like character.

First of all, spirit sticks broadcast scholars' school spirit. These exciting memos energize students about upcoming events at Legacy. In fact, spirit sticks, which encourages a peppy environment, will encourage the pupils and their families to support Legacy's sports teams. Lastly, students will hopefully lend a fancy hand in sport events happening at Legacy while showing school spirit, because school spirit creates unity within Legacy. Spirit sticks are an important key factor in forming the unity that Legacy strives for.



While spirit sticks encourage school spirit, they also encourage Christ-like character. Teachers firmly decide that children within their classes will be able to earn spirit sticks by helping a classmate or authority. Because of this rule, children throughout each class will strive for obedient behavior at all times. In conclusion, spirit sticks, which produce excellence within each student, will create a peaceful classroom environment. Truly, teachers will enjoy this change within their classes and will find that teaching each child will be much easier than it was before. Encouraging Christ-like character within Legacy helps the scholars to boldly share Jesus to others. Now that is truly something to be peppy about.