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## TURKEY TIME! FIRST GRADE FALL FESTIVAL



Mrs. Smith's first grade class enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving feast Wednesday, November fifteenth. The feast included corn on the cob, eggs with bacon, ham and cheese sliders, and mini apple pies. The kids were all very excited to have their own little Thanksgiving dinner together as a class. Mrs. Smith and the moms provided the kids with the delicious food and adorable turkey hats.

As the students entered the classroom and saw the decorated table and food for the first time, Levi Pontius exclaimed, "Woah, look what they've done with the place! This is the best day ever! I love Thanksgiving, it is my favorite!"

The table was decorated with plenty of pumpkins and turkeys and beautifully colored fall leaves. Mrs. Smith lead the students in the Lord's Prayer before feasting. Each child joined in and gave thanks for the wonderful food.

For a brief five minutes, the students were silent as they enjoyed the tasty food, and then went right back to talking about their Thanksgiving plans and enjoying time with one another.

I asked a few students what their favorite Thanksgiving food is and why they love Thanksgiving. Jayden Hulbert replied "My favorite Thanksgiving food is corn and love Thanksgiving because it is close to my birthday, and that makes it even better!"

Mrs. Smith wished the students a happy break as they finished cleaning their plates. The students were very fascinated to learn Mrs. Smith was traveling to Australia over the break. The moms came by and took the kid's trash and began to wrap up the feast.

## A Message from Mrs. May

### Thankful In All Things

Of course we think this time of year about all those things for which we should be thankful. It should not be a difficult task to come up with the many blessings we have in our life...often, blessings that may feel more like affliction. But God says we are to be thankful in all circumstances. Are you thankful no matter what? Perhaps you have lost your job recently, or you maybe your health, or even a loved one. These circumstances can be very difficult. But even so, we all have much to be thankful for.

In my opinion, few reflect on all they have to be thankful for more often than Billy Graham. I recently read this brief article about giving thanks and would like to pass it along to you. It's from the article, *How to Be Thankful In All Things*. <https://billygraham.org/story/how-to-be-thankful-in-all-things/>

Look with me at the story of a man who had every right to be bitter—but wasn't.

The next footsteps in the corridor, he knew, might be those of the guards taking him away to his execution. His only bed was the hard, cold stone floor of the dank, cramped prison cell. Not an hour passed when he was free from the constant irritation of the chains and the pain of the iron manacles cutting into his wrists and legs.

Separated from friends, unjustly accused, brutally treated—if ever a person had a right to com

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# Character Trait of the Month - November

## Gratefulness

By Kristie Pope-Dunn: Dean of Family Ministry

November marked our character study of gratefulness. Gratefulness is defined as: warmly or deeply appreciative of kindness or benefits received; thankful, pleasing to the mind or senses; agreeable or welcome; refreshing. Just pausing to reflect on the word grateful warms the heart. It demands an attitude or heart change simply by thinking on it! It's humbling ourselves to appreciate what we already have without a constant sense of wanting more, more, more. When consumerism plagues our lives through advertisements on our phones, social media, commercials, billboards, and radios, a life of contentment and gratitude opposes the norm. It's a daily choice in many ways. It's a mindset. To intentionally wake up and thank God for.....anything. To start the day with a grateful heart. So, how can we do that? Take a moment each day to notice the sky — the changing clouds and colors. Describe what you see and experience to a friend. What new perspectives arise when you gaze at the sky? Look directly into the face of a friend, family member, or your child and smile without words. What happens? Take time to consider the 'simple' things we take for granted like clean water and light. Think of those without from times past and now – no electricity, no running water. We are so incredibly blessed. Journal ways that you have left a positive impact on the world each day. Acknowledge that you do make a difference, you do have purpose under Heaven. This is especially helpful when you live with seemingly never-ending to-do lists. It's nice to literally check them off to create a sense of 'I've-done-this' lists! Ask yourself or your family, "What am I grateful for today?" "What has surprised me lately?" "Who inspires me?" "What challenging situations have brought out the best in me?" These are all ways to reflect and personally focus on the good all around us. Thank God for His incomprehensible wisdom and love, grace and mercy, forgiveness and discipline. Never forget His great faithfulness. May each of us be like the one leper who returned after receiving healing to say, "Thank You" to the One who loves us best. We are quick to cry out when we are in need. May we also be quick to return, grateful when we receive our answer. The list is impossibly long to type, but He is worthy of our heartfelt and genuine thanks every single day. Pause and reflect on His blessings and love, and soon enough we will all be living lives of gratefulness!

*"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."  
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

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plain, it was this man, languishing almost forgotten in a harsh Roman prison. But instead of complaints, his lips rang with words of praise and thanksgiving!

The man was the Apostle Paul—a man who had learned the meaning of true thanksgiving, even in the midst of great adversity. Earlier, when he had been imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote, “Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV).

Think of it: Always giving thanks for everything—no matter the circumstances! Thanksgiving for the Apostle Paul was not a once-a-year celebration, but a daily reality that changed his life and made him a joyful person in every situation.

Thanksgiving—the giving of thanks—to God for all His blessings should be one of the most distinctive marks of the believer in Jesus Christ. We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our heart and chill our relationship with God and with others.

Nothing turns us into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment and the joy of our salvation than a true spirit of thankfulness.

In the ancient world, leprosy was a terrible disease. It hopelessly disfigured those who had it, and it permanently cut them off from normal society. Without exception, every leper yearned for one thing: To be healed.

One day 10 lepers approached Jesus outside a village, loudly pleading with Him to heal them. In an instant He restored them all to perfect health—but only one came back and thanked Him. All the rest left without a word of thanks, their minds preoccupied only with themselves, gripped with a spirit of ingratitude.

Today, too, ingratitude and thanklessness are far too common. Children forget to thank their parents for all that they do. Common courtesy is scorned. We take for granted the ways that others help us. Above all, we fail to thank God for His blessings.

Ingratitude is a sin, just as surely as is lying or stealing or immorality or any other sin condemned by the Bible. One of the Bible's indictments against rebellious humanity is that “although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him” (Romans 1:21, NIV). An ungrateful heart is a heart that is cold toward God and indifferent to His mercy and love. It is a heart that has forgotten how dependent we are on God for everything.



## Leadership Teacher Feature : **Stephanie Cobb & Kim Chevalier**

Written by Paityn Smith

Legacy disciples their students through leadership on Fridays. Seventh grade leadership is learning about being a leader in all aspects of their life. Ms. Chevalier and Ms. Cobb teach seventh-grade leadership. In leadership, they study the Bible and look at times when God used different people to accomplish different tasks. Seventh grade leadership discusses who they are in Christ and how they can be leaders in all aspects of their life. Ms. Cobb and Ms. Chevalier discuss real situations, challenges, and topics and find ways when they can be the leader with their students. They use the book *Daring Deliverers* to help them learn more about being a leader. The class has lots of open discussions during their class and sometimes they go into small groups.

Ms. Cobb wants her students to develop an image of who they are in Christ and a purpose for their life.

Ms. Cobb says “I want them to leave 7th grade feeling like they know who they are and having the confidence to share the love of Christ with others. I would love them to feel empowered and able to accomplish all that God has planned for their lives!”

Ms. Chevalier says “I want my students to learn about some of the judges in the Bible and how to apply a Christian worldview in their life. I also want to help them represent Jesus to others.”

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# What is AIM?

*Written by Reagan Lagunas*

The first Friday of every month, high school students gather together in the upstairs hallway and meet for AIM. Last year this was known as Pronouncements, but our NHS, who coordinates the event, changed the name to something a little more meaningful. AIM stands for Abide in Me, which is what we pray and hope God will do for us everyday. During this time of fellowship, breakfast is served, and members of the Legacy high school praise band provide the worship. After that, a speaker shares a message. So far, we have met three times. The speakers have been Wade Hopkins with FCA, Paige Ingersoll from St. Anthony's, and Homer Allison, Pastor of Servanthood Fellowship. The stu-



dents then head to class with soft hearts and full minds. We invite all high school students to keep first Fridays on their calendar and join us for AIM!

## ARTISTIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*Written by Ali Neuberger*

Legacy's art program offers a variety of opportunities for students to show their creativity and refine their artistic abilities. Art is available to students of all grade levels as an elective course. First through Fourth grade art is taught by June Waggener; Pre-K, Middle School, and Kindergarten are lead by Di Ferebee; and High School is instructed by Betty Arnold. The students explore many forms of art in order to discover which one best suits them. Legacy uses art not only to help students broaden their creativity but also to learn about God and bring Him glory.

In First through Fourth grade, they have studied flowers, leaves, trees and still life. Soon they will begin to investigate the many ways to draw people, animals, and buildings.

June Waggener said, "We do drawing and design in a wide variety of media and subjects, centered around God as creator." The kids have the unique opportunity to learn about God's magnificent creation while drawing it as well.

The students in Pre-K and Kindergarten have gotten into the fall spirit by making torn paper Indian corn while the middle school students are learning many intriguing things about the mathematical side of art.

Mrs. Ferebee said, "My Middle School classes all worked to create stained glass, radial symmetry, and drawings using value." The students have been combining art with other core classes to develop a greater understanding of what they learn outside of the classroom.

The art teachers are thoroughly adoring teaching the students. They have many exciting upcoming projects that we cannot wait to see and hear about!



# Lower School Lions

## Spotlight

*Written by Amy Brown*

Twenty Legacy 3rd and 4th graders participated in the Noetic Math Contest on Nov 9th. The contest is a semiannual problem-solving test that is designed to promote students' problem-solving skills and math interest. Students are asked to solve 20 problems independently within 45 minutes. Our Legacy participants competed with about 30,000 others student across the nations. We are very proud of their extra effort and enthusiasm in using their God given math talents!

The contest results will be available mid December, and Legacy will hold an awards ceremony during morning assemble early January to recognize all our participants and our winners. The top 10% of all participants in each grade across the nation will receive 'National Honor Roll' medals. Also, Noetic will reward a metal to Legacy's top 3rd and 4th grader.

### Legacy's 2017 Noetic Math

#### Team:

Andrew Byrd	3rd Grade
William Fleming	3rd Grade
Tysen Harrison	3rd Grade
Susannah Hill	3rd Grade
Julianna Hulbert	3rd Grade
Sam Moran	3rd Grade

Mackenzie Pogar	3rd Grade
Logan Santini	3rd Grade
Coltyn Watson	3rd Grade
Maggie Wingo	3rd Grade
Daniel Brown	4th Grade
Caleb Cordes	4th Grade
Lilly Dillon	4th Grade
Tess Herridge	4th Grade
Abigail Hill	4th Grade
Jenna Hulbert	4th Grade
Caleb Jolley	4th Grade
Owen Moede	4th Grade
Henry Seefeldt	4th Grade
Christian Yearwood	4th Grade



## Seventh Grade Poll

### What do you like to do for Thanksgiving?

Sebastian Rivera - "My favorite thing to do on thanksgiving is spending time with family and eating food."

Emma Demczak - "Go to Disney with my family and sometimes friends."

Cline Piotrowski - "My favorite thing to do on Thanksgiving is to get together with family and talk. Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays where my whole family gets together and connects as a whole."

Emma Hoover - "Spend time with family and friends."

David May - "Play football with fam."

Houston Runions - "Make cheese mashed potatoes and garlic salt into one food!"

Kyra Huckaby - "I like to eat food and hang out with my family."

Maddy Rinn- "EAT, I LOVE TO EAT!"

Carson Lagunas- "Run around and have a good time with my family and my cousins."

Alynn Sweet - "I like to eat, I guess."

Mia Seay - "Getting to see all of my cousins and family."

Jake Mclemore - "My favorite thing to do on Thanksgiving is eating all the turkey and getting to see your family."

# THIS MONTH IN ATHLETICS:



## Fresh Start: JH Basketball

*Written by Carson Lagunas*

It's basketball season for the lions, and we started off with a game against the Woodlands Christian Warriors. The sixth grade team won but unfortunately the seventh and eighth grade team lost.

Chapman Wendell, one of our eighth grade players had something to say about the game, "It doesn't matter what the score-board says but it does matter if we have fun and having God with us while we play".

What that means is even if you're losing pick yourself up and play to the best of your ability. The six grade team won 20-22. They played a great and challenging game. The seventh grade team played the best they could but it wasn't enough to beat the warriors. The eighth grade team also played their best and gave their all but also wasn't enough to win. They were hoping for a win against Alpha Omega on November 13th. The seventh grade boys won against Alpha Omega 57-7, but the 8th grade did not end up winning.

One of our players on the seventh grade team, David May, scored 31 points. He played an awesome game! And one of our other players, Maddox Calicchia had something to say as well, "The game was really fun and I'm glad we won."

We are now preparing for the next game and hoping to win against Rose Hill on November 27th, 4:00 PM for sixth grade boys, 6:00 PM for seventh grade boys and 8:00 PM eighth grade boys. Good job Legacy.

# Firing Up in Fellowship!

*Written by Brooke Foster*

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) put together a rally before the A&M football game on November 11th from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Rudder Theatre. The program involved worship led by the band, "Set Free," testimonies of Aggie athletes, a Gospel presentation and message by Beau Bever from College Station FCA, and entrance to the football game.

The night was great for students from all over the state to join in community and learn what it means to be a Christian athlete. Four Legacy students attended the rally along with a large group of youth from other schools.

Maggie Tautfest, one of the rally attendees, explains, "It was inspiring to see how Christ is moving in so many young athletes' lives and how they are showing God's love through everyone else sharing it so that we can go out there and see that so many young people can do it, so why can't we?"

FCA's Wade Hopkins, also dad of three Legacy students, stated, "FCA Game Day Rally is special because you get all these junior high, high school kids from all around the area and they come and they get to hear from their own role models, the college athletes, the college students who stand up and share their stories."

Hopkins continues, "They're not listening to their pastor or their parents, they're getting to listen to teenagers, young adults, people just like them that are a little older

at the next step in college, share how God's impacting their life. So the influence is amazing."

Thankfully, a part of this influence is going to be continuing at Legacy where all high school athletes can be involved in the experience. FCA meetings will be held on Fridays at 12:30, during lunch, in room 210.

While the fellowship and fun of the rally and football game were beneficial, the most important part was how many lives were touched through FCA's Gospel

presentation. An incredible number of twenty students accepted Christ into their lives and are now saved!

God is doing amazing things through FCA in youth today, and the Game Day Rally was a great way to reach athletes from all over the area.



## Baskets of Fun: JH Lady Lions Lead

*Written by Jordyn Conley*

Girls JH Basketball is starting! We have been waiting all year and it's finally here. The lady lions began our second game with a 46-13 win! Although these girls do put a lot of extraordinary effort and time into practicing they couldn't have done it without God. Their family and peers love cheering for the girls and watching them thrive on the court!

Cheerleader Rachel Hamilton said, "I love cheering at the basketball games and watching the girls play their hardest. They are such a good team. It may not be my favorite sport but I still love watching the game!"

Our legacy cheerleaders are great supporters of the lady lions. They enjoy watching the games and cheering there fellow friends on!

Another cheerleader Lexi Elguezabal quotes, "I love watching all my friends play. They work so hard and diligently. They are my favorite team to watch, because they put up a fight and never give up! They encourage me to be better at what I do."

This proves that our Legacy JH basketball girls are truly a hard working team. It is not always easy to do what you love but if you love something you work hard for it. As Psalms 90:17 states, "May

the favor of our Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us, establish the work of our hands."

Number 40 on the team, Berkley Jones says, "This season is so much fun! I have loved getting to know my teammates and coach. I can't wait for what God has in store for us next."

These girls are learning determination and encouraged to work their hardest and never give up!

# LADY LIONS ROAR PAST THE FALCONS



*Written by Dion Pinkard*

After getting knocked out in the second round of last year's playoff run, our Lady Lions have a different mindset coming into this season. The motto this year is 'Own It' which brings a whole new atmosphere.

When asking for the meaning behind the motto, Junior shooting guard Anna Peterson replied with, "Basically the successes and failures we encounter wheth-

er it's individually or together throughout the season, we embrace as a team and own. We don't discourage or shame anyone because it's a team effort." With a whole new motivation, the Lady Lions expect to make it further in the playoffs this year.

Our Lady Lions had their season opener against Frassati Catholic High School. The Lady Lions got off to an amazing start, which allowed for a lot of the inexperienced players to get more playing

time, and would eventually go onto win 29 - 24.

When asked about what they could've done better, Senior forward Rachel Carlson replied with, "Some of the things we could've improved on this game were completing our passes and having fewer turnovers."

The Lady Lions will be preparing for the Lifestyle Christian Tournament that will be held at Legacy this Friday.



# PUMPKIN PALLET

## *Elementary Pumpkin Decorating Contest*

*Written by Harris Tucker*

The Halloween celebration at Legacy took an artistic turn this year. On Monday, October 30, and Tuesday, October 31, Legacy students of all ages were invited to participate in the school-wide pumpkin decorating contest that was occurring alongside the elementary storybook character parade. Participants were encouraged to glue, glitter, draw, paint, and dye their masterpieces in a way that illustrated their creativity. In the following days, the finished pumpkins were put on display in the lunchroom for all to see.

“Our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest and elementary Storybook Character Parade bring lots of joy and smiles to Legacy’s campus,” Mrs. Dunn, the organizer of the contest, declared when asked for her opinion on the festivities. “This year was no exception.”

Arriving in a myriad of shapes, sizes, and colors, the finished carvings were a sight to behold for parents and students alike. Designs ranging from Spiderman to My Little Pony adorned the display, and together the pumpkins all provided one masterful work of art. The pumpkins were judged to determine winners for specific archetypes such as “most creative”, “most school spirit”, and “most colorful”. Dress down days were awarded exclusively to the victors. Notwithstanding, every hard worker

went home satisfied that they had profoundly exhibited the creativity of a Legacy Lion.



## ***Love-Stuffed Turkey: The Meaning of Thanksgiving***

*Written by Maydson Conley & Reagan Lagunas*

The first Thanksgiving can be dated back to November of 1621. Along with the Wampanoag Indians, the Pilgrims gathered for a bountiful feast bringing two diverse groups together to unite in thankfulness and gratitude. Though every family has different traditions for the holiday, we all come together to celebrate all that we are thankful for. For most of us, Thanksgiving is a time to reunite with distant relatives, indulge in copious

amounts of food, and take a break from the stresses of school and work. In the midst of all of this, we often forget to stop and thank God for everything he has blessed us with.

2 Corinthians 9:11-12 says, “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”

Rachel Carlson, a senior at Legacy, says “Thanksgiving is the time to eat however much you want and not get judged.”

Saylor Wendell, another Legacy senior, says, “I enjoy the festivities of Thanksgiving because it is an excuse to gather with family and eat good food. I also loves to have an excuse to wear weird clothes and sing holiday music.”

This Thanksgiving, it is important to remember to give thanks for all the blessings that God has provided us with.



Countless creative costumes were spotted on the mornings of Monday, October 30th and Tuesday, October 31st when Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy hosted a Storybook Parade for the elementary students. Kindergarten all the way through fourth grade dressed up for this exciting event, and parents came to take pictures of their children and their classmates. Spiderman, Moana, and Alice in Wonderland were some of the great characters seen walking around Legacy's gym. Also, several students were wearing Astros gear or they were dressed as

baseball players to celebrate the Astros being in the World Series! Kindergarten Aubree Snell, who came as a horse rider, says that her favorite part of Storybook Parade is “riding a horse”. Aubree looked wonderful in her riding boots and helmet! “I like reading books”, states Avery Walsh, a 2nd grader dressed as Junie B. Jones, when asked why she loves the Storybook Parade. Our school values the Storybook Parade as a fun way for students to have read in exciting ways. In addition, it encourages reading for kids who don’t usually read books, because reading is necessary in order to find a favorite book character. Legacy would like to thank all the students who participated in the Storybook Parade, and the parents who came and watched. The students thoroughly enjoyed having their parents there to support them. This fun event would not be the same without you!

Our school values the Storybook Parade because it allows the students to express their creativity in many ways. It allows the students to realize that reading is fun and that they can use what they



# REN FEST PRODUCTIONS



*Written by Emma Demczak*

Last week, our Legacy FOIL performed for many to see at the Renaissance. Katy Evans directed and Lisa Railey and Amber Stepanik helped with costumes. The students who participated were Nick Teutsch, Cameron Pineda, Joshua Vicknair, Kyra Huckaby, Kyra Wright, Laney Elguezabal, Lauren Railey, and Serenity Stepanik.

When asked why she chose to do the play, Katy Evans stated, "I love the way our Fine Arts program is growing and want to aid it's growth in anyway I can. Part of that involves providing opportunities for students to try new things."

Besides Mrs. Evans and the cast, there were several parents and even some friends that came to see the production! They performed at the Texas Renaissance Festival, specifically in the Agora Theater. Since they performed a Greek piece, it was fun that they were assigned the Agora because all the surrounding decor was Greek as well. It was so hot and humid that it's cast's make up was melting off their face! They had several different events for students to

compete in: monologues, dialogues, group scenes, and one act plays.

Mrs. Evans stated that "I thought doing a group scene would be a perfect way to dip their toes in the water and see what type of competition the Renaissance really was."

She chose a piece for them to perform - "The Furies" from The Oresteia Trilogy - and then created a schedule of rehearsals which lasted 6-7 weeks long. It's straight acting so they didn't need to have access to a piano which made the planning process simpler. Wondering how they prepared for the show I asked Joshua Vicknair and Cameron Pineda what they did.

Joshua claimed "I observed every one which helped me get better into character."

Cameron admitted "I researched the person to see how they acted."

This was a great way to get students to do fun activities.

## Thankful for Thanksgiving Vacations

*Written by Evin Calicchia & Grace Lewis*

Thanksgiving Break is just around the corner and many Legacy families are going to visit family, take a trip, or relax at home. While relaxing on the break, we should remember to thank the Lord for all the blessings he has placed in our lives. While some travel, others enjoy time at home.

Mrs. Fleming stated, "We are staying home with just our family and looking forward to lots of our favorite foods and movies."

Madison Vaughn commented, "I'm heading to Thanksgiving with my family in Dallas, then playing

soccer the weekend after at a college-showcase."

Caroline Freeman explained, "I'm just staying home and hanging out with my family."

Laney Elguezabal noted, "I'm gonna be traveling to Denton to go to my aunt's wedding, then come back and see my family all around Texas."

Whether it be a vacation, family, or fun, Thanksgiving Break is a time when everyone can relax and come back to school refreshed with excitement about the upcoming Christmas season.