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CLASS OF 2018 VALEDICTORIAN: SAMI EVRARD



Congratulations to Sami Evrard, the Class of 2018 Valedictorian! The valedictorian of the senior class is the individual with the highest GPA. In order to be valedictorian, an individual must get a distinguished diploma plan, take the most challenging classes, and have good grades, earning the highest GPA. For Sami, this meant "studying more and sleeping less." Sami definitely worked hard for her top spot.

Sami explains how she felt when discovering her rank in the class, "I was thrilled when I found out I was the valedictorian. While it wasn't a goal at first, as I began to see how close I was, I felt encouraged to work even harder. I wish more students could be recognized because I know there are so many strong students in my class who were also working incredibly hard."

Benefits of the valedictorian spot include; the state valedictorian scholarship which covers the first year of college tuition and automatic acceptance into state schools in Texas.

After asking about her future plans after high school, Sami shared, "I plan to attend Texas A&M for my bachelor's degree. Ultimately, I would like to get a doctorate as a nurse practitioner. I won't have to choose a specialty for a few more years, but I'm potentially interested in being a nurse anesthetist or a neonatal nurse practitioner."

With a bright future ahead of her, Sami has proven what hard work and dedication will do. Best of luck to this future Aggie!

A Message from Mrs. May

Not Your Responsibility

For the third year in a row, we will have another boy walk the stage and leave our home. It's a bittersweet time. While we are so proud of all he's accomplished and of the man he has become, it still feels like a loss. This is a time to reflect on the impact his absence will have in our home, the adjustments his little brother will need to make to yet another big brother's departure, and just life with one boy instead of four. As with the others, our graduate's future is constantly on my mind. Where will he go? How will he do? When will I see him?

Were my mother to read the passage above, she would say I am borrowing trouble. Of course, she'd be right. Scripture tells us we are not to be anxious about anything. Our church is currently in the book of Matthew and though I have read this piece of scripture too many times to count, it has special meaning to me today. Matthew 6:25-27 says, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" And, here's the kicker, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own," Matthew 6:34. Boy, isn't that the truth. Each day does have enough trouble of its own. There is

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Character Trait of the Month - April

PURPOSE

By Kristie Tran: Dean of Family Ministry

Have you ever sat and wondered, “What is my purpose?” Teaching a freshmen Leadership course this semester, this was one of the most prominent prayer requests scribbled onto a slip of paper and turned into my hands. We all seek God’s true purpose for placing us here on this earth. As we love Him and want to live a life for Him, we often turn to His face and ask Him what it is we are to do while we live and breathe and until He takes us Home.

There are SO many Scriptures in the Bible regarding purpose. Our memory verse for April was, “I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you My power and that My Name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” Exodus 9:16 This one explains to us that God desires for us as Christians to proclaim His glory, His power, and His mighty name in ALL the earth!

Jesus, in what is commonly known as “The Great Commission” said for His disciples (and therefore us, as His current disciples), “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Jesus was speaking into the faces of those who were physically going to miss Him when He ascended back into Heaven and sat at the right hand of the Father until He comes back again for His bride. Jesus gave us great purpose for living and working here on the earth until that glorious day – we are purposed to spread the Good News of Christ’s love and sacrifice, of God’s glory and commands, and to baptize new believers. Every single of one us can do something to further God’s kingdom. You are called! You are purposed for exactly this.

If you’re often plagued by this great question of purpose, if you find yourself “in a rut” or needing something fresh, may I challenge you? Sit down in the presence of the Lord. Grab a fresh sheet of paper, your Bible, and a pencil. If you’re a music-lover, play some soft worship, and just bask in His presence. You’re spending time with your Creator, your Abba Father. Ask Him, “What do You admire about me?” Ask Him, “What is it that I can do to further Your kingdom? What talents have You given me to share to Your glory?” Write down what He speaks to your heart! This communion is so precious, and these thoughts towards you will be forever held dear to your heart. Keep that paper, and tuck it somewhere safe. You can always pull it out again when you need to be reminded.

I’m sure you’ve heard, “Your talents are God’s gifts to you. What you do with them is your gift in return.” Read 1 Corinthians chapter 12. This Word speaks to different gifts God has given us. Some are given the gift of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge, miraculous powers, a gift of healing, to another prophesy, distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different tongues, to interpretation of tongues. He says, “All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines. Just as one body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts for one body, so it is with Christ.” He goes on to warn against comparison. If you’re looking around, scrolling social media, and find your heart saddened by comparing yourself with others, stop! Comparison is a thief of joy! God says that each of us are a part of the body of Christ. We have different talents to use to His glory – different callings. “God has placed in the church apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, gifts of healing, helping, guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire these gifts.” The rhetorical questions at the end can be used to calm those thoughts of comparison. We are not called to do everything, but we can excel at what we were called to do! I once read, “You can do anything, but you can’t do everything!”

You have great purpose in God’s design. His breath in your lungs is proof. If you want to know why, ask the One who created you! Read His Word, and be inspired. Remember, you can do anything, because with your God, nothing is impossible. Go forth!

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really no need for us to go out and ask for more.

Alexander McClaren, a Scottish pastor born in the 19th century wisely noted that worry or anxiety was, "Assuming responsibility for something we were never meant to have." In other words, worrying about what hasn't happened yet is not our responsibility. God tells us he will take care of us because 1) he loves us and designed us for His purposes, and 2) he takes care of creatures much less important than us. If we can simply release our worries and anxieties to him, we will be free to enjoy the moment we are in and be at peace about whatever the outcome will be.

How I wish I had been able to wrap my head around this two boys ago! I know I would've been able to enjoy their moments more fully, if only I had allowed God to take care of their details. They are prospering and making their way, just like they should be, and all of my worry was just an utter waste of time. Don't grab hold of what isn't yours. Instead, latch on to those memories and moments and make them count. God's got the rest!

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CLASS OF 2018 SALUTATORIAN: SPENCER BERGLUND

Written by Kaylee Hill

Due to Spencer's impressive GPA, Spencer Berglund is Legacy's 2018 graduating salutatorian. As a young child Spencer found himself fascinated with books. He spent much of his free time as a child reading all different kinds of fiction and nonfiction novels. Throughout his youth Spencer also fell in love with helping others through the Boy Scouts of America. Spencer is currently an Eagle Scout.

As Spencer grew older, one of the things he fell in love with was photography. He enjoys aerial quadcopter photography and is intrigued by the new perspective of the landscape that it gives you. Spencer also enjoys golfing, and has been a member of Legacy's golf team for two seasons. As a hobby, Spencer animates. You can check out his Lego creations on his Youtube channel: Pongowl.

Spencer expressed his gratitude towards Legacy and his high school years by saying, "I am grateful for all the excellent Christian leaders that I have had the opportunity to learn from during my time at Legacy. It is my hope that I will continue to learn throughout my life and pass on knowledge to others. Furthermore, it is my goal to help the working class and end the minimum wage. I am thankful for my loving family and the great state of Texas."

Legacy's teacher Mr. Huckaby said, "Spencer is an amazingly intelligent and creative student. Spencer is someone you can always count on to put forth his best effort and to help out anyone in need. He has an exceedingly bright future."

Spencer Berglund is a hard working student that is destined for greatness. His perseverance in and out of the classroom has shaped him to be the successful man he is today.



National Junior Honor Society Induction

Written by Emma Demczak

NJHS is important because for many students, it is the beginning of the realization that hard work and academic success can be rewarding. NJHS stands for National Junior Honor Society. It is one of the nation's oldest, largest, and most prestigious student recognition programs.

When asked how he felt and why he joined, Cline Piotrowski claims, "I felt extremely honored! I couldn't wait to serve and lead. I enrolled in NJHS because of the opportunity to serve both on campus and in the community. I saw it as a chance to become a leader, grow my character, and mature in my walk with Christ."

Once inducted, students are required to pay annual dues, attend meetings, and continue to uphold the standards for the society. They also ask for a certain number of service hours to be met, either through hours at Legacy or in the community.

Mrs. Schardt was asked why she chose to lead NJHS and she stated, "I chose to be the advisor for NJHS because it gives me an opportunity to work with students and hopefully inspire them to continue in their journey to use all their God given gifts to honor Him and give back to their community."



The NJHS members meet once every quarter. The student must be at Legacy for one full semester to be eligible to join NJHS, and the student must be in 6th-8th grade.

As an inductee, Houston Runions had several things to say on the matter, "I feel more refined helping people and it is an honor and helpful for my personal record."

The students become members of NJHS by first being eligible academically. If they are academically eligible, they are then asked to fill out paperwork listing all the activities they have been involved in, whether in school, church, or the community. Any jobs, service hours, or leadership roles are also listed. These forms are then given to the five-member council which is made up of Legacy staff and teachers. The council then decides which students meet the criteria based on the five qualities that serve as standards for the society.

The five qualities are scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. There are several reasons kids should be members of NJHS. First, it shows the student is working hard to do the best they can academically and civically. Second, they are with like minded students to further encourage each other and raise the standard of excellence.

Praises to Jesus

Written by Brooke Foster & Evin Calicchia

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:1-2).

On Friday, April 13th, the middle school and high school praise band led worship during Leadership in 4th and 6th periods. Students, teachers, and parents filled the stands. Members of the choir are: Lilly Berglund, Bonnie Hopkins, Bailey Lawson, Tyler Wyles, Nick Teutsch, and Justin Centilli. The middle school praise band consists of: Maddox Calicchia, Jacob Sutton, Emma Demczak, Anna Abrahams, Sebastian Rivera, Ali Burkhard, Hassyn Carrico, and Sierra Sacchieri. The high school praise band is made up of three members: Clay Burkhard, Reagan Lagunas, and Evin

Calicchia.

The choir started off both shows with two upbeat songs called Never Stop by Urban Rescue and Wake by Hillsong Young and Free.

The middle school praise band performed at both shows and the high school performed at the second. Middle school played Testify by Need To Breathe, Holy Spirit by Francesca Battistelli, Ever Be by Kalley Heiligenthal, and O Come to the Altar by Elevation Worship.

Jacob Sutton played an original song called *Hope in this Tragedy* that inspired many and moved the audience to roar in applause.

The second show was the same except for Evin Calicchia's performance of her original song called, Mirrors. She hopes that someone in the crowd was reminded they are eternally

loved by their Creator even as imperfect beings.

Anna Abrahams explained, "I like singing music and praising God. Mrs. Ferebee is really good at helping out and being there for us."

Lilly Berglund shared, "I enjoyed singing with the other choir members this year. We had a lot of fun praising God and being weirdos. Also, I look forward to next year when we might have choir as an elective during the school day."

The performances positively showcased Legacy's extracurricular music program. God has blessed everyone with talents that they can use to make God known to others. The students showcased their talents and love for God through praise.

Lower School Lions

Spotlight



Written by Lisa Holland

In May 2016 it felt like our world shifted when our daughter Ava, a Legacy 4th grader, was diagnosed with Juvenile Dermatomyositis, “JDM”. JDM is a rare, life-threatening autoimmune disease affecting 2-4 in every million US kids. The immune system is a group of cells that normally protects the body. In an autoimmune disease like JDM, however, the cells get active and they cannot stop. The immune system ends up attacking previously healthy tissues, harming the body instead of protecting it. In JDM, the immune system mistakenly targets muscles, skin and other tissues. The result is weakened muscles and unusual skin rashes among other symptoms.

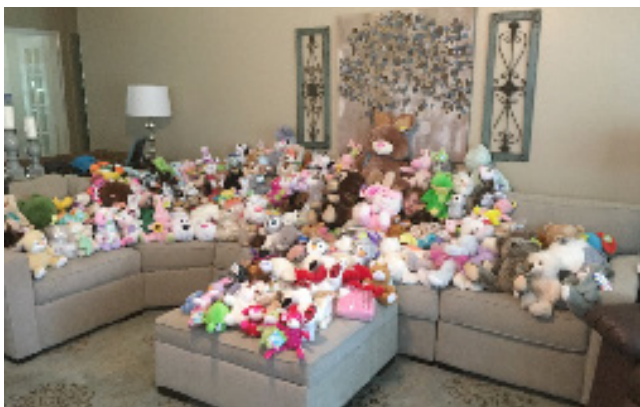
Ava has been under treatment now for almost two years and is doing remarkably well. Every month, we spend one day in the Medical Center for an infusion. These infusions have been the golden ticket for Ava’s wellness. We are so grateful for the medicine and care she receives at her hospital.

In that gratefulness our family has found compassion for other kids and their families who live with chronic illness. Galatians 6:2 says, “Carry each other’s burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ”. Our family wanted to do something! So....we created “Stuffed Love”!

The purpose of Stuffed Love is to bless children who spend any amount of time in a hospital with a new stuffed ani-

mal. Hospitals can be a frightening place for kids...even some adults. Kids are comforted by having a stuffed animal to hold and love.

Last year we received approximately 230 stuffed animals from our Legacy family. This year our goal is to collect over 300! During the month of April, we are collecting NEW stuffed animals in carline and at the front desk. Thank you Lions for your generosity and for supporting Stuffed Love!



THIS MONTH IN ATHLETICS:

As the year begins to come to a close, athletics is still going strong. Our girls track team has 4 members that have qualified for the state meet this weekend in Waco. They are Bethany and Grace Ann Hopkins, Maggie Tautfest, and Brooke Chevalier.

Our softball concluded their year with a win against Beaumont Legacy and is already looking forward to next season.

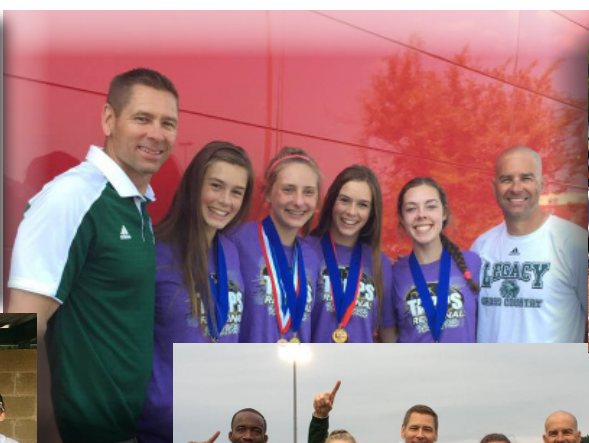
Lion baseball has their area playoff game in New

Braunfels on Saturday against New Braunfels Christian Academy and are looking to advance to the Regional game next weekend.

Thanks for your continued support of all our athletic programs!

Defend The PRIDE!

Coach McDonald



Striking Out the Rivals: JH Baseball

Written by Parker Straw

The junior high baseball team had an up and down season. They did everything they could to pull out as many wins as they could. The season didn't go as planned, but it was an overall really good season and the team is proud of everything they were able to accomplish. Even though there were many highs and lows, there was a big boost to the morale of the team when they were able to take down their arch rivals, The Woodlands Christian Academy.

They won the game 5-4. It was a close and exciting game with each team taking turns winning the lead.

"It was just so exciting. To win a close game versus your rival team, it was awesome." Carson Lagunas said.

This was a huge confidence boost for the team, as every win is crucial throughout the season. The team continued to play with such success throughout the season. Despite not making the playoffs, the junior high baseball team is proud of their accomplishments and are looking forward to building on this success next year.

Victorious Varsity Baseball

Written by Hannah Homeyer & Maddox Calicchia

The Legacy Lions Varsity baseball team has had a triumphant and exciting season, which consisted of twenty-two season games from January to April. They played their final home game against Alpha Omega Academy at the Legacy Ballpark on April 26th. The Lions won by ten points with a final score of 14-4. This was also senior night.

The seven seniors on the team are: Cody Centilli, Trevor Turco, Carter Jones, Ben Schardt, Jared May, Patrick Locke, and Robbie Yanko received special recognition.

Senior Ben Schardt states, "This baseball season has been off to a great start. It is our first entire season to have our very own field on campus and it is one of the greatest blessings!

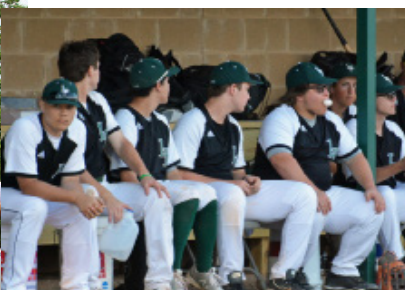
To make things even better, this year's team is arguably the best team we have ever had for our school. The goal for our season all year long has been to bring a state championship home to

Legacy. It is something the entire team has been working and as a senior I want to be able to help lead our team to that goal. As the season winds down to the nitty gritty, we have to continue to keep on working towards our goal of winning a state championship. As a senior, what better way could you go out than a state champion?"

This entire season has been successful. The Lions won fifteen games, lost six games, and tied one game. In addition to these records, the team also unfortunately lost a district game against Brazosport Christian School in Lake Jackson on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Robert Points, a Legacy freshman, says, "One thing I like about baseball at Legacy is that everyone motivates you to be the best you can be. The coaches bring out the best in me and so do my teammates."

The team is currently first in district, and their final goal now is to win the state championship. They travel to New Braunfels this weekend to face New Braunfels Christian Academy in the playoffs on Saturday, May 5th. Go Lions!



Tennis Team Triumph

Written by Jacob Sutton

As Legacy has continued to grow throughout the years, we have gradually introduced more sports on a larger scale. Most recently, our tennis team has represented in multiple matches and tournaments.

"I'm excited that Legacy finally has a tennis team and it's been really fun to play with my friends this year", Madyson Conley stated.

Tennis is also a very physically and mentally challenging sport. Although it is very underrated, it has been proven that is actually one of the toughest sports there is. With the amount of players we have available, there is a true connection to

the other teammates and players. The team has expanded quick enough to where they can compete against other school teams.

Their most recent tournament was regionals, with Madyson Conley, Laurel Turco, and Roslyn Boeke competing. Roslyn Boeke won third place, while Madyson Conley and Laurel Turco played doubles together and received seventh place. On the court, many of the players find that tennis relates to life in many ways. Laurel Turco explains that "Life is like tennis, no matter how many times you try if you keep making the same mistake and don't practice to get it right you will never get better." Although the team does not have a specific athletic coach at the moment, the



team is still striving for greatness, which shows in their performance in matches. The team has gone from playing other schools in the area in normal matches, to competing in regionals, and now, with their performance, they have qualified for the state tournament.

Our players have constantly worked hard and trained rigorously for their spot in the state tournament. The most important thing about our tennis team is that sportsmanship is always put first for the glory of God.

LEGACY FOIL TAKES THE STAGE

Written by Mia Acala & Diana Points

Legacy foil's production of High School Musical Jr. was shown for the first time on April 5th and was performed two more times on the 6th and 7th.

Their production was full of excitement and teamwork. The musical was based off of the 2006 movie High School Musical, which was about Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez who learn to get out of their comfort zone and don't stick to the status quo. The two meet at a ski lodge on New Year's Eve and are called to sing karaoke together. They find a special connection and exchanged phone numbers. Once they get back from winter break, Troy sees Gabriella in one of his classes and she explains to him that she has transferred schools. Together they join the school musical, but the jealous Sharpay Evans tries to ruin their chances. With their other commitments, they struggle to make the final auditions with the basketball team and the academic decathlon. In the end, everyone comes together and grows to appreciate others' differences.

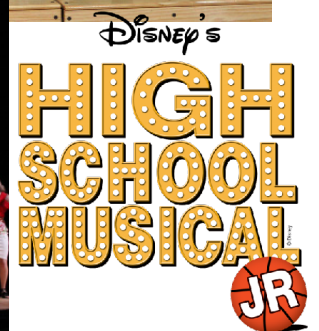
The cast consisted of twenty of Legacy's students who are passionate about theatre. The main characters were Hudson Railey who played Troy Bolton, alongside him, Maddie Reid played Gabriella Montez, Lauren Railey played Sharpay Evans, and D'Artangnan Elliott played Ryan Evans. The rest of the cast

included Ali Burkard, Audrey Spinale, Emma Demczack, Has-syn Carrico, Jacob Campbell, Joshua Vicknair, Kaity Lewis, Kate Vicknair, Laney Elguezabal, Rachel Carlson Rachel Robinson, Rowan Stepanik, Royce Reid, Sean Stepanik, Serenity Stepanik, Sydney Lewis. This years cast worked hard and put on an amazing show with the help of the outstanding stage crew. Danielle Ferebee was the backstage manager, Lena Clark and Carson Keyes were on light crew, Houston Runions, Sebastian Rivera and Jimmy Demczak were in charge of the sets and props, Fred Lewis And Joshua Campbell were ushers and helped with ticket sales.

"High School Musical Was such a fun experience! I loved being a part of the show with such wonderful people," stated Maddie Reid.

"High School Musical was amazing and wonderful this year. Our cast this year was great, I loved it and them!" Audrey Spinale mentioned.

With hours of practice, all of their hard work paid off and everyone who saw the show would agree that this play was a real slam dunk and made Legacy proud! The production would not have been possible without the director Katy Evans, the musical director Carolyn Reid and the choreographer Melody Johnson who all did a marvelous job.



JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM...

A Night to Remember

Written by Reagan Lagunas

On April 21st, the Legacy juniors and seniors met at the Holiday Inn ballroom and danced the night away! All the girls looked amazing and the boys were dressed their best. The kids went to dinner and took beautiful pictures before the dance. Once the students got to the dance the energy in the room went crazy! Not one song went undanced to! There was also a photo booth run by Lea Holcomb that everyone took advantage of to take some goofy pictures.

Prom King and Queen were none other than Sami Evrard and Logan Mace. The couple slow danced by themselves and then everyone was invited to the dance floor.

Junior Anna Catherine Holcomb said, "I would not have wanted to spend my first prom any other way! The night was so fun and I am so glad I went. I definitely made memories I will never forget."

For the seniors, prom was a last hoorah before they graduate and go out into the world!

Senior Bradley Hamilton said, "This years prom was a blast! The venue was awesome and everyone had a great time. I wouldn't have wanted to do senior prom any other way!" Prom is a right of passage for every high school student. The Legacy students will forever remember their 2018 prom.



Class of 2018

Written by Madyson & Jordyn Conley

What does it mean to be a senior? For most students, being a senior means getting special privileges, more freedom, and less homework. Although senior year has its perks, it also comes with disadvantages.

Senior year is the best year of highschool for most, but also the most enervating.

Students, burdened with the pressure of performing well academically, have several different strategies to relieve stress. These include staying motivated, optimistic, and remembering that they are working hard to glorify God.

Casen Hutton, a senior at Legacy, is president of Legacy's National Honor Society chapter and works a rigorous after-school job at a marketing company. He admits that balancing school, exercise, and his personal life can be taxing. However, he stays positive saying, "The nice thing is that



I am still young. I can hustle and get up early so that I get more out of my day."

Senior Sami Evrard valedictorian and member of NHS, reflects on what has kept her striving to do well this year.

"Legacy is important to me because it is where I have grown up and learned my responsibility as a student. It is hard to stay motivated when graduation is approaching at what seems like snails pace.

If we're being honest, my motivation is really procrastination that turns into stress of doing bad. With that said, I know I have to push through to the end, and it will all be worth it."

Students also struggle with balancing not only their brutal academic courses but also extracurriculars and sports. So why undertake these after school activities?

"Sports have always been super important to me. Even with the stresses of senior year, sports are a way to relieve stress, stay in shape, and build great relationships," says Sarah Havemann, varsity cheerleader and softball player.

As seniors approach graduation day with equal part apprehension and eagerness, they are slowly beginning to realize that although they are leaving Legacy, in their hearts it will always be home.