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## LEGACY'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



*Written by Alexa Kerr*

Excitement filled the air as students made their way to their classes on the first day of school. Monday, August 20th marked the first day of school of 2018 for all the students at Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy. There was lots of chatter and laughter in the hallways. Students were making their way to their next class excited to see which friends they got to be with. When asking students about their first day of school, most of them say they had a really good day meeting their new teachers and seeing their friends. Ginger Freeman, sixth grade, said, "It was boring because of all the rules, but I was excited to see all my friends again!"

The Friday before school started, new students were welcomed by all the previous grades at the new student orientation. New teachers and staff were introduced and the principal went over the rules and policies to ensure safety for everyone. The new students got to stay longer to meet and talk with previous grades and to ask questions about the school. This ensured that everyone at school knew one friend to sit with at lunch on the first day. Paityn Smith, freshman, said, "The first day of school was awesome. It was so fun to see all my friends and teachers again." All the students had a great first day of school and they are ready for a great year!

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MAY

### Pursue His Purpose

The best part about working at Legacy is definitely the time we get to spend with our students. They are some of the most wonderful people on the planet! It really is the heart of this faculty to get to know these kids on a personal, intimate level. Personally, I have learned so much about people through my fourteen years here. But, the most poignant is, you never know what is going on in the hearts and minds of those we think we know best. I have often thought that if I could make our students believe one thing, it would be that they were made for a purpose. The trick to understanding this is discovering what that purpose is. Many of our young people see this as "church talk" and not truth.

Romans 12:1-2 tells us that our bodies are living sacrifices. That's a fancy way of saying that our lives belong to God. Our lifelong mission is to actively pursue what He wants for us. As we do so, we will understand that God is able to see us for who we will become, in other words, what he's molding us to be, rather than where we are now.

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# Character Trait of the Month - September

## Respect

*By Kristie Pope-Dunn: 9th Grade Leadership Teacher*

Every single human being is worthy of respect. People don't have worth just because they agree with us; they have worth because they are human beings created in the image and purpose of God. Respecting someone is not the same as affirming everything he or she does or believes. But, in the book of 1 Peter, God's Word reminds us that followers of Christ should be "ready to give defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you...with gentleness and respect." Our current culture is highly opinionated and often confuses courage with cutting. High volume does not equal bravery. Too often we can think too highly of our rightness in arguing and speak too harshly with cutting and personal words. It's important to remember your conversation partners are made in the likeness of God. Our confidence should come from the Gospel, so we don't need to resort to personal or petty arguments.

With respectful conversation comes a particular flavor, according to God's Word. Every discussion, every conversation, every social media post should include grace. Colossians 4 reminds us, "Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person." Romans 3 convicts the heart in saying each of us is a sinner and falls short of the glory of God. Perhaps this can remind us that pride is a gateway for many a sin. Respecting another person includes remembering that every single person is worthy of God's saving grace and worthy of our extending grace. When Jesus called Peter back to ministry in John 21, He explained that showing his love for Christ included taking care of God's people. The Bible tells us that there is no separation between the love of God and the love of our neighbor, and He asks us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

God also cares that we honor our leaders. First-century Christians were even called to respect the Roman Empire - the very ones who would likely have rounded them up and killed them! Most authority figures in our lives pose no such threat, but we are still faced with the same calling. We might not agree with political calls from our President or Congress, but if we truly believe in God's sovereignty and intentionality, how would this impact our Facebook posts or conversations?

We are called to look different, sound different, and stand apart from the world we live in. One simple way to sum that up is by RESPECTing our fellow man. When you look and sound different than the world, you will peak someone's interest. When asked, "What's so different about you?" you will have a door wide open to share the love and joy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Guard your hearts and your mouths, and shine your light!

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## A Message From Mrs. May (continued from page 1)

A good example of this is Peter. Peter was one of Jesus' disciples who was known for his quick temper, for speaking out of turn, and for even acting irrationally, at times. And yet, before Peter fulfilled his purpose of spreading the gospel to Jews and gentiles alike, Jesus called him "the Rock." That's because Jesus knew what Peter was destined to become. There are so many other examples. Moses, who was known to stutter, was called to lead his people out of bondage. Rahab, the prostitute, helped the Israelites to defeat their enemies. And, we can't leave out Saul, who viciously persecuted followers of Christ, until he had his "Damascus Road" experience and lost his life in defense of Jesus claim to be the son of God.

God has a purpose for us. We are not some highly evolved creature. We are God's masterpiece! We were designed and created for a purpose. The most difficult part is trusting this truth and putting that trust into action by pursuing, with everything we have, God's plan for our lives. And here's the great news...we've never messed up badly enough that we can't be used or can't fulfill God's plan.

You are created for a specific purpose. Pursue God's plan with all you have, and he will use you beyond your wildest dreams. It's not easy, but it's the most exciting adventure you will ever experience!

## Stringing Together an Orchestra

*Written by Madison Vaughn*

The Legacy Prep string ensemble is a new group that meets before school that consists of students that play the violin, viola, cello, and double bass.

Mrs. Prior is the conductor for the string ensemble. There are five students that make up the orchestra. Levi Brown, Joshua Prior, Bethany Prior, Rachel Prior, and Noelle Prior all play for Legacy. Levi Brown said, "We play hymns on the violins."

"We want to glorify God and bless the Legacy families and others in the community with music," Mrs. Prior said.

The string ensemble plays many songs. Some of the songs are "I Need Thee Every Hour", string quartets by Mozart, and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You".

Several on and off campus performances are being scheduled, but Levi Brown, Joshua Prior, Bethany Prior, and Rachel Prior will be auditioning for the TMEA Region 9 orchestra in October. Additionally, Joshua Prior will be in the TexASTA Young Artists Solo Competition in October.

Anyone who can play the violin, viola, cello, and double bass is welcome to contact Mrs. Prior. Please arrange for an interview by emailing her at [hprior@legacypca.org](mailto:hprior@legacypca.org).



Top: Joshua Prior, Levi Brown, Rachel Prior  
Bottom: Bethany Prior, Noelle Prior







## Flying Into Superhero Night

*Written by Amber Wentz*

**P**OW! On September 15th, elementary school parents and children kicked off the school year with a spirited superhero-themed night at Legacy. Around 6:30 PM, all the superheroes began to gather for an awesome night of food, fun, and games in the cafeteria.

Awaiting the arrival of all the guests, the elementary school teachers began transforming the cafeteria into a spectacular superhero-themed party. After the preparations and decorations were completed, the teachers stood eagerly waiting to greet the guests.

Upon entering the cafeteria, the dynamic duos of parents and students were able to visit with the elementary school teachers. Subsequently upon arrival, the guests snapped action shots in front of the city view backdrop.

The night was filled with several fun games and festive foods. Smiling from ear to ear, it was evident that the students had a blast. Along with their children, the parents had an enjoyable time and were able to bond with their children. "I had lots of fun with my mom," says Colton Watson.

Memories were made that will last forever. Pictures were taken by Mrs. Holland to capture this fun event for elementary school. "The event was super fun and we will definitely do it again. It is fun for moms and sons to do something together," says Mrs. Holland.

None of this would have been possible without the help of the amazing staff at Legacy. Thanks to the teachers, the event was a success.





# THIS MONTH IN ATHLETICS

Athletics is off to a roaring start this year! MS and HS Volleyball are now competing in their respective districts. HS Volleyball ended the month against Legacy Christian in Beaumont and MS Volleyball had a tournament in Bellaire. MS and HS Cross Country have competed in several meets so far this fall and both teams have done very well. MS and HS football start district play soon. MS closes out September with a game against Pasadena First Baptist Christian Academy and Varsity will end the month against Lutheran South Academy. Special shout out to our MS and HS cheer teams. They have both been working very hard to support all of our teams this year.



## Legacy Defeats TWCA in Overtime Thriller

*Written by Carson McDonald*

On September 14, the Legacy Lions took on the Woodlands Christian Warriors at Warrior Stadium. Despite the Warriors' effort, it was still not enough to trump the Lions. The Lions came out slow with a 3 and out on offense, but cleaned it up with a quick stop on defense. On the next possession, the Warriors came out with a quick touchdown, but the Lions' Sam Bargainer responded with a 69-yard touchdown run. The first half was a defensive battle with the score at halftime sitting at 7-6. Throughout the second half, the Lions and the Warriors went back and forth with both finding the end zone two more times. Near the end of the game, the Lions recovered a fumble to get a chance to break the 20-20 tie and win the game. Despite the Lions' effort, they came up short forcing overtime. The Warriors got the ball first in overtime and quickly scored but missed the extra point. On the Lions' 2nd offensive play of overtime, Jack Granack ran to his right and cut it back for a 25-yard touchdown. Granack then kicked the extra point to win the game. Granack was named player of the week by Elevate North Houston.

# Passing Into A New Volleyball Season

*Written by Blaire Winkle*

The Lady Lions Volleyball team is looking forward to this 2018 season. Coach Mollie Martinez is making her head coaching debut. There are several returning players from the 2017 season. “We’re focused on being engaged on every single point of the upcoming season,” Coach Martinez stated. The team is prepared to fight and play hard.

“Day one of our tournament was a success. Varsity played three games that day. We fought hard through it all and performed to our best ability to honor the Lord,” varsity player Trinity Curnel said. The Lady Lions have started off strong and have persevered

through every point of their matches. Every player is eager to win. The chemistry between the team members has been incredible, and through Christ, the team has become fantastic leaders on the court and within their daily lives.

On September 14th and 15th, the Lady Lions played in the Livingstone Tournament located in Galveston, Texas. Day one, they placed first in the Platinum bracket and on the second day placed fifth in the top bracket. The girls have never been more excited to play for Legacy. These amazing athletes have come a long way and will always strive for success.





# JH Football: Lions Kickoff into a Hopeful Season



*Written by Jake Westbrook*

The Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy boys' junior high football team put up a tough fight, but sadly fell short of victory. The boys were led by Coaches Michael Morrow and Koby McDade. The team went against Legacy Christian Academy who ended up winning 77 to 62. As one of the players said: "We went out there and tried our hardest."

The boys came out at the beginning of the game strong by recovering the first kickoff attempts and made touch

downs on them both. The team went on to make some great defensive plays but were unable to prevent the team from Legacy Beaumont from scoring a touchdown.

The Lions stayed in the lead all the way up until the middle of the 3rd quarter. The Lions put up a hard fight to protect their pride and went down swinging. The school is very proud of the team.



## Run Lions Run!

*Written by Nick Teutsch*

"Runners on your mark. Get set. Go!" Legacy's cross-country season started with a bang at the Woodlands Christian Cross Country Meet.

Summer has been a time to run independently and build up running skills. When group practices started, the team was truly able to see who had been practicing and who had not. Even those who had been practicing in the previous weeks were faced with new challenges as a group. Everyone on the team is able to practice from Monday to Thursday which keeps the team progressing as a single, united Legacy group, a group that is ready to establish new records.

The 2018 cross country team has proven how ready they are to represent Legacy on the podium. All the school's divisions, from middle school girls to varsity girls to junior high boys to varsity boys have placed in the top 5 as a team. The junior high girls team has placed in first. Already just three races in and several of the school's runners have individually placed in the top 10. Stay tuned to see what other accomplishments the teams will achieve.

"Cross country is character creating and Christ-centered. Running with LPCA is one of my favorite parts about this school. Coach Clark builds us up and teaches us hardcore life skills," said 9th-grader Carson Keyes.





## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOMECOMING

*Written by Lauren Lampman & Madi McCollum*

The Homecoming week of September 17th to 22nd was very hectic due to the weather, but it did not stop anyone from having a great time. On Monday, all of the high school wore bright colors. On Tuesday, juniors and seniors dressed like their favorite teachers. On Wednesday, everyone wore red shoes like Dorothy from the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*. On Thursday, juniors and seniors wore Hawaiian shirts. "Everybody showed good school spirit this week!" said Jake Westbrook. On Thursday night, everyone came out to the bonfire and they announced the Homecoming court for this. Those who attended had a great time at the bonfire. Kylee Curl and Chapman Wendell won the Freshman Homecoming court for their grade. Avery Davis and Robert Points won the Sophomore Homecoming court. Josh Gibala and Amber Wentz won the Junior Homecoming court.

On Friday, everyone wore all green in preparation for the big football game that day. This year, Dallas Furber and Christos Theodoridis were Homecoming Princess and Prince, and Anna Rosa Peterson and Jack Granack were Duchess and Duke. Seniors Dion Pinkard and Julia Lewis were voted Homecoming King and Queen by the entire high school. On Friday night at the football game, the Lions took home a win with a score of 40-19. Some of the Lions' star players were Jack Granack, Sam Bargainer, and Haydan Jones. They played hard and ended up winning even though it was raining. "We were very excited to put on a show for the homecoming game," said Haydan Jones. Carson McDonald added, "Excited to go out there and get a win!"







## Homecoming Dance

*Written by Lauren Lampman & Madi McCollum*

**H**omecoming! An unexpected stormy night filled with glitzy dresses and snazzy suits. The 2018 Homecoming Dance took place on September 22, 2018 at Legacy Prep. It was a hit, but how can it not be when you are walking down the yellow brick road? The night started with a heavy storm blowing in from the north. Students gathered for pictures in the gym and then dashed to dinner with their friends. As the storm subsided, the attendees arrived at a poppy filled land of Oz for dancing and laughter.

“Overall the dance was a blast. The poppies on the bleachers were beautiful. Seeing all my friends and new students grooving on the dance floor made me sad that it was my last homecoming,” says senior Dallas Furber.

Many guests stopped at Lollipop Land for a lick! As an unexpected surprise, Dion Pinkard showed up to take his rightful place as the 2018 Homecoming King and Julia Lewis was crowned as the 2018 Homecoming Queen! The wicked witch never appeared, so everyone embarked on a quest to their after-parties to end the night!



## Legacy Composes its First Band

*Written by Reagan Mace*

Legacy has now officially started a beginner band for elementary and junior high. They meet from 3:30 to 4:30 on Thursdays and Mr. Summers is the band instructor. The band has a total of eleven kids in it and welcomes anyone who wants to join. There are ten fifth-graders and one student who is in seventh-grade. They play percussion, brass, and woodwind instruments. Many students work on various different areas of music at a single practice. Learning to play together correctly is a majority of what they work on.

Band is an excellent outlet for kids to learn a fine art while still learning to work together. They all have to contribute their part to make the instruments work together. The kids currently in band love it. They rave about their teacher and love how much they can see themselves improving. Seventh-grader Kendall Holland says, "It's so much fun! Mr. Summers is very nice and teaches a lot about music." Fifth-grader Kadyn Curl says "He has really helped me improve with percussion." Fifth-grader Daniel Brown says "I had never played before, but I really like Mr. Summers and learning about music."

The band will eventually perform at Legacy events and hopefully at the Christmas show. We are all looking forward to watching them improve and play for the Lord.



# Missional Moments

A year ago, this month our city was inundated with flood waters from Hurricane Harvey. We all remember too well the havoc and devastation our communities faced from raging winds, power outages, and rising waters. Homes were flooded, businesses closed, and supplies were hard to come by.

**Romans 8:28** says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Might it be that God had a purpose for us who went through Hurricane Harvey?

This past month, the community of Wilmington, North Carolina experienced similar devastation from Hurricane Florence. While Wilmington may seem so far away, certainly we should be able to understand more than others what they are going through.

As we kick off “Missional Moments” in Paws For Thought, we thought it would be appropriate and appreciated to reach out to families in Wilmington with words of encouragement and even a thoughtful gift card or two.

We have found a University Model School similar to Legacy in Wilmington that we would love to pray for and encourage. Providence Preparatory Academy is a K-8 school, adding a grade each year until they reach 12th grade - very similar to Legacy’s history! Over the next couple of weeks, would you and your family commit to these three action items for this community?

1. **Pray:** Pray for those most affected by the storm. Pray for safety, security, and for needed supplies. Pray that they would sense God’s presence and His love for them.

2. **Encourage:** With your family this week, write notes of encouragement to families with children in the same grade(s) as yours. You might include a favorite Bible verse of encouragement, a word or prayer, how you personally made it through our trials with the Lord’s help, etc. If you are a high school family, write notes to the faculty and staff of Providence. Knowing another family from a similar school in Texas is praying and encouraging them during this time will have a lasting impact on these families.

3. **Gift Cards:** Consider picking up a gift card or two for families to purchase needed supplies and groceries during their recovery efforts. Suggestions: Wal-Mart, Whole Foods Market, Target, Home Depot, Lowes Hardware, Amazon (Kroger, Rاندalls, etc. aren’t located in Wilmington).

4. **Tuition Fundraiser:** Providence Prep has set up a Facebook fundraiser to help with tuition costs for families that have been out of work. See below letter from Jim Mahon’s, principal at Providence.

Please bring these notes and any gift cards in an envelope marked, “Wilmington, NC Missions - Attn: Kevin Henson” to the front desk by October 12th.

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The Apostle John, often called the Jesus’ “beloved” disciple, says in **1 John 3:17**, “But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need, yet closes their heart against them, how does God’s love abide in them? Prayerfully consider responding to our brothers and sisters in need in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Read Together & Discuss:

**Matthew 25:31-40**



Wilmington, NC

Legacy Families,

Thank you for your care for the body of Christ. I appreciate the desire to teach the children how to selflessly serve those in need. To be honest, I prefer to be on the giving side of these circumstances, but God has His purposes and I want to trust in His ways. We do, in fact, have several families whose homes were either affected or completely destroyed. I am sure that gift cards to home improvement stores (Lowe’s or Home Depot), gift cards to help replace curriculum (Amazon or ChristianBooks.com), or even gift cards to help replace uniforms (we have navy/khaki bottoms and white/navy/light blue polos on top) would be very appreciated.

Another way that your families could help is through a Facebook fundraiser we are running. I have attached a link to this fundraiser. The primary purpose of the fundraiser will be to help families with tuition, as many of them will be without work for a time:

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/500488250464965>

God is good and we firmly believe that He is in control of all things; our homes, our school, the weather, and more importantly our lives. His grace has been evident in various ways. One way seems to be through your willingness to help. Your help will be more appreciated than I can express. I only hope that we would be able to give the appropriate thanks to our Lord for His using your school family to help ours in this time of need.

For God’s Glory,

Jim Mahon

Principal, Providence Preparatory Academy