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JUNIOR HIGH CHEER SPIRIT AND LEADERSHIP



Written by Blaire Winkle

As a cheerleader, the word "leadership" takes on a whole new meaning. In school, on the sidelines, and in the community, our junior high cheerleaders are a great example for other students. These girls always have a positive attitude, frequently encouraging one another. "We've had a great time cheering on the Legacy Lions to victory this season! The cheer squad has learned several new cheers and made new friendships. We are all so excited to be a part of Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy," stated Susannah Jones, a proud athlete on the junior high cheer team. The main goal of the cheer squad is not only to be great leaders inside and outside of the school, but to also be leaders for Christ. Through their practices, they grow in skill and in their love for God.

Friendships blossom and each member shows love towards each other. "Our sweet, young cheerleaders are full of Legacy Lion spirit. They are such an inspiration to be around and will be an amazing addition to our high school cheer squad when they enter ninth grade, as freshmen. I am looking forward to seeing new faces next year," said Lexi Mauch, from the high school cheer team. As many fellow students attend the sporting events, many have noticed the energy and excitement throughout the squad. "They add hype and such an energetic vibe in the stands at our football games. It's so much fun having them!" Steven Mercado, Legacy football player, said. That is just one of the many positive comments by students, coaches, and staff heard about our junior high cheer team.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MAY

Change Your Perspective

So often we have a tendency to forget just how good we have it. I know I am particularly guilty of this. Recently, we found out one of our sons had a birth defect that was just presenting itself. As we are learning more about it, we are understanding that, in the big scheme of things, it could be much worse than it is. At the same time, I have friends who are mourning the loss of a child, fighting cancer, and dealing with situations that are far more ominous than mine. The point is, it's all about perspective.

I happened upon a quote from the novel, Robinson Crusoe. As a refresher, Crusoe was at sea when his ship was destroyed due to a terrible storm. He was the only survivor and was stranded on a deserted island. At first, he struggles to find hope. Crusoe even considers ending his own life. But, as a Christian, he begins to think about his situation in a different light. He decides to list what is good and what is evil. Here is his list:

"EVIL I am cast upon a horrible, desolate island, void of all hope of recovery.

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Character Trait of the Month - November

Friendship

By Dr. Richard J. Krejcir

Is the Character of Friendship working in you? Here is how you can find out. Take a careful look at this character and fruit of friendship from God's most precious Word by examining the passages below. Now ask yourself:

1. How do I exhibit friendship in my daily life?
2. What can I do to develop a better attitude of friendship?
3. What blocks friendship and relation-building from happening in your life?
4. How can I make friendship function better, stronger and faster even in times of uncertainty and stress?

Friendship is the companionship and closeness we are to have with one another. It is the commitment to build relationships by getting to know others and help them form the other characters, and in turn help you. Relationships are essential to life and being a Christian, it is our number 2 priority besides our growth in Christ! This is not to be feared but embraced, even when it hurts! (Proverbs 18:24; 27:17; Matt. 5-7; Luke 15:1-2; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2; I Pet. 4:9)

Animosity and Bitterness are the opposites. These rotten fruits will cause apprehension and discontent in society and the church. Instead of friendship and cooperation, we will have strife, gossip, backstabbing and such causing all kinds of social breakdown and destruction!

- Here are positive examples from Scripture (Gen. 18:1-8; Luke 10:29-37; 10:38; 14:7-14)
- Here is are negative examples from Scripture (I Sam. 25:9-13; II Sam. 10:1-5; Luke 9:51-56; John 1:11; James 2:1-6)

Think through the steps you need to take to put Friendship into action in a specific instance. Such as how can you prevent bitterness from taking root in you? How do my moods affect my friendliness factor? How can I build more and stronger interpersonal relationships?

Friendship for the Christian is never taking any of our relationships for granted or lightly as we should seek to be friendly to everyone, even people who are mean and rude to us. It is taking the principles of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7) and putting them into practice as peacemakers and forgivers.

Remember, friendship is an essential quality for a Christian to give and take what is so important and needed in life! If you have ever wondered what the meaning of life is, or what your purpose is, or what is needed and such, it is building relationships: first with Christ, then with family, then with others. When we ignore this and become cut off and distant, we are ignoring our call and responsibility in life. Yes, you will be taken advantage of and hurt. What happens to us is not your responsibility nor is how people may treat you, you are responsible on how you treat others! So be willing to extend a loving hand and also be willing to receive one. Friendship is critical to applying the character of Christ in our everyday experiences and encounters to the best of our abilities!

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Colossians 2:3

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

GOOD But I am alive, and not drowned, as all my ship's company was.

EVIL I am singled out and separated, as it were, from all the world to be miserable.

GOOD But I am singled out too from all the ship's crew to be spared from death; and He that miraculously saved me from death, can deliver me from this condition.

EVIL I am divided from mankind, a solitaire, one banished from human society.

GOOD But I am not starved and perishing on a barren place, affording no sustenance.

EVIL I have no clothes to cover me.

GOOD But I am in a hot climate, where if I had clothes I could hardly wear them.

EVIL I am without any defence or means to resist any violence of man or beast.

GOOD But I am cast on an island, where I see no wild beasts to hurt me, as I saw on the coast of Africa; and what if I had been shipwrecked there?

EVIL I have no soul to speak to or relieve me.

GOOD But God wonderfully sent the ship in near enough to the shore, that I have gotten out as many necessary things as will either supply my wants or enable me to supply my self, even as long as I live."

Robinson uses this list to change his perspective. Surrounded by what most would consider to be only negative issues, he finds the positive elements which completely change his outlook. This change in perspective pushes him to set about building shelter, planning and drawing, studying the island and its creatures, keeping a journal, and learning new skills. By changing his perspective and focusing on the positive, which can obviously be found in every situation, his entire outlook and attitude made a 180. As we approach this holiday season, especially Christmas, may we reflect on all the blessings we have and look upon our situation from Heaven's perspective, rather than our own.

Legacy Students Shine in the Nutcracker

Written by Amber Wentz

On December 17th and 18th, Legacy students Clara Harris and Amber Wentz will take the stage with The Woodlands Dance Company to perform *The Nutcracker*. *The Nutcracker* is an iconic Christmas ballet about a young girl named Clara. Clara is transported to the Land of Sweets in a dream where her toy Nutcracker comes to life.

While in the Land of Sweets, Clara, the main character, meets several princesses, queens, and fairies. In the production, Clara Harris plays the role of Snow Queen and Amber plays the role of Dew Drop Fairy. "I am beyond thrilled to be performing as the Snow Queen in this year's *Nutcracker*, as I've been dreaming about this moment," said Clara Harris.

All the dancers in the production dedicate several hours a week training and rehearsing for the performance. It is truly special to see all the dancers' hard work pay off on performance day. "This is my fifth year performing in *The Nutcracker* and I love every second of it! This year, I am Dew Drop Fairy and I am so excited to perform on stage with all of my friends. Everyone at Boni's Dance Studio works really hard to put on a great show and it is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit," added Amber Wentz.

Lead roles in the production wear tutus. These tutus are custom-made to fit the dancer and allow the dancer to create a personalized tutu for their performance. Along with the tutus, crowns are worn to complete the costume. These crowns are also custom-made and are adorned specifically to catch the light on stage.

Performance day is an exciting time for all the dancers in the show. Legacy is so proud to have Amber and Clara represent us in *The Nutcracker*. We all hope you have a great performance.





Storybook Magic

Written by Trinity Curnel

Legacy held a super fun storybook parade on Tuesday, October 30th and Wednesday, October 31st. The Pre-K through fifth grade students participated in this event. Our Legacy students were dressed up in a variety of costumes other than just Lions. Many of our teachers were also involved in the parade. Teachers dressed up as their favorite storybook characters - there was even a giant T Rex! Many of the students' parents were there to support their children.

From angels in the Bible to Cat in the Hat characters, there was a large variety of creative costumes. The students marched together, showing off their unique outfits along with the book their costume represented. "I am so excited to watch my kids participate in the storybook parade," one of the parents said. As the characters circled the driveway, many memories were being captured. Many of the students were filled with excitement as they got to strut in their outfits. Laughter and joy spread over everyone watching.



ROUND UP THE EAGLES!

Written by Lauren Lampman

The cheerleaders and football players in our Legacy family put on a fantastic western-themed pep rally during the afternoon of Friday, November 9th, 2018. The southern style pep rally was dedicated to our seniors and all their hours of dedication since it was their final high school football night in the regular season. The gym was decorated with balloons and posters to excite us even more for the special event, although the seniors were already pumped up for their post-season games.

The pep rally opened up with the school fight song to fire up everyone for the festivities. Students of all ages cheered to the beat and school pride was seen far and wide. Next came our dynamic dance team as they performed a classic western style dance. Senior Dallas Furber introduced our Legacy Varsity football team and the crowd cheered wildly. The boys all headed to the center of the gym to chant for the upcoming game.

The pep rally continued with a boisterous game involving seniors vs. sixth graders. As the anticipation grew, the cheerleaders, along with the football players, entertained us with a vivacious wild west show. “The western theme was a great theme for the pep rally and the dance was super fun to practice and perform!” said Varsity cheerleader Chloe Gonzales. The pep rally ended with lots of pictures taken to remember the special occasion. It was for sure one to remember and I think I can say for everyone thank you to our football team for a great season!



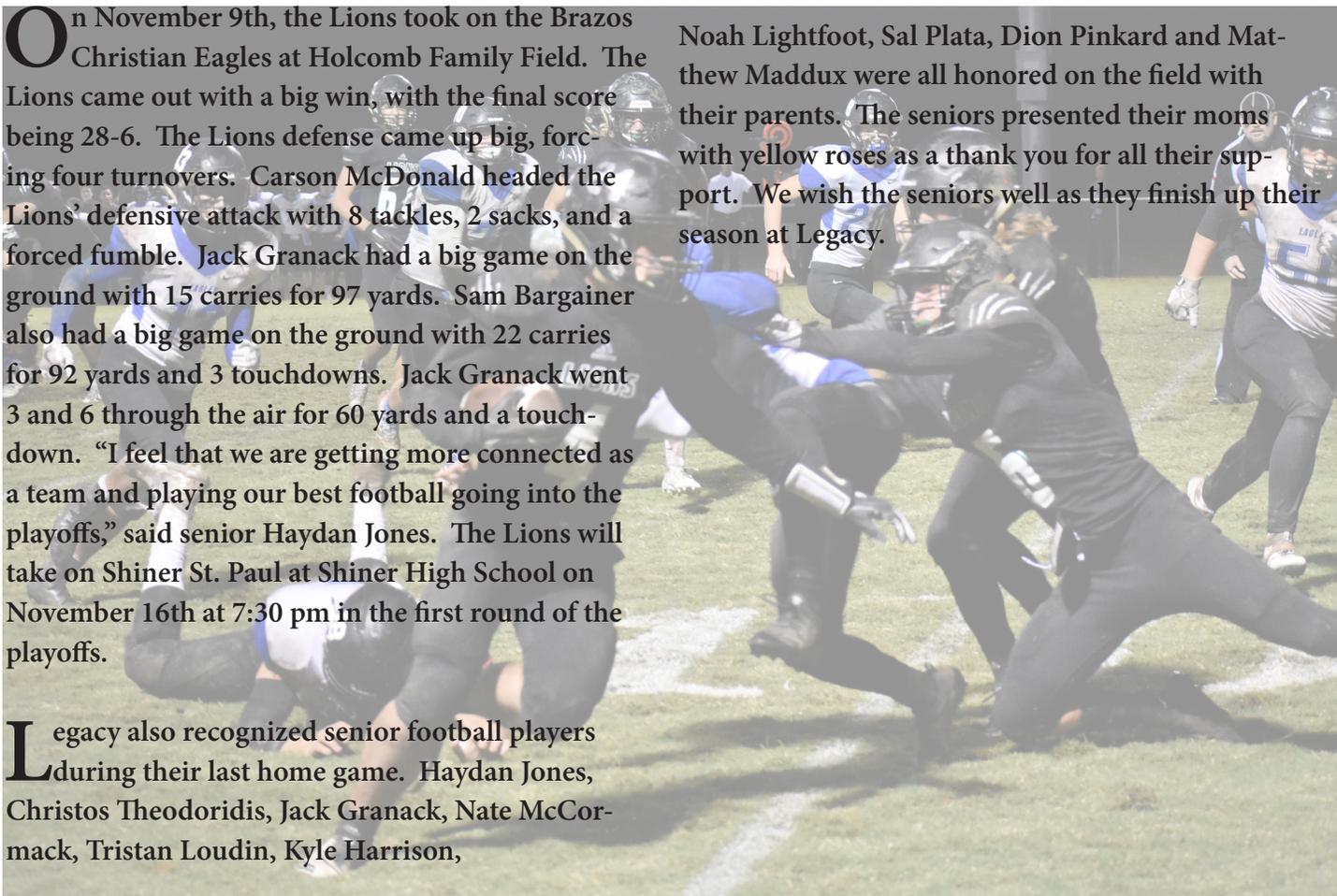
Senior Night Send-Off

Written by Carson McDonald

On November 9th, the Lions took on the Brazos Christian Eagles at Holcomb Family Field. The Lions came out with a big win, with the final score being 28-6. The Lions defense came up big, forcing four turnovers. Carson McDonald headed the Lions' defensive attack with 8 tackles, 2 sacks, and a forced fumble. Jack Granack had a big game on the ground with 15 carries for 97 yards. Sam Bargainer also had a big game on the ground with 22 carries for 92 yards and 3 touchdowns. Jack Granack went 3 and 6 through the air for 60 yards and a touchdown. "I feel that we are getting more connected as a team and playing our best football going into the playoffs," said senior Haydan Jones. The Lions will take on Shiner St. Paul at Shiner High School on November 16th at 7:30 pm in the first round of the playoffs.

Legacy also recognized senior football players during their last home game. Haydan Jones, Christos Theodoridis, Jack Granack, Nate McCormack, Tristan Loudin, Kyle Harrison,

Noah Lightfoot, Sal Plata, Dion Pinkard and Matthew Maddux were all honored on the field with their parents. The seniors presented their moms with yellow roses as a thank you for all their support. We wish the seniors well as they finish up their season at Legacy.



Legacy Prep Junior High Basketball



Written by Jake Westbrook

The Legacy Junior High Basketball teams have been working hard to get ready for the tough season they have ahead of them. The team schedules have been set up with Legacy set to face some challenging teams that will test their skills and show their strengths on and off the court.

On November 5th, the junior high teams went up against Northland Christian. The boys division three team won and the girls division one team

won. Unfortunately, the girls division two team and boys division one team lost their games.

The game on November 12th was canceled against The Woodlands Christian Academy due to issues with the school facilities. Come out and support the boys and girls Junior High teams as they make their way to the big leagues! As Coach Morrow said, "These guys have real talent and it would be a shame if they didn't use it to their full potential."





REAL LIFE, REAL MUSIC

Written by Reagan Mace

The annual Real Life Real Music Festival was held at Bernhardt Winery on Saturday, October 6th this year. They decided to partner with Legacy for this festival. It was Real Life Real Music's ninth festival. The event had something for everyone. There were games and activities for the kids, food and drinks for the adults, and music for everyone. There were two stages with plenty of wonderful performers.

The headliner for the event was Sean McConnell, but Drew Kennedy, Kyle Hutton, Sarah Kelly, Shellee Coley, and Will Carter also put on great performances on the main stage. On the Dosey Doe/Gold's Gym stage, Caroline Perkins, Christian Marie, Ela Dawn, and Meagan Fralix all performed. Some of the other artists that performed included a few of our very own Legacy students.

This festival helped Legacy's Booster Club tremendously. Legacy is so grateful to have teamed up with such an amazing program. We are very thankful for anyone who is willing to help Legacy grow and prosper. Not only did this event help our booster club support our sports and extracurricular activities, it also provided a great experience for the school and students. The students who were given the chance to perform were so thankful for the opportunity. We have so many talented singers and songwriters at Legacy and they got a chance to showcase their abilities. "It was really neat to sing for everyone at the festival. I really enjoyed having the opportunity to perform," said Caroline Freeman.

The Real Life Real Music Festival is an annual event so don't miss out on the fun next year!



Helping Honduras

Written by Alexa Kerr

Noe and Danya Enrique visited Legacy on November 2nd to speak to our Spanish 1 class about Noe's orphanage in Honduras. Noe grew up in Honduras and lived in a family with four boys and one girl. Noe was the second youngest child in his family and the youngest boy. When he was growing up, he had an alcoholic father who was abusive to Noe's mother and siblings. Noe wanted to make a better life for himself, so at the age of seven, Noe decided to run away with his nine-year-old brother. They lived on the streets for over a year, taking food out of trash cans, living in alleyways and struggling to find any form of shelter. Bill and Mary Kwiatkowski found them on the streets one day and offered to send them to a boys' orphanage home called "Ninos de la Luz" which means "Children of the Light".

Ninos de la Luz teach the boys everything they need to know as well as teaching them about Jesus. The orphanage gives children three meals a day, clothes, shelter and education up to the college level. On a website called www.Heart4Children.com, you can sponsor one of the students there. It costs \$75 a month to sponsor a boy from this orphanage. For \$45 a month, you can sponsor a child who lives in the neighborhood and goes to this school. Your money helps them buy textbooks and get through schooling all the way through high school and maybe even into college. "I thought that this presentation was inspiring, and it showed me how good I really have it" said Paityn Smith, a ninth grader.

After Noe had graduated and grown up, he took over the home, owning it and helps out there. Mrs. Saccheri, Spanish 1 teacher, said "I wanted Noe and Danya to come so that students could understand how difficult life is in Honduras and how helping people in countries such as Honduras can create a path from poverty for them." Noe's story is really inspiring and shows us how fortunate we are, even when we think we are not.

Missional Moments

Written by Kevin Henson

With Thanksgiving behind us and the Christmas season before us, we have so much to be thankful for; our family, our friends, and the many ways God has given to us. As we approach Advent, the season of expectantly waiting for Christ, we are also reminded of the great gift God gave to us in His Son, Jesus Christ.

In Luke 12:48, Jesus reminds us that, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

The Christmas season is often called, “the season of giving”. And rightly so – God gave us a great Gift, we give and receive gifts from friends and family, and we have an opportunity to give to those in need around us.



This Christmas there are many opportunities to follow Christ’s command to give and serve those in need. Your local church is likely doing some things to help in our community. There are great ministries in the Conroe area that serve the poor during the Christmas season. Local police and fire stations often collect toys and items for those in need. Our encouragement to you and your family is to find something to do to serve those in need around you.

If you are looking for something to do with your fellow Legacy students, a few of us will be meeting Wednesday, December 19th to head down to Montrose Street Reach (www.montrostreetreach.com), a ministry to the poor and homeless in Houston. We will be serving a Christmas meal to men, women, and children living on the streets of Houston, and being a part of sharing the good news of the Christmas story. We will meet at 4:00 in the Legacy parking lot and carpool together. All ages are welcome, but students in Jr. High or younger need to be with a parent.

If you can’t join us but want to help, we will be collecting sleeping bags to hand out that night. Street Reach is asking for the \$9 Magellan sleeping bags you can find at <https://www.academy.com/shop/pdp/magellan-outdoors-rectangle-sleeping-bag-108856716#repChildCatid=3822900> or at Academy (they are trying to keep things consistent). Please bring to the front office at Legacy with “For Kevin Henson” on a tag or note by Friday, December 7th. If you plan to join us that evening, just bring a sleeping bag with you to give out that night.

Read Together & Discuss: James 2:14-18

Finally, the Advent season starts December 2nd. If you are looking for a great family devotional for Advent, check out Reset: Advent Devotions For The Whole Family at <https://store.seedbed.com/collections/advent/products/reset>.



The Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox

Written by Nick Teutsch

People of all ages are able to give to children around the globe in the form of shoeboxes. These shoeboxes are filled with goodies to brighten someone's Christmas. Samaritan's Purse runs the program and their goal is to provide impoverished children living overseas with shoeboxes filled with gifts during the holiday season. To fulfill this mission, they seek participation from schools not just in the United States, but from all around the world. This organization has already collected over 157 million shoeboxes worldwide since 1993 and they hope to continue increasing their outreach.

Not only is it spreading, but Legacy's participation is also increasing with each year. "Being able to give allows me to realize how fortunate we are," said junior Madison Vaughn. This year alone, our school collected 640 shoeboxes, which is a new record for our school. At Legacy, Operation Christmas Child is organized by the National Honor Society. Thank you to everyone who chose to show love during this Christmas season. If you were unable to participate this year, be sure to take part next year as there is an opportunity to donate each and every year.

