



# From the Desk of

## the Superintendent

March 2020

### Dear Families of LCA,

Yesterday, 15 students, 3 teachers and 1 parent met at the Dayton airport in the wee hours of the morning and boarded a plane for Costa Rica. These people are just one of the many groups who are engaged in outreach and service to others during our **ESM** week. What is ESM? It stands for **Enrichment Service Ministry**. It started out years ago as a J-term that came between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters as an opportunity to provide students with a week to learn something new, to use their talents and abilities to serve in the community or to spend time in the professional world as they "shadowed" someone who worked in a field of interest. As the program continued and grew to try to incorporate foreign travel, it was moved to the week prior to Spring Break in order to provide additional time for the travel teams.

This year we have high school students participating in a wide variety of activities.

**Costa Rica** - our students will be working with national children doing VBS and youth programs as well as some construction work.

**Adventures in Patriotism** - students will see our government at work firsthand, in the state capital, the county courthouse, in meeting with men and women who engage in the process every day.

**Equestrian Ranch** - this introduces students to the inner workings of operating a small business that focuses on horsemanship and animal care.

**Culinary Skills** - students will spend the week learning the skills involved in planning, preparing and serving an organized meal. The week will end with a meal provided to the people of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

**Urban Missions** - this course explores and engages students in various outreach ministries in the greater Dayton area, including the Rescue Mission and Camp Jabez.

**Career Exploration** - this course is to expose students to a variety of career options in the area of Math, Science and Medicine.

On campus, students will be developing new skills and talents in the areas of **Cake Decorating**, **Stop Motion Animation** and **Acting**. In addition, an in-depth study of the Bible's teaching on the role of women and their identity in Christ will challenge a group of young ladies in their walk with Christ. Bibliophiles will have the opportunity to study Library science and will practice cataloging, circulation and filing.

At the Junior High level, students will be given the opportunity to learn and practice a variety of life skills, such as home maintenance, camping, Biblical relationships, and more.

All in all ESM week is a dynamic learning opportunity enabling students to explore new challenges and develop talents and abilities they didn't know they had! Please keep all our students and teachers in your prayers.

**The final announcement regarding the Superintendent position will be made in early April.**



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On another note, we are always seeking new areas of learning for our students. If you have some skill that you would like to impart to our young people, please let Mr. Scheck know of your interest. It is never too early to start planning for next year.

## Coronavirus - COVID19

Have you noticed, you cannot turn on your TV or laptop without being deluged with information on this topic. My relatives, who live in California, are experiencing shortages of toilet paper, drinking water and hand sanitizer as they are preparing for just the **possibility** of a two week quarantine. Apparently we are seeing some of those same shortages here in Ohio. Many voices are out there from all sides of the issue... some raising alarm, some trying to call for common sense... some declaring a conspiracy theory of global proportion.

This is a time for us all to try to be wise and discerning. Ironically, I just submitted an article to the Xenia Gazette about how we teach our students to be **discerning thinkers**. As adults, we need to set that example for our students and children.

I have asked Dr. Shelley Honnold, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVP (who is also a mom of LCA students), to provide us with some medical guidelines and practical responses to this current situation. Dr. Honnold has worked in the area of pathology for many years. I have attached her guidelines to the end of this letter. Most of what she has put together was compiled from the CDC.

Let me encourage you by saying we are being vigilant in sanitary health practices here at LCA while working to not engage in panic or hysteria. Our travel teams have continued with their plans and commitments, our ESM teams will still meet their engagements.

We will continue to monitor the situation as the response to the virus seems to change by the moment. Governor DeWine is making some initial recommendations regarding K-12 schools. We are working to be prepared in the possible instance where we might need to suspend classes for a period of time. WE ARE NOT THERE YET! By God's grace and mercy we won't get to that point. It is important to NOT lose sight of this very important truth... God is

not surprised by the coronavirus. This illness, and our response to it, gives all of us a prime opportunity to live what we speak... to our students, to our children... God is in control!

## Meet Shelley Honnold

In addition to being a highly qualified pathologist, Shelley is also a very involved mom, serving in many areas to help LCA achieve many of our goals. Last year she headed up the committee to organize our fall fundraising banquet. Most



recently she has become an integral part of the strategic fundraising plan to address our final payoff to Dayton Christian and secure funds for future growth for our school. Shelley plays a vital role in developing relationships in our community with businesses and potential donors. She is a welcome addition to our team!

As a part of relationship building, Shelley is also working to refine our connection with our alumni. This is an area that has been underserved in the past and is just in the fledgling stages of development.

If that weren't enough, Shelley is also spearheading our **Day of Service** (May 1). If you have been involved in this very special day, you know that is no small undertaking. If you are aware of any businesses or individuals that need to be served, please let Shelley know, [shonnold@legacyknights.org](mailto:shonnold@legacyknights.org).

## DC PAYOFF

I am pleased to tell you that we are making good progress toward the final payment to Dayton Christian for our beautiful campus.

This June \$200,000 is due to DCS. We are well on our way to fully funding that amount. When we submit that last check, LCA will be debt free!

God is doing amazing things in helping achieve this goal!

Next month I will share with you how close we are and the final steps we need to take to be debt free.



Dearest families of Legacy. These are hard times, and sometimes it is truly exhausting. We have had to address some difficult issues in this letter and, I have to say, it would be so easy to get caught up in the ever rising tide of fear and confusion. Each day we, who work at LCA, have the privilege of coming to the school and looking into the faces of the children and young men and women we have dedicated ourselves to serve. Each one of us who works here genuinely loves your children and your family. We want what is best for them. And in your children's faces we see God's faithful hand of promise. The most exciting thing we must always remember, as parents, grandparents, teachers and adults who invest in the lives of kids...

#### GOD LOVES YOUR CHILDREN MORE THAN YOU DO!

I can remember times when my own children were in difficult circumstances or emotional crisis, my wife and I would have to remind ourselves daily of that fundamental truth. When you truly grasp that, when you actually accept it, it is very freeing.

You see, God has a big picture perspective for all of us. We tend to get so caught up in the issues of today, that we forget our Almighty Heavenly Father sees our lives in completion... from beginning to end. He has a plan and purpose for each one of us.

I don't want to get so bogged down in the here and now... virus or not... that I miss out on seeking God's plan; God's big picture. There will always be circumstances that will threaten to hold us back, to tie us to the past. Some of those will be of our own making, and some will be out of our control. Those

cannot be the things that define who we are.

Last week, one of the tornadoes that touched down in Tennessee did extensive damage to the church and school where I used to work. It ravaged nearby neighborhoods and a dear

couple, who went to church with us, who invested in our Christian school, who dearly loved their children and grandchildren, was taken from this life by those destructive winds. That did not surprise God. He was waiting for them with open arms. It would be easy for their family to allow this terrible circumstance to impact their view of God and his ability to preserve and protect His people. But that storm was not out of God's control... just out of man's.

The apostle Paul spoke of his desire to keep moving forward, to understand his own shortcomings, but not allow those to define who he was or what he wanted to do. In his letter to the Philippians he wrote, *"forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* Straining forward... pressing on... these are determined actions, they are disciplines of mind, acts of obedience.

My focus is forward. My focus is on the future of the faces I see each day at school, not on their past. I delight in the way God works in our student's lives and the hope I have for God's purpose to be realized in them.

Abiding Daily,

*Greg Scheck*

*Legacy Christian Academy partners with Christian families to educate students in a Christian Worldview and to develop character so they become innovative and wise world-changers.*

# **Coronavirus Disease 2019 – What to Know**

Legacy Christian Academy is closely monitoring the coronavirus disease outbreak and is proactively planning to minimize the impact should the outbreak affect Ohio schools. We will continue to provide updates as needed. Please see the links under resources for sites that provide daily updates regarding this outbreak.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

## **What is COVID-19**

COVID-19 is the abbreviation for "coronavirus disease 2019"; the virus that causes this disease has been named "SARS-CoV-2"; this is a novel (new) coronavirus that has not been previously identified; this virus is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness, like the common cold. While the virus has similarities to SARS-CoV this is a new and distinct virus.

## **How it spreads**

Mainly from person-to-person through close contact (within about 6 feet) and through respiratory droplets in coughs and sneezes; it may also be spread from contact with infected surfaces or objects.

## **Symptoms**

Fever, cough, shortness of breath; symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

## **Treatment**

There is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for COVID-19; treatment includes supportive care to relieve symptoms and to support vital organ function.

## **Prevention**

The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus; stopping transmission (spread) of the virus through everyday practices is the best way to keep people healthy.

## **Higher Risk and Special Population**

Older adults and people who have severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung, or kidney disease or immunologic disorders seem to be at higher risk for more serious COVID-19 illness. There is not currently information from published scientific reports about susceptibility of pregnant women to COVID-19. Pregnant women experience immunologic and physiologic changes which might make them more susceptible to viral respiratory infections, including COVID-19. Currently there is no information that suggests that children are more susceptible to COVID-19 unless they have an underlying health condition.

## **What you can do**

- Maintain general hygiene standards which include avoiding touching your eyes, nose, mouth; wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue (not your hands) and discard the tissue immediately; if a tissue is not available cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Stay home when you are sick and keep your children home when they are sick or becoming sick.
- See a doctor if you or your child develops symptoms and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you have recently traveled to an area with widespread COVID-19 (see additional resources for the most up to date information)

## **Travel**

Before traveling, frequently check the CDC travel health notices, advisories, and restrictions, (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>) and the State Department (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/novel-coronavirus-hubei-province--china.html>).

## **Resources**

Ohio Department of Health (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>)

CDC: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>)

WHO: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>)

State Department: Current Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/novel-coronavirus-hubei-province--china.html>)