



# From the Desk of

## the Superintendent

### November 2020

#### Dear Families of LCA,

In the fourth chapter of James, the author states, ***"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit'— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."*** (James 4:13-14)

This is the second draft of this letter as things changed from Friday morning, when I first began to write, to Friday afternoon when we implemented decisions that were necessary for the health and well being of our school. We make our plans with prayer and wisdom, yet we need to be ready to make adjustments as the situation demands.

Several students, upon hearing we would be going to online learning, were devastated. There were even some tears involved. One child summed it up well when she said, "Mr. Scheck, last year, we were told we would have to go home for a couple of weeks, and we never got to come back!" I can understand their fears.

Let me clearly state that it is my intention that we will return to in person schooling on Monday, November 30. I am thankful God directed our steps last winter to schedule a full week break for Thanksgiving. This gives all of us ample time to get rested, healthy, and ready to go in person again. While none of us can predict the future, please be assured we at Legacy are doing all we can to make sure our school year can move forward.

Our first quarter of school was such an encouragement. The students were so very happy to be back on campus, back in the classroom, and back with their friends. Like all of us, I think our students were just so hungry to experience a taste of "normal." We made it through those early weeks with minimal impact from the coronavirus.

Our fall sports teams went above and beyond what they have done in the past. Our boy's soccer team was Metro Buckeye Champs. One of our golfers, Liz Miller, competed in the state competition, and our boys cross country team finished first in the Metro Buckeye Conference two years in a row! Volleyball, golf, cross country, girls and boys soccer; all enjoyed a very successful season! We are so proud of our student athletes. I want to thank our coaches and our athletes for their hard work and commitment which enabled them to accomplish so much. I also want to thank the parents of these athletes for their faithful cooperation and support, even during these unusual times.

In the Fine Arts department, Mr. Shaeffer and the cast of **Bridge of Blood** turned in a fabulous performance. The story was powerful and presented with excellence. We were able to accommodate a few more people in the audience than what we were originally told we could have. That was a great blessing. Our student musicians are preparing for a Christmas concert that will look a bit different than it has in the past. The fact that we have been able to pursue a music program at all is a blessing from God and a testimony to the creativity and diligence of our teachers. It is my hope



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that this concert will be a source of great joy and encouragement to all. I don't know about you, but I could use a bit of Christmas cheer right about now.

In the greater Dayton area, 54 high school seniors earned the status of National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists, having scored in the top one percent of the PSAT exam nationwide. Two of those young people are part of the Legacy community! Josiah Entner and Joshua McClain are homeschool students who also play soccer for the LCA Knights. Congratulations to these two young men for their great academic achievement!

Recently, I participated in a large group Zoom meeting with our Lt. Governor, Jon Husted. He was, for the most part, addressing the issue of winter sports. It is the desire of the governor's office for winter sports to continue, but it does bring with it additional complications due to the fact that they are indoor sports with the potential of closer contact. The biggest message I heard from him was to encourage our students and their families to faithfully practice mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing, and, especially, monitoring our own health. I cannot emphasize enough how very important it is for each one of us to be aware of any potential symptoms we might develop, our body temperature and our overall feeling of wellness. It is so essential that, if your child has a fever, regardless of what they may miss at school, they **MUST STAY HOME**. This is for the good of your child as well as the entire school. We must not become weary in well-doing!

## Online Learning

Our faculty and staff have worked diligently to be prepared for the possibility (just in case) of us having to return to online learning. What we are doing this week in November is very brief, but we have to be prepared for the possibility that the governor's office will demand we move to an online scenario.

We have learned so much since last year, and we have a viable plan in place that will enable each student to continue to progress in the learning process. The last thing any of us wants is for our students to lose ground academically. Any decision to go this route

will be made with the greatest of care and having made every effort to stay in the building. It's possible that there would be a mandate from the governor's office, or we simply might not have enough faculty and/or substitutes due to quarantine practices. The teachers have been working with the students to ensure they know how to use the tools necessary to succeed in online learning. Simplified process, practical means of turning in work, and a regular schedule are all elements of the plan we have developed. Going back to online learning certainly is not what any of us wants, but, should it be necessary, we are prepared.

## School Growth

This past week we hosted our first ever **Fall Preview Event** for interested families. We saw 9 different families come to our campus for a tour and to meet with our Admissions Director, Heather Bright. I am thankful for the parents, faculty, and students who were on hand to meet with these people. We had a Q&A panel with our students, and they represented our school so well. I am so proud of them! It is so exciting to see this much interest in our school this early in the process.

Did you know that we have 80 new students in our school this year? That is so exciting! Eighty students and their families are getting to experience what the rest of us have already known... Legacy is a great place to get an excellent and Biblically based education. I want to take this opportunity to thank you, our LCA community, for the vital part you have played in this outcome. We have always said that our best advertising is YOU... word of mouth, happy customers, positive user reviews!! Every time you tell someone your LCA story, every time you share a Facebook post or an athletics Tweet, every time you invite someone to our campus, you are offering that family the opportunity to discover a different way to learn. You are investing in people's lives. So, a big heartfelt **THANK YOU** to each one of you!



## Wall of Thanksgiving

Are you thankful? Are you fed up with political ads and COVID related comments on your social media pages? Would you be encouraged to hear from others about how God has blessed them this year? I find that kind of content very encouraging. We are trying something new this year and are offering our school families a place to share their joys and blessings. I would like to encourage everyone to take part in sharing with our school community something for which you are thankful.

Visit our website page called [Wall of Thanksgiving](#) and post your own story of God's faithfulness.

## Giving Tuesday

I'm not a Black Friday shopper. I know most of you probably are not surprised to hear that. I am, however, a year end giver. Whether it is a missions giving campaign or some other charitable organization, many of us will finish out the calendar year with a donation or two. In the past few years I have learned that this has become "a thing." It's called Giving Tuesday, which comes right after Cyber Monday, which follows on the heels of Black Friday (are we Americans a weird bunch or what!?). Would you consider including Legacy in your year-end giving plan? We have a new place for



giving located on our website. Visit [SUPPORT LCA](#) as you enter the site. We are so thankful to be debt free and now can look forward to the future as people give to the important work we do here each day. Please prayerfully consider what God might lead you to do for our school.

We also have opportunities for Corporate Sponsorships. These are giving plans for companies and large donors who want to invest in LCA in a significant way. There is a page on our website that explains in greater detail this important giving opportunity.

## State of the School Address

If you follow the school calendar you might have noticed an event entitled State of the School Address, scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>. For many reasons, we have decided to delay that event (which, to be honest, may end up being a virtual event) until after the new year. Thank you for your understanding.

As always, I am so very grateful for the parents and students who make up the Legacy community. Your faithful prayers and partnership with all of the faculty and staff of LCA makes it a joy to come to work each day. As you go into the holiday season, please know how very much we care about each one of you. Stay safe, stay healthy and have a blessed Thanksgiving.

## School Board Update

Dear LCA parents,

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to Legacy Christian! As we all navigate through this dynamic school year, the LCA Board is striving to complete the superintendent search process we were unable to finish last school year. Once again, we are approaching the final stages of a superintendent search. As we shared in early 2020, we planned to invite top superintendent candidates to see our beautiful campus, to meet with some faculty, staff and board members, and to interact with a few LCA parents as part of the final selection process. Over the next 2 weeks, a couple of candidates will be visiting the school at various times to do exactly that. Thank you again for your support of Legacy Christian, and please feel free to reach out to us for additional information.

Sincerely Yours,

Brad Riddle, Chairman, Board of Directors  
Daric Hess, Lead, Superintendent Search Team  
Melissa Merritt, Co-lead, Superintendent Search Team

I turned on Christmas music this weekend. That's pretty unheard of at my house anytime before Thanksgiving. My wife, Lori, is usually adamant that we don't do Christmas stuff before Thanksgiving, but she was in full agreement. You see, we both have grown weary of the news, whether it's about COVID, or the election, or the state of affairs in our country. Dwelling on these things can be a discouragement. The music was redirecting our thoughts to God and His fulfilled promise to us.

God's promises are full of hope.

- *Casting all your cares on Him because He cares for you.* 1 Peter 5:7
- *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.* James 1:5
- *Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.* Jeremiah 29:12
- *The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on him in truth.* Psalm 145:18

God's Word is full of His promises. There are so many more. How do we live in God's promises everyday? With all the combating noise around us, it is difficult. Allowing ourselves, our families, to get caught up in the noise puts our focus, not on Him, but on things that do not produce hope.

Our society is ever changing. Perceptions of truth, and even reality is in flux and dependent on the loudest voice in the room. **How do we equip our children, our students, to grow and become discerning in this ever-changing environment?**

Be Still,  
and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth! Ps. 46:10



Can we really do that... Be Still? Not worry, or panic, or live our lives in fear? Not argue, rebel and live our lives in anger? Be Still... and what? **KNOW THAT I AM GOD!!** He was not

surprised that a flu pandemic would become a major part of our lives this year. He was not surprised about the outcome of our recent election. He is **GOD!!** God is truly still in control. What's more, God has put us here, in this time, for a purpose!

I love our theme for this year! It gives us what we need to cope with this crazy world we live in. What are we fixed on? What commands our thoughts? That's up to us. Philippians 4:8 tells us,

***Finally, brothers, whatever is TRUE, whatever is HONORABLE, whatever is JUST, whatever is PURE, whatever is LOVELY, whatever is COMMENDABLE, if there is any EXCELLENCE, if there is anything WORTHY OF PRAISE, THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.***

What does this passage say right after this command?

***What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the GOD OF PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU.***

Fixing our eyes on Jesus... not our circumstances, not our health, not our freedoms, nor any other thing on this earth... focusing our thoughts on Christ, on truth... that is how we cope, and how we teach our kids to cope. That's where we find peace and hope.

Maybe it's time for **all** of us to turn off the news, turn away from social media, and put on some music about the Son of God who came to earth as an infant child in order to make a way for us to know God's peace, hope and love forever.

Fixed on Jesus,

***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.***