



# Legacy Life

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What a blessing my first 12 weeks at Legacy Christian Academy have been! I have loved getting to know the LCA faculty and staff, and I have appreciated the excellence in an ACSI Accredited School. Of course, having three of my grandchildren as Legacy students has been a daily happiness.

With all of the added security this year at Legacy, we have started a morning Drop-Off Safety Patrol, with fifteen of our sixth-grade students greeting and helping students out of cars in the 20 minutes of drop-off. This is a AAA program and, so far, it is working well. Kids and cars don't do well together, and we are very aware of the added protection needed. Safety Patrol is an opportunity for our older elementary students to help make the process safer. On very cold days, Safety Patrol members receive a cup of hot chocolate to encourage their continued participation!



For our Preschool through Sixth grade students, we have also added an Adopt-A-Leader program, which began on November 3rd. Each elementary classroom has written a letter to local community leaders around Xenia and the state of Ohio. We are asking that these be "adopted" by a class at Legacy Elementary. The students will pray daily for these leaders and, hopefully, build a relationship with them. Each class will be studying their leader's job requirements and will be sending cards, notes, and doing what they can to be a daily encouragement to them.

God has blessed Legacy Christian Academy in so many amazing ways, and I have daily appreciated the encouragement and understanding of parents and supporters. Let's keep working together for the cause of Christ in this world and have grateful hearts that a school like Legacy Christian Academy exists and is thriving!!

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to HIS purpose." Romans 8:28

-Margaret McCoy, Elementary Principal





# Legacy Athletics

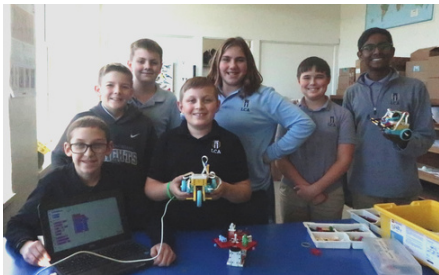
The fall athletic season was a whirlwind of activity! Students in 3rd-12th grade participated in LCA athletics including cross country, golf, soccer, and volleyball. A highlight of the fall season was the addition of several great new coaches to the LCA community. Other highlights from the season include:

**Cross Country:** Our Cross Country team won Conference! Two of our runners, Ben Rodriguez and Caroline Hamilton, also ran in the state meet. Ben placed 13th and Caroline placed 26th. Congratulations to all of our runners!

**Soccer:** This year we launched an elementary soccer program that is open to students in 3rd grade and up. Our Boys Varsity and Girls Varsity teams had record seasons, and this year's Girls Varsity Soccer team won conference!



## Robotics Club



This school year marked the beginning of LCA's Robotics Club! Engineering teacher, Mr. Everly, Art teacher, Mrs. Johnson, and Math and Science teacher, Mr. Gibboney, have teamed up to coach student teams in researching, problem-solving, coding, and engineering a LEGO robot as part of the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Challenge.

FIRST LEGO League Challenge is an international STEM competition. Teams are introduced to a scientific and real-world challenge to problem-solve and research. The robotics part of the competition involves designing and programming LEGO

Education robots to complete tasks. Students work out a solution to a problem related to the theme of the year, which changes every year, and then meet for regional, national and international tournaments to compete, share their knowledge, compare ideas, and display their robots. This year, the challenge is called "Master Piece."

Lego League is different from other competitive robotic programs because "gracious professionalism" is one of their core values. The FIRST LEGO League website shares that "gracious professionalism is a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community." During the season, teams often help other teams troubleshoot or problem solve. You'll even see this at competitions where there is a general sense of comradery - we're all in this together.

There are FLL competitions on Saturdays from late September to mid-November. These are hosted at high schools throughout the Miami Valley. If the team places at the first competition, it can move on to a district-level competition. If the team places at the district competition, it will be invited to compete at the state competition hosted at the Hobart Arena on March 9-10, 2024. These events are fantastic opportunities for LCA students to be a part of the STEM scene in Ohio!

-Motyka Johnson, Secondary Art teacher

# Knight Highlight

The Varsity Girls Soccer team had an exciting season! The team's coach, Brett Stanley, has been a soccer coach at Legacy for 8 years. He began coaching when his son was in Junior High. Since then, he has coached boys teams, girls teams, and co-ed teams from the Junior High level through the Varsity level at Legacy. One of Coach Stanley's favorite things about coaching at Legacy is the freedom to pray and talk about Jesus and the Bible with players. For example, this year's Varsity Girls team had a tradition of asking the opposing team to pray together at the end of the game. The team did this after the District Final game against Mariemont, the team's last game of the season. One of the Mariemont assistant coaches said he was thankful for the offer to pray and that they'd never been asked to do so before. Coach Stanley shares that the assistant coach "was impressed we did it after losing such a competitive game and commented how positive our players were." This reminded Coach Stanley of the team's devotionals in Philippians 4:13 this year and the idea that our identities are rooted in Christ, not our accomplishments. Our players can treat others on the field with respect and kindness because they have learned that their worth does not come from whether they win or lose. Overall, the team exhibited great determination and resilience this season, exceeding Coach Stanley's expectations. We are thankful for coaches like Coach Stanley who help Legacy students grow not only in their athletic abilities, but, most importantly, in their faith as well!



## Chapel

Chapel at Legacy this fall has been a blessed time with several exciting moments. Students have heard from a variety of speakers from the community, including pastors and LCA teachers. The secondary students are focusing on the theme, "Choose Wisely," and are learning to make good decisions based on Jesus' words in Matthew 7:13-14, while elementary students have been going through the Old Testament. Both secondary and elementary students are also working through the book of James this year. They have finished chapter one, where they learned about God's goodness and wisdom as well as the confidence that believers have when they trust in God in the midst of hard times.

Students recently finished REVIVE week - a week of a series of Chapels where the goal is to refresh students spiritually in the middle of the semester. Our chapel speaker, Pastor Joey Adams, took our students through Galatians. He shared the message of salvation through Jesus and the importance of living out our identity in Christ as part of God's people, the church. To culminate the series, students learned that the foundation of the church and our identity as Christians is based on the Gospel of Jesus and not on any amount of good works that we could do on our own.

The Gospel has been shared many times in Chapel this semester, which has led to a few students giving their lives to Christ! It has been an exciting fall semester and we look forward to seeing what God will do in the rest of the year's Chapels.

-Zach Stout, Secondary Bible teacher & Chapel Coordinator

# Fall Festival

Despite the steady rain on Saturday, October 14th, the Fall Festival was a great success! With nearly 400 people participating, the gymnasium was filled with cheers and laughs as the students played games like 9-square, sack races, pumpkin bowling, and corn hole. Their efforts earned them a handful of candy for their treat bag. The cafeteria was also full of excited energy as the music of the



cakewalk filled the ears of all who came in to enjoy a bite to eat or fresh apple cider. Facepainting and autumn

crafts were a hit, while others enjoyed playing pumpkin checkers and tic tac toe. We were also honored with the presence of William Urshel, Xenia President of the City Council, Officer Matheson of the Xenia Police Department, and the Highway Patrol. This year's Fall Festival was a blessed day, and we are already looking forward to next year!

-Cynthia Shaw, Event & Volunteer Coordinator





# Development



Earlier this school year we held our first Back-to-School Annual Fund drive. The Back-to-School Annual Fund drive is an opportunity for Legacy families to come together financially in giving towards the Lord's work at Legacy. The goal of this year's drive was to raise funds to replace the seats in the Auditorium. We began the drive with 30% of the cost to replace the seats, and ended the drive with close to 60% of the cost to replace the seats. The drive was a HUGE step forward in completing this year's years-in-the-making project. Thank you to everyone who has given so far!

Though we are a lot closer to funding this project, we still need to raise about \$110,000 to complete it. So, we will continue to focus on raising the funds needed to replace the Auditorium seats throughout the school year. If you are interested in giving towards this project or if you know someone who is, gifts can be sent in online using the QR code to the right or the "Give Now" tab at the top of our website ([legacyknights.org](http://legacyknights.org)) or by mailing a check to Att: Development Office, 1101 Wesley Ave, Xenia, OH 45385.

Learn more or give:



-Taylor Brooks, Multimedia Communication & Marketing Coordinator

