

# LKNS IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

Here are some things our student members' parents should know.

**PARTICIPATION IS KEY (AND COMMUNICATION IS KEY TO PARTICIPATION)!** Please provide an email address you check regularly. Please READ emails for important updates, reminders, and additions to our schedule. **VERY IMPORTANT:** An ANA membership username and password will be sent to the email mailbox your child specified on the front of this form; please help them find it, and do not lose it! Ask your student if they've received any LKNS flyers and read them together. Finally, if you Facebook, please LIKE and follow our public page (@KnightsNumismatics) and accept our invitation to our private LKNS group.

**TRADE, SALE, LOSS, OR THEFT:** By allowing your student to join LKNS, you agree to review your student's collection and discuss which numismatic items may or may not be taken to school, traded, sold, etc. You agree that LKNS, its Coordinator, members, volunteers, and the faculty and staff of Legacy Christian Academy cannot know or keep track of which numismatic items are family heirlooms and which are OK to trade; therefore you will not hold them responsible for the trade, sale, loss, or theft of any numismatic items associated with your student or family.

**ANNUAL DUES:** Payment of \$25.00 is required of student members; funds will be used towards purchases of supplies and paying expenses. Dues are required at the beginning of the year for membership and are non-refundable. If writing a check, please make it payable to "LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY" (not LKNS). Dues must be paid to participate in activities and earn awards.

**WHY GRADE CARDS ARE REQUIRED:** We supply them to the ANA only to receive benefits for our club and its members. The ANA offers our club discounts on new membership costs and sends a free coin to students who earn at least 3 A's. Homeschool members, in lieu of a grade card, may turn in a signed statement from instructor/parent indicating homeschool status, homeschool group name, and student's satisfactory completion of requirements.

**ATTENDANCE BEHAVIOR:** One of our goals is for all our students to have fun and enjoy our meetings and events. Disruptive, distracting behavior is disrespectful of others and impacts their enjoyment. Please ensure your student understands that membership is a privilege, and that their behavior must uphold the highest standards of the Numismatic Knights.

**STUDENT PICKUP:** LKNS will meet at least once each month during the school year, typically in either the LCA library or the cafeteria ("Chambers") after school, from 3:00PM until 5:00PM. Parents are responsible for prompt pickup of students by the end of the meeting. Please note, doors to the Lincoln building are locked after 4PM. Please pull up in front of the Lincoln Building where you can be seen.

**FIELD TRIPS:** As event arrangements permit, we may have additional meetings off campus; for example, meeting at a local coin shop, attending a coin show, etc. Some of these events may be scheduled for an evening or weekend; transportation is not provided by the school or club. Advance notice and instructions will be given.

**A.N.A. MEMBERSHIP:** All LKNS student members will be enrolled in the American Numismatic Association's Young Numismatist program as part of our curriculum. Part of your student's LKNS dues

go towards individual and club-level ANA membership. The ANA is the world's largest numismatic organization; it provides invaluable resources to our club and individual members. Members will receive an ANA membership card and other info in the US mail. Parents are encouraged to explore their website (<https://money.org>) with their students to discover all that is available to them. The ANA offers scholarship opportunities, not only to ANA seminars, but for college, regardless of your student's chosen field of study.

**A.N.A. EMAIL AND BIRTHDATE REQUIREMENT:** The ANA requires a valid email address and birthdate to complete your student's ANA membership; they send a username and password which is necessary to complete some of the ANA curriculum we use. LCA students will set up their ANA account with their LCA mailbox; we will help them retrieve their ANA login info. For homeschool students who don't have an LCA mailbox, please provide a valid, monitored mailbox (student or parent), and watch for emails from the ANA. LKNS has never seen anything inappropriate arrive in email as a result of joining the ANA. The birthdate is required to validate that the student qualifies to participate in ANA youth programs.

**ONLINE WITH THE A.N.A.:** Parts of the ANA's YN program require a login to participate. Once logged in, the student has access to their own blog if they wish; they can be contacted by other ANA members. Please discuss online safety with your student prior to use; if you wish, you can control their access by changing their password after they receive it so that they cannot logon without you. LKNS does not require use of the blogs, collections, or other public community features of the site.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND YOUR STUDENT'S SAFETY:** LKNS communicates PUBLICLY via our public Facebook page, on the internet (e.g. on the LCA website, a MONEY.ORG blog, or other social media), via public numismatic displays, in magazine articles, and LKNS informational literature. Occasionally your student's image may appear as we post photos of our activities. For their safety, we never identify our student members on public communications by name without your permission.

**INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS:** LKNS communicates with our members and families via our PRIVATE Facebook Group, emails, school announcements, and flyers sent home with students. Your LKNS Coordinator makes every effort to communicate important information, updates, reminders, and additions to our schedule via several channels. It is the members' and their parents' responsibility to check for communications and heed announcements. We may identify student members by name in the PRIVATE Facebook group. Email LKNS at [numismatics@legacyknights.org](mailto:numismatics@legacyknights.org) with questions or feedback.

**FAMILY SUPPORT:** Parents/guardians are encouraged to talk with their students about their LKNS experience. Taking an interest in your student's interests is a great way to encourage them. Look at their collection with them and ask questions. Offer guidance with their projects, but let them lead. You are always welcome to attend LKNS functions with your student. Your Coordinator appreciates your insights and feedback on your student's LKNS experience.

**VOLUNTEER HELP:** Parents can help in a variety of ways: bringing cookies or water bottles to parties; keeping score for games; being a "teacher's aide" for activities; chaperoning or driving for field trips; or simply providing additional adult presence in meetings. Watch for opportunities to show support.

**DONATIONS WELCOME:** As the dues don't cover all expenses, donations of additional funds, numismatic items of interest, and supplies are greatly appreciated. Contact the Coordinator if interested in donating.