

THIS WEEK

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by Melissa Dundas, school board chairwoman

Walking In Faith

What exactly does it mean to walk in faith or maybe we should look at what faith is not. Faith is not presumption giving us permission to use God as our errand boy. To walk in faith does not give us the right to forsake our responsibilities, crossing our arms lazily and say, "I am letting God take care of it." That becomes presumption and distortion of what faith is all about. God is our Father and welcomes us to bring Him everything that we experience in life. He will help us in our finances, but that does not give us license to spend irresponsibly. We need to trust God for safety in the car, but that does not simply mean that we can drive on the wrong side of the street or pass on a curve. Let's get real here! Among the many attributes that God gave us when we were created was "common sense." It becomes mockery in God's face when we distort what real faith is all about. In His loving caring for us, He will take things we have handled poorly and really messed up or the things that have been thrust upon us that we cannot handle; however, that does not mean that we now can become lazy and apathetic about them.

One of the primary elements of faith is that instead of having to live our days with fear and worry and be held with the chains of tension and dread, we can release to our Heavenly Father those things that bind us and thus find peace. God is a God of love, strength, and power; it brings joy to Him when His children come to Him for help. It is so amazing to watch God at work bringing about righteous solutions. You can literally see things begin to change before your eyes – He can move people around and alter even the most difficult circumstances. When we turn impossible things over to Him, they become possible. He is aware of all situations and is pleased to renew our strength. He turns our complications into a platform of plenty and gives us more than we ever dreamed. God is pleased when His children live a life of good character and integrity. These characteristics can make us stand strong when the storms of life hit hard, much like steers in a blizzard. The ice may form on their horns, but they keep standing against the wind and howling storm.

It is such a comfort to have God in control of life. He knows about all the seasons, the unexpected, and the unpredictable. Whether we are on cloud nine, enjoying His blessings or caught up in a thicket of some entangled predicament. God, His Son Jesus, and His Spirit never turn His back on us. This we can know for sure regardless of our need, God never folds His arms and looks the other way.

As we begin another school year and walk through times that for some are blessed and for others complicated, my prayer is that we will hand over the reigns to God and allow Him to take control. In the end, the glory is His, and we will be truly blessed.

CALENDAR ITEMS SEPTEMBER 2009

- Thurs. **10** 7-12 Back to School Night 7-9 P.M.
- Mon. **14** Washington D.C. meeting 7:00 P.M.
- Thurs. **17** K-6 Back to School Night 7-8:30 P.M.
- Fri. **18** Picture Day
- Tue. **22** Israel/Egypt info Mtg. 7:00 P.M.
- 23-25** Middle School Retreat
- Sat. **26** Movie Night at HCS.

OCTOBER 2009

- 05-09** 6th Grade Outdoor Ed Week
- 07-09** High School Retreat
- Mon. **12** Columbus Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE
- Wed. **14** PSAT
- Fri. **16** HCS Geography Bee
- Fri. **23** Teacher In-Service Half Day K-12
ACSI MS Leadership Conference
- Fri. **30** International Day

ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG

THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK

P.F.A. NEWS

PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

It's time to participate in the School Cents program at The Oaks. Simply bring your original receipts from The Oaks stores and restaurants dated from September 1, 2009 to the Guest Services kiosk located on the upper level between Sisley and The Cheesecake Factory. Schools earn five (5) points for each dollar spent.

In addition, during the month of September: **EARN DOUBLE POINTS FOR ALL RECEIPTS LOGGED SEPTEMBER 1 - 30!**
TRIPLE POINTS for the following expansion shops
 LOGGED SEPTEMBER 1 - 30

Active Ride Shop	Paciugo Gelato
Aerie	Quiksilver Youth
Aeropostale	The Children's Place
American Eagle	T-Mobile
Outfitters	The Walking
Beachworks	Company
Dockers San Francisco	Wetzel's Pretzels
Lazy Dog Cafe	Yankee Candle
Levi's	Zumiez
Lids	
Michelle D	
Muvico/Bogart's	
PacSun	
Paper Source	

Elementary Back to School Night Thursday, September 17

Elementary teachers are looking forward to meeting and greeting the parents of their students at Back to School Night. The evening begins at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium. Plan to come a little early to visit the information tables which will be set around the auditorium. There will be a short welcome message from our Head of School as well as a general introduction of the elementary staff. Then parents will be dismissed to their child's classroom where they will learn what to expect and how they can help in making this a great year. Research shows that involved parents produce academically and emotionally successful students, and we will be happy to share with you all the ways that you can become involved in your child's education. Please plan to attend.

HCS Women's Fall Tea and Boutique

On Saturday, October 24, we will be holding our annual fund-raising event for the HCS financial aid and scholarship program. This year we will be hosting a women's tea and boutique. The goal of this event is to come together with friends and family to enjoy a wonderful afternoon together as well as to raise funds to help families who may not be able to afford to attend on their own. As is true with all events, working together to contribute and volunteer our time is what makes these events possible. We are currently looking for volunteers in the following areas: table hostesses, promotion, ticket sales, program manager, set up, and raffle/silent auction. Please contact Sunnie Regier at sunniedelano@aol.com for more information.

Art Teacher Needed

We regret to inform you that Mrs. Freeman recently resigned her position as art teacher at HCS. We all wish her well. Please pray for Mrs. Freeman, as well as for our ability to find the replacement that the Lord has to meet our need. Until we have a new art teacher, elementary art classes will be canceled. We are actively seeking and interviewing qualified candidates.

Parking Pointers for Parents

As parents we are continually teaching our children to follow the rules. One of the best ways to teach them the importance of obedience is to model it for them. Attached to this newsletter are the school's rules for dropping off and picking up your children. Please read them carefully and remember that we all have to work together to reduce the problems that occur during peak periods. If we each make an effort to be careful and aware that children are coming and going, to arrive early to avoid stress and impatience, to read and follow the rules, and to treat each other with courtesy and respect, our children will be safe and will learn a valuable lesson in the process.



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