

THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN ...



MARCH 04, 2010

CALENDAR ITEMS MARCH 2010

- 03-05** 7th Grade Catalina Trip
- 05-15** 8th Grade U.S. Historic Trip
- Sat. **06** HCS Work Day 8 A.M. - NOON
- Tue. **09** ACSI Piano Festival
- Fri. **12** Assembly- History of Jazz
CSUN Jazz Band 1:30 P.M.
- Wed. **17** Special Dress Day
with food donation
- Fri. **19** ACSI Technology Fair
- Wed **24** HCS Speech Meet
- Fri **26** ACSI Math Olympics
Staff In Service Day
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE
- 29-01** Spiritual Emphasis Week

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

New Auction Date:
Saturday, May 1st
Spanish Hills Country Club



ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



by Stephen Allen, Head of School

Peer Pressure...Positive or Negative?

In my experience, most people immediately think negatively about peer pressure. We tend to reflect on the times in our children's lives or even our own when the crowd was pushing the wrong agenda, the wrong actions. Ideally speaking, at HCS peer pressure should be a positive thing, due to four reasons.

First, we are a small school. When something unusual or inappropriate occurs, it frequently becomes known and known quickly. Even though children often resent that at the time, as children mature, in most cases they ultimately appreciate the love and caring that comes through the accountability.

Secondly, as a school that pledges to partner with parents, we do approach admissions with a different philosophy, one that is uniquely Christian and that is unifying. Our admissions procedures requires that the parents of students entering HCS after preschool are demonstrating a commitment to a local church of like faith and practices. We also require that at least one of the parents is a professing follower of Christ. These requirements help us to approach problems with like-minded values and processes. Our open invitation and welcome of the influence of the Holy Spirit is powerful and should be instrumental in problem solving and restoration. What a partner we have!

Thirdly, speaking of partners, we ask parents to partner with us. It may not be verbalized or put into writing, but I have had parents coming from other schools state their impression that at many schools today, partnering is limited. It is almost as if when dropping their child off at the school gate you hear, "Your child is ours now. Leave us alone, and we will leave you alone." At HCS we state a desire to partner with you. That requires communication and mutual support of the parenting process. Considering the times we live in combined with the value of children, how can we have time for such isolationist nonsense when it comes to raising children?

Lastly and perhaps most importantly, we strive to be a Christian school that honors the Lord in all that we do. Of course, HCS is not and never will be an environment that is perfect in any regard, not as long as it is made up of sinners of which I am one. There was some fear in writing this article because it seems that as soon as one makes such claims, there is some incident that is humbling and maybe even embarrassing that challenges our unique environment. Such incidents are not the test of our Christianity but the proof of our humanity. The process of prayer, partnership with

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

SHORT SUBJECTS

Booster Club

Parents, please come join us at 1:00 in the conference room on Tuesday, March 9, to learn how you can get involved in Hillcrest athletics. We are excited about the future growth and success of our athletic program, but we need your help to make it happen.

Soccer Coaches Needed

Coach Dominguez is currently interviewing volunteer coaches for both elementary boys and girls soccer. If you or someone you would recommend is interested, contact Coach Dominguez at tdominguez@hillcrestcs.org or at ext. 251, as soon as possible.

Mark Your Calendars as Hillcrest Presents ...

A Red Carpet Event Saturday, May 1

Dinner and Entertainment
Silent and Live Auctions

Spanish Hills Country Club
Ticket price: \$40

And for the kids ...

Be a Star Pajama Party
For ages 4 – 11

Watch for more details to come and don't miss out!!



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by Nina Medrano, parent volunteer

Middle School Girls' Basketball in 1st Place

Another great VICTORY !!!! The middle school girls' basketball team defeated Ventura Missionary 32-15. The highlight play of the game goes to Nikki Werner with the inbound pass to Grace Aspinwall off the free throw line. Grace shoots and SWOOSH ... NOTHING BUT NET! With this win, we ended the regular season in first place entering the TVCAL playoffs. Congratulations to these awesome young athletes!



by Amanda Zimmerman, coach

Elementary Girls Battle To the End in a Loss to Ventura Missionary

What an exciting game the elementary girls had last Friday against Ventura! Having played them earlier in the season, the girls were anxious about the game, but they played better than ever! Caoilinn McDonough and Baylee Maina did an awesome job of getting rebounds and moving the ball around the court. Ventura Missionary had some strong shooters, putting us behind by a few points throughout the game but during the second half, the Lady Saints tightened their lead, bringing the final score to only a seven point difference! The elementary girls played well with strong defense and awesome team cooperation. While we lost the game 34-41, I could not have been prouder of how well the girls played together! Our final game is this Friday, March 5th at Ascension at 4:00. Come cheer us on during our last regular game of the season!

by Coach Tim Donmiguez

With Only 5 Players HCS Dominates Conejo Adventist

Hillcrest boys' elementary basketball team played last Thursday with only 5 players; however, they controlled the game from wire to wire defeating Conejo Adventist, 73-38. HCS fans watched as 4 of the 5 HCS players scored season highs; David Cisi (17), Zach Hawkins (18), Nicholas Kovan (12) and Nojus Padbury with (8). Kobe Matsuo had a big game putting up 18 points and 12 defensive rebounds.

by Julie Dimas, teacher

Uganda Garage Sale-A Huge Success!

Despite the rains, the HCS effort to raise money for a team project this summer on our second mission trip to God Cares School was a great success thanks to all the efforts of the HCS families! Thank you for all of your wonderful “stuff” donated to help our sister school in Uganda. A special thanks to all the parents and teachers who came out to help!!!! We raised over \$4,100 which brings us close to our goal of \$5,000, the amount needed to allow the team to build a classroom in the new high school! This is a much needed addition as the current high school is in a small basement of a church with damp dirt floors, poor lighting, and plywood walls that create only four small overcrowded classrooms.

Remember, it is not too late to go on this mission trip! God provides us the opportunities, but will we go? We are leaving on June 23rd and returning on July 7th. Please contact Julie Dimas or Don Meyers if you are interested right away!

By Anna Steele, home-schooling parent

Let's Welcome The Hillcrest Satellite Saints!

What is PSP, you ask... Well, it's the easy way to say Private Satellite Program, and that is the legal way to say home-schoolers. God has opened a new door for many families at Hillcrest and in our community. With home-schooling becoming a necessary option for so many families, I think it is a blessing that Hillcrest is undertaking this program. For the past two years, our son, Caleb had been enrolled at Hillcrest, and we feel like we've become a part of a family. When our situation changed, home-schooling became the answer for us, and by God's grace we get to continue to be a part of the Hillcrest family.

As a part of the PSP program, our children get to attend chapel, they have fun park days, fabulous field trips, they have class options, and they're able to participate in sports. As a room parent, you can put them on your contact list and invite them to participate in your class field trips and parties. For most of these families, it is their first experience with Hillcrest, so reach out, make them a part of your family like so many of you did with us; it's one of the things we at Hillcrest are so good at.

With this being the first year of the Hillcrest Satellite Program we're a small group with big possibilities. We ask that you would pray for growth in our program and in our territory for the Lord's kingdom in this community.

P.F.A. NEWS

PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE:

The Jog-A-Thon will be held on Thursday, April 15th instead of the previously announced date.

On Thursday, April 15, the HCS PFA and Boosters Club will partner together to provide another fantastic school wide event ... JOG A THON. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go directly to Boosters to purchase athletic equipment, update athletic uniforms, and provide funding for other athletic expenses. The remaining proceeds will go toward phases two and three of the much needed auditorium upgrades. These improvements will include fresh paint, house lighting, and stage upgrades.

Anticipation is building for this all-day event. Art students are currently working on a JOG A THON t-shirt design contest. Designs will be judged on March 8 and 9, and will be up for public display in the auditorium. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, March 10. See the school website for results!

For a minimum donation, you can be an EVENT SPONSOR. A family sponsorship is \$100.00; a corporate/business sponsorship is \$500.00. Please contact Wendy Rettinger at wendyrett@yahoo.com for more sponsorship information.

Volunteers are needed NOW. Watch for further planning meetings or contact Sherrie Ehman, PFA Vice President, sherriehman@hotmail.com to get involved.





by Kathy Horan, principal

Welcome Ms. Claudia Zurek

Why are we ever amazed at how God provides for us? As the staff gathered together in August, Mrs. Jessica Navarro shared with us the exciting news that she and her family would be welcoming a baby into their family in the spring. After the initial excitement, I began to worry about who would take her place. Like Pollyanna or even Scarlett O'Hara, I put off thinking about that and blithely responded whenever I was asked what the plan was, "God will provide."

Of all substitutes, foreign language teachers are probably the most difficult to find, but once again God was faithful and his latest providential gift arrived this week from Colombia. Ms. Claudia Zurek is an experienced and passionate teacher who loves to keep her students engaged and motivated to learn. She looks for strengths in her students and helps them to realize how their weaknesses could become strengths through the grace of God, and she will be a part of our family for the remainder of this school year teaching Spanish 1,2,3, and 4 to our secondary students. She is also available for tutoring secondary students in Spanish and elementary students in multiple academic subjects. (Ext. 255)

Although she is an experienced teacher, this is her first opportunity to combine her love for the Lord with her passion for education. Please pray that she is able to settle in smoothly and let her know that we are glad that she is here.

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Peer Pressure cont

parents, and common philosophical approach is the evidence that we are striving to be Christian, not the evidence of perfection.

This attempt to honor the Lord in all that we do is much more than just putting His name in our school name to place on a wall or in our literature. When all of these things are working together at church, home, and school, then peer pressure should be one that points to Christ and righteousness. This is a bold goal, and one that requires that I ask ahead of time for forgiveness when you see it working in reverse. We humbly, prayerfully, and with determination appreciate your partnership in this most important task of raising children for Him.

"Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NASB ■



by Mrs. Thompson, kindergarten teacher

Under the Big-Top in Kindergarten

Last Friday, the Kindergarten program turned into quite a circus...literally! Students had a great time playing all kinds of circus games and eating circus food (hot dogs and nachos). They also had the unique opportunity to watch "The Magnificent Mr. Tom". Students and parents alike were amazed by his illusions and sleight-of-hand. Of course, the best part of this special day was when all the kindergartners took the stage in our very own circus, performing for an audience of students and parents. Each kindergartner chose what circus act he or she wanted to perform and had a costume to match. There were lion tamers with rings of fire who tamed the ferocious (and adorable) lions

and tigers. Other fascinating performances included the jugglers, acrobats, magicians, snake charmers, and strong men who showed off their muscles and their ability to lift extremely heavy weights. The show ended with a group of clowns who made the audience laugh as they entertained them with their silly tricks. The kindergartners had such a wonderful time at the circus, and they were all sad to see this magical day come to an end.

