

THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN... **MAY 27, 2010**



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CALENDAR ITEMS

MAY 2010

Mon 31 Memorial Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL NO CHILD CARE

JUNE 2010

Fri 04 Prom (10th-12th grades)

Sat 05 Saturday Work Day 8 A.M. - NOON

09-10 Senior Finals

Thurs 10 Senior Grad Night

Fri 11 Pre-K Promotion 11 A.M.

Fri 11 Senior Reception 7 P.M.

Sat 12 Senior Graduation 5 P.M.
Living Oaks Church

Thurs 17 Kindergarten Graduation 10 A.M.

Thurs 17 6th Grade Promotion 6 P.M.

Fri 18 Last Day of School - Half Day
Elementary Awards Chapel
K-3 9 A.M.; 4-6 9:40 A.M.
8th Grade Promotion 2-3:30 P.M.

Mon. 28 Summer Camp Begins

ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG

by Carolyn Krause, Dean of Students

The Essence of Hillcrest

Recently, Hillcrest students, faculty, friends, and families fellowshiped together at our annual Open House. Our small but extraordinary school was filled not only with artistic and academic accomplishments, but also with feasting and fund-raising for fellow classmates. At HCS, we enthusiastically celebrate and support the interests of our own as well as those of others.

That evening, the junior class, their parents and relatives, and several teachers bar-b-qued hotdogs to make money for their senior year activities that include a mission trip. The K-12 family supported them by dining on our blacktop turned top-rate outdoor arena, while our middle school worship band entertained everyone. Our junior class sold a bounty of baked goods that were generously donated by families, who did not necessarily have a junior, to raise funds for senior events. Giggling children raced around as teens and adults talked together. Really? Where else do you find an entire school filled with every grade level joyfully hanging out, celebrating each others' creations, meeting the needs of fellow students, and practicing the presence of Jesus?

As I strolled through the hallways and classrooms after dinner, I couldn't help but well up with tears at times because of all the sensational student-produced projects. From science to English, it is clear that our building block approach to learning works well. For example, we use a special school-wide writing curriculum that teach composition skills appropriate for each grade level. Our seniors will graduate with a writing portfolio that reflects the success of this writing process. (By the way, 100% of our seniors will be attending college and several of them have earned top scholarships!) I was impressed by the elementary level state displays, middle school scrapbooks of their school-on-wheels trip to Washington D.C., and high school WWI museum projects. Our school eagerly exhibited its science and math knowledge as exemplified by the kinder creations using math concepts and sea creatures, and our upper division demonstrating anatomy lessons with dissections of turtles and unborn sheep. What a blessing to witness growth at every stage of a young person's life all on one campus.

Our current school-wide focused character trait, "eagerness," was clearly evidenced at this year's Open House. Students, enriched by an excellent academic environment and embraced by adults who unabashedly yet humbly strive to seek our Savior first in all that they teach, loved having that night to share their noteworthy efforts. But that's not all! Many of the people in our HCS population stayed late into the evening to set up an auction to support God Cares School in Uganda that was held the following night. At HCS we are excited about completing tasks not only for ourselves, but also for others.

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

FOOTBALL IS BACK



Something to
Cheer About ...
Spread the Word ...
Football is Back!!

Dates are set ...
Contact Coach Dominguez
for more info

P.F.A. NEWS

PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

A HUGE THANK YOU! Thank you to all of the moms for their donations of food, preparation and clean up for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast/Lunch. Many thanks to those who provided apples and the delicious cake for the teachers. The teachers truly enjoyed it all and felt very appreciated. HCS has the greatest staff and faculty, and it is a pleasure to bless them.

SCHOOL CENTS IS NOW OVER! Thank you to all of the families, staff, and supporters who participated in this year's School Cents program through The Oaks Mall. Hillcrest ranked 4th out of 30 schools with 1,338,650 points receiving a prize of \$869. The School Cents program will begin again on September 1, 2010. Thanks Carrie Knight for your leadership.

SCRIP Start stocking up on scrip for the summer. As the year winds down, so does the inventory. Be sure to get what you will need for the summer before your favorite stores are sold out!



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by Mrs. Thurman, librarian

Pick Up a Book That You Can't Put Down! Summer Reading is Fun and Beneficial

It is nearly time to bring out the beach umbrellas and poolside lemonade—and stretch out with a good book! Even if this wonderful fantasy isn't a part of the reality of your summer months, parents can greatly enhance their child's literary development and summer enjoyment by encouraging them to put down the game controller and dive into a good book.

If you are looking for quality books for your children to read this summer, the HCS Library recommends the Children's Crown Award 2009-2010 list of notable books. Each year twenty books that convey wholesome values, uplifting characters, and edifying themes that inspire children toward positive goals are selected by a committee of readers from participating schools. All of the awards are endorsed by the National Christian School Association.

There are three categories, Grades 1-3, Grades 4-5, and Middle and High School. Please feel free to go to www.childrenscrownaward.org to read over their choices and to get more information on the Crown Awards.

Every year, our secondary students are required to read selected books over the summer vacation and come to school in the fall prepared to participate in learning activities related to their reading. The list of REQUIRED reading is as follows:

7th grade—*The Red Pony*, John Steinbeck

8th grade—*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred Taylor

9th grade—*To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee; *Romeo & Juliet*, Shakespeare

10/11th CP—*Lord of the Flies*, W. Golding

10/11th Honors—*A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens; *Julius Caesar*, Shakespeare

12th grade—*Hamlet*, Shakespeare; *Wuthering Heights*, Emily Bronte

We want to thank all of the families who have donated books to the library this year. We have incorporated into our collection hundreds of excellent novels and reference materials both through book donations and money earned from our book fairs. We always welcome quality used books and are particularly interested in Christian fiction at all reading levels. From the HCS Library, have a terrific summer and pick up a book that you can't put down!

by Tim Dominguez, Athletic Director

Girls' Soccer

Our young lady Saints played a magnificent game against the first place team, Ventura Missionary (A), in the semi-final playoff game last Friday. They played their hearts out in a very close game, which they lost 1-0 on a fluke goal that bounced off several players and then bounced off the corner of the goal for the only score of the game. These young ladies had a very respectful season with a 3-6 record against girls two or three years older! Please give these young student-athletes – Leigha Kunkel, Morgan Bogust, Stephanie Murphree, Alexa Macaluso, Kiana Shane, Allison Green, Sarah Wilson, Dana Kim, Erin Philen, and Elizabeth Crown – a nice pat on the back for a job well done.