

HILLCREST CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hillcrest Christian School offers a K – 6 grade accredited Christian based program that features a team of ACSI-certified teachers who are experienced and professionally prepared to educate your child. The elementary program consists of a traditional course of study emphasizing a Biblical perspective. In this way, each of our students comes to recognize the importance and relevance of the Word of God in everyday living and learning. All students receive daily Bible instruction and weekly chapel experiences. Enrichment classes include Spanish, art, music, physical education, library science, and computer lab.

Our program is divided into four quarters beginning late August and ending mid-June. Report cards are issued each quarter and parent conferences are scheduled in November to review student progress.

Our mission is to partner with Christian families to raise children who will impact the world for the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our Expected Schoolwide Learning Results is expressed as ACTS

- Authentic Christianity
- Communication Skills
- Team Building
- Self-directed learning

ENROLLMENT

Our current enrollment during 2008 is 228 K-6 with an average student/teacher ratio of 16/1.

FACULTY

Full time: 14

Electives: 7 (Music, Art, P.E, Computer, Library, Spanish)

STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT SCORES 2008

The top 80% of the

Kindergarten class scored	1.7
1 st Grade class scored	3.0
2 nd Grade class scored	4.7
3 rd Grade class scored	6.3
4 th Grade class scored	7.0
5 th Grade class scored	12.3
6 th Grade class scored	9.9

MEMBERSHIP

Association of Christian Schools International.

CURRICULUM

Phonics and reading instruction are key elements of our primary academic curriculum. Upper elementary students focus on language arts, math skills, and science from a Biblical perspective.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Each April students in K- 6 are given the Stanford Achievement Test. This test provides valuable information on student progress.

GRADING

A (90-100%)	Student exceeds standard course expectations; work judged as outstanding
B (80-89%)	Student exceeds standard course expectations; work judged as very good
C (70-79%)	Student meets standard course expectations
D (60-69%)	Student meets some but not all course work expectations
F (0-59%)	Student does not meet course work expectations

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students can explore their gifts and talents through a diverse and enriching range of activities:

Spelling Bee – Each December first through sixth grades participate in a school spelling bee. Winners from the school bee may advance to a district, regional, and state spelling bee.

Speech Meet – Each year students are involved in school-wide speech meet demonstrating their public speaking abilities. Memorized poems, fables, folklore, or Bible passages are used as criteria for competition.

Science Fair – Students in sixth grade are involved in a school science fair which challenges them to develop their own experimental projects and demonstrate their knowledge of the scientific method.

Student Council – Students in grades 4-6 campaign by giving speeches and are elected by peers to serve their school as representatives. Students learn servant leadership and parliamentary rules of order.

Fourth Grade Sacramento Trip – Fourth grade social studies curriculum covers state history and geography. That history, studied in books and videos, comes alive as students and parents walk in the historic footsteps of the early settlers of California.

Sixth Grade Outdoor Ed

The sixth grade trip is designed to integrate team building and outdoor adventure experiences. Students grow not only in their knowledge of our Creator and His Creation, but also in fellowship as a class.

Chess-Beginning in 2009, students in grades 1-6 will participate in the ACSI Chess Tournament. The tournament follows the Swiss Pairing System and will be governed by the United States Chess Federation rules.

Technology Fair- Students in grades 5 & 6 can participate in the ACSI Technology Fair. Students will create their own tech presentations for the judging panel as well as attend demonstrations of the latest tech tools in video, blogs, podcasts, and web pages.

Geography Bee-Students in grades 3-6 may choose to participate in this new ACSI event designed to encourage students to acquire a broad knowledge of world geography and current events.

ACCREDITATION

HCS is fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM AND PUBLISHERS

Bible:	ACSI (K-6)
Math:	Abeka (K-5); Prentice-Hall (6)
Science	ACSI (1-5); Bob Jones (6)
Social Studies	Bob Jones (1-3); Our California (4) Abeka (5); Bob Jones (6)
Phonics	Abeka (K-3)
Reading	Abeka (K-3) Bob Jones (4-6)
Spelling/Vocab	Abeka (K-6)
Language	Abeka (1-6)

PARENT VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

Each family is required to serve a total of twenty volunteer hours over the course of the school year. In addition to helping the school minimize expenses, it provides parents the opportunity to work together as part of the school community.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Horan has eighteen years of teaching experience at Hillcrest. Beginning in September 2003, she served as secondary principal and added elementary responsibilities in the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Horan has a Bachelor of Science and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Santa Clara. She is a member of the State Bar of California and practiced law for five years before coming to HCS. Mrs. Horan and her husband Tom have been married since 1977, and they have three children: Thomas Michael, a USC graduate and current third year law student at SMU, Patrick (HCS '02) a Notre Dame graduate currently a Doctoral Fellow at USC, and Kaitlin (HCS '04), a 2008 honors graduate of TCU (Texas Christian University).

For an updated calendar with events and other information regarding Hillcrest Christian School, please access our website at www.hillcrestcs.org

This profile page is a general statement, not intended as a contract. Circumstances and administrative decisions may result in program/curricular changes

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