

CALENDAR ITEMS

OCTOBER 2005

Thurs. 20 Intercessory Prayer 8:30 A.M.
 Room Moms & Dads Mtg. 1 P.M.
 Unraveling the College
 Application Process Seminar 7 P.M.

Fri. 21 Staff Development Day
 Half Day Schedule NO CHILDCARE
 12:30 P.M. DISMISSAL



Sat. 22 All School Carnival 10 A.M.- 2 P.M.

24-28 SPIRIT WEEK

Sat. 29 Homecoming Dance

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Tues. 01 Parenting Seminar 6:30 P.M.
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Thurs. 03 Intercessory Prayer 8:30 A.M.

Thurs. 10 Intercessory Prayer 8:30 A.M.
 7th-12th Parent Conferences

Thurs. 11 Preschool/Elementary Parent
 Conferences. NO SCHOOL
 NO CHILDCARE.

Tues. 15 PFA Meeting 1:00-2:30 P.M.

Wed. 16 PLAN TEST 9th-10th grades.

ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



Stephen Allen, Head of School

Measuring Your Church Involvement

Focus for a few moments on the phrase, "...the Christian community..." from our mission statement. I have served in Christian schools since the fall of 1981. From time to time, I encounter families who state they are a Christian family, but they never attend church. This phenomenon can occur unintentionally or deliberately. It is easy to occasionally fall into the pattern of being tired and stressed, skipping church to allow yourself the time to catch up on rest, chores, or other things on life's to do list. Not attending church on a regular basis can also happen deliberately, due to disappointment with a church experience. I have heard many excuses over the last twenty-five years such as hypocrisy in leadership or the unending requests for money. As long as the church or any institution is made up of humans, there will be sin and a list of reasons not to attend that institution. I find such reasons to not attend church interesting, as we do not usually totally stop going to restaurants, banks, or other places because of negative experiences, yet we frequently do so with churches. I believe this response is often generated from deep wounds; however, Christ and His church is the person and place to return to for the healing, forgiveness, and strength to address hurt feelings

The HCS mission statement :
"To serve the Christian community by providing high quality Christian education and training for the development of well-rounded students who will impact this world for the Lord Jesus Christ through Biblical thought and action."

Consider that there are many reasons to attend and commit to a local body of believers. In David Letterman style, here are my top ten:

10. Colossians 1:8 refers to the church as the body of Christ. Consider the impact of what that means.
9. There are two words used in the Bible referring to the church. One refers to the local body, and the other refers to the church universal – across all boundaries, the sum total of all who have placed their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The vast majority of such scriptural references in the Word refer to the local body.
8. Church must have been important to John as he made a significant effort in Revelation to write specific directions and encouragement to seven churches.
7. Fellowship, worship, and instruction at the local place of worship must have been important to the early church as the Tabernacle was constructed under

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SHORT SUBJECTS

Family Photo Wall

We are updating our family photo wall. Whether you are new this year, or just have never submitted a family photo in the past we would love to add you to our growing photo board. You may also submit an updated photo. Photos should be no larger than 4 x 6.

Family Directories Available

Please stop by the front office and pick up this year's family phone directory. Every family receives one free copy. Additional copies may be purchased for \$5.00.

Reserved Parking Places - Be Courteous!

Please, please do not park in the four reserved parking places in the front parking lot. These four families purchased the exclusive use of these spaces for one year at our live auction last spring, which benefits our program. If there is no other space available, double park in front of staff, and notify the front office.



THIS SATURDAY
Don't miss the
fun, food and
fellowship.
This is an event
for the whole
family.
See you there!

THIS WEEK
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Counselor's Corner Congratulations AP Scholars

Senior Joni Kim and 2005 alumnus Sylvia Wei have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program Exams. In order to receive this distinction, students must receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. Only 18% of the more than a million students in 15,000 high schools across worldwide merit this recognition. Joni and Sylvia, we are so proud of you!

PLAN Test, November 16

The PLAN test is offered to all sophomore students and is an important step toward preparing for the ACT college entrance exam. Students will be tested in English, math, reading, and science. In addition, the test includes a career interest inventory that can help students determine the best career choices and an assessment of study skills knowledge. Students who take PLAN score higher on the ACT than those who do not.

The test will take place immediately following lunch and may go beyond regular high school dismissal. This is the only time this test will be administered. The fee for taking the test is \$20.00. Students should register in homeroom and bring a #2 pencil and a calculator with them to the test.

Tonight at 7:00 P.M.

Unraveling the College Application Process High School Parents Welcome!

Tonight is the first in our college preparation seminar series "Unraveling the College Application Process". With so much depending on the college application, parents and students need to know how to create an application that screams, "Take Me!" and Tom Horan will help you do just that. Tom has counseled many families through this process, and has presented numerous seminars on this very important topic. Senior parents, don't miss it!

Volunteer Workday Schedule Announced

In an effort to give everyone advance notice, below is the schedule for volunteer workdays for the rest of the school year. They are on the first Saturday of each month from 8 AM to 1 PM.

The workdays will allow each of you to (1) contribute toward making our campus the best physical environment for your children, and (2) have every opportunity to fulfill your required twenty hours of volunteer service.

On October 1, over twenty volunteers came and much work was accomplished. Plan to come to one or more of the workdays. Invite some other HCS families to come with you. The day is a great way to get to know others in the HCS family. We do our best to complete the work by 1 PM. Serve for all or part of the five hours.

Put these Saturday dates on your calendar: November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6

Spirit Week Oct. 24th - 28th

Show your school spirit next week by participating in the following:

Monday "Blue Day"

Tuesday "Gold Day"

Wednesday "Sports Day" during secondary lunch, the boys varsity football team has challenged the girls varsity volleyball team to a volleyball match.

Thursday "Crazy Hat Day"

Friday "Blue & Gold Day" Pep Rally for all school at 1:30 P.M.

On Monday and Tuesday, blue day and gold day, students may choose to dress in blue clothing on Monday and gold on Tuesday. (blue/gold shirts, slacks, skirts, but no blue jeans). T-shirts may be worn, but students and parents are cautioned to make good choices regarding logos and/or designs. Decorated or hand painted designs which demonstrate school spirit are definitely appropriate.

On Wednesday, "Sports Day" students may wear their favorite sports attire. This may include football jerseys, baseball, soccer, hockey, cheer uniforms or logo wear that supports a college or professional team. Students may wear appropriately fitting blue jeans, which are in good repair. Thursday is a chapel uniform day for the secondary; however, after chapel, students may participate in "Crazy Hat Day." Elementary students

should be in their appropriate uniform as well. Hats should demonstrate your school spirit rather than just be an opportunity to wear your favorite hat.

Friday culminates our Spirit Week celebrations. Students may have a free dress day if they decide to dress in Hillcrest blue and gold. The guidelines for Monday and Tuesday will apply. Students who have questions about the appropriateness of their wardrobes are encouraged to check with their administrators before hand. Students who are not in compliance will be asked to call home for a change of clothing.



TRUNK OR TREAT AT CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are looking for Hillcrest Christian School families who will dress up their cars for Trunk or Treat. Be sure to put up a sign on your car identifying you as from Hillcrest Christian School family.

CONTACT: JOANN TATTERSALL at 818-991-9931 to volunteer.

Trunk or Treat is a fun-filled family night where children "trunk" or treat from car to car in the Calvary parking lot. It begins at 4:30 on Monday, October 31st and ends at 7. The cost is \$10 for each ticket, which covers up to 6 people. Included in the entry cost are a magic show, live music, and inflatables. The food court is not included in ticket price. Call the Trunk or Treat Hotline at 818-575-2295 for more information.

MS Sports Update

HCS middle school girls played a fantastic match against Pleasant Valley on October 14th. Although the team lost in 5 games, each one was close (25-21, 19-25, 25-23, 20-25, 7-15). The girls have made many improvements and gave the spectators a match to remember. The team will play at Newbury Park Adventist on October 18th and at the TO Teen Center on October 24 and 31.

Middle school flag football is back in action with former HCS graduate Tyler Mendel coaching the squad. The team has lost its first two games of the season, but they are very excited about their defensive improvement. Watch the boys take on Pleasant Valley Middle School on October 27th and Ventura Missionary on November 1st. Schedules and directions can be picked up in the front office.

Varsity Football Achieves Another Milestone.

On Friday (10/14) Hillcrest beat defending Omega League Champions, First Lutheran by a score of 26 - 20! This is the first time that they have beaten First Lutheran! The effects if a bye were felt as the Saints fell behind 6-0, but a costly mistake by First Lutheran allowed the team to tie the game 14-14 at halftime. Derek Barksdale once again led the team with 148 all purpose yards and three touchdowns. Scott Menger caught a ten yard pass and recovered two fumbles for the defense. Cole Muzio led the defense against a good First Lutheran offense with sixteen tackles and an interception. Michael Hudson, Erik Jansen, and Jason Lytle each recovered a fumble. Erik also became the first lineman of the season to get an interception! Brock MacPherson added nine tackles and two sacks to the defensive totals. The Saints are currently tied for 1st place in the Omega League and play for the league championship this Saturday against Skyward who is also undefeated in league. This big game is being played under the lights at Newberry Park High School at 6 P.M. after the carnival. Bring your family to help cheer on your Saints!



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Church Involvement

Moses' leadership while the Hebrews were on their way to the promised land.

6. Fellowship, worship, and instruction at the common gathering place must have been important to Jesus. He frequently went to the temple.
5. Fellowship, worship, and instruction at the common gathering place must have been high on the apostle Paul's list of things to do as he regularly went to the synagogues, starting and strengthening churches in his travels and writings.
4. Consider the frequency in scripture of the use of the church as an illustration of our individual and collective relationship with God. Examples include the shepherd and the sheep, the vine and the branches, the cornerstone and the stones of a building, the high priest and a kingdom of priests, the head and the body, the Last Adam and the new creation, and the bridegroom and the bride.
3. Consider the depth of information and direction the Word provides in the establishment of church organization and ordinances.
2. Consider the fact that a great percentage of the scriptures are made up of instruction to churches.
1. Consider the specific direction given to each of us in Hebrews 10:24-25 – "And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."

In the school orientation meetings I hold with new families, I make the following clear. Hillcrest is not to be a substitute for your family's need to commit to regular attendance and service at a local body of believers. I hope and believe that participating in HCS's school ministry has many benefits that are similar to attending church. It should be so, as school families and staff have the unified belief in the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the commonality of the Holy Spirit's presence, and the benefit of all at HCS as we examine His Word for individual and corporate direction.

In summary, the spiritual strength of Hillcrest Christian School will be as strong as (1) the collective spiritual strength of the individuals who make up HCS (2) the individual and collective spiritual strength of the families that make up the HCS community; and (3) the individual and collective strength of the churches HCS staff and families attend.

Christian parents everywhere have an obligation to provide a Christian education. Each must determine whether or not that includes the Christian school. The strength of doing so provides the strong base of three things working together – the church, the family, and the school. Don't let your family tradition develop into one that slights what I believe is a requirement for all Christian families, to commit to a local body of believers. In fact, not only do you need the church, the church needs you. As you commit to attend and serve, I believe you will receive the greatest joy as you discover or re-discover your own spiritual gift and use it in service through a local body of believers. There are many wonderful church options in our area.

"So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us." – II Thesalonians 2:17 ■

SAVING For College Costs

There is a dangerous myth about saving money: Only the rich can do it! Consider a couple of things:

Before Chris Thomas was a financial planner for Merrill Lynch, he played professional football for the NFL. "The average player salary was \$1.3 million a year," says Chris. "I have seen multi-millionaires in pro football walk away from the game and be completely broke two to five years later!" So, simply HAVING money isn't the solution!

Take a serious look at your finances, together with your adviser. Almost all will find that they can save SOMETHING! Contrary to myth, relatively few dollars can accumulate into significant amounts over time. For example, if the parents of a three-year-old can set aside just \$75 each month into a standard 529 Plan, they can accumulate \$100,000 in time for college! Even if your student is older, and you think you will not be able to reach your total goal, anything you have available when college starts will help!

"In putting off what one has to do, one runs the risk of never being able to do it. Charles Baudelaire

The price tag for college can seem overwhelming, but don't be discouraged by the big-dollar numbers that loom ahead! The key is consistency: Faithfully saving and plodding along through the years may not be dramatic, but as we saw in the illustration above, it gets the job done!

(Chris Thomas will be our guest speaker at the Parent Education Seminar on November 1. To learn more about how to save efficiently for college, please plan to attend. Dinner, 6:30 P.M., \$10; Seminar, 7:00 P.M., free. Babysitting provided. Check with the school office for details on how to get a free dinner, catered by StoneFire Grill. RSVP is required and the deadline is October 25!)

Parent Education Seminar, November 1