

CALENDAR ITEMS

JUNE 2005

- Thurs. 09** Intercessory Prayer Group 8:30 A.M.
Secondary Awards Chapel 8:00 A.M.
Grad Night at Disneyland

- Fri. 10** Elementary Awards Chapel
K-3 8:45 A.M., 4-6 9:30 A.M.
Nunes Uniform Co. on Campus
7 A.M.- 6 P.M.

- Sat. 11** Senior Class Graduation 5:00 P.M.

- Sun. 12** Staff Teacher Appreciation Day
Potluck and Continental Kids 4 P.M.

- Mon. 13-16** Secondary Reviews and Finals

- Tues. 14** Kindergarten Graduation 6:00 P.M.

- Wed 15** Sixth Grade Promotion 6:00 P.M.

- Thurs. 16** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Pre-K Graduation & Picnic 9-10 A.M.

- Fri. 17** Eighth Grade Promotion 7 P.M.

- Mon. 20** Used Uniform Sale

- Fri. 24** Secondary Report Cards Mailed

ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



Stephen Allen Head of School

Can You Make These Statements?

We always seem to look back on the year and judge it as a great one or a tough year. How do you assess the year? What are your criteria for judging the year? As I think back over any event, there are not that many factors to consider in judging a period of time in order to label it either good or bad. What happened for which I was not in control? What happened for which I was in control? Did I do my best to proactively meet the goals I set for myself? Did I do my best to react to life's events in a way that maintains my self-respect, pleasing God in the process?

Recently in my devotional life, the Lord brought these verses to me to consider. Would you consider them too?

"I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor – it is the gift of God." (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13) Paul referred to the church of Ephesus in the first chapter of his letter to them. "For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of

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Rejoice in Accreditation Determination

As you may know, our school experienced a scheduled renewal of the accreditation process this past spring. Accreditation is a self-study that is evaluated by an outside agency. This past week we were informed by ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) that HCS was "granted accreditation with ACSI for a new period of six years expiring on June 30, 2011." Many hours of work went into completing our self-study and preparing for the visiting team evaluation in March. Did you know that less than 20% of ACSI member schools receive accreditation from ACSI? You cannot assume that because a school states they are a part of ACSI that they are accredited. We are thankful for the commendations and the recommendations the visiting team left with us to help guide our future. You can view the visiting team's concluding report at the office. See Mrs. Malcolm. We have not yet heard from WASC on that commission's decision on our accreditation status.

SHORT SUBJECTS

SHOWER UPDATE

We are now officially registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond. The registry # is 1880869. HCS parents can either go directly to any Bed, Bath, & Beyond store and ask for a registry sheet to choose items or go online and print out their own list. To enter by name, type "Christian School" under first name and "Hillcrest" under last name.

The new deadline for donated items is Thursday, June 9th. Drop items in the box located in the lobby.



Do your children like performing?

Sign up to join the cast of The Continental Kids. If you would like more information, please contact Ben Hernandez at continentalkidsvic@yahoo.com call the Continental Singers headquarters at 800.481.7464

THE PFA WANTS YOU

Our 2005-2006 Parent Faculty association is looking for Hillcrest parents that are committed to Hillcrest and willing to be part of the PFA leadership team. If you are interested, please call Ben Hernandez, PFA Vice-President, at (805) 529-2106 or email him at hillcrestsocialcom@yahoo.com

THIS SUNDAY IS THE DAY!!

Staff and Teachers' Appreciation Day
CONTINENTAL KIDS CONCERT

June 12 4:00 P.M.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend Staff and Teacher Appreciation Day on June 12th. The evening will include a potluck dinner at 4 P.M, a program at 6 P.M. featuring the Continental Kids, and a special time to acknowledge our teachers and staff, and the class of 2005.



Special Theme Dress Day Last Monday of School Year

Head of School for a Day was purchased for third grader, John Philen, at our recent auction. Last week, John was able to experience that day which included a special announcement regarding our fire drill that day, going to lunch with Mr. Allen and two classmates, and making suggestions to improve our playground. Thank you John for your contribution and participation in this manner. In addition, John gave the edict of an all-school special themed dress day. All students have three choices for attire on Monday, June 13. They can wear the regular school wardrobe attire, pajama day attire, or attire of your favorite team or sport). Make sure the theme is obvious and please keep it modest.

Don't Forget to Buy Scrip for Summer

Our finance office has a supply of gift certificates for a number of stores where you may be purchasing food, home repair items, STARBUCKS, etc. Consider getting your summer supply before school is out! See Sharon in the finance office. Thanks!

USED UNIFORM SALE

There will be a used Norman's uniform sale and a Norman's embroidered item sale Monday, June 20th from 9AM- 4PM. All used uniform items must be from Norman's and in good condition. The school will be selling all items in the lost and found. Parents wanting to sell their own Norman uniform items may set up a table and manage the sale of those items as they choose. Again, if you wish to do this, items must be from Norman's and in good condition. If you would like to donate any items for the school to sell, all profits will go to gift certificates for new uniform items for families that need this assistance.

If you would like to get a head start on those volunteer hours for next year, we will need people to help with the sale that day. Please contact Trish Berg: 805-497-7501 ext. 258.



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Kathy Horan, Secondary Principal

European Study Tour Travelogue

The forty-one European Study Tour travelers have returned to HCS after spending 10 days in Ireland, Wales, and England. Although the weather in Ireland was cool and sometimes misty, almost everyone agreed that it was the perfect weather for visiting the land of William Butler Yeats and James Joyce. After a long overnight flight, day two of the tour began with a visit to the medieval fifteenth century Bunratty Castle and ended in Kinvarra, a quaint little village along Galway Bay.

We spent the morning of day three exploring and shopping in Galway and the afternoon driving in the Burren, a region of limestone rock and wildflowers. Over the next two days, we saw glorious evidence of God's creative hand at work in the dramatic cliffs of Moher, the Lakes of Killarney, and the Ring of Kerry. Of particular interest to those students and chaperones who are avid readers of Irish novels was the visit to the Bog Village, a re-creation of a nineteenth century rural Irish life.

Along the route, we passed through the city of Limerick which gave its name to the five line poems that often begin with "There once was a....." Our tour guide Kathy Pickus challenged the group to come up with their own original limericks which were presented as one evening's after dinner entertainment. The winners were Mrs. Brenda Liebowitz and Mrs. Lori Ameche who proved themselves quite the poets.

Of course no visit to Ireland is complete without a visit to the Blarney Castle and an opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone. Our Irish visit ended with a day in Dublin after seeing the magnificent Book of Kells. After Dublin, we boarded a ferry to cross the Irish Sea to Wales, and after a day in Wales, we were off to England. It is very difficult to see London in a day and a half, but we gave it our best. Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace (or as the locals say Buck House), the Tower of London, and my personal favorite the Churchill War Rooms ---we tried to see it all and finish the day

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seeing a performance of either Les Miserables or Phantom of the Opera.

The European Study Tours are fast paced, educational, and full of fun. It gives students, parents, and teachers an opportunity to travel abroad, see history and literature come alive, and make wonderful new friends and fantastic memories. ■

Senior Kevin Bing to Compete in Football All-Star Game

Kevin Bing will play his last football game in a Hillcrest uniform on June 25th. Kevin earned a spot in the game after being named to the All-CIF Southern Section Team for defense. The game will be played at Faith Baptist School in Canoga Park. Please come out to the game, which starts at 5:00 PM.

Debbie MacPherson, Activities Director

A Special Thank You

HCS would like to thank all of the speakers for taking time out of their busy schedules to share their experiences and advice with our middle school and high school students. You have made a difference in these students' lives.

Our Guest Speakers

Julia Sieger, Ed. D. School of Education Assistant Dean at CLU, Jan Allen, Educator, Dennis Carpenter, Commander Ventura County Sheriff's Dept., Sgt. Jim Kenney, Ventura County Sheriff's Dept.

Speakers that are our very own Hillcrest Parents Anne Barbour, musician; Pastor Kirk DeWitt, Calvary Community Church; Pastor Steve Muzio, Church in the Canyon; Trey Mather, Warner Bros. Pictures; Mike Kunkel, Astonish Factory; Jim Glander, Paramount Pictures; Sgt. George Clock, LA City Fire; Rich Rodriguez, Professional Athlete; Chris Thomas, Professional Athlete & Financial Advisor Merrill Lynch; Dan Laubscher, CHP Officer Sgt.; Ron Lompart, Police Department; Cindy Lompart, Probation County of Ventura; Doug Hume, Attorney at Law Catanese & Wells; Mark Kooreny, Attorney at Law Kooreny & Teitelbaum.



END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

SECONDARY AWARDS CHAPEL- 7th-11th Grades Thursday, June 9th

Location: HCS Auditorium Time: 8:00 A.M.

Details: All parents and secondary students in grades 7-11 are invited to attend this annual celebration of student accomplishment.

ELEMENTARY AWARDS CHAPEL Grades 1-3- Friday, June 10th

Location: HCS Auditorium Time: 8:45 A.M.

ELEMENTARY AWARDS CHAPEL Grades 4-6- Friday, June 10th

Location: HCS Auditorium Time: 9:30 A.M.

Details: All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend this annual celebration of student accomplishment. Don't forget your camera!

SENIOR GRADUATION RECEPTION Saturday, June 11th

Location: HCS Auditorium Time: 3:00 P.M.

Details: Immediate family and friends are invited to this pre-graduation reception honoring the class of 2005.

SENIOR GRADUATION CEREMONY Saturday, June 11th

Location: Scherr Forum Thousand Civic Arts Plaza Time: 5:00 P.M.

Details: Everyone is invited to attend the graduation ceremony. (Rehearsal at 8:30 A.M.)

STAFF and TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY Sunday, June 12th

Location: HCS Time: Potluck 4:00 P.M.

Details: A celebration of our "stars", teachers, staff and 2005 grads, including a Continental Kids Concert.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION CEREMONY Tues, June 14th

Location: HCS Auditorium Time: 6:00 P.M.

Details: All kindergarten graduates should be on campus by 5:30 P.M.

SIXTH GRADE PROMOTION & AWARDS CEREMONY Wed., June 15th

Location: HCS Auditorium Time: 6:00 P.M.

Details: All sixth grade students should be on campus by 5:30 P.M.

PRE-K PROMOTION CEREMONY and PICNIC Thurs., June 16th

Location: HCS Auditorium/ Estella Park Time: 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

Details: Join us for a brief ceremony followed by a picnic at Estella Park.

EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY Friday, June 17th

Location: HCS Auditorium Time: 7:00 P.M.

Details: Slides due by May 31st; Rehearsal 10 A.M.-12 noon on the 17th; All family and friends are invited to the celebration.

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wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him." (Ephesians 1:15-17)

In considering these verses, I hope we can each look back on the year, as employees of HCS, as parents, and as students and make the following statements. It is easy to get caught up in the stresses of life and forget our primary goals to our children, to our spouse, and to ourselves. Can you make these statements?

- I rejoice in the tasks I took on this year. My ability to work – in or out of the home, at things planned or unplanned – has been a gift from God.

- My faith in the Lord, and my love for others is obvious to all who know me.

- I have grown in wisdom and in my knowledge of God.

Consider discussing with your spouse and/or children if you can make these statements. If not, then look forward to a summer of preparing to be able to consider the same questions one year from now. "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14) Thank you Lord for Your grace, mercy, power, encouragement, and direction.

Something to Think About

Remember the Serenity Prayer? "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference." Here is an adaptation recently printed in the Ventura County Star this weekend. "God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can and the wisdom to know...it's me!" This is cited from author John G. Miller in QBQ! The Question Behind the Question. ■