

*C*ALENDAR ITEMS
JULY 2008

Tue. **29** Norman's Uniform Sale 2:30-7:00 P.M.

AUGUST 2008

Fri. **22** Class Lists Posted
 Ice Cream Social 12:30 P.M.

25-26 Secondary Books & Schedules 10 A.M.

Mon. **25** Preschool-PreK Back to School Night
 6 P.M.

Tues. **26** K-12 New Student Orientation
 10 A.M.
 7th Grade Orientation 1 P.M.

Wed. **27** First Day of School 2008-09
 PFA Coffee/Prayer

Fri. **29** 7-12 Field Day

SEPTEMBER 2008

Mon. **01** Labor Day Holiday
 NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

Thurs. **04** 7-12 Back to School Night 7-9 P.M.

Sat. **06** Movie Night

Thurs. **11** K-6 Back to School Night 7-8:30 P.M.

Tues. **16** Picture Day

ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



By Stephen Allen, Head of School
Summer 2008

As we go into the summer months, I am excited about the plans in process for 2008-2009. We pray that you will have valuable time with family and friends near or far. Your teachers and administrators will also have time for valuable rest, relaxation, reflection, and rejuvenation. The administration will also be busy nailing down final plans in the areas of curriculum, programming, and hiring for the next school year. As with all things, pray along with us that the Lord will provide all of the necessary resources to have a wonderful year at HCS. Finally, thanks to all of our PFA volunteers and many others who help so much to make HCS a special place for Christian education.

This newsletter provides some basic information wrapping up last year and preparing you for next year. Watch for the next newsletter in early August.

Looking Back ...

With thankful hearts, we take a look at some of the highlights of the past year.

- Family Group ministry was born resulting in teachers, staff, and students in K through 12 meeting together monthly to worship, learn, and serve the Lord together.
- Introduction of a new K – 12 writing program that resulted in strong writing skills.
- Upper Elementary Sports was introduced in fifth and sixth grades offering the following: flag football, soccer, basketball and volleyball.
- Sports banquets were initiated in fall, winter, and spring bringing athletes and their families, coaches, and school officials together to affirm the athletic program at Hillcrest, In addition, the Athletic Hall of Fame was established with its first two inductees presented at the winter sports banquet.
- Family Movie Night on the Hillcrest field bringing families and students of all ages together for a fun-filled time of fellowship
- All school focus on Godly character traits throughout the year
- Installation of a 30 camera security system
- New carpet in the auditorium
- High school worship band returned to Hillcrest bringing powerful times of worship to our secondary chapels.

SHORT SUBJECTS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

From June 30 through August 15, the school office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Primary Parents Please Note: No Rolling Backpacks in K-3

UNIFORM SALE ON CAMPUS

Norman's Uniforms will be on campus on July 29, from 2:30 to 7:00 P.M. This is a great opportunity for all of our new families to try on various styles and sizes in preparation for the new school year. We will also have used clothing on sale at the same time, so come early for the best deals.



HOST FAMILY NEEDED THIS FALL

Jeong Moon Lee attended Hillcrest this past year as a sophomore. In just one year here, he has become proficient in the English language and has performed well academically earning several awards at year's end. His desire is to return in the fall and live with a Hillcrest family for his junior year. He will go back to Korea for the summer and would return just before the new school year begins. The host family would be paid \$500 a month to cover his expenses. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact LuAnn Malcolm at 805 497-7501 X204 or at lmalcolm@hillcrestcs.org.

SUMMER PRAYER AT HILLCREST

Mondays, 9-11 A.M.

If you would like to join with other Hillcrest parents for prayer during the summer, please come on Mondays.

9 – 10 A.M. Prayer with the Children

Prayer with all kids present, incorporating praise, music, drawing, and other fun activities.

10 – 11 A.M. Prayer for Adults

Prayer for Hillcrest concerns and personal needs.

Come enjoy God's presence at Hillcrest over the summer!

If interested, just show up! Questions – contact Suzanne Hume at suz_hume@hotmail.com or at 805-241-7582.

SECONDARY SUMMER READING

Each summer 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. Parents of secondary students are asked to hold their children accountable for this assignment. Students who are not prepared will most likely begin the year struggling to catch up in their English classes.

7 th	<i>The Red Pony</i> by John Steinbeck
8 th	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> by Mildred Taylor
9 th	<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee and <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by William Shakespeare
10 th and 11 th	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding
10H and 11H	<i>Julius Caesar</i> by William Shakespeare and <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> by Charles Dickens
12	<i>Hamlet</i> by William Shakespeare and <i>Wuthering Heights</i> by Jane Austen



5th Grade Geography Expert

Congratulations Mitchell Williams

On the last day of school, the two fifth grades watched as the keen minds of Mitchell Williams, Maggie Philen, and Katarina Bradford did battle

over who would be the next HCS USA Geography expert. We congratulate all three and announce that Mitchell prevailed in the end. Congratulations to all of the students for learning about US geography over the year. Thanks, Mrs. Davis for your teaching in this important topic.



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MORE THAN SKIN DEEP

This year at HCS a science course- Human Anatomy & Physiology- was offered to our upper division high school students. During the year, we were extremely fortunate to be able to tour the Radiology & Nuclear Medicine Departments & Laboratory/Pathology Departments at Los Robles Regional Medical Center, as well as have these students become certified in Adult CPR by our HCS school nurse (and ER nurse) Kathy Matsuo. We were also able to dissect various mammalian body parts that complemented the human body system we were studying. Being able to dissect the cow brain, eye, kidney, heart, and bone/joints as well as an entire fetal pig gave each of the students



a greater appreciation for how complex and interwoven the body is!

As a culmination of our class, we attended the California Science Center to view the “Body Worlds Exhibit” & IMAX showing of “The Human Body.” The lower division high school biology students also attended the California Science Center to view the “Body Worlds

Exhibit” as well as the “World of Life Exhibit” earlier in November. The honors biology students also went on a weekend field trip to the San Diego area where we received an informative and spiritually-uplifting tour of the Institute for Creation Research’s “Museum for Creation & Earth’s History.”

Gary Menger, father of 3 HCS graduates, was a guest lecturer during our biological study of Earth’s origins and provided several arguments related to geology and archeology and how the Biblical account of the creation story can be scientifically proven. We also joined the secondary students and teachers for a personal showing of the movie, “Expelled- No Intelligence Allowed!” that further reinforced our scientific inquiry into Creationism vs. Darwinism,.

As a culmination of our study of life, the biology students were able to dissect various invertebrate & vertebrate organisms ranging from the earthworm and grasshopper to the perch fish and bull frog. Hopefully having the opportunity for so many “hands-on” labs to study God’s creations gave our students a greater appreciation of how intricate and amazing God’s handiwork is!



Help Wanted: After-School Child Care Workers

We are looking for two adults who love working with children to join our child care team. Starting wage is \$9.50/hr.

Hours: Monday through Friday 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Applications can be picked up in the front office, or if you have any questions contact Joni Metcalfe at (805) 497-7501 ext. 202, or at jmetcalfe@hillcrestcs.org.



In celebration of God’s faithfulness, elementary students formed a rainbow with color coordinated free dress shirts. God’s Promise Day will be a new tradition at Hillcrest.



Elementary Chapel is Moving

In order to avoid missing chapel on Friday event days throughout the year, elementary chapel will move next year to Thursday mornings. The exact time will be determined over the summer.



HILLCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY 2008-09

All K-12 students are required to be in uniform while on campus. All pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, sweaters, blouses, and neckwear must be purchased through Norman's Apparel.

As published in previous handbooks, all outerwear without a school logo must be solid navy.

Undershirts must be solid white with no lettering or pictures. Long undershirts must not be worn with short sleeve oxfords or polos as Norman's does have ample stock of the long-sleeved polos.

Only solid navy blue, gray, or white socks or tights may be worn with the uniform. High school students may also wear black socks or tights. Sheer knee-high stockings are not permitted.

Shoes should be dark blue, dark brown, black, or white in color. Shoes must have a closed toe and heel with rubber soles, and they should have a heel no higher than 2 inches. This is requested to ensure the safety of all students. Elementary students may only wear laced/velcroed athletic type shoes as they must participate in P.E. every day. All footwear should be in good repair. High-topped boots and western boots, including Uggs or Ugg type boots, are not appropriate for school. Shoes should not have characters on them. It is acceptable for shoes to have a stripe of color.

All students are required to wear the designated chapel attire to chapel. Chapel wear can be worn on other days, if so desired.

Elementary girls must wear shorts under their skirts to ensure modesty when participating in P.E. or when playing on the playground equipment. Female students' skirts/skort length must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Parents, as you purchase uniforms this year, please allow room for your daughter's growth during the school year.

Students may wear HCS logo clothing from previous years. Any HCS logo shirt, letterman jacket, sweater, and sweatshirt is acceptable, so long as it meets the minimum standards for good repair.

Chapel Attire:

Every grade has a designated set of clothing that must be worn to chapel. All shirts must be worn tucked in to chapel. Parents, please read entire section.

K-3rd Girls: Plaid jumper, peter pan blouse, or sailor blouse with tie

4th-6th Girls: Plaid skirt with white oxford shirt and necktie

K-6 Boys: Navy twill pants or shorts, white oxford shirt, and uniform blue/khaki striped necktie. No corduroy bottoms on chapel dress days.

7th-8th Girls: Plaid or Navy skirt, white oxford shirt and uniform solid blue necktie

7th-8th Boys: Navy pants, oxford shirt, belt, and uniform blue/khaki striped necktie

9th-12th Girls: Navy, black, or plaid skirt, white oxford shirt, and uniform striped or solid necktie

9th-12th Boys: Khaki or black twill pants, white oxford shirt, belt, and uniform black/khaki striped necktie. Students may only wear the navy uniform v-necked sweater or vest to chapel. Hooded sweatshirts must be removed for chapel but may be worn for the remainder of the day.

Elementary boys may remove their ties after chapel. Secondary students are required to maintain chapel attire all day.