

# @ THIS WEEK

HILLCREST CHRISTIAN ...

**JANUARY 18, 2007**



## CALENDAR ITEMS

### JANUARY 2007

- Mon. 22** Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.  
Registration Returning Families  
3:30-6:00 P.M.
- Tues. 23** Partnering With Parents 2 P.M.
- Wed. 24** Registration Returning Families  
3:30-6:00 P.M.
- Fri. 26** ACSI Spelling Bee  
Mother & Son Night Out 7 P.M.
- Sat. 27** Father & Daughter Night Out 7 P.M.
- Mon. 29** Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.  
Prospective Family Information  
Night 7 P.M.
- 31-Feb 1** Secondary Final Exams  
Secondary Early Dismissal 1 P.M.
- Tues. 30** Registration for 2007-08 School Yr.  
HCS Siblings

### FEBRUARY 2007

- Fri. 02** PFA Annual Community Concert  
NO SCHOOL- Teacher Inservice
- Sat. 03** Saturday Work Day 8 A.M. - NOON
- Mon. 05** Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.  
Career Day

ONLINE CALENDAR: [WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG](http://WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG)

## Registration is About to Begin – Don't Miss It

It's hard to believe how fast the year can fly by, and yes, it is almost time for registration. Once again we will have priority registration for existing families. By registering at any of the five group sessions, families will receive a registration fee discount. Unlike last year, you may pick up your packet beginning today in the registrar's office, which allows you to complete it at home and bring it to the session ready for review. Our wonderful Mrs. Matheson will provide child care for those who do choose to complete it during the session. Priority registration sessions are as follows:

January 22 – 3:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

January 24 – 3:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

These are the only two sessions that guarantee enrollment space for existing families; however, existing families can still register at any of the five group sessions as space allows. New student siblings of current families can begin registering on January 30, before the first open registration session on February 5. The last group registration session is February 20. After this

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## Why Christian School ... A Student's Perspective

Scott Menger is serving Hillcrest in his second year as Hillcrest Christian School ASB President. Below is his perspective as to why a truly Christian education is essential for young people today. As registration time draws near, please prayerfully consider which school will strive to partner with you, the Christian family, to raise your children in the knowledge of the Scriptures so that they may be transformed by the renewing of their minds (Rom. 12:2)

"...That the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished to do every good work." (2Timothy 3:17) This verse can be found on logos and plaques at Hillcrest Christian School, yet many parents still wonder why it is important to prepare students to make an impact for Christ in the world. Is it really worth all the money for private school tuition just for a Christian education? As a student who has been at both public and private school for a considerable amount of time, my answer to this question is a resounding yes; it is absolutely worth every penny. There is one true reason for this: the salvation of your children is the most important thing you can do for them in this world.

I say this not to tell you that if you send your child to a Christian school, he or she is guaranteed to be saved; however, I will say that sending your

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## SHORT SUBJECTS

### International Day Meeting

There will be an International Day committee meeting Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 A.M. in the conference room. Please join us!

### CARNIVAL

There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 1, at 8:15 A.M. in the conference room for ALL CARNIVAL/ROOM MOMS and everyone who would like to help out with carnival. See attached handout.

### UNIFORM SALE

Nunes uniform sale here at HCS. The date is January 27 from 12 noon to 4:00 P.M.

### PSAT Scores Are In

Sophomores and juniors who took the PSAT test in the fall have received their results this week along with their original test booklet. We strongly advise that parents take the time to sit down with their children and go over these results. The score report shows them each question they answered incorrectly along with the correct answer, so that students can go back and learn from their mistakes. These detailed reports are very helpful in preparing for the SAT that they should plan to take near the end of their junior year

## Career Day at HCS for 7th - 12th graders

In an effort to give our students an opportunity to explore different career options, Hillcrest is hosting Career Day on February 5, 2007.

A number of experts in various fields will share vocational information, educational requirements, and the pros and cons of their professions with our secondary school students. Students will attend two 45 minute sessions and one general information assembly. To volunteer to help with this event, please contact Deb MacPherson at [dmacpherson@hillcrestcs.org](mailto:dmacpherson@hillcrestcs.org)



*Cathe Jackson, Preschool Director*

## Preschool Point of View

### Year-End Update

As we turn the page over to 2007, there is plenty of fun already behind us and several exciting things to anticipate. Pre-school and pre-K finished up 2006 with an emphasis on sharing as we had our annual book and cookie exchange. Everyone had such a great time bonding with parents and fellow students. The kids were so popular at this event that it seemed like a press conference at times because of all the pictures the parents took! We also experienced our very first year of the exclusive pre-school Christmas program. All the children looked adorable and had a memorable time. A very special thank you to those who helped set up and decorate the stage, including Mrs. Debbie Baltau, who sacrificed a lot of time and energy for this project.

### Let It Snow

January is going to bring some wonderful changes as we begin our "Winter Wonderland" theme. Activities such as new discovery centers, themed books, and new puzzles will bring new experiences to playtime! Of course it wouldn't be a true winter wonderland without snow. That's right ... on Tuesday, January 30, snow will be coming to Hillcrest Christian School. Students will be able to dress up in winter attire and play in the snow courtesy of a snow-making machine.

### Watch Us Learn and Grow

In addition to the pre-school fun, a new Christ-centered developmental program is also being implemented to improve your child's brain growth, motor skills, and social skills. There will be painting stations, sensory tables, building blocks, and several other instructional activities that will highlight God's wonderful creations! Even our Bible memory verse for the month is winter-themed. It can be found in Psalm 147:16 and reads: "He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes" (NIV).

I would like to conclude by thanking the parents for an outstanding turnout to both the gift exchange and the Christmas play. Without your support and assistance, it would not be possible to showcase your children's talents. We'll see you in the snow!



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### 4th Annual Community Family Concert

Hillcrest Christian School in Thousand Oaks will host its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Family Concert on Friday February 2, at 7:00 P.M. in the school auditorium. Featuring the internationally acclaimed singing sensation “The Continental Singers”, the 2007 program “ALL OVER THE WORLD” will celebrate their 40 years of world-wide ministry!

This talented group of thirty young performers ranging in age from 16 to 28 will present a high energy, motivating, and potentially life changing evangelical program with their cutting edge music, drama, choreography, and sincere testimony. The choir members come from all over the United States and abroad!

Movement and versatility are the keys to the Continentals. They are dedicated to taking the message of Christ in music to every corner of our world. From churches to nursing homes, homeless shelters to juvenile centers, these young people have accepted the challenge to travel further, to work harder, and to reach deeper in order to evangelize through music, face to face on the front-lines.

You do NOT want miss to miss this opportunity. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for admission.

URGENT NEED– the PFA is looking for one night’s housing for each performer (10 volunteer hours). For more information, contact Ben Hernandez at 805 529-2106 or pfa@hillcrestcsorg.

### School Spirit is Alive and Well

Thank you to all the great HCS supporters that came out on a cold Southern California evening to ice skate at The Lakes and enjoy pizza at CPK! The ice rink managers said at one point they had over 100 people there and the CPK waiter we spoke to said.....”Look around! They’re all from Hillcrest I think!” We spotted little ones to grandmas, high schoolers to infants, and lots of the best parents in town! Go Hillcrest! Great job! School pride! Loyalty to the Saints!

### Reaching Out – The Korean Konnection

Nineteen Korean students are currently visiting Hillcrest, attending classes daily, and living with Hillcrest families and several other Christian families in the Conejo Valley. These children are experiencing our language, our culture, and the warmth and love of our Hillcrest community. Mr. Yoon, our secondary Bible teacher who is also Korean, is conducting Bible class twice a week, stretching their English language skills while teaching them about God’s love and plan for their lives. A special thank you to the following families who are hosting students in their homes: Richard and Sandy Blake, Barrie and Jackie Horton, Mike and Danielle Kunkel, Paul and Yvette Macaluso, Oscar and Trudi Medrano, Robert and Nicole Patterson, Larry and Clara Reitz, Vince and Sarah Rossi, Bill and Janice Wilson, and Rob and Lorna West. What a blessing you are!

### 7th-12th Finals Schedule

Finals will be held on 1/31 and 2/1. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be dismissed at 12:50. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are only required to be on campus for their individual finals. Please check the enclosed schedule or the web site for specific details. Daycare for middle school students between the hours of 1 P.M - 3 P.M. will be by reservation only. Contact Gail Matheson at ext. 200 if you need to reserve space.

### SAINTS SPORTS NEWS

#### Varsity Girls Win Two in a Row

Last week, Ventura County Christian and Hillcrest played each other on back to back nights for the only time this season. Led by Hannah Rhodes (8 points) and Leanne Lansang (6pts), the Saints defeated VCC 24-17 on Thursday night. Friday’s game appeared to be headed for the same result until VCC made a late charge to tie the score 24-24 at the end of regulation play. In the overtime period, Hillcrest’s defense held the Stars scoreless. HCS’ six points in overtime were enough for a 30-24 victory. Coach Brown and the girls are very excited about their improvement, especially on defense. Hannah Rhodes added an impressive 18 rebounds on Friday night and is currently averaging an amazing 19.2 rebounds per game. Elyse Menger has also been showing significant improvement at the post position. All six players are starting to work well together. According to Coach Brown, “Our girls that have never played before have been improving and contributing to our success.”

#### Boys’ Team Splits With VCC

On Friday night, the HCS boys’ varsity basketball team had a chance to avenge their loss to Ventura County Christian the night before. HCS defeated the Stars by a final score of 51-35. Senior Scott Menger led the way each night with double digits in rebounding and in points. Junior Michael Lubin has been performing well as one of the team’s leading rebounders. Hillcrest improved its record to 4-3 overall and 2-3 in League.



## HEAD LINES

Mr. Stephen Allen, Head of School

### Heritage Fund Update

Have you contributed to the HCS Heritage Fund? We are thankful that as of mid-January, 42 friends and families have contributed \$38,700 to the Heritage Fund during this year. Our goal for the year is to exceed our donations of last year – approximately \$80,000. The Heritage Fund provides undesignated support for the general operations of the school. Combined, the Heritage Fund and other donations make it possible to make many improvements around the school. For example, since mid December 2006, five classrooms were equipped with upgraded technology including projectors installed in ceilings to allow class viewing of PowerPoint presentations and Internet; new cabinets were installed in our conference room, and much more. No gift is too small to go on record as supporting HCS through the Heritage Fund. Will you help us reach 100%?

### Partnering with Parents Presents Author and Speaker Bill Meyers.

This coming Tuesday at 2:00 PM in our auditorium, Bill will present parenting tips on several topics including the dangers of the media when raising children and how to develop a home environment that encourages writing skills. Bill Meyers is a screenwriter, director and author of 80 books whose work has earned 40 national and international awards including the C.S. Lewis Honor Award. He is also the co-creator of the McGee and Me video series, author of the My Life as ... book series, and writer/director of some of the episodes of the Adventures in Odyssey radio series. You won't want to miss this great opportunity.

### Staff Christmas Party – Thank You!

On Friday, December 15 our staff enjoyed a Christmas party including a brunch provided by the PFA (Thank you Ben Hernandez and others who provided the food and decorations.). The staff is thankful to a number of parents who made prizes available for our annual after-brunch Bingo game. We thank Melissa Dundas for soliciting donations, purchasing the gifts, and serving as the Bingo master.

### Support for Ethan

Our first grade student, Ethan Monsalve and his mom, Sara LaPorte, are thankful for the continued prayers and support for Ethan as he continues to undergo treatment for the severe burns he experienced in late November. He will continue to stay in the Midwest for ongoing treatments. An emergency such as this results in many unforeseen expenses. We are thankful that to date, friends, families, and various fund raisers have contributed over \$9,700 to help Ethan and Sara. Checks and cash for Ethan can be given to our finance office. Just contact Sharon Geller. You can learn more about Ethan's situation at <http://blessingsforethan.blogspot.com>.

## GOT SCRIP?

Thank you to all of you who purchased scrip prior to the holidays. Your November and December scrip purchases have netted our school a profit of approximately \$2500!

Don't forget the holidays are over but we have Scrip year round. Stop by Sharon Geller's office and buy your Scrip today!

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### Registration cont.

date, registration will go up to \$400 per student. In addition if you choose not to register at a group session, you may register at any time with our registrar, Lorna West; however, the registration fee is \$400 for doing so.

### Two important reminders:

Students entering kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade (and students in any grade who do not have one on record) are required to submit a pastor's reference with their registration packet. Forms are included with your packet and are also available in the front office.

Please be aware that your family will not be allowed to register if there are any outstanding tuition and fees due Hillcrest. Please see Mrs. Geller if you think you may have unpaid fees. These fees include books, sports, and trips. Thank you for your cooperation. ■

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### Why Christian School-cont.

children to Christian school will give them a huge advantage to truly believing that Jesus Christ is the Lord and has saved us from our sins. When every class has a focus on God, when there is a chapel with convicting speakers every week, and when there are students and faculty who love and pray for other students, it is virtually impossible to not think about God. For those students who already are believers in Christ, Christian schools give them peers who can be positive influences in a fallen world and a support group to get through the trials of growing up. Christian schools also give a believing student a place to grow in his or her faith in God. ■