

# THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN... **JANUARY 21, 2010**



## CALENDAR ITEMS JANUARY 2010

- Fri. 22** K-12 Teacher In-Service  
Half Day Schedule  
Secondary Dismissal 12:20 P.M.  
Elementary Dismissal 12:30 P.M.
- Mon. 25** Admissions Open House 7 P.M.
- Tues. 26** HCS Science Fair 6th-8th grades  
Town Hall Meeting 7 P.M.
- 27-28** Secondary Finals  
Secondary Dismissal 12:50 P.M.  
If your 7th-8th children have study halls period 3 or 5 they may be picked up at 11:10 P.M.
- Thurs. 28** End of 1st Semester  
Science Fair Open to Public
- Fri. 29** Semester Break  
NO SCHOOL NO CHILD CARE

## FEBRUARY 2010

- Mon. 01** Priority Registration for HCS Families
- Thurs. 04** Elementary Awards Chapel  
K-3 9 A.M. ; 4-8 9:40 A.M.



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



By Suzanne Hume, parent volunteer

### All Things New

2010. It still sounds strange in my ears. Another year has passed, and we now face a new year whether we want to or not. With each new year, we are presented with an opportunity for a fresh start, a chance to make some changes in our lives. Many times we enter a new year thinking about bad habits that we would like to eradicate. We make resolutions to lose weight, exercise more, and work less.

Over the years, I have noticed a pattern in my own life when it comes to resolutions. I tend to focus on those areas of my life that I want to change, so I set out with resolve and good intentions to be a better person. Inevitably I lose my passion and stamina and am left in the same place I started, but now disillusioned and guilt-ridden at my weakness. I can choose to stay in that place and remain ineffective, which is where the enemy wants me, or I can look to God and listen to what He says about me. He calls

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me Beloved, and He reminds me that He has already conquered everything on the cross. When I spend time listening to the truth, my focus shifts from the things that I think I can change to seeking the Lord and letting God make the changes that He desires to make in my life. I am reminded that He alone is our Creator and able to make all things new.

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

God desires to make a way in the desert. What deserts do we have in our lives, those areas where we are dry and in need of the living water that only He can supply? We try to fill those places with earthly things, but only God can bring restoration and life. Many of our desert places have been with us for a long time - so long that we don't realize we have them - situations or relationships we think can never be fixed, that will never change, but the truth is God can and wants to change those things.

What if, as a body of believers, we invite God into our desert places and ask for His refreshing? What if, as a school we invite God into those desert places here at Hillcrest and ask for His restoration? Do we think He is unable? Do we think He won't be there? He Is Able! The enemy fills

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## SHORT SUBJECTS

### Winter Session After-School Programs Reminder

Last week you should have received a packet of information that was sent home with your children regarding the upcoming after-school programs that are being offered. Please return the sign-up sheet with check attached for the programs you select. Additional sign-up forms are available in the school lobby. You have until the first day of the program to sign-up – unless the session fills earlier.

### Uniform Sale This Thursday

This Thursday, January 21 from 2:30 to 5:30, Norman's Uniforms will be on campus. This is a great opportunity to replenish those items that your children have outgrown, replace short skirts and pants due to growth spurts, comply with outerwear regulations or stock-up for spring. The Booster Club will also be selling used uniforms at bargain prices.

### Library News

Mrs. Thurman needs a few volunteer parents to partner with her as "Friends of the Library" to review and read the books being considered for our library. Mrs. Thurman is very mindful of "content" and does a great job of keeping our library shelves stocked with good reading for our kids. If you are interested, please contact her at [jthurman@hillcrestcs.org](mailto:jthurman@hillcrestcs.org) or stop by the library and pick up a few children's books to read. BOOK SALE – On Thursday, January 21, at 2:30, Mrs. Thurman will also be having a used book sale in conjunction with the HCS Booster Used Uniform Sale. Come and support our library.



by Courtney Carpenter, secondary science

## Biblical World-View In Science

Educators at Hillcrest teach with this in mind: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" Proverbs 1:7 (ESV). The Bible admonishes us to "avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge" (I Tim 6:20). The science department at Hillcrest is especially careful to heed this warning and teach with a Biblical world-

view. "The educational philosophy of Hillcrest Christian School is based on a God-centered view of life. This view holds that God created and sustains all things. All things, including man, are dynamically related to God and have the purpose of glorifying Him." At Hillcrest we teach that science is the process of observing and describing God's creation. In our science-dependent society, it is not only important for Christians to not be swayed by the ideologies of the times, but also to keep faith in God's truth that stands forever.

Students must be aware of the current dogmas of science if they are to live in our world and keep their faith. If our students are to "proclaim the Gospel to all the world" (Mark 16:15) – including to people who put their faith in science- we want them to understand other people's world-views. Students will be faced with questions about God vs. chance, intelligent design vs. random accident, and the image of God vs. higher order animals, and they must be able to defend their Biblical world-view with evidence from science.

Science classes at HCS are not substitutes for Bible class. Instead we are teaching the key concepts of science with a Biblical world-view. In my marine biology class, we are currently learning about the intense complexities of what scientists like to claim are relatively "simple" organisms, animals without a backbone. How can organisms such as these arise by random chance when there are different parts of their bodies that rely on each other? What are the chances of one body system being randomly formed at the same time as another? There must have been a divine creator. My chemistry classes are currently working on simple molecular structures. Even simple structures are complex ideas for scientists who claim to know how we came into existence but have no way to describe why a molecule sticks together.

Many scientists have created theories and laws of science but have rejected God's law. Romans 1: 19-20 states, "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuses." At Hillcrest we are teaching our science students to rely on God's truth while witnessing and understanding God's creation through science.



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our heads with lies about our situations and makes us believe that God is not who He says He is. What if we here at Hillcrest decided to take God at His Word and trust Him with those desert places? God desires to see lives changed for the Kingdom. He has given us eternal life, but He has also given us abundant life here on earth. Let's enter into this new year with the resolution to be a people that are sold out for Christ, radically changed by his unconditional love, ready to live the lives He has for us. ■

*by Stephen Allen, Head of School*

### HCS and Help for Haiti

We are all saddened by the events in Haiti. If you have not responded, but desire to do so, here are suggested opportunities through HCS.

Mr. Enloe's daughter is involved with an orphanage in Port-au-Prince called Child Hope. The orphanage, relatively unscathed by the earthquake, has set up a medical center; however, the orphanage has run out of food, medical supplies, and diesel fuel necessary for the generators. To support this 501(c)3 organization, visit their web site <http://www.childhope.org/> and the web set up specifically to accept donations <http://childhope-haiti.edivvy.com/>.

Because our school has had a relationship with The Children's Hunger Fund, you may want to support Haiti through this organization. Donations can be made online at <http://www.chfus.org/>.

We will take up an offering in chapel for the next three weeks; and teachers are allowing children to drop spare change in a jar. Both offerings will be split between the two organizations mentioned above.

Additionally, our 4th through 8th grade Service Club is collecting supplies to send to Haiti. Signs are posted around the school. The club is requesting aspirin, Tylenol, water filtration tablets, protein bars, dried fruit, hand sanitizer, and antibacterial wipes. Items are due by Thursday, January 28th. Bring the items to Mrs. Zimmerman's or Mrs. Brown's classrooms. These teachers are coordinating this effort with Calvary Community Church of Westlake Village.

### Middle School Girls' Basketball

Wednesday's game was another glorious victory for the middle school girls' basketball team. The girls played with teamwork and concentration on offense and defense. The girls are becoming stronger in their game due to Coach Medrano's rule of acting as a team and not as individuals! The girls won 34-10! Please come out and support these SAINTS!!!

*by Amanda Zimmerman, Assistant Coach*

### Elementary Basketball Update

Last Thursday the elementary girls' basketball team played a difficult game against Ventura Missionary. Despite our loss, the girls played strong and lost by just a few points. They showed excellent sportsmanship and were positive all the way through! Come watch the team play next Wednesday at Pleasant Valley Christian at 3 P.M.

### Admissions Open House

**Monday, January 25, at 7:00 P.M. Hillcrest is hosting an Admissions Open House. If you know a Christian family who is interested in learning more about what sets Hillcrest apart, we encourage you to reach out and invite them to join us for this event. Participants will tour the facility, meet with teachers and administrators, view curriculum, and learn about all that Hillcrest has to offer.**

### HCS TOWN HALL MEETING

#### Town Hall Meeting

The HCS School Board is inviting parents to join them for an open forum meeting on January 26, at 7:00 P.M. This is your opportunity to meet our board members and discuss with them any board related issues. Come to learn more about the direction of the school, how you can partner with them, and how to pray for Hillcrest. Location will be posted in the lobby.

## P.F.A. NEWS

### PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

#### SCHOOL CENTS

Shop at The Oaks mall and earn money for your school! Bring original receipts for purchases made at The Oaks from September 1, 2009 to Guest Services during the month of January and double points will be awarded for each purchase. Shop the expansion stores and triple points will be awarded if logged in January. Hillcrest earns points for every dollar spent in the shopping center. so do a little shopping or dig out those old receipts and have them logged. We are currently ranked 6th out of 30 schools!

#### SPORTS DRESS DAY

Celebrate the semester's end on Thursday, January 28th with the PFA/Booster sponsored SPORTS THROWDOWN . . . wear your favorite team attire . . . hat, jersey, t-shirt! More information to come!!!"



## Saints Dominate Homecoming Game!

What a fantastic night it was for the boys' varsity basketball team! These fine young student-athletes came out pumped and ready to play in front of the biggest crowd of the year. The fans were amazing in their support of the boys! The boys did not disappoint a rowdy, but respectful packed gym. The team dominated from start to finish, coming out with a burst to take an 18-0 lead after the first quarter with Gio Hernandez using his speed and hustle to score 11 points in the quarter. With a fired-up team and a loud crowd, the Saints took a 35-2 lead into the halftime break.

After the halftime festivities, the team played hard and with great sportsmanship to win the game with a final score of 47-13.



The entire team contributed with great teamwork and tenacious defense. Sophomore Gio Hernandez led the scoring with 21 points, while his fellow sophomore Logan Baltau added 9 points and 12 rebounds. Senior Jeongmoon Lee led the team with 7 assists. The other team members are seniors Tim Lee and Erik Bogeberg, sophomores Matthew Lee and Don Chen, freshmen Kade Thurman, Austin Ochoa, and Jefferson Blumenthal. The saints are 6-4 overall and 5-2 in Omega League.

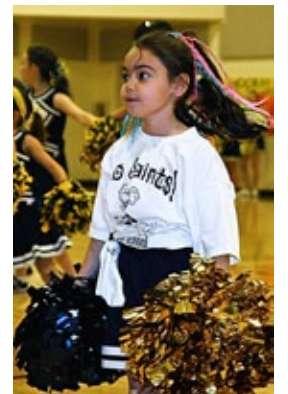
A big thanks to all of you who came to the game in support of the basketball team and our outstanding cheerleaders!!



by Brandon Armstrong, senior

### On the Red Carpet

A shining red carpet and a candlelit dance floor awaited the elegantly dressed high school students on Saturday evening. Tyler Hartwig and the Barksdale brothers collaborated to DJ the dance, and it was a job well done. The room quickly filled with lively music that had many of the students dancing. It was a real party! As the night continued on, the homecoming court was announced. Eric Bogeberg took the spotlight as king with Kyli Keslar as the queen. The princes and princesses included seniors Brandon Armstrong and Christine Lim, juniors Evan Barbour and Hanah Yoon, sophomores Gio Hernandez and Noelle Mueller, and freshmen Kade Thurman and Alijah Medrano. A wonderful time was had by all.



Special thanks to Deb Baltau and Debbie MacPherson for the wonderful homecoming 2010 photos