

# @ THIS WEEK

HILLCREST CHRISTIAN...  


**JANUARY 28, 2010**

## CALENDAR ITEMS JANUARY 2010

**27-28** Secondary Finals  
 Secondary Dismissal 12:50 P.M.

**Thurs. 28** End of 1st Semester  
 Science Fair Open to Public  
 SPORTS THROW DOWN Dress Day

**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. ; 4-6 9:40 A.M.

**Sat. 06** HCS Work Day 8 A.M. - NOON

**Mon. 08** Child Safety Program

**Fri. 12** Pancake Breakfast  
 ACSI Geography Bee

**Mon. 15** President's Day Holiday  
 NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE



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*by Stephen Allen, Head of School*

### Half Way Down the Road

The school year is half over. As you examine this year's school experiences, consider looking back and celebrating the successes. Give the Lord praise and thanks for blessings. Strategize how to do parenting and school work better. Include your child in the discussion. Make it something that is done "with" and not "to" your child. Check out the 20-Point Checklist in this issue's insert.

### Looking ahead to the second semester...

**Trips** – We are going places. In addition to local field trips, our 8th graders are going to Washington, D.C., 4th graders to Sacramento, 7th graders to Catalina, and a number of high school students and parents are going to Egypt/Israel.

**Support for HCS – AUCTION:** Mark the date and prepare to attend and support our annual auction on March 20th. **VOLUNTEER HOURS:** How are you doing on the required volunteer hours? If a bill for un-served hours were issued today, what would it look like? There are still good opportunities (like auction) to support HCS. **SCRIP:** Thanks for using scrip whenever you can as you shop in the community. It has been a tight year financially for HCS, yet we are praising the Lord for how we have been able to economize wherever possible and for how He has provided through donations. Every donation helps.

**Enrollment, budget, etc.** – We began the school year in September having budgeted for 405, but made adjustments to be financially wise with an enrollment of 367. In addition to being as frugal as possible, we praise the Lord that our enrollment has continued to rise through the year. Presently, our enrollment is 381, and we project another 5 to 10 students that are in process to possibly begin the new semester with us.

### My encouragement to you for the rest of the year would be to:

**Pray for your children and our teachers.** We have a unique and most glorious partnership – to raise children in the light of the Son of God.

**Get involved.** Help out where and when you can. Don't take Christian education for granted. Christian schools depend on your support. Your children benefit from your support. Children typically do better academically when parents are involved.

**Be the best parent(s) you can be.** Your example is what they usually

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*THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK*  
 2 Timothy 3:17

## SHORT SUBJECTS

### Registration is Coming!

Registration for the 2010/2011 school year begins next week. Packets will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, February 1st, at 8:00 A.M. You must bring your completed registration packet to Lorna West in the registrar's office in order to register. Drop-ins are also welcome, and will be registered on a first-come/first served basis or call ext. 205 to make an appointment and avoid waiting. Open registration to new families will begin on February 16, so don't delay!

### Garage Sale Items Needed

Hillcrest Christian School is sponsoring a garage sale on February 27, to raise money for the Uganda Mission Trip this summer. Items may be dropped off after school on February 25 and 26. Thank you for your support!

### Awards Chapel

Elementary parents, mark your calendars for a special Awards Chapel on Thursday, February 4. Awards will be given for academic achievement and Godly character.

### Fingerprint Safety Program Available

In an effort to give parents every opportunity to maximize their child's safety, Hillcrest has invited Permanent Impressions to be on campus on February 8. This fingerprint safety program offers the most comprehensive Child Safety Packet available. An information sheet and sign-up form will be sent home this week. Check it out.



Noah Padbury's  
**Lighthouse**



Jeongmoon Lee's  
**Tessellating Horsemen**

*By Denise Beal, Art Teacher*

## The Passion of Art at HCS

It's such a blessing and privilege being here at HCS!

Teaching students to use color to create form is a passion of mine. Much of art is formulaic; once kids understand how to make a flat shape look three dimensional, there's no limit to what they can do. Elementary grades are taught step-by-step studies in color, or step-by-step how to draw 3-D. Once the basics are understood and learned, they no longer need the step-by-step process - they will be able to look at a picture or still life and draw it with ease. Fifth grader Noah Padbury's "Lighthouse" in oil and chalk pastel is a great example of using color to create form. Pictures that reflect imagination and good use of color are third grader Cate Lee's "Decoy Duck" in oil pastel, and first grader Rylie Bjork's "Clown" in pen and marker.

It's also important to teach art in such a way that the younger students are able to reproduce on their own what they learned in class. It brings me great joy when I hear about students who go home and teach their parents and siblings what they've learned in class, thus making them junior art teachers!

We hit the ground running in early November with the high school class in order to help prepare the portfolios for those seniors going on to be art majors. In just a few short months we've covered 2-pt. perspective, projects in positive/negative space, watercolor still life, color theory, drawing the head in charcoal, and more. We are currently painting landscapes with acrylics.

The seniors are each uniquely gifted in art. Olesya has a tremendous gift for using pencil with her "Winter in Russia" – pencil is a medium I consider very difficult. Brandon enjoys using all types of media such as acrylic, pen & ink, and chalk pastel. His excellent chalk, "Girl Without the Pearl Earring", was drawn from Vermeer's "Girl With the Pearl Earring". Two seniors were inspired by M.C. Escher: "Tessellating Horsemen" by Jeongmoon, and "Bear in a Polyhedron" reveals the whimsical side of Yuki. Lindsey, also very talented in colored pencil and watercolor, drew a self-portrait in chalk pastel that is a stunning likeness of her. Our sophomore, Matt, enjoys drawing exercises in 3-D.

Strong emphasis in the high school art class has been placed upon learning the elements and principles of art which will help them develop the ability to analyze and critique not only the works of other artists, but their own as well.



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Matt Lee's  
**Exercises in 3-D**



Rylie Bjork's  
**Clown**

**ACSI District Spelling Bee**



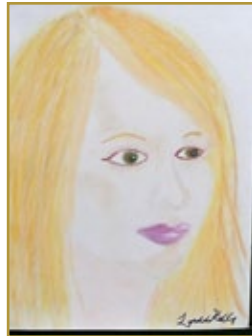
Friday January 15, Hillcrest's top spellers went to the ACSI District Spelling Bee. It can be very hard to spell words while standing front of judges and an audience. but everyone did his/her best and had a great time. Jack Oglesby, Amanda Moran, Ryan Smith, Samuel Hwang, Megan Ehman, Jenna Matus, Deanna Bitterly, Erin Philen, Chloe Zgorzelski, Lucas Vieira, and Hannah Ruick were our representatives. Jenna was awarded 4th place; Lucas was second among the seventh graders and fifth in the District Regional Spell-off.



Brandon Armstrong's  
**Girl Without the Pearl Earring**



Olesya Jasinski's  
**Winter in Russia**



Lindsey Kelleher's  
**Self Portrait**



Cate Lee's  
**Decoy Duck**



Yuki Gao's  
**Bear in a Polyhedron**



**SPORTS THROWDOWN DRESS DAY**

Celebrate the semester's end on Thursday, January 28th with PFA/Booster sponsored "Sports Throwdown Day" . . . wear your favorite team attire . . . hats, jersey's, t-shirts, anything sports related. Along with wearing team attire, the SHAVE-IT van will be on campus selling snow cones during lunch time from 12:00-1:30 P.M. for a cost of \$3.00.

**SCHOOL CENTS**

Double School Cents points for all receipts logged by 1/31. Triple for the new expansion stores. Valentine's promotion - triple points for all jewelry stores, See's Candies, Godiva Chocolatier, Things Remembered and the Final Touch.

Next semester more emphasis will be placed upon art history and how geographic location, religion, politics, war, social norms and values, or personal tragedy were influential upon the artist. This context opens the door for a deeper level of appreciation and understanding of the artist, the subject matter, and why it was put on the canvas.

Please feel free to drop by the art room to check out our Student Gallery on the walls. The bulletin boards outside the class serve to highlight projects the students are doing - one board is reserved for the high school class and the other displays samples from the lower grades.



## Boys' Varsity Basketball

Our Saints had two hard fought contests last week. The first game was against a strong Newbury Park Adventist team with the Saints coming out on the losing end 38-58. Logan Baltau led the way with 20 points and fellow sophomore Gio Hernandez added 9 points. Our second game of the week was against Cornerstone Christian at their home court. Our young Saints did not play their best until the fourth quarter when they made a furious comeback to pull within 4 points; however, missing free throws was costly at the end of the game, and the Saints ended up with a loss of 38-33. Gio Hernandez was the leading scorer with 11 points and senior Jeongmoon Lee pitched in with 8 points while showing courage by playing on a sprained ankle. Come support our Saints on Monday 2/1 at 4:30 against Newbury Park Adventist and Tuesday 2/9 vs. Cornerstone Christian at 4:30. Those will be our last two home games with the game on 2/9 being Senior Parent Appreciation Night.



## 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 Heather Neuman, Elementary Girls Coach*

## Elementary Girls' Basketball Update

If you missed seeing the elementary girls' basketball game last Wednesday against Ascension Lutheran, you missed an exciting game! All the players played excellent defense and held Ascension to 20 points. We ended the first half 22-12. The second half the girls continued to play tough defense and took many smart shots extending the final score to 36-20. Our high scorers were Carlie and Alexia with 14 points each. We now have 2 wins and 1 loss. The next game will be played against Pleasant Valley at their home court. We will then meet Ascension Lutheran again on Friday, February 5th. Come out and cheer the girls to victory. They are awesome!

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## Half Way Down cont.

follow. Redeem the time because children being in the home will not last forever. Immerse your life in Him in 2010.

I pray that God will richly bless you and your family. Thank you for your partnership with Hillcrest Christian School. ■

## Family Group Chapel

On January 21st, Hillcrest celebrated both our diversity and unity with a special family group chapel. The students and teachers met in classrooms to finalize the details of their special family outfits and accessories before attempting to finish the next fun activity. Each family group was given the same list and were challenged to carefully and creatively photograph each item on a scavenger hunt. The list included photographing group assignments such as a drawing of their animal riding a bicycle, a group hug, 5 students' faces displaying specific emotions, and the whole group making a pyramid. The last activity was to come up with a family group cheer. Several groups arrived at some very creative and entertaining cheers with every member of the group participating. Many teachers mentioned to me that this family group meeting, more than any other, seemed to bond the groups together as they joyfully worked in union toward a common goal. We hope that this serves as a spring board to accomplish the goal of family groups: to unify our school, benefitting our community in Christ. March 25th will be the big service project day when each family group will participate in local, national, and international community service. Be looking for more information from your family group teachers.

