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HILLCREST CHRISTIAN...


FEBRUARY 11, 2010

CALENDAR ITEMS FEBRUARY 2010

- Fri. 12** Pancake Breakfast 7-8:30 A.M.
Valentines' Special Dress Day
ACSI Geography Bee
- Mon. 15** Presidents' Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE
- Tues. 16** Open Registration Begins
- Sat. 27** Uganda Garage Sale

MARCH 2010

- 03-05** 7th Grade Catalina Trip
- 05-15** 8th Grade U.S. Historic Trip
- Sat. 06** HCS Work Day 8 A.M. - NOON
- Tue. 09** ACSI Piano Festival
- Fri. 12** Assembly- History of Jazz
CSUN Jazz Band 1:30 P.M.
- Fri. 19** ACSI Technology Fair
- Sat. 20** HCS Dinner and Auction
- Wed 24** HCS Speech Meet



ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



By Cathe Jackson, preschool director

The Heart of a Director (and mother)

This is the time of year when new families tour Hillcrest with their preschoolers for next school year. I have met with quite a few families that have said Hillcrest Christian Preschool came highly recommended by families that are still at Hillcrest and from some whose children have graduated and moved on. I cannot help but smile ear to ear when I hear those words. There is no doubt in my mind that our preschool is the beginning of a well rounded, high-quality Christian education that helps to equip young men and women to stand firm on the Word of God amidst a falling world.

I am a parent of four children that have been at Hillcrest for three years. My younger two children started at Hillcrest in the preschool program while my older two children were at public school. I enjoyed working as a pre-k teacher as much as I enjoyed watching the other teachers love on my kids. That was the key to this mother's heart. My kids would come home and talk about their teacher and tell me a little about what they had learned, but mostly about what their teachers had said. They would talk about God and tell me about Bible lessons; they started pointing to letters and telling me things I didn't know they knew. More importantly, they were starting to build self-confidence and a firmer stance on the Word.

My son graduated pre-k at Hillcrest and moved on to a public kindergarten. It was a challenging year for him. It was not challenging because it was too hard; it was too easy. School for him was a lot of copied papers and coloring sheets. It was boring for him, and unfortunately the school was not willing to challenge him. My son never verbally told me that he missed Hillcrest, but he expressed his feelings in other ways that broke my heart. There were other situations that my older children experienced as well. I wanted my children at Hillcrest with all of my heart!

God is so faithful to His Word. He hears my prayers and knows my heart. By His grace, all four of my children were able to attend Hillcrest the following year. Not only was it a blessing for me because I work at Hillcrest, but I also knew that each one of my children's teachers was committed to the One and only true God as well as to excellence in education. Although it is a sacrifice in the Jackson household, Hillcrest for our children is and will always be a major priority. It is a sacrifice worth making. I can see the difference in my children's self esteem, in their study habits, in their prayers, and in their personalities. My children have had the most wonderful

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THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK

2 Timothy 3:17

SHORT SUBJECTS

Art Class Needs

Mrs. Beal is in need of two hand held hairdryers, a collection of old newspapers and sleeves from coffee cups for upcoming art projects. Donations can be dropped off in the front office until Feb 18th..

Winter Worship Concert

The Winter Worship Concert will be held Monday, February 22nd at 6:30 P.M. We will feature students from elementary, middle, and high school. Plan to come early as we always have a full house. Our focus, as always, will be to celebrate God's greatness, His goodness, and His generosity to us as a school family. The concert will once again be followed by an ice cream social. Don't miss this opportunity to worship together!

Special Dress Day / Food Drive

Friday, February 12th is the next special dress day. Hillcrest will be partnering with EV Free in Newbury Park to bless those in our community who are in need. EV Free feeds approximately 100 families every week, and Hillcrest is having a food drive to help provide for the needs of those families. Below is a list of items EV Free has requested for their food pantry. Students are to bring in at least one item in exchange for the privilege of having a special dress day. The theme will be Valentine's Day, so students may wear a pink, red, or white valentine themed shirt with jeans. Please, no inappropriate wording or graphics on shirts, and jeans should be in good condition. Food Items: instant coffee, cooking oil, sugar, canned foods, peanut butter, rice, beans, Hispanic cookies



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Valentine's Pancake Breakfast

THIS FRIDAY 7 - 8:30 A.M

Don't miss this great opportunity to give your children a special Valentine treat. Take a break from fixing breakfast, and spend time with other Hillcrest families. The senior class is sponsoring this event to help raise money for their senior activities. Please come out and show your support. Donations will be taken at the door.



By Tim Doninquez, coach

Boys' Varsity Basketball

Our Saints lost a hard fought game against a very talented Newbury Park Adventist team last week. The Saints showed their inexperience against a very tough man-to-man defensive team that forced numerous turnovers which led to easy baskets for the visiting team. The Saints did a great job of breaking the press but could not capitalize when they had the open shots. Tim Lee led the team in scoring with 9 points, and Gio Hernandez added 8 points. Our record is 6-8 overall and 5-6 in Omega league play; NPA is 9-2 in league. Come support these fine student-athletes in the last game of the season, Thursday 2/11 vs. league leader West Valley Christian at WVC; game starts at 6:00 P.M.



MS Girls' Basketball

Last Wednesday the girls played Ventura Missionary. Dropping hoop after hoop, The team was on fire, winning 40-15. On Friday, the girls played Good Shepherd for the second time. I think the opposing team knew that Hillcrest was hard to beat, so they definitely brought their game! It was so exciting! The people in the stands were sitting on the edge of their seats. The girls felt the heat and turned up their game! Our middle school girls won 36-17!

Do I hear championship?? Maybe so! If you want to watch a good game, come join the rest of our fans and cheer on the Saints!!!

Garage Sale Feb. 27

Please remember to start collecting your gently used clothing, toys, tools, and household items for the HCS garage sale to benefit the Uganda mission trip to God Cares School. All proceeds will go directly to the projects that the team will complete while there. We are depending on you to help us make this event an even bigger success than last year. Donations can be dropped off in the auditorium on Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26.



Middle School Boys Basketball

The middle school boys played a nail biting game against Ascension Lutheran on Friday. The final score was 30-29 Hillcrest. With only a few seconds left, the middle school boys were able to keep Ascension from scoring to win the game. Daniel Fanto helped lead the Saints to victory with 10 points and David Livingston had 8 points. Mitch Williams added another 7 points, and Teddy Rettinger scored 4 points for a Hillcrest victory! Alex Smith topped it off with a free throw shot. Go Saints!

By Heather Neuman, coach

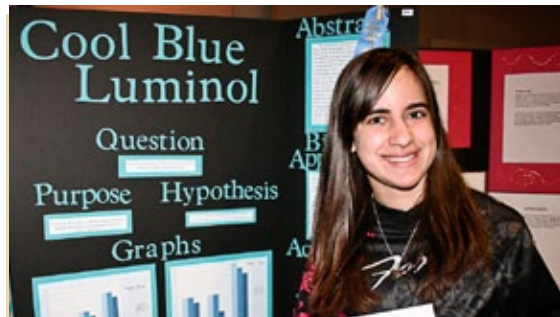
Elementary Girls' Basketball

The elementary girls know how to play some exciting basketball! Friday's game against Ascension Lutheran was anything but boring. The girls scored 24 points in the first half of the game and pulled down several offensive and defensive rebounds. They held Ascension to 14 points. The second half was much closer due to 3-point shots by Ascension, but the Hillcrest girls held on to win the game 35-34! Our third and final match against Ascension Lutheran on March 5th should be an awesome game – come cheer us on! The next elementary girls' basketball game is against Pleasant Valley on Friday, Feb. 19th at 4:30. Hope to see you there.

By Athletic Director Coach Dominguez

Boys' Elementary Basketball

The Saints elementary boys basketball team played a great game to beat a tough Ascension Lutheran squad 46-39. Kobe Matsuo led the team with 20 points and had great support on the offensive side from David Cisi, Zach Hawkins, Nicholas Koven, and Luke Reitz. Playing tenacious defense and creating numerous turnovers that led to scoring opportunities were Adrian Tull, Noah Padbury, and Conner Otto. The entire team played with tremendous hustle and showed much improvement in every aspect of the game. Way to go young SAINTS!! Support the team on Friday 2/19 vs. Cornerstone Christian at the Pleasant Valley gym in Camarillo; game starts at 5:30 P.M.



By, Jennifer Cecil, Secondary Science Teacher

2010 Science Fair

Have you ever wondered if your fingerprints were inherited, or how much power an apple has? These and many other fascinating questions were investigated and answered by our very own Hillcrest students during the annual science fair at HCS.

As we observe the world around us, we are faced with hundreds of questions every day; the scientific method can help us answer some of those questions. First, we observe using our five senses: touch, smell, see, taste or hear. Then we ask a question: What is the best structure to withstand an earthquake? What is the best soil to build on? Next, we establish a procedure to find an answer to our question or conduct an experiment. We keep a log of our data, recorded our results and conclusions, and finally, presented our projects on the day of the science fair. We were delighted with the outcomes.

This year we awarded 1st and 2nd place ribbons to many hardworking scientists. Selected students in both the 7th and 8th grades were chosen as "Best in Show" to advance to the Regional ACSI science fair at BIOLA University, April 16th. Those students are Grace Aspinwall, Breanna Nowden, and Evan O'Neal in 7th grade and Hannah Covany and Shane O'Brien in 8th grade.

Congratulations to our winners for all of your hard work and thank you to all of our participants in this year's science fair; it was absolutely brilliant!





Carolyn Krause, College and Career Counselor

COUNSELOR'S CORNER Cheers for Our Seniors



Several of our students have already received acceptance letters into the colleges of their choice! Special congratulations goes to three of our seniors Brandon Armstrong, Kyli Keslar, and Lyndsey Kelleher who have been awarded note-worthy scholarships as

well. Listed below are the seniors who have received acceptance letters thus far. Check out the bulletin board across from the conference room as we will continue to add to the list as seniors are notified.

Brandon Armstrong: Westmont College: Dean's Scholarship (\$10,000 per year), Azusa Pacific University: Dean's Scholarship (\$8,000 per year), Biola University: Dean's Scholarship (\$5,000 per year), University of California Channel Islands

Lyndsey Kelleher: Azusa Pacific University-- Founder's Scholarship (\$6,000 per year)

Kyli Keslar: Hope University: Trustee's scholarship (\$10,000 per year), Bethany: Dean's Scholarship (\$6,000 per year), Vanguard University: Academic Scholarship (\$13,000 per year), Azusa Pacific University: Presidential Scholarship (\$7,000 per year)

Tim Lee: Pratt University

Matt Woodward: West Virginia University

UC and Cal State Eligibility:

At a recent college counseling conference hosted by the UC system, I learned that in order for a student to be eligible for admission into a UC or Cal State school, he or she may not have a D or F in any of their core classes. Subject requirements include two years of social studies/history, four years of English, three years (four are recommended) of math, two years (three are recommended) of laboratory science, two years (three are recommended) of a language other than English, one year of visual and performing arts, and one year of an additional college-prep elective. Students are strongly encouraged to maintain high GPAs as the minimum GPA is increasingly higher each year. For last year's admission records, please log onto <http://statfinder.ucop.edu>. I also have student/campus profiles for each UC campus for fall 2011 in P-2.

Up-coming California Scholarship Federation Membership Drive:

All secondary students who would like to be considered for membership into this scholastic organization will need to attend a mandatory meeting on

Wednesday, Feb 24 at lunchtime in P-2. Membership into CSF and CJSF is determined on a point system and will be reviewed with the students at that meeting. Please look for an email that will outline all eligibility requirements. ■

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The Heart of a Director .

teachers a parent could ask for here at Hillcrest. Their teachers strive to challenge them when it seems too easy, and they work with me when one of my children is struggling.

God willing, my children will graduate from high school at Hillcrest. There is no place that our family would rather be. When the grass looks greener elsewhere, you usually find out it is just grass! I know God has even bigger and better things planned for Hillcrest, and I want my children to be a part of that. I thank God for the opportunity He gave us just by having them here.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."- Proverbs 22:6 NKJV ■

P.F.A. NEWS

PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

Box Tops Competition

Only one month left to help your class win a free dress day and a pizza party! Competition will end February 28th so turn your box tops to your teacher. Current leaders: Mrs. Brown (2nd) with 29.70 box tops per child in the class, Mrs. Hawkins with 24.33 box tops per child in the class, Mrs. Brown (6th) with 24.33 box tops per child in the class

Eat, Drink and Raise Money!

You are invited to a very tasty fund raising event at the Lazy Dog Cafe in Thousand Oaks at The Oaks Mall on Wednesday, February 24th. If you haven't been to the Lazy Dog Cafe yet, this will be a perfect opportunity as Hillcrest will receive 15% AND School Cents points. More information to come.