

# @ THIS WEEK

HILLCREST CHRISTIAN...  
MARCH 15, 2007



## CALENDAR ITEMS

### MARCH 2007

- 13-16 Spiritual Emphasis Week
- Sat. 17 SAT PREP Class 2-5 P.M.
- Mon. 19 Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.
- Tues. 20 1st-3rd Grade Musical 6 P.M.
- Fri. 23 ACSI Math Festival International Day
- Sat. 24 SAT PREP Class 2-5 P.M.
- Mon. 26 Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.
- Tues 27 Partnering With Parents 2 P.M.
- 28-30 4th Grade Sacramento Trip
- Fri. 30 End of 3rd Quarter
- Sati. 31 HCS Annual Auction "A Night For All Seasons" Four Seasons, Westlake Village 5:30 P.M. Tickets are on sale on the web site

### APRIL 2007

- 02-05 Cheerleader Tryouts
- Fri. 06 Good Friday Holiday NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

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



by Stephen Allen, Head of School

### The Best Criticism

I don't usually share criticism with you in newsletters, but consider this one as an FYI. A couple of years ago, I received this criticism about Hillcrest from a newly enrolled family. It was stated something like, "We knew we were going to hear about Jesus in Bible classes and in chapel, but we did not realize we would be hearing about Jesus in math, science, social studies, and even in physical education and athletic programs."

During our parent interviews and orientation programs, we do our best to explain to parents what we are all about at HCS. While I am always disappointed when something does not work out for one of our families, in this particular case I received the comment as a good indication of what was going on within the classrooms and programs at Hillcrest.

With any criticism, I try to evaluate if we need to change something in our school. Do we really talk about our Lord excessively? Our school's mission statement includes the aspect that we are partnering with Christian parents. After all, in Deuteronomy 6, parents are commanded to teach God's Word literally all of the time. Check it out in verses 7-9.

I desire our partnering to be practical, but especially powerful as we incorporate the Word of God. I also desire that our sharing of His Word is winsome and has an appeal because of its loving nature that draws others to it. The Word can also be offensive just because it has an authority that challenges our way of life, preconceived ideas, and attitudes.

Under our school crest in the school lobby is the partial verse of II Timothy 3:17 "that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work". Note that just prior to this verse in 3:16, it states, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness." Our good works do not save us, only by His grace are we saved. In reality, the things we are able to do for good in the world are because of Him and His Word, as we humbly submit our lives to Him. We can always – all of us – do this better each day.

### Grass Field Ribbon Cutting

Our City of Thousand Oaks fencing requirements around the field and handrails on the steps leading down to the grass area should be completed this week. We have planned a short, ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday morning at 9 A.M. on March 19. You are welcome to join us for a time of all-school prayer of thanks and recognition for those who have made the grass field possible.

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

## SHORT SUBJECTS

### HCS 1st Annual House and Garden Tour "An Entertaining Afternoon"

Saturday, April 28, 2007 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Four families all within the Westlake Village area have generously opened up their homes and gardens for this one day event. The dining room of each home will be decorated with a different entertaining theme.

We hope that some of the entertaining ideas you see will inspire you with ideas for your own home or garden. Come out and support our school's scholarship fund and enjoy an "Entertaining Afternoon". Tickets are available online at the HCS web site for \$25 per person when purchased in advance. (\$30 at the door)

### CALLING ALL K-7TH GRADE STUDENTS

Hillcrest is preparing to embark on another trip around the world. Join us for a fun-filled "Around the World in Five Weeks" as we explore five different countries, and learn about their culture, food, and clothing. Camp will run from June 20-July 27. If you are interested, mark the dates on your calendar.

### CALLING ALL PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

Our HCS preschool is preparing for another fun-filled five weeks from June 20 – July 27. We will learn about science, cooking, arts and crafts, and more. If you are interested, mark the dates on your calendar.

by Martha Gross

### INTERNATIONAL DAY 2007: "Hillcrest Air" invites you...

Our children are on their way to mastering the knowledge of their class's country and will soon embark on the journey toward other unknown lands! Presentations are being made in their respective classes throughout the month of March, and chapels are focusing on various ministries around the world.

Finally, on March 23, starting at 11:00 AM, the children will travel through fourteen countries. After savoring the tastes of these nations, each child will travel "Hillcrest Air", passport in hand, and be given opportunities to see sights, hear music, and appreciate the art of these lands. They will also be challenged through a treasure hunt of information to be filled out and stamped on his/her passport. World "souvenirs" will be earned for the information accumulated.

After their fill of travel, students will make a final stop at the "Hillcrest World's Fair," where classes will present facts, songs, dances, art, flags, and items from the many countries represented this year. This will happen in the auditorium starting at 1:00 P.M.

To make this a success, we need parents' help! "Positions" include chefs for the preparation of food (recipes provided), sponsors to give money for the purchase of food, hostesses to serve food, and bus persons to clean up. "Positions" are also open for airline attendants to direct the travelers, immigration officers to protect each country's goods and stamp passports, and salespeople to "sell" the souvenirs. Experience in the entertainment field is helpful but not necessary. The salary: Wonderful memories and eternal rewards!

"Applications" are available for sign up near your child's classroom, or may be "submitted" to [marthagross@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthagross@sbcglobal.net) or [dmacpherson@hillcrestcs.org](mailto:dmacpherson@hillcrestcs.org).

Let's give our children memories that last and impact them with the big world around them. Who knows ... maybe a career in missions is in store for some of our children!! Join us in planting these seeds.

### Saints Improve Over a Tough Weekend

Providence High School in Burbank hosted its 15<sup>th</sup> annual boys' varsity volleyball tournament last Thursday through Saturday. Hillcrest started the week with two tough losses against Oakwood on Thursday and Southwestern Academy on Friday. Still stewing over the losses from the previous days, HCS came out strong in the first match of the day on Saturday. Hoover High School was defeated by the Saints in three games. The final match of the tournament against St. Geneveve was even better. Hillcrest came out of the blocks with a quick 7-2 lead by playing great defense and siding out every time St. Geneveve went back to serve. HCS launches right into league play this week against rival AGBU. The match will take place on Thursday at First Christian Church of Newbury Park at 4:30.



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### **A Time to Refresh and Renew**

On Monday, the entire staff was treated to an amazing time of rest, reflection, and rejuvenation under the direction of Anne Barbour. With honesty, openness and humor, Annie shared her heart for us through Scripture and song, helping us to see who God is and who we are in His eyes. To summarize, we learned that understanding the nature of our relationship with God enables us to trust and depend on Him and as a result, we become life worshippers who are content and fulfilled. This time with Anne helped prepare us to shepherd the children during this week of spiritual focus. In spite of the fact, that we start the year with a "full tank" spiritually, by mid-March, we can start to run low. Thank you, Anne, for allowing the Lord to use you to fill us with a full tank



Peggy Kaufman, Jill Struck, JoAnn Tattersall, Sue Djernes



### **Our ParentLink Sponsors: JoAnn Tattersall: Active Real Estate**

The Tattersall Team of Active Real Estate continues to lead families to this wonderful community by providing clients with exceptional service. JoAnn Tattersall (broker-owner), Peggy Kaufman, Jill Struck, and Sue Djernes have over 40 years of combined experience. Representing buyers and sellers, team-work ensures that each client's individual goals are met. Hiring a realtor who is part of the Tattersall Team provides the expertise and personal attention of an individual as well as the support of an experienced real estate team adding to your home's listing exposure.

The members of the Tattersall Team are long term residents of the Conejo Valley giving back to the community through time and donations. Residency in this area also extends to their expertise in neighborhoods; JoAnn, Peggy, Jill, and Sue know the listing inventory, household floor plans, planning details, zoning concerns, and school specifics in the areas that they service. In addition, their value is inherent in their expertise on market conditions, legal aspects, negotiating skills, and outstanding service to their clients.

If you want to contact a member of the Tattersall Team, they can be reached at Active Real Estate 310 N. Westlake Blvd. Westlake Village, CA 91362 (818) 991-9931.

We are very grateful to the Tattersall team for providing us with our very valuable Parentlink phone communication system. Thank you, JoAnn!

### **WHY I LOVE SCRIP!!**



**Our scrip users speak out....**

*"I love buying scrip for eating out, groceries, presents (person can pick out what they want). The school gets more money and so do our teachers." Tammy*

### **Fund Raiser: Family Portraits**

#### **SMILE AND SAY CHEESE AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHAPEL PROGRAM.**

Photography By Joel in Westlake Village will photograph our Hillcrest Christian School families during the month of April 2007. The Bogeberg family has offered to do this to raise funds for our chapel program, enabling us to bring a variety of speakers to our students.

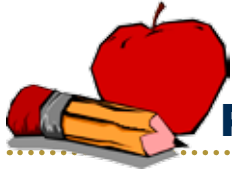
Families who elect to participate will pay a \$50 sitting fee (instead of the usual \$100) which will be donated in full to Hillcrest's chapel program. In addition, Joel has designed special photographic packages for our families and will give an additional 5% to our school if the purchase is \$300 or more.

Joel Bogeberg is the same photographer who has photographed our Homecoming Dance, has donated annually to our auction, and has photographed the Home Tour homes for this year's brochure and poster. He is an award winning photographer, with over twenty-three years of experience, specializing in creating beautiful Canvas Master Portraits of families.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have a beautiful portrait taken of your family at a substantial savings. Appointments will fill quickly, so contact the Photography by Joel studio at 818-706-3778, as soon as possible for the best available dates and times.

You can see examples of Joel's work at [www.photographybyjoel.com](http://www.photographybyjoel.com).

Thank you once again for your support of Hillcrest Christian School.



Debbie Baltau, *Preschool Teacher*

## Preschool Point of View

### Preschool Shines at Open House

Hillcrest was completely transformed the night of Open House. Mrs. Lewis' class was immersed under the sea, displaying a variety of God's deep sea creations. Noah's Ark could be seen in Mrs. Yoon's class with every animal two by two. Parents got to experience volcanoes and dinosaurs in Mrs. Jackson's class, teaching Biblical truths about when dinosaurs roamed the earth. (Do you know?) Last but not least, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Baltau's classes rounded out the evening bringing five VeggieTale stories to life. The best part of it all ... almost all of the workmanship was done by a child's hand. The teachers also worked very hard to make it all come together.

We welcomed families, friends, and neighbors. Students pulled parents and siblings through the halls, excited to show them what they have done in their classrooms. Parents were excited to see the classrooms and meet the teachers their children may have next year, and they were not disappointed.

My absolute favorite part of the evening was seeing families, our very own part of this community, together with no television, video games, or other distractions and parents meeting their children's friends and their friends'

### 4th Tuesday, Partnering with Parents

Please mark your calendar for another of our monthly parenting seminars. March's seminar is entitled, "How to Help Your Child Develop Healthy Eating Habits".

The foods we choose from childhood through adulthood are grounded in what we develop as "habits". Routine choices that we make are based on what we are exposed to, what we are served at the table, family traditions, culture, and the relationship we develop with food. Everyone has a "relationship" with food - our job as parents is to help our children develop healthy ones. Healthy eating habits will help lead to a balanced lifestyle including well rounded food choices that decrease the risk of chronic disease, aid in weight management, and hopefully lead to a long-term positive relationship with food.

This seminar will guide parents in what they can do to help their children develop a positive relationship with food, one based on teaching your children healthy nutritional habits such as self regulation through listening to our body's cues of hunger and fullness and making food choices that are balanced and healthy, yet not restrictive.

Our seminar leader is one of our own parents, Sunnie DeLano-Regier. Sunnie is a registered dietitian and Professor of Nutrition at Pepperdine University with a background in child nutrition, sports nutrition, weight management and eating disorders.



The Pena Family: Patrick, Nathan, Jennifer and Nathan's sister.

parents, hopefully forming bonds that may last a lifetime. From the 2 year old classroom to the pre-kindergartners, everyone shined! ■

### A NIGHT FOR ALL SEASONS

#### HOT AUCTION ITEM OF THE WEEK

#### STRIKE UP SOME FUN WITH MR. ALLEN!

A fun day with the Head of School, Mr. Allen, goes to the highest bidder! Leave school early with Mr. Allen, and he will treat you and 3 of your friends to lunch and then put all of you to the test! He won't test your reading, writing and arithmetic, but your ability to put strikes and spares on the board...that's right, at the bowling alley! This fun day can be yours when you place your bid at "A Night For All Seasons" on Saturday, March 31st!

Go to [www.hillcrestcs.org](http://www.hillcrestcs.org) to purchase event tickets, raffle tickets and more!