

CALENDAR ITEMS

MARCH 2006

- Thurs. **02** Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.
- Fri. **03** Elementary Speech Meet
- Sat. **04** ALL SCHOOL WORK DAY 8:00 A.M.
- Wed. **08** PFA Annual Family Concert 7 P.M.
Young Continentals.
8th Grade US Study Tour Returns
- Thurs. **09** Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.
- Fri. **10** International Day
- Sat. **11** SAT Prep Course Begins 8:30 A.M.
- Mon **13** Staff Retreat Day
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE
- 14-17** Spiritual Emphasis Week
- Thurs. **16** Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.
PFA Room Parents 1 P.M.
- 21-23** 4th Grade Sacramento Trip
- 22-24** 7th Grade San Diego Trip
- Thurs. **23** Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.
- 27-30** 6th Grade Outdoor Ed Week
- Thurs. **30** Prayer Intercessors 8:30 A.M.

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PFA ANNUAL FAMILY CONCERT

featuring
THE YOUNG CONTINENTALS
Wednesday March 8th, 7:00 P.M.
Hillcrest Auditorium

The Young Continentals are an empowered, enthusiastic, evangelical group of young people communicating the Truth of Jesus Christ as the only absolute in an ever-changing world!

Invite your school and church friends, neighbors, and loved ones, especially your teenagers to this dynamic concert. The concert is FREE! Get your VIP tickets at the front office today!

HOST A PAIR OF SINGERS

What is involved?...one night lodging (Wed-March 8th), an evening snack, a warm shower and a place to sleep, breakfast in the morning, and a sack lunch. They may also need to use your laundry facilities. They will then be dropped off at Hillcrest with your own kids on Thursday morning. For more information, contact PFA@hillcrestcs.org. You will earn 10 volunteer hours for hosting a pair of singers.

LET'S SHOW THESE KIDS OUR AWESOME HILLCREST LOVE!



Andrew Gutierrez, Assistant Secondary Principal

The Importance of the Church

Amid the wave of seemingly endless registration materials you may have noticed a new yellow form. While all of the forms in your packet are essential, the church reference form is proof of a family's commitment to a specific local church. Please do not think of this as just another step in the registration process. This form indicates that your child's school has a high regard for the local church.

Replacing the local church is not the goal of Hillcrest Christian School. This school "exists to serve the Christian community by providing high quality Christian education and training for the development of well-rounded students who will impact this world for the Lord Jesus Christ through Biblical thought and action." Any reader of Scripture understands that the local church exists to teach, exhort, and shepherd believers throughout their lives. The church is not a place to attend sporadically, and it is not a place to be receiving the benefits that come from the spiritual gifts of others while

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SHORT SUBJECTS

Only TWO Monthly Work Days Left!

Because the May 6th workday coincides with the Conejo Valley Days Parade, it has been cancelled. Plan to take advantage of the March 4th and April 1st workdays to complete the twenty hours of required parent volunteer service for the year. As always, workdays are from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Remember that all hours must be completed and logged by May 31st in order to avoid the \$20.00 per hour charge for unserved hours.

HCS Seniors Host a "GARAGE SALE"

The senior class is planning a garage sale in the front parking lot of the school, Saturday, April 29. They will be selling parking spaces to parents on a first come, first serve basis, so now is the time to start your spring cleaning! Your discards could be someone else's treasures. Watch future newsletters for more information on this event.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD STUDENTS

HCS has openings for new families who love the Lord and want a high quality Christian education for their children. Help us RECRUIT and reduce your own tuition for 06-07.

PLAN AHEAD

**MONDAY, MARCH 13 STAFF RETREAT DAY
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE**



Preschool Point of View

Open House

Open House was a big success! There were so many visitors and families here having a great time exploring all the classrooms. Here is a recap of the preschool/pre-k classrooms in case you didn't get to them all.

Mrs. Kemp's classroom featured wonderful puppets and marionettes of God's creatures and Biblical characters. The students were studying the difference between puppets and marionettes.

Miss Friedman's room illustrated "Things God Made that Creep" representing their unit on spiders and many of the different insects that God has created.

In Mrs. Jackson's room the display reflected their unit on volcanoes and the truth that God did make the dinosaurs.

Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Baltau's preschool classrooms featured six stories of the Bible as told by the characters of the Veggie Tales crew.

Please plan on visiting the preschool rooms next year if you missed out this year.

New Preschool Addition

As you may have noticed, I have a new "helper" in my office. Emmersen, my 2 month old daughter, will be with me until the end of the year, or until we can secure a new preschool director. Please pray for guidance and provision for this position.

International Day

Get your preschooler ready to try some new and tantalizing foods from all over the world. Friday, March 10th we will be having lunch with the big kids. Each class, preschool through 6th grade, will be choosing a nation to represent by bringing in a traditional food for all to try. We highly encourage the children to try new foods, so there will be no hot lunch provided. You may still pack your child a lunch if you wish. Please watch your class newsletter to see what country/nation your class will be representing.

A Day to Wear Green

St. Patrick's Day will be a day to really know the color green, read *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss, and find out what St. Patrick did to deserve a holiday named after him. On Friday, March 17th be sure to dress in your greenest green and eat green foods. (We will celebrate on Thursday, March 16, for those children that are not here on Friday.)

Which Teacher Will My Child Have?

Now that registration for next year is underway, parents sometimes try to request a teacher for the new term. It is our policy not to accept requests for teachers. On a practical level, it is not feasible to allow ALL parents to choose, so it is not fair to allow SOME parents to choose.



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Trish Berg, Preschool Director

The following criteria are taken into consideration when placing your child in the appropriate class:

1. The academic balance of the classroom
2. The personalities of the teachers and students
3. Special needs of individual students
4. The ratio of boys to girls

Most importantly, our teachers pray over each child and ask the Lord to give them wisdom to place each child into a classroom where he or she will be able to grow to his full potential.

We ask that you trust the expertise of the administration and teaching staff and join us in our prayer for wisdom. If you do have any questions or concerns, please come to your current teacher now to discuss them. ■

Cathe Jackson, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Are You Really Listening?

Like most of the parents and teachers here at Hillcrest Christian, I wear many different hats throughout the day. I am a wife, mother, and a full time teacher. I love all my hats because God helps me wear each one. I know He will never give me anything that I can't handle. However, I think you can probably relate with me when I say that most of the time I am really busy! When I am really busy, I don't really pay attention to everything that is going on around me, often missing some very important things including things that my children are trying to tell me.

Just like the good Lord, children try to tell us things in many different ways, and because we are too busy, we may be missing some of their most urgent messages. A child could be reaching out to us for advice, attention, or an opportunity for us listen to him. Some children do not know how to express what is on their mind in an effective manner. They may misbehave or may just try to be invisible. It is our job to stop "being busy", pay attention, and to try to understand what it is they need.

Raising a child can be a very challenging hat to wear. We want to raise our children to be Christ-like and to do that, we have to model Christ-like behavior, even in the midst of our busy lives.

Jesus is never too busy to be a very good listener. He doesn't argue, debate, lecture, or give up on us if we make a mistake. He is setting an example for all of us. If we are to follow Christ's role model and be examples to our children, then we must start by taking the time to listen, showing them the way to be like Jesus, too.

John 12:36, "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them."

Hillcrest Christian School Employment Opportunities

FULL TIME POSITIONS

Hillcrest is seeking highly qualified Christian candidates to fill two very important full-time positions. If you or someone you know is looking for fulltime employment and is skilled in one of the following areas, please contact Steve Allen, ex. 210, for the business manager and Trish Berg, ex. 258, for the preschool director.

Business Manager: must be experienced in the areas of finance, HR, management, and project coordination and be able to work closely with the Head of School.

Preschool Director: must have 12 ECE units, 3 administrative units, preschool experience, and excellent people skills.

PART TIME POSITION

Daycare Supervisor Needed

Weekday Hours: 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Melissa Smith has resigned her position as after-school childcare supervisor to accept a job closer to home. We are looking for a qualified replacement who can start work immediately. Responsibilities include planning, organizing, and managing the childcare program, as well as monthly billing. We are looking for a strong Christian who enjoys working with children, and has good organizational skills. Please contact Ron Matthews at ex. 227, if you or someone you know is interested.

VOLUNTEER POSITION

The HCS Café is looking for parent volunteers who would like to use the café as a place to earn volunteer hours. Contact Mrs. Price at the Café if you are interested, Ext 206.



Ron Matthews, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY SPEECH MEET

Tomorrow, Friday, March 3, elementary students will demonstrate their public speaking abilities by delivering a memorized poem, fable, folklore, or Bible passage in the school auditorium. Four pupils from each class in each grade level will represent Hillcrest Christian School in one of these categories. Every participant will be awarded a ribbon. One winner in each category per grade will then advance to participate in the ACSI Elementary Speech Meet, Friday, May 12, at Grace Brethren School in Simi Valley. Mrs. Brown, the librarian, is the coordinator for this event.



FACES OF OPEN HOUSE 2006: Photos courtesy of Elementary Principal, Ron Matthews

Ron Matthews, Elementary Principal

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Elementary students will be celebrating International Day on Friday, March 10. In an effort to reduce cost and avoid interrupting classroom academics, this year's program has been scaled down. Outside entertainment has been cancelled; therefore, any monies collected for this event will be refunded. Mrs. Essick's after-school music group, comprised of first through third graders will sing in chapel and also at lunchtime. Everyone is encouraged to dress representing a favorite country chosen by their class. Food from countries around the world will be available, and parents are encouraged to bring their favorite dish. Festivities will take place during the normal lunch schedule.

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Importance of the Church

holding back our own. I should know. For too long, church was a place for me to go, sit, listen, and leave. Read Acts. Read the letters to Timothy. I was in error. I hope you are not.

A recent book by Joshua Harris called *Stop Dating the Church* wonderfully addresses the purpose of the local church, our responsibility to it, and the ten marks of a healthy church. I highly recommend this book to you if you are a "church dater". Thank you for the privilege of helping you and your church train Godly young men and women. The staff at Hillcrest shows up every day ready to partner, not replace, Godly parents and churches.

"And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25) ■

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! VOLUNTEER NOW!!

Saturday, March 4, School Work Day. Event Coordinator: Mr. Allen, sallen@hillcrestcs.org

Wednesday, March 8, PFA Annual Family Concert. Event Coordinator: Ben Hernandez, pfa@hillcrestcs.org

Friday, March 10, International Day. Event Coordinator Señora Mandeville, nmandeville@hillcrestcs.org

Saturday, April 1, School, Work Day. Event Coordinator: Mr. Allen, sallen@hillcrestcs.org

Friday, May 5, Conejo Valley Days Parade Float Decoration. Event Coordinators:
K-6, Ben Hernandez, pfa@hillcrestcs.org
7-12, Debbie Macpherson, dmacpherson@hillcrestcs.org