

THIS WEEK

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APRIL 09, 2009

CALENDAR ITEMS APRIL 2009

06-09 Spiritual Emphasis Week
Daily Chapel times:
Elementary 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.
Secondary 8:10 – 10:20 A.M.
Secondary Dismissal 3:20 P.M.

Thurs. **09** CA Kids Written Test 4th Grade

10-19 Easter Break
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

20-25 Senior Trip

20-25 SAT 10 Testing

Tue. **21** CA Kids Game Show Contest

Fri. **24** Middle School Party 6:30-9:00 P.M.

28-30 4th Grade Sacramento Trip

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Tues. **05** Teacher Appreciation Day

Tue. **05** Booster Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.

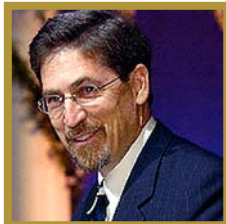
Thurs. **07** PFA Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Sat. **09** Junior Senior Prom 6:30-11:30 P.M.

Fri. **15** HCS Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00 P.M.

21-30 Italy Trip

ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



by Stephen Allen, Head of School

"I Get It Now"

Wow! What a busy few days. We ended last week with a very busy schedule. On Thursday evening, our students (grades 4-6) presented a wonderful music program to families and friends. Thank you to Mrs. Essick for her leadership and work preparing for this musical. We thank our students in grades four, five, and six for presenting the incredible message of God's love. One of the songs in the program was "I Get It Now". Speaking of getting it, consider what happened Friday and Saturday – and why.

On Friday, students could participate in a Dress for Africa Day giving them a free dress day if they donated to the mission project in Uganda. On Saturday, we had a garage sale, bake sale, and car wash (during a volunteer work day!). What was the purpose of these events? Our main focus was to raise funds for the small (but mighty) mission team going to Uganda (June/July) to support God Cares School (where previous sixth grade teacher, Mr. Yui is serving). Besides showing the love of Jesus everywhere they go, the specific goal of the trip is to assemble desks for the elementary school students in Uganda. The special dress day raised around \$800, the Saturday car wash raised approximately \$400, and the combined garage sale/bake sale provided about \$3,300 (\$4,500 total). All of the funds go to the making of desks for the Uganda students – not for trip expenses for the participants. Our team will be able to supply the materials and attempt to assemble enough desks for over fifty elementary school students.

We thank each person who donated items, baked goods, and worked the garage sale. Thanks, too, to the moms who helped organize the items on Friday. We are thankful for all of the students (plus Coach Dominguez and Mr. Meyers) who helped with the car wash. Thank you to all who brought their cars, and to Mrs. Dimas and Mrs. McDonough who organized the garage/bake sale. We also thank our Holy Spirit who prompts us to action to help provide for students so far away. It helps us to keep things in perspective when we consider that students elsewhere do not have basic needs such as textbooks and desks.

What motivates us to serve in this way? "And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed." (I Peter 2:24) I appreciate the words of Oswald Chambers (from My Utmost for His Highest, April 6th devotional) "the Cross is the central event in time and eternity, and the answer to all the problems of both.... The Cross is God exhibiting His nature ... But it

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

SHORT SUBJECTS

Support Your School

Passive fund-raising is a cost-free way for you to contribute to Hillcrest. See Sharron Geller in the Finance Office to buy your scrip and of course, log your Oak's Mall receipts for HCS to earn points toward cash prizes.



Report Cards Available Today

The third quarter ended last Friday, and report cards will be available on Renweb today, Thursday, after school. Please be aware that we will not be sending report cards home; however, you may print one directly from Renweb.

Quiznos Comes to Hillcrest!

For the next several weeks, the Hillcrest Café will be selling Quiznos on campus. Students will be able to choose from a variety of subs, soups, and salads. Orders will be placed in homeroom just as with all other lunch items. Teachers have received an updated menu with all available items. This is a trial run, and sales will determine if we continue to offer Quiznos ongoing, so order and enjoy!!



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by Coach Jeff Hawkins

Middle School Girl's Soccer

The girls jumped on the Pleasant Valley Christian (PVC) girls early with two goals from MacKenna Kelleher and Brittany Wilderom giving us a lead of 2-0 at halftime. PVC bounced back with two goals of their own late in the second half leaving the game tied at the end of regulation 2-2. In the overtime shoot-out, all five of our girls, Brittany Wilderom, MacKenna Kelleher, Naomi Hudgins, Katie Hill, and Emily Reynolds hit their goals with PVC hitting only four of five. HCS won! We also saw outstanding play from Rachel Becker and Brie Hawkins. It was a tremendous team effort.

SAT Testing

HCS parents, please note that beginning on Tuesday, April 21, all Hillcrest students in K – 11 will be taking the Stanford 10 standard achievement test. Testing will continue through Thursday, April 30. Check with your child's teacher for the testing schedule as it will vary from class to class. It is very important that you make every attempt to ensure that your children arrive to school on time each day, well-nourished and well-rested. This will give them the best opportunity for success. Students who arrive during testing will not be admitted to their classes until the testing session is completed. Please do not schedule doctor, dentist, or orthodontist appointments during testing times. Make-up tests will only be arranged for students who miss testing due to illness



By Diane Mooshoolzadeh

Senior Spotlight: Kasey Lubin

Kasey Lubin has been attending Hillcrest for the past six years. She lives with her parents Barry and Debbie, her brothers Stephen and Michael, both Hillcrest alumni, and Charlie, her chihuahua. She has been very active in school, participating in volleyball, basketball, yearbook, and worship team. In her junior year, she was the National Honor Society's vice president and is now president. She is also currently the secretary for ASB. Besides all these accomplishments, she was also voted "best hair" in 11th and 12th grade and "most artistic" three years in a row by her peers. It is no surprise that Kasey wants to major in film or art history in college, as she is known for being extremely creative. Kasey is still deciding which college she wants to attend, but she has been accepted to several universities such as NYU, UCSB, and SPU, and is still waiting to hear from USC. She is excited for the college chapter in her life, and she is most looking forward to being on her own and meeting new people. Throughout her years at Hillcrest, she will most remember the trip to China her junior year. Her favorite Bible passage is I Corinthians 13, also known as the "love chapter". Kasey has been a wonderful blessing to Hillcrest, and we all know that she has a bright future ahead of her.



by Coach Vicki Woodard

Saints Volleyball Rolls On To Another Successful Week

The Saints Boys Volleyball team continues to roll through the Westside League, surprising most teams with their strength. Last week was a busy, three game week for the Saints.

Monday, the Saints traveled to play a formidable Westside league opponent Glendale Adventist. After four hard fought sets, our Saints prevailed 25-20, 25-23, 12-25 and 25-23. Erik Jansen led the Saints with 38 kills and five stuff blocks. Gio Hernandez and Jason Suh contributed to the win, Gio with 32 set assists and three ace serves, and Jason with four ace serves.

On Tuesday, the Saints traveled to meet former opponent AGBU and again came out as the victor in 4 sets 25-22, 21-25, 25-18 and 26-16. Forty-seven KILLS by Erik Jansen was the catalyst that sparked the Saints to victory. Gio Hernandez added 42, assists and Brandon Armstrong added one kill and two ace serves.

After five straight road games, the Saints finally got to enjoy playing at home on Friday. Cornerstone Christian came to town and felt the strength of the Saints powerful offense. The Saints' overpowered Cornerstone in three straight sets, 25-14, 25-16 and 25-13. Standouts for the Saints included Erik Jansen with 22 kills, Gio Hernandez with 19 assists, Jason Suh with three kills and five ace serves. and Matt Woodard with three ace serves.

Congratulations Saints for racking up an overall 10-3 record (6-3 league). We are soooo proud of you. Keep going strong!!!!

P.F.A. NEWS

PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

HILLCREST IN 3RD PLACE AMONG SCHOOLS IN SCHOOL CENTS PROGRAM

Hillcrest is currently in third place out of 30 schools in the Oaks Mall School Cents program. The program ends on April 30, 2009, so get those mall receipts and movie ticket stubs in to the front office!

TEACHER/STAFF GIFT FUND

Due to a shortage of participation, PFA will not continue its Teacher/Staff Gift Fund program next year in which all employees of Hillcrest received Scrip gift cards on their birthday, Christmas, and at the end of the year. Thank you to all who participated. We were happy to be able to bless ALL our staff for the past two years! PFA is currently considering other options to make sure all of our Hillcrest family is appreciated.

PARENTING TEENS

On Thursday, April 2, PFA met in the conference room and among other business heard a report on two books about parenting teens. According to Eric and Leslie Ludy in their book *Teaching True Love to a Sex-at-13 Generation*, teens need to see successful marriages to believe that waiting until marriage for sexual intimacy is worth it. In *For Parents Only: Getting Inside the Head of Your Kid*, researchers Shaunti Feldhahn and Lisa A. Rice present six myths about teens that most parents believe. Their extensive surveys of teenagers reveal the true thoughts and desires of teens, many of which will surprise you.

OPEN HOUSE

Mrs. Freeman could use some help organizing artwork and cutting out class titles for Open House. Please stop by and see her if you still need volunteer hours and would like to lend a hand.

Calling all Class Project Parents and Room Parents, if you were unable to make this past Monday's meeting, please contact Meighan Kelleher at marymeig@aol.com and let her know what project your class will be making for Open House.



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"I Get It Now" cont.

is not a gate we pass right through; it is one where we abide in the life that is found there." If God can serve us by sending His Son to die on the cross for us, then shouldn't we be motivated to give of our time and resources for the good of students in Uganda or whoever is our neighbor? When we look at what Jesus did for us, does our life say, "I get it now" ?

Our musical had another song called "School's Out". We each need to understand that at some point school is out, and it can be too late to participate in a mission opportunity. It can be too late to come to Jesus if He returns first or our life comes to an end. If we don't seize the opportunity, our children grow up without seeing a mom and/or dad who truly loves Jesus, each other, and His church. Make your Easter a time to begin anew in the things that really matter – to Him. Have a great Easter break.

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (II Corinthians 5:21) ■

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: CHRIST AT WORK

Hillcrest Christian is launching a new Bible study group targeting business leaders. On May 1st Steve Allen and John Spach are offering an orientation to workplace based Bible study that utilizes the resources of an international organization called Christ@Work. Many Christian leaders like Dr. Billy Graham and Henry Blackaby believe that today's workplace represents the largest mission field on the planet. The goal of Christ@Work is to help Christians go to the workplace each day and see work as ministry and part of worship to God. They believe they can change the world, through Christ, one company leader at a time.

Our goal is to bring together in a small group setting the Christian men at Hillcrest that are in a business leadership role to equip and encourage them in their businesses. The group offers much needed fellowship, wise business counsel, biblical accountability, prayer, support, and encouragement. We know that everyone is extremely busy, but we encourage the men at Hillcrest to be thoughtful and prayerful about participating in something that will change both their personal and business lives.

The first meeting will be at Hillcrest Christian on May 1st at 7:00 A.M. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Please feel free to contact either Steve Allen at 805.497.7501 or John Spach at 818.878.0400 directly if you have any questions.

By Donna Essick, music teacher

Life School Musical

The 4th-6th grade students performed "Life School Musical" on April 2, to a packed auditorium. Miss Knowsalot, played by Katie Knapp, taught her life science class the keys to life: faith, hope, and love. The success of the musical occurred as a result of total team work. Sixth graders, Jonathan, Austin, and Evan operated the sound system. The stage crew moved the set into place. The choreographers studied the moves and then taught and led the choir in their motions. Stephanie and Alexa created solo dances. The actors memorized lines and sacrificed snack times to rehearse. Mrs. Ross helped get the wardrobe together. Noah looked cool in his blonde Hannah Montana wig. The Honor Choir added some harmony and counter-parts to the singing. The rhythm instruments enhanced the "Bugs" song, which seemed to be a favorite, and the choir sang with all their hearts. Team work! Congratulations on a great performance!



By Lexi George

Senior Spotlight: Chloe Cho- Johnson

Chloe Cho- Johnson is a senior this year at Hillcrest Christian. She lives with her mom Mi Sun, her dad Brian, her sister Whitney, and her two dogs, Shadde and Mowgli. Chloe has attended Hillcrest Christian for all four years of high school. Her favorite memories are senior retreat and senior trip. As a HCS student, Chloe has consistently made the B Honor Roll. After graduation, Chloe plans to attend Moorpark College. From Moorpark she plans on transferring to a four year university. Chloe is looking forward to choosing her own classes and fully experiencing a college education.

