

THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN ...



APRIL 23, 2009

CALENDAR ITEMS APRIL 2009

20-25 Senior Trip

20-30 SAT 10 Testing

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

28-30 4th Grade Sacramento Trip

MAY 2009

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.
OPEN HOUSE 6-8 P.M.
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

21-31 Italy Trip

Mon. **25** Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

Fri. **29** God's Promise Day
Manna Dress Day

JUNE 2009

Tues. **02** Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

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By Les Enloe, Secondary Chapel coordinator

An Awesome Week!

Who am I? Who are we in Christ? These are important questions for all of us, no matter where we are in our walk with the Lord. "Behold, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation – the old has gone, the new has come." (2 Cor. 5:17) On the heels of

Palm Sunday, we entered into a unique Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Day One: Celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we started with worship – but something wasn't quite like usual – where were the chairs? Standing on the open floor, we worshipped and then sat, right there on the floor. Odd at first, it quickly led into a very open time of sharing. It was more family-style. I was blessed to open things up by speaking not only about Jesus, the holy week, and what that week meant, but what it means to be part of Jesus' family, His followers. We interacted with an exercise that would continue the whole week. Students were forced to examine their own lives, writing it out on paper –

Who are the people they invest themselves in?

What are the activities and things they spend time on?

Where do they invest their lives?

This "Lifescape" gave them an opportunity to take a close look at who they are. Followed by more worship, a time of small group prayer, and writing a letter to God about "Who am I?" The first day of Spiritual Emphasis Week closed, and the students seemed – despite that it wasn't what they expected – to get a great deal out of it.

Day Two: Anne Barbour led not only the worship team, but she facilitated the discussions as well. Anne originated this series of exercises and the overall concept for the week's direction, and she shared openly from her own experiences and her heart about the important things in her life. She shared her Lifescape, but then she invited the students to a 'Life of Dependence' – dependence on God. For some students, this was the first time they had ever thought about how very important the connection to God is. The day's session ended with prayer, but not before the students wrote a second letter to God answering the question "What does freedom mean?"

Day Three: Worship led to a discussion directed by Ben Waggoner that challenged the students to examine not only the life they are leading, but the idea of surrendering their lives to God. What does that mean? What are things that would be included in our lives? What do we have in our lives that maybe should be excluded? In the life of Christ, it is important to realize that there is a price. Luke 14:28 says we must "count the cost" of being

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

2 Timothy 3:17

SHORT SUBJECTS

Golden Spoon Fundraiser

On April 30, and May 1, Hillcrest will be sponsoring a fundraiser at Golden Spoon to raise funds for the secondary cheer squad. The cheer squad will get 20% of all purchases on those two days. Participating locations include Thousand Oaks (2), Newbury Park, Simi Valley, and Agoura Hills. Watch for the coupon in next week's newsletter.

SAT Testing Now in Progress

Please keep in mind that standardized testing will continue this week and next in many elementary classes. Please be sure your children arrive on time well-nourished and well-rested. Make-up tests will only be administered for those who are absent due to illness.

By Kathy Matsuo R.N. and school nurse

CPR for HCS High School Students

For all of you who are considering a summer job, I will be offering a C.P.R. certification course on May 7th and 8th from 2:30-4:30. Many employers like to see "C.P.R. certified" on an application. You may sign-up in the front office with Gail. I am limiting the class size to twelve students, so sign-up early! This will be a fun and relaxed course.

2009-2010 PFA Board Openings

Do you have a heart for Hillcrest and want to get involved? We have a few openings on our 2009-2010 PFA Board and would love to have your help. Please contact Meighan Kelleher at marymeig@aol.com or pick up an application form outside the volunteer office.

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a disciple. Finishing with worship and prayer, the students wrote another letter – "What will surrender cost?" Again, we closed in small group prayer.

Day Four: After taking a look at the cost Christ paid for our salvation, the cross, and Easter, Anne brought the week's discussion to its main point: The Great Exchange. As we hand over our anxieties and worries to Christ, He gives us what Philippians 4:6,7 describes as "the peace that passes understanding." In their final letters, the students realistically looked at how this exchange – if it is honest – will affect their lives. If we are honest, it should have a profound effect.

The week was a tremendous success in that students shared openly and honestly in a forum built on a foundation of God's word, trust and love. Ben was great, and Anne was incredible. What an amazing God we serve! ■

Elementary Spiritual Emphasis Week – Heart of Worship

The week before Easter break, elementary students attended daily chapel to focus on God and prepare for Easter. Each day began with a time of worship led by Anne Barbour. The theme for our time together was "Heart of Worship".

Throughout the week, we heard from Cathe Jackson, Julie Dimas, Penny Hawkins and Anne Barbour on different aspects of worship. We learned that worship is giving our best to God and that we do it in response to His love. We worship individually and uniquely in the same way that we were created. We finished with an understanding that worship is more than singing and praising God. We worship Him when our actions, attitudes, and words bring Him glory. What a blessing it is to see our elementary students grow in their understanding of how to worship our Lord.

PFA NEWS

HCS In 3rd Place in School Cents Program

The program ends on April 30, 2009, so get those mall receipts and movie ticket stubs in to the front office!

OPEN HOUSE

Mrs. Freeman needs help organizing artwork and cutting out class titles for Open House. Please stop by and see her if you can lend a hand.

Class Project Parents and Room Parents: if you were unable to make the Open House meeting before break, please contact Meighan at marymeig@aol.com and let her know what your class will be making for Open House.

BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club will be hosting this fall's movie night and are looking for a few fun parents to help organize this event. Any classes/clubs/organizations/teams wishing to participate and host a booth should contact Brande Voss at bravoss@aol.com.



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