

THIS WEEK

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MAY 03, 2007

CALENDAR ITEMS

MAY 2007

- Thurs. **03** National Day of Prayer
- Fri. **04** Parent/Child Spring Socials
Mother/Daughter PJ Tea
Father/Son Bowling Night
- Sat. **05** Work Day 8 A.M. - Noon
- Sat. **12** HCS ALL-SCHOOL CARNIVAL
- Thurs. **17** European Study Tour Leaves
- Fri. **18** Middle School Candy-Land Party
7 P.M. - 9 P.M.
- Tues. **22** Partnering With Parents 2 P.M.
- Mon. **28** Memorial Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

JUNE 2007

- Thurs. **07** Secondary Awards Chapel
Grad Night at Disneyland
- Sat. **09** Senior Graduation
- 11-14** Secondary Review and Finals
- Tues. **12** Kindergarten Graduation
Last day of school for K
- Wed. **13** Sixth Grade Graduation
Last day of school for 6th

ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



by Kathy Horan, Principal

Are We Too Late?

During the ACSI convention last November, I attended a workshop on developing a purity education program in the middle school. While many parents recognize the need for such a program at the middle school level, my experience this year as

K-12 principal has led me to conclude that purity education should begin before then. Before you get anxious, I want to be very clear; the subject is NOT sex education but purity education.

Traditionally, we begin to talk to our children about purity issues when we talk to them about sex education during the preteen and teen years; however, recent research has suggested that children form their world

views by age ten while they are in fourth and fifth grades raising the question, "Are we too late?" Ask parents of teens how they handle

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dating, and most will probably say that they dealt with it the first time it became an issue for their child or one of their child's friends. Perhaps, that is too late as well especially as teens often have a mind of their own, and think that their parents just do not understand.

Alternatively, your younger children think that you are not only very smart, but they are also more inclined to want to follow your instructions. The lower elementary years is the perfect time to begin training your children in the way that they should go, but it is never too late for anyone to begin to address these issues that will have a lasting effect on our youth.

While the main issue to consider is purity in male-female relationships, other topics to consider include modesty, media (TV, music, movies, books, magazines, computer/video games) and technology, internet safety, and peer pressures. Believing that a lifestyle of purity is desirable AND that it will not develop by chance, I would like to develop a program that partners with parents to teach purity to our Hillcrest students.

Part one of the plan involves covering this endeavor in prayer. Part two involves parent education as parents need to recognize and take advantage of those teachable moments that regularly occur. Sometimes the most effective instruction takes place in normal conversations on the way home from school or over the after school 7-11 slurpee stop.

These parent sessions will also help us determine how to address the

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

SHORT SUBJECTS

WANTED: A Home For Ben

Ben Hwang is a current HCS student in the 8th grade at Hillcrest. He will be going back to Korea for the summer and then plans to return to Hillcrest for the first semester of the 2007/08 school year. His family in Korea would love him to have the experience of living with an American Hillcrest family for the semester, as opposed to living with a Korean chaperone as he is doing now. There will be monthly compensation to cover food and expenses. If you are interested in more detailed information, please contact LuAnn Malcolm, ext. 204.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 7 - 11

The PFA is sponsoring a luncheon on May 10, to honor our teachers during their three lunch periods. We need your help with set-up, clean-up, and food donations. Contact Janice George at (805) 523-8307 or byrdiebean@aol.com if you would like to participate.

Candy-Land Dance

All middle school students are invited to attend this fun event planned for Friday, May 18, by the middle school leadership team. The time is 7 P.M. - 9 P.M. in the HCS Auditorium. Dress in colorful attire. Candy, desserts, and ice cream sundaes will be served. Be ready to play games and dance! Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door. Purchase your tickets in room P-6.

by DonnaRae Caccavo, Event Chairperson

1st Annual Home Tour Supports HCS Financial Aid Program

Last Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day for our first ever HCS Home & Garden Tour. If you were not able to attend, it was a lovely event. Four beautiful homes were toured by many people, everyone had a great time, and we raised approximately \$3000 for the HCS financial aid program.

We owe a very special thank you to HCS parents Joel and Susanne Bogeberg who put in many hours taking photos and designing the poster which really set the tone for the event.

We also want to thank Linda Clelland for spending countless hours working on the brochure. Linda was always encouraging even when there were technical difficulties and she was loads of fun to work with. She tirelessly offered her services to print, collate, fold, and staple over 200 brochures.

I must express our appreciation to Keller-Williams real estate agent Barbara Radke who donated to the event and provided the signs, to Janice George who did a great job selling tickets, as well as to Joan Davis (lead teacher seller) and all of the other staff and faculty who sold tickets. The success of this event couldn't have been done without these "behind the scenes" workers!

Of course, we couldn't have had this event without the willingness of the homeowners who generously opened up their homes. A HUGE thank you to HCS parents Tim and Suzanne Ahern and Steve and Linda Eichberg, the Eichberg's friend and neighbor - Roshe and Sam Barooni, and former HCS parents, Dennis and Sophia Rhode.

In addition, we thank all of the docents who also willingly worked at greeting guests at each home: Lorinne Aliano, Debbie Jacobus, Brenda Liebowitz, Crystal Wang, Michelle Ruffing, Sharon Geller and Luann Malcolm.

My co-chair, Brande Voss was key to our success getting sponsors for our brochure and donating water and ice for the guests that day. Her ongoing enthusiasm for this project from the beginning was invaluable.

Without all of these people's help, this event wouldn't have happened. Finally, thank you, to everyone who came and supported this event. I hope you all had an "Entertaining Afternoon" and you'll come back again! Our HCS financial aid program assists those who otherwise could not attend HCS. Donations for the financial aid program are welcome.

HCS wants to extend a very special thank you to our Home & Garden Tour chairperson – DonnaRae Caccavo. who initiated this new school event and shepherded it from inception through this past weekend's successful tour. Thank You, DonnaRae for a job well done!!



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Derek Barksdale Runs to First Place

Senior Derek Barksdale took first place in the 400 meter race at the Harbor League meet at West LA College last Thursday. Derek's time of 54.3 seconds was 2.2 seconds better than the second place finisher. In the girls' 400 meter race, sophomore Jenny Philen finished in third place out of twelve runners. Derek and Jenny will join sophomore Tori Anderholt in the Harbor League track finals on Thursday, May 3, at West LA College.

by Kathy Horan, Principal

What Is Your Child Bringing to School?

Parents, we need your help and cooperation. Recently, we have noticed that students have been bringing magazines, electronic devices, and toys (other than for classroom share) to school. Some of these are items that some families approve for their children but others do not. Because we do not want to undermine the decisions that each family has made, we are reiterating our policy and asking you to keep the magazines, toys, etc at home. If a family has chosen to refrain from playing a video game or from watching a television program or movie, we do not want their child to be exposed to it at school.

This policy benefits each family as it supports the standards that have been set as well as the teachers and yard duty staff as it eliminates the potential for arguments and classroom distractions. Thank you for your understanding and support for our policy.

Last Campus Workday, May 5, 2007

This Saturday is our last volunteer workday for the school year. We need your help with a variety of tasks to improve our campus. Come prepared to clean, do yard work, etc. We especially need people who can bring ladders, saws, and other equipment for tree trimming. Lunch will be provided at noon. The fun begins at 8 A.M.!

New Trophy Case – A Tribute to Arnie Liebowitz

By now you may have noticed the new trophy case in the hallway. Due to volunteerism and donations, this beautiful trophy case only cost our school a few hundred dollars. Glasswork such as this trophy case was a love of HCS parent Arnie Liebowitz, who passed away last August. A plaque recognizing Arnie is in the trophy case as several of the individuals who donated time and talent and the vendors who greatly discounted or donated materials did so out of great respect for Arnie. Arnie was a humble and very generous man who was a regular attendee and a devoted fix-it man at the monthly volunteer workdays. Many thanks go to Willett Tuitele for demolition work, Bruce MacPherson for doing much of the wood work, Tom Garrett of Total Tile Works of Calabasas for acquiring the granite, Duffy's Glass of Van Nuys for installing the glass, Chrome Glass of Van Nuys for supplying the glass, and to Brenda Liebowitz for scheduling and planning the work. Go check it out!



by Andrew Gutierrez, Athletic Director/Vice Principal
Saints Fighting for League Championship

Hillcrest Christian's boys' volleyball team swept another two teams last week in Westside League play. On Thursday, HCS defeated league rivals AGBU 3-0 in 45 minutes. Pilibos High School from Hollywood traveled to Newbury Park on Friday. Scott Menger led the way for HCS with 14 kills. Freshman opposite Brandon Armstrong earned the first kill of his varsity career with an attack at the end of game three. The team in gold defeated Pilibos by final scores of 25-11, 25-19, 25-14. HCS closes out the season with three home matches in a row. Thursday's match vs. Glendale Adventist will be the battle for the league championship. West Valley Christian will head to Newbury Park for a season-ending match against the Saints on Friday. Both matches will begin at 4:30. Next week marks the first round of the CIF playoffs. Please check the sports page of the HCS website for first round match times and ticket information.

Good Start for Middle School Boys

Coach Erik Hernandez and the HCS middle school soccer team defeated Cornerstone Christian last Friday by a score of 2-1. At halftime, both teams had each scored one goal. Matthew Holloway tallied the first goal of the season for HCS. Halfway through the second half, Brian Kim scored the game-winning goal to give HCS its first win of the season.

Penalty Kick Woes

Jessika Unterberger scored in the second half off a beautiful pass from Alex Kenney, but two penalty kick goals hurt Hillcrest in the loss. Goalkeeper Emily Reynolds made several nice saves. Next match is Friday 5/4 vs. Ventura Missionary @ Ventura College.



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issues facing our Hillcrest students. Then, we will be able to effectively integrate purity education into our Bible curriculum.

This program is more than just sex education; it is about encouraging our children to embrace God's desire for us to be pure in mind, body, and soul. It begins for our children with the words that they speak, the things that they see and do, and the friends that they have. The opportunity to raise up a generation of young people who are willing to be different and to empower parents to make that happen is exciting! If you are interested in being a part of this, or if you would like more information, please email me at khoran@hillcrestcs.org. ■



Mark Your Calendar - Invite Family and Friends

The Carnival is Almost Here!!

Great Food, Games, Booths, Prizes, and Fun!!
Saturday, May 12, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Patriotic Theme - Red, White, and Blue

Presale tickets are now available from Debbie MacPherson at a discounted rate and are required for all games and booths. Tickets will also be sold the day of the event.

We need many volunteers to make this event a success including people to help with setting up and taking down, selling tickets, manning booths, making confetti eggs, and more. Check with the room moms from your child's class to volunteer.

What a great opportunity to share Hillcrest with our community!

Come and bring your family and friends!
Saturday, May 12
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

PHOTOGRAPHY FUND RAISER

Family Portrait Fundraiser Extended to May 15

It's not too late to take advantage of a great opportunity to have your family portrait taken with Photography by Joel. The deadline has been extended to allow more families to participate. Check out the website at www.photographybyjoel.com and call 818 706-3778 to schedule a portrait sitting at the reduced rate of \$50.00.

All HCS mothers and daughters
are cordially invited to :

"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" PJ and Tea with Mommy & Me

Friday May 4, 2007
7:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Location: Hillcrest

Attire: PJ's Bring your favorite cozy:
blanket, stuffed animal, or doll



All HCS fathers and sons
will want to join the fun:

"Guys Night Out" at AMF Bowling

Friday May 4, 2007
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Location: Woodlake Lane
in Woodland Hills

Attire: white T-shirts & jeans



Get Ready for PROM at Hillcrest



An Evening in the Garden

June 1, 2007

Moorpark CA

Tickets on sale soon