

THIS WEEK

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MAY 10, 2007

CALENDAR ITEMS

MAY 2007

- Sat. **12** HCS ALL-SCHOOL CARNIVAL
- Mon.. **14** Intercessory Prayer 8:30 A.M.
- Thurs. **17** European Study Tour Leaves
- Fri. **18** Middle School Candy-Land Party
7 P.M. - 9 P.M.
- Mon.. **21** Intercessory Prayer 8:30 A.M.
- Tues. **22** Partnering With Parents 2 P.M.
- Mon. **28** Memorial Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

JUNE 2007

- Fri. **01** Junior Senior Prom
- Mon. **04** Intercessory Prayer 8:30 A.M.
- Thurs. **07** Secondary Awards Chapel
Grad Night at Disneyland
- Sat. **09** Senior Graduation
- Mon.. **11** Intercessory Prayer 8:30 A.M.
- 11-14** Secondary Review and Finals
- Tues. **12** Kindergarten Graduation
Last day of school for K

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by Stephen Allen, Head of School

Thank You, Mom and Dad: Thanks for Partnering with HCS!

Day and Fathers' Day (in June).

As a ministry, HCS is committed to partner with parents. This week, I collected what some of our students told us about their parents – our partners in Christian education. I wish you a Happy Mothers'

My favorite thing about my mom is that she...

makes lunch and dinner and breakfast...cleans the house...loves me... helps me...takes care of me...is beautiful...does nice things...is always with me...is funny and pretty...is artistic and loving...loves and sup-

ports me no matter what I do...is the one who gave birth to me...very patient and always expresses her love...helps

me learn lessons so I am better equipped for the future...takes me shopping and out to lunch on school days...is extremely talented in parenting...prays for me...is always fair...and dad never fight...loves me and when I am sick she takes care of me...takes care of my family...always wants me to do my best...tells great stories...makes me laugh...has the kindest and most giving heart...helps me feed the dogs...is so sweet...hugs me...puts me to sleep.

MY MOM.....

has the kindest and most giving heart



My favorite thing about my dad is that he...

plays my video game with me...goes to work...gets money for the family...takes me to Hawaii and pays for it...is cool...takes me places...is giving us a pool...plays with me...lays down with me...is fun...helps me... throws me in the pool...buys things...is athletic and caring...helps me with my problems and always helps me when I am hurt...is very talented in almost every sport except soccer...teaches me things all the time...coaches my sports teams...always tucks me in at night...is protective of me...actually cares about my hobbies...is weird but cool and nice...always helps me when I don't understand something...listens and is there for me...and mom never leave me...is athletic and helps me with baseball...takes me to parties and friends... is one of my heroes...is always joking around and making me laugh...is fun to do things with...still lets me climb up into his lap and feel special...makes me feel better by letting me hold his hand and pray with him... is funny and kind and loving and very brave...does cannon balls. ■

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

2 Timothy 3:17

SHORT SUBJECTS

Intercessory Prayer Reminder

Please remember that the parent intercessory prayer group meets every Monday at 8:30 A.M. in the conference room. With the end of the school year rapidly approaching, we want to be faithful to pray for the students, teachers, and for the multitude of events that take place this time of year.

Please join us.!

Home and Garden Tour Proceeds Reported

The final numbers are in and the home tour raised \$4200.00 (after our expenses were paid) for the scholarship fund. Thank you again to all who came and supported the event.

We are already discussing plans for next year. If you or someone you know is interested in opening up their home please let us know.

Lost and Found – Last Chance

This Friday is the last day to check Lost and Found for items that may belong to your children. All remaining items will be for sale on Saturday during the carnival. If you would like to donate any unwanted or outgrown uniform items that are in good condition to the sale, please drop them off at the front office no later than Friday afternoon.

A PRINCIPAL WORD FOCUS ON SECONDARY

by Leanne Lansang and Derek Barksdale

Senior Trip Report

A week of time...but a lifetime of memories, past Hillcrest seniors had assured us that the senior trip would be an amazing experience that we would never forget. Although class unity has not been a cornerstone for us, we were excited about going to Costa Rica and all of the activities that had been planned for us. We were concerned that an entire week together in a foreign country might be more than we could handle; however, we happily discovered that the senior trip for the Class of 2007 would be one for the ages.

On Monday, April 16, the seniors met Mr. and Mrs. Windle, their chaperones, at LAX where they boarded a plane for Costa Rica via Houston Texas. Arriving in Costa Rica late at night and fatigued from their journey, everyone decided to go to bed. When we gathered together the next morning, Mr. Windle told us that our daily devotions throughout the week would focus on the fruits of the spirit in Galatians. Our challenge was to discover the particular fruit of the spirit that we could see in each person and bring that to the evening of senior affirmations at the end of the trip.

Costa Rica was packed full of exciting adventures including swimming in waterfalls, soaking in hot springs, flying through the rain forest on zip lines, and riding through the countryside on horseback. Sharing these experiences caused us to bond on a level that we had never experienced before. I (Leanne) knew right then and there that the Holy Spirit was working in all of us in different ways; however, it was the opportunity to work at a local church in La Carpio that touched all of us in a special way. It was amazing to see that people who have so little have such incredible joy because they know that they have a God who loves them. Each one of us experienced that joy too as we could all feel God working through them to make an impact on us.

We will probably never forget our incredible class trip to Costa Rica, but we will always especially remember what God did in us and through us that week. We learned that we have a Lord and Savior who loves us unconditionally and is so very gracious. He knows our hearts and used this trip to knit us together as a class. Through the good times, laughter, and through Him, we have become a unified group of seniors who love God and want to reflect His glory. We could not have done this without our parents, the school parents who supported all of our fundraisers, and our chaperones Ryan and Tasha Windle. Thank you for blessing us with this trip!

By: Ellie Rossi

Penny War

Beginning in the month of March, the high school students have been participating in a "Penny War". The goal of this class competition was to



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collect the most pennies. The competition gets complicated because while pennies earn one point for each team, “silver” change and currency will subtract points equal to that value. While each class worked to collect pennies, other classes would drop dimes, quarters, and even paper money to deduct points. The winning class would not only earn class competition points, but also earn the right to choose the charity which would benefit from the money raised.

After all the money had been spread all over the floor of P-2, the high school students discovered that they had raised \$650.00. The sophomores, who won the competition, decided to divide the money and donate \$325.00 each to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and to the Ronald McDonald Camp.

Although it may sound divisive, class competitions have brought the high students together especially in this instance where they were competing to see how well they could work together to raise money to benefit someone other than themselves.

Third and Sixth Graders Run Away with Elementary Games

For three years now, high school students have held classroom competitions in order to promote classroom unity and healthy competition among students. Last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the high school ASB took their class competition to the elementary school. Students in each of the elementary classes were asked to sign up to participate in either musical chairs, potato sack races, or the HCS version of “The Amazing Race”. Each day, after they had finished eating lunch, the students were escorted down to the field where Mr. Gutierrez, ASB moderator and vice-principal, and a handful of ASB students ran the class competitions first for lower elementary, then for upper.

The games culminated with “The Amazing Race” on Friday. This event was similar to the secondary Field Day which was held at the beginning of school. Classes divided up into teams of three or four to do a series of relays including wheelbarrow races, potato sack races, a tennis ball toss, a football toss, soccer dribbling, and a final sprint down the field. In the lower elementary division, the third graders barely edged out the second graders to take home the title. Sixth graders won the upper elementary games and will join the third graders for an Otter Pop party hosted by the high school ASB.

The administration thanks the ASB service committee for planning and implementing such a fun school event for the elementary students and the fifth and sixth period secondary teachers who graciously excused the student helpers to assist Mr. Gutierrez in running these games.



Got Scrip? Don't forget to help out your teacher and the school by buying Scrip before the year ends. We won't be reordering until next year. Stock up now while the inventory is good to get the best selection. Need end of the year teacher gifts? Think Scrip. Need groceries? Think Scrip. Need dinner? Think Scrip? Need Coffee? Think Scrip...



by Andrew Gutierrez, Athletic Director/Vice Principal
Middle School Soccer Recap

Ventura Missionary 2 Hillcrest 2 (Ventura Missionary wins 2-1 in overtime penalty kicks)... Jessica Unterberger and BrieAnna Hawkins each scored a goal for Hillcrest, and Emily Reynolds made a point-blank save as regulation expired to send the game into overtime. Hawkins had the only penalty kick goal for the Saints...Hillcrest has 3 games this week (Tuesday 5/8 @ 4:00 @ Cornerstone vs. Conejo Adventist, Wednesday 5/9 @ 5:15 @ Cornerstone, and Friday 5/11 @ 4:15 @ Cornerstone).

CIF Playoff Bound

After finishing with a 12-7 overall record and a 9-5 Westside League record, the HCS varsity boys' volleyball team has qualified for the 2007 CIF Southern Section Playoffs. Saint Bernard High School from Playa Del Rey will host the Saints for their first round match this Friday at 7PM. Maps and directions to the playing site will be available in the front office.



by Keri Cole, third grade teacher

Third Grade County Fair

Third grade was busting with excitement as they celebrated the completion of their literature unit on the all-time children's classic, Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. Each room displayed custom spider webs weaved with hopes of saving their humble and radiant pigs from the perils of life, (and the frying pan). Many students brought in their pets to share; among them were dogs, a bearded dragon, a lizard, goslings, a hen, a guinea pig, and more. Let's not forget the famous pigs in all their glory created and dressed up by the students in Mrs. Cole's class. Among the famous pigs were Bat Pig, Darth Pig, Bacon Pig, Sporty in Pink Pig, Pig of the Nile, Fun in the Sun Pig, Rock n' Roll Pig, Hawaii Pig, Punk Pig, Spy Pig, Beach Pig, Pretty Pig, Railroad Pig, Baby Pig, Pig in a Blanket, Night Out in Pink Pig, and Nacho Pig. To close out this event, other classes paraded in to take a look at the animals and the famous pigs of third grade.



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.

by Derek Barksdale

Senior Profile: Eric Liebowits

In almost every culture, a boy's transition to manhood is cause for celebration. In American culture, that occurs at either age eighteen or at twenty-one; in Jewish tradition, that occurs at thirteen. The Class of 2007 has had the honor of sharing the hallways, classes, and memorable times with Eric Liebowitz who at age seventeen had to become a man within a matter of days when he lost his dad to a short but aggressive battle with cancer this past year.

Eric was born in Van Nuys, California on May 31, 1989, to Arnie and Brenda Liebowitz. After attending HCS since the sixth grade, Eric will be going on to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he will major in computer science. He loves long walks on the beach, driving with loads of friends packed into his truck, and his dog Niña. When asked about his favorite memories of HCS, he responded "the all school carnival, chapels, things not working in the tech booth on chapel days, middle and high school retreats, European study trip to Ireland, senior trip to Costa Rica, Mr. Hove's volcano project, Mr. Dolieslager's 9th grade speech class, dodge ball, Senora Navarro's mission trip to Mexico, my best friend El Gerk, and ASB convention to name a few.

When I asked him about his HCS experience, he responded, "I don't care what anyone else says, and you (meaning the rest of us) shouldn't either. . .HCS is an awesome school and my life would have been way less exciting without it." Eric is a man who thinks for himself, as evidenced by his favorite quote: "Never live by someone else's convictions. Else, you'll end up regretting the decisions you never made.

We will not be surprised to meet up with Eric in a few years and find that he is happily married and successfully working in some kind of software company. He hopes that he will always live out his favorite verse, 1John 2:14 "I have written to you fathers, because you have known him that is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the Wicked one."