

# THIS WEEK

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MAY 14, 2009

## CALENDAR ITEMS MAY 2009

- Fri. **15** HCS Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00 P.M.  
OPEN HOUSE 6-8 P.M.  
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE
- 21-31** European Study Trip - Italy
- Mon. **25** Memorial Day  
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE
- Fri. **29** God's Promise Day  
(Manna Dress Day)

## JUNE 2009

- Tues. **02** Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon  
Booster Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.
- 03-04** Senior Finals
- Thurs. **04** PFA Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.  
Grad Night at Disneyland
- Sat. **06** Senior Graduation
- 08-09** Secondary Finals Review
- Mon. **08** Spring All School Worship Concert
- 10-11** Secondary Finals
- Wed. **10** Kindergarten Graduation 10 A.M.  
Sixth Grade Promotion 6 P.M.
- Thurs. **11** Elementary Awards Chapel  
Eighth Grade Promotion 2-3:30 P.M.

ONLINE CALENDAR: [WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG](http://WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG)



by Head of School, Stephen Allen

### Winding down at HCS

As the weeks are quickly fading into the summer sun, I want to remind you of several important opportunities

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** – Friday evening from 5 to 7 PM. Family celebrations usually center around a great meal. This year's Open House will do just that. What better way to celebrate all that your children have accomplished this year, than to come together as the Hillcrest family and share a spaghetti dinner before visiting classrooms. This event is hosted by the HCS junior class to raise money for their senior trip (2010). Dinner is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, sixth grade and under. Whether your children are in preschool or graduating high school, they will love to see your interest in all that they have done.

**OPEN HOUSE** – Friday evening from 6 to 8 PM. We look forward to seeing you this Friday night. Enjoy making much of your student's work to encourage them in the wonderful growth and learning they have experienced this year. Remember that this evening is not a time to conduct a conference with teachers.

**BASKETS AND MORE** – At Open House, there will be many auction items available for bidding. One half of the resulting class project income will go to that classroom's account to help pay for needs beyond what our general budget supplies. The other half of the income will support the two causes that were promoted at the auction – (1) Teacher Endowment Fund and (2) financial aid. There are some wonderful items that you will want to consider purchasing.

**AUDITORIUM REMODEL** – Thanks to the efforts of all involved in the auction, we were able to raise the needed funds to reach the \$45,000 goal to upgrade our auditorium. The improvements include areas such as stage lighting, sound and media systems, and electrical infrastructure. Our goal is to complete the improvements for the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

**YOUR OPINION COUNTS** – Recently, a survey was sent to each family through email. Understand that the survey is general in nature; therefore, will not cover all possible areas of school life. Parents have until May 25, before the survey opportunity expires. If you did not receive the link to the survey, please email [lmalcom@hillcrestcs.org](mailto:lmalcom@hillcrestcs.org) to receive it. The survey takes less than ten minutes to complete. Thanks for taking the time to give us your opinion. In the future, watch for other surveys that will focus on specific areas.

**FINISH STRONG** – As summer is approaching, it is tempting to want to begin to coast. Even parents feel this. Remember that your children will follow your lead of continuing to do school well to the very end.

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

## SHORT SUBJECTS

### Teacher Need

We have a teacher who is in need of transportation. If you have an extra car that you would be willing to donate or loan to an HCS teacher, please contact Mr. Allen at ext. 210.

### Calvary Community's Creative Arts Academy is proud to present ...

Beauty and the Beast Jr.

May 16 at 7:00 P.M.

May 17 at 2:00 P.M.

Tickets, \$10.00 on sale now in Calvary's lobby or email beautytickets@yahoo.com. For more info, contact Jennifer Groll at 818.575.2248/

### Have Your Bought Your Yearbook?

The end of the year is almost here and yearbooks are still on sale in the finance office for \$135. Don't miss out on this wonderful keepsake of all the many events and special memories that made 2008/2009 a great



year at HCS. Yearbooks will be delivered the first week of school in plenty of time to get all your friends and favorite staff members to sign. Watch for upcoming information on special yearbook parties. Order now before it's too late!

### Canine Unit Visits HCS Preschool

Preschool received a visit from the Ventura County Sherriff's Canine unit. Office Worthy and Balu, his Canine companion, talked to the preschool through Kindergarten about keeping ourselves safe. He addressed strangers, what do to if you need help, and the importance of wearing safety equipment when riding a bike, skateboard, and scooter.

He brought his canine companion, Balu, to teach us about how these amazing animals help the sheriffs with their work, especially when it is extremely dangerous. These dogs actually live at the police station. They participate in weekly training sessions and are on call at all times. The K-9 Unit is the only program in the sheriff's department that is fully funded by donations from the communities they serve.



### HCS Senior Plays in the Regional CIF Golf Tournament

Congratulations to senior Austin Boyd for qualifying for CIF Southern Section regional golf playoffs. Austin shot a 77 on a par 72 at Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey; he was runner up in the tournament. Austin will now travel to Mission Lakes Country Club in Desert Hot Springs on Monday, May 18. Austin has done a fantastic job all four years at HCS and has been a great Christian role model and leader to the younger golfers on the team. He is the first golfer from HCS to qualify for CIF playoffs. All of your thoughts and prayers for safe travel and a successful tournament would be greatly appreciated. GREAT JOB AUSTIN!

### HCS Summer Camp

This year's preschool summer camp program is for children ages 2-6. Kindergartners are welcome! Invite your friends. We have cooking lessons, water days, special guests, Bible time, and arts and crafts lined up for an amazing summer! Don't miss out on the fun! Get your packet at the front desk and turn it in as soon as possible! Please call Cathe Jackson if you have any questions at 805-497-7501 ext. 258.

Living Oaks Community Church will host summer day camp for 1st-6th grade from June 22 - August 14, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. at HCS. The tuition is \$160 per week, including the cost of the weekly field trip. Additional childcare available. Contact: 805-376-1800.



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*By Coach Jeff Hawkins*

## **Women's Soccer Success**

Lady Saints soccer had a winning week. On Wednesday, the Lady Saints faced the Ventura Missionary A team. The Saints played the game in hot weather with no substitutes. Emily Reynolds recorded her 3rd shut-out this season with a 3-0 victory. Goals were scored by Brie Hawkins (2), Namoi Hudgins (3), and Brittany Wilderom (5) and very strong defensive play from Rachel Becker. The second game of the week had the Saints facing Pleasant Valley, a team that we faced in the first game of the season which ended in a tie and a shootout. The Saints jumped up to an early 2-0 lead with goals from MacKenna Kelleher (13) and Brie Hawkins (3); however, Pleasant Valley fought back to tie the game at 2-2 sending it to a shoot out. Goalie Emily Reynolds performed in the shootout the way she played all day. Emily was a human wall, not letting anything past her, knocking anything and everything down. Naomi Hudgins (4) was the lone scorer in the shootout, giving the Lady Saints another victory. ( ) denotes goals scored this season



*by Andrea Armstrong, secondary science teacher*

## **Not For the Faint-Hearted...**

Last Friday, the high school anatomy and marine biology classes went on a joint field trip to the Anatomy Lab at Moorpark College. This was an awesome opportunity to be able to see up-close a dissected human cadaver, especially as a culmination of the study of the human body. Dr. Eric Shargo, the anatomy professor and Miss Carpenter's former instructor, gave us an overview of the major dissected organ systems on the cadaver and brought out preserved organs that were diseased from smoking, etc.

Along with this opportunity, the high school biology class went to the California Science Center back in March to view "CSI: The Experience" exhibition. There, the students were able to solve 2-3 real-life crimes in this interactive exhibit, and gain a huge appreciation for forensic science and how biology plays a major role in solving crimes! From there we viewed the exhibit, "Target America: Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause." Again, we were awestruck at the physical, emotional, and financial destruction drugs can cause in the USA and in the world. Even though the subject matter that the HCS high school science dept. studied was not for the "faint-hearted," as one of their teachers, I was really impressed with how our students showed such enthusiasm in learning about these sensitive topics.

## **P.F.A. NEWS** **PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP**

### **AUCTION REPORT**

PFA sends a big thanks to Donna-Rae Caccavo and the auction committee for an amazing job on this year's auction! Almost \$40,000 was raised, which will enable Hillcrest to complete renovations to the auditorium by next fall. Upgrades to the lighting, sound system, projection, and electrical system are planned in the renovation. The rest of the funds raised will go to financial aid and the teacher endowment fund. Thanks to all who participated and enjoyed the evening!

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

PFA would like to thank Nancie Blumenthal and her committee for their work with this spring's Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Teachers were treated to an Afternoon of Tranquility, courtesy of the Tranquility Tea Room in Thousand Oaks and the wonderful parent chefs of HCS! Teachers feasted on soup, salad, and scrumptious desserts while soft music and gentle lights kept them in a state of relaxation. Thanks to our wonderful faculty for all that they do!

### **STUDENTS WALK AND PRAY**

This past week the P.R.A.Y. team talked to students about the importance of constant intercession for the needs they see around them. Students were led on a Prayer Walk through the school, stopping to pray for teachers, staff, new students, classrooms, safety, and any other needs they encountered. Thanks to Suzanne Hume and the Intercessors for teaching these monthly lessons on prayer.

### **YEAR-END TEACHER GIFTS**

We are pleased to inform you that, with a few new donations and the remaining proceeds from our Christmas fund raiser, PFA is now able to give all faculty, staff, and administrators a \$50 Scrip card for their end-of-year present. Again, thank you to those of you who participated in the fund this year; we couldn't have done this without you.



## 2009 Junior/Senior Prom

by Ellie Rossi, ASB President

### Prom 2009

The Junior-Senior Prom took place last Saturday on May 9th. It was held at the beautiful Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club in Oxnard. The night was filled with dancing, eating, and socializing with one another. The DJ was fun and energetic, and he knew how to have a good time and get the crowd involved. The dance was chaperoned by the Mathesons, the Krauses, and the Navarros, who gladly agreed to join us for this annual, much anticipated event.



The Senior Prom King and Queen were Jason Suh and Lexi George, who then danced together after they were announced by Mrs. Horan. The night was one that will be remembered and cherished by the seniors as they look back on their last high school dance of the year.

By Austin Boyd, senior

### Senior Spotlight: Lexi George

Senior, Lexi George has been attending Hillcrest for three years. Lexi's parents are Steve and Michele; she also has two brothers, Brandon (26) and Nicholas (8), and two dogs, Bob and Abby. Lexi's favorite high school memory is the senior trip. Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16. Throughout Lexi's high school career she has earned many first place awards in horseback riding competitions and was recently elected 2009 prom queen. After graduation she is going to FIDM, Fashion Institute of Design Merchandising, where she will major in apparel manufacturing management. Lexi is surely going to achieve great things after graduating from Hillcrest.

