

THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN... MAY 28, 2009



CALENDAR ITEMS MAY 2009

21-30 European Study Trip - Italy

Thurs. **28** Family Group Service Day

Fri. **29** God's Promise Day
Special Dress Day for Uganda

JUNE 2009

Tues. **02** Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Booster Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.

03-04 Senior Finals

Thurs. **04** Secondary Awards Chapel 8 A.M.
PFA Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.
Grad Night at Disneyland

Fri. **05** Vision Meeting With Mr. Allen 2 P.M.

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.
Last Day of School

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By Stephen Allen, Head of School

Finishing Strong, Looking On...

As we finish the school year, we'd like to remind you of important events and preview the year to come.

Year End Events Summary:

June 4th - Secondary Awards Chapel, at 8 A.M.

June 6th - HS Graduation (Living Oaks Community Church, located at 1033 Business Center Circle, Newbury Park, 5 P.M.

June 10th - Kindergarten Graduation, 10 A.M.
6th Grade Promotion, 6 P.M.

June 11th - Elementary Awards Chapel, 8:45 A.M. (lower elementary 1-3) and 9:20 AM (upper elementary 4-5)
8th Grade Promotion at 2 P.M.

Last day of school (half day: elementary dismissed at 12:20; secondary at 12:30.)
Check with individual teachers for class party arrangements.

All events are first-come, first served. Unless purchased as an auction item, there are no saved seats. Doors will open one hour prior to each event.

Summer - Be encouraged to use the summer as a continued learning experience. I am not one to believe that every moment has to be a teaching moment for children. They can get tired of that very quickly; however, you can make summer learning fun and natural. Think creatively about how you can make everyday events an opportunity for your children to learn and grow.

Looking On - Looking toward next year, this could be the first year in my career that I do not have to hire a new teacher. That speaks well for stability in the education our students will receive next year.

Private Satellite Program "The Satellite Saints" - One of the changes we will have for next year is the beginnings of a homeschool or independent study program through HCS. Our administration and Board of Directors has discussed this possibility for some time. The Lord has brought us a leader in HCS parent, Nancie Blumenthal. Nancie has a teaching background as well as her own experience of home schooling her son. If you know of someone interested in this program, you can contact Nancie at 818-929-7971. Watch for more information in newsletters and on our school's website.

What is the Vision? - I am in the process of formulating a more detailed HCS vision statement for our school to work toward. If you would like to interact with me on that topic, I have set aside Friday, June 5, at 2 PM to receive your input on this process in our conference room. Your participation and input is welcomed. If you are unable to attend and desire to send me email comments please do so to sallen@hillcrestcs.org.

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

SHORT SUBJECTS

Oops!! One More Speech Meet Winner

In last week's newsletter, we mistakenly left out one of our first place winners. Rachel Oglesby in Mrs. Gonzalez's second grade class received a 1st place ribbon in the FABLE category. Rachel, we are very proud of you!!

By Alexa Macaluso, 5th grade

Griffith Park Observatory

Tuesday, May 19, Mrs. Davis's and Mrs. Thomas's fifth grade classes went to the Griffith Park Observatory. When we first arrived, we saw an introductory show about space. After the show, we went to the planetarium and saw a show on water and planets and their moons. My favorite part of the planetarium was going into one of Jupiter's moons that had an ocean under its outer core.

A tour of the building was scheduled next. First on the tour was looking through a telescope at the sun. Then we went into a room that contained models of the planets. This section had a machine that you could jump up and down on and it would simulate an earthquake, see our weight on different planets, and boards with additional information about the planets. Then we went to see a pendulum that proves the earth rotates. Last but not least, we saw the scale of the stars ranked by size and a list of the elements that stars are made of. Sadly, we had to leave, but if you ever plan on going there, you are in for a treat.



By Coach Vicki Woodard

Boys Volleyball Finish 2009 Season Strong

2009 was a stellar season for our Hillcrest boys volleyball team. When the season started, it was unknown what type of year the Saints would have. Over half of the team had never played volleyball before. What a pleasant surprise was in store for

everyone. The path to #2 in the Westside league was a great ride!

This brings to mind several words to describe this season: The first word was TEAM. Every member knew and filled their specific role. SKILLS: From the first game to the last, it was easy to see incredible improvement in everyone's defensive and hitting skills. DEFENSE: Our boys played like they were ten feet tall. Numerous times throughout the season, Nick Park stuffed bigger, taller opponents at the net. KILLS: Hillcrest was blessed to have the number one boys' volleyball player in the entire state of CA for kills. Senior Erik Jansen ended the season with almost 700 kills – over 200+ more kills than the next closest person.

Though the season ended earlier than any had hoped with a loss in the 2nd round of the CIF Southern Section playoffs, the 14-6 Saints can hold their heads high and be proud of an AWESOME season. Many players already have their sites set on moving forward to next year's team. Great job! Stand tall Saints!! You have certainly made Hillcrest proud.

By Coach Jeff Hawkins

Middle School Girls Soccer Finishes Strong

The Lady Saints middle school soccer team finished their season Wednesday with a 1-0 loss to Cornerstone Christian in the championship game. The Saints finished the regular season play with a 7-3 record which placed the Saints as the second seed in the playoffs. Monday, the Saints played Pleasant Valley in the first round. During the regular season, the Saints played Pleasant Valley twice with both games going to a shoot-out and the Saints coming out with the victory on both occasions. Monday was no different. The Saints, went into halftime with 1-0 deficit. However, with about five minutes left in the game, MacKenna Kelleher scored a goal off of a penalty kick making the game even and sending it to the shoot-out. With Emily Reynolds shutting out the PV strikers, and goals from Naomi Hudgins and Emily Reynolds, the Saints pulled out the victory advancing them to the championship game with Cornerstone.

The Saints were not as fortunate in the final game. Cornerstone was able to get a foot on the ball on a corner kick in the first half and score the only goal of the game. The Saints fought hard never giving up, however ended up on the wrong end of a 1-0 game. It was a fantastic season. The young ladies played hard, had fun, and glorified God in the process. Congratulagations girls!!



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