

THIS WEEK

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MAY 29, 2008

CALENDAR ITEMS

MAY 2008

Fri. 30 Middle School Dance at HCS 6:30-9 P.M.

28-30 4th Grade Sacramento Trip

JUNE 2008

Tues. 03 Worship Band Assembly 1:40 P.M.

Tues. 03 Fund raiser at Claim Jumper and Pinkberry

Thurs. 05 Secondary Awards Chapel
Senior Grad Night at Disneyland

Fri. 06 Pre-K Promotion 11 A.M.

Sat. 07 Senior Graduation
Reception at HCS 3 P.M.
Ceremony at Living Oaks 5 P.M.

Mon. 09 Volunteer Thank-You Luncheon
11:30 A.M. HCS Auditorium

Tue. 10 Kindergarten Graduation 6 P.M.

Wed. 11 6th Grade Graduation 6 P.M.

Thurs. 12 Last Day of School
Elementary Dismissed 12:00 P.M.
NO CHILDCARE
Secondary Dismissal 12:50 P.M.
8th Grade Promotion 2 P.M.

ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



by Kathy Horan, Principal

Enriching the Learning Experience at HCS

Greetings from China! As you are reading this, I will be flying from Guilin, China to Hong Kong with twenty-six HCS secondary students, alum, and their families. I will also be thinking about Mrs. Hawkins,

Mrs. Dimas, and the fourth grade students and parents on their Sacramento field trip. School is very different for students today than it was when I was a student. The school year is more than just reading, writing, arithmetic, homework, quizzes, and tests.

The focus in education today is on creative learning experiences. We were pleased to receive a commendation for "providing opportunities and resources to the faculty in the area of varied teaching strategies to promote enhanced lessons and improve the delivery of instruction" that was observed by the visiting committee. I would like to commend our teachers for taking the extra time and making the extra effort to provide a variety of meaningful and experiential learning activities for their students. This year the primary grades introduced the new writing program, the social studies supplements, and math centers to their curriculum. Second grade introduced an especially effective cross over math program that was designed to reinforce basic skills as well as build mathematical critical thinking skills. Both third and fourth grade students brought their novels alive with a country fair in third grade and a Patty Reed Day in fourth. The fifth grade did their colonial simulation and the Walk Through the Revolution. Sixth grade is a special year because of Outdoor Ed.

In the secondary, seventh grade simulations, the Catalina trip, eighth grade Washington D.C. trip, and the high school international trip add depth to the people, places, and events that many students can only read about in their textbooks. This is quite a list; we have a very busy school year, and I haven't even mentioned the activities that fit into the school calendar. Family service day, International Day, elementary musicals, high school sports, the Auction/Hoedown, the list could go on.

While not every activity or every lesson went as smoothly as we might have liked, at the heart of all that we do is a desire first to please the Lord, and then to provide a good educational experience for each of our students. As I prepare for the annual debrief and plan for the upcoming school year, I would welcome any comments and suggestions that you might have. Please forward those to me at khoran@hillcrestcs.org I am blessed every day by your children, and I pray that you have a safe, relaxed, and blessed summer.

Thank you for all that you have done this year to partner with us, and I hope that you are planning to be a part of HCS in 2008-2009.

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

P.F.A. NEWS

PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

Our Heart-felt Thanks....

PFA would like to thank PFA President Meighan Kelleher and Vice President Christina De Giosa for their excellent work with the Parent-Faculty Association this year. Meighan, Christina, and the rest of our PFA leadership spent countless hours working on school activities such as Fall Movie Night, Teacher Christmas Luncheon, Teacher Appreciation Week, Spirit Week, Summer Ice Cream Social, room parent coordination, Care Committee, Tabletop Christmas Tree fundraiser, teacher wish lists, Hillcrest directory, Scrip fundraiser, Family Photo Wall, Teacher/Staff Gift Fund, and . . . of course . . . the Hillcrest Hoedown!

Looking Forward to Next Year

PFA is looking at some great ideas for next year, including another fall Movie Night and a Friends of the Library program to enhance our current library. Plan to join PFA next year to be a part of some exciting new things at Hillcrest!

Got Scrip?

STOCK UP ON SCRIP FOR SUMMER! Come in and stock up on Scrip for the summer. We have PLENTY of Scrip on hand and want to reduce our inventory over the summer. Help our school and help us reduce our Scrip inventory. See Sharon Geller in the finance office ASAP. If you've never bought Scrip, now is your chance!

Calling All Parent Volunteers!

No, we are not asking for your help. We want to honor all of our faithful volunteers for your dedication and willingness to serve at Hillcrest. We are truly grateful for your many hours of service.

You are invited to a special luncheon to be held on June 9, at 11:30 P.M. in the auditorium hosted by the administration. In order for us to prepare, we need to know you are coming. Please RSVP to LuAnn Malcolm at ext. 204 or at lmalcolm@hillcrestcs.org to let us know how many will be attending. Thank you!!

Worship Band Assembly

Tuesday, June 03 at 1:40 P.M. there will be an all school assembly featuring the HCS Worship Band.. They will be leading us in worship and prayer, and celebrating God's presence with us this school year. The assembly will run 60 minutes. Grades 1 through 12 will attend. Parents are welcome to join us.

Coming Soon!! All- School "Fun-raiser" at Claimjumper and Pinkberry Tuesday, June 3rd

On Tuesday, June 3, Hillcrest is inviting students of all ages and their families to celebrate the beginning of summer break and the end of a great school year at Claim Jumper and Pinkberry.

If you present an HCS coupon to Claim Jumper anytime from 5:00 – 10:00 P.M. , 10% of your food purchase will be given back to school. Make sure to download the coupon from our web site or pick up several from the front office.

After dinner or anytime between 3:00 and 9:00 P.M., have dessert at Pinkberry in Westlake and 20% of your purchase will come back to HCS just for saying the word "Hillcrest" when you order. Once again, your favorite teachers will be serving your yogurt delights from 4:00 to 9:00 P.M.

**Claim Jumper for dinner and Pinkberry for dessert ...
a great way to usher in the summer season!**

Admissions for 2008-2009

Because we limit our class sizes, we can only enroll a specific number of students. Some classes are very close to closing for next fall.

If you have not yet registered your children to be at Hillcrest, you don't want to miss out on the great things in store for HCS students in 2008-2009.



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by Mark Kempf, Athletics, Activities, Admissions

Spring Sports Award Banquet May 22, 2008 Athletes & Awards

The Spring Sports Awards Banquet was a tremendous success! Thank you to all the parents, student athletes, and faculty that attended. It truly was a night of celebration. Over 80 parents, friends, faculty, and supporters were on hand to applaud all of the efforts of our young people. The Lord has blessed so many of our student athletes with gifts and talents.

A special thank you to our Booster President Wendy Rettinger for taking the lead in organizing this wonderful evening!

Hillcrest Christian School Spring Sports Banquet – Team Awards



High School Boys' Golf

Most Outstanding – Austin Boyd
Most Improved – Mauricio Elizondo
Hillcrest Coaches Award – Daniel Shim

High School Boys' Volleyball

Most Outstanding – Michael Lubin
Most Improved – Peter Do & Brandon Armstrong
Hillcrest Coaches Award – Jason Suh
1st Team All League – Michael Lubin
2nd Team All League – Jason Suh

Middle School Boys' Soccer

Most Outstanding – Giovanni Hernandez
Most Improved – Alec Kunkle & Tyler Alvarado
Hillcrest Coaches Award – Ashton Nowicki

Middle School Girls' Soccer

Most Outstanding – MacKenna Kelleher
Most Improved – Jessica Nascimento & Meagan Holloway
Hillcrest Coaches Award – Emily Reynolds

Upper Elementary Boys' Soccer

Most Outstanding – Dante Shane
Most Improved - Blake Dundas
Hillcrest Coaches Award – Tristan Shane

Upper Elementary Girls' Soccer

Most Outstanding – Kiana Shane
Most Improved – Maggie Philen
Hillcrest Coaches Award – Morgan Bogust

Cheerleading

Most Outstanding – Maddy Valero
Most Improved – Jessica Nascimento
Hillcrest Coaches Award – BrieAnna Hawkins
Spirit – Emily Green





California Kids Contest Winners

To prepare our fourth grade students for their annual California tour, our second annual California Kid Contest was held in our auditorium on Tuesday, May 27th. Early in the school year, the fourth graders were given an outline from which hundreds of facts could be learned on anything related to California – past and present. Earlier in the month, a written test was given on California facts to determine the top three students in our two fourth grade classes. Michael Abraham, Claire Williams, and Jacob Walker were the three finalists who then participated in a game show contest emceed by our Head of School, Mr. Allen.

We congratulate all three for their extensive knowledge. Jacob Walker is the new and now reigning HCS California Kid. Way to go, Jacob!!

Ice Cream Reward

International Day information contest winners, Miss Brennan's, Mrs. Madden's, Mrs. Dimas's, and Mrs. Davis's classes, enjoyed a free dress day on Tuesday May 20, 2008! All elementary classes were treated to ice cream sundaes and International treats for doing a great job participating in the contest. A big thank you to all of the students and volunteers for making International Day such a great success!



Booster Club News

Used Uniform Drive

The Booster Club will be holding a Used Uniform Drive! If you have any uniform articles that your child has outgrown, please consider dropping them off at the used uniform collection during the last week of school. We will be outside collecting them each morning during the week of June 9 – 12. There will be large bins in the back parking lot when you drop off and a bin in the front lobby, as well. We will then wash, organize, and sell them at the Norman's summer uniform sales events. All items will be available for a nominal fee and the proceeds will benefit the Hillcrest Boosters with a percentage going to support our cheer program. Please help us with this worthwhile cause. Call Dana Rouse at (805) 496-9616 or Wendy Rettinger (716) 912-6571 with any questions. Thanks for your support!

HCS Athletics Booster Club is Selling Ark III Survival Kits

Great for earthquake preparation!

Ark III is a personal sized survival kit that supports 1 person for 3 days with food, water, and a space blanket. Ark III has been approved by FEMA, U.S. Coast Guard, Homeland security, and other government agencies.

Each survival kit is packaged in a strong colorful box, it can easily be stored in classrooms, lockers, cars, homes, offices, etc. These wonderful kits are only \$20.00 each!!! Please call Debbie Baltau for more information at 805-497-7501 ext.229.

Order forms were sent home with each student and are due back by June 4th. In addition, we will be selling kits before school every morning the week of June 9 – 12 in the front lobby and out back where the used uniform collection will be taking place. The class with the most sales will receive a pizza party!!

Make checks payable to Hillcrest Christian School Booster Club.