

THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN...

SEPTEMBER 06, 2007

CALENDAR ITEMS SEPTEMBER 2007

Thurs. **06** 7-12 Back to School Night 7 P.M.

Thurs. **13** K-6 Back to School Night 7 P.M.

Tues. **18** Picture Day

Fri. **21** Half Day In-Service
 K-6 12:30 P.M. Dismissal
 7-12 12:20 P.M. Dismissal

Tues. **25** 1st Partnering With Parents

26-28 High School Retreat

OCTOBER 2007

01-05 6th Grade Outdoor Ed Week

03-05 Middle School Retreat

Sat. **06** HCS Saturday Work Day 8AM- NOON

Mon. **08** Columbus Day
 NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

Sat. **13** Family Event- Save the Date

Tues. **23** Partnering With Parents

Fri. **26** Half Day K-12 Teacher In-Service

28-30 ASB RETREAT

ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



by Mark Kempf, Athletics, Admissions, Activities

"Full Steam Ahead"

"Full Steam Ahead!" comes from the days of steamships, meaning the powerful ships were moving ahead full force. As your new Athletic, Admissions, and Activities Director for this 2007-2008 school year, I feel blessed, excited, and full of enthusiasm!

My prayer and desire is that the Lord leads and directs all of us here at Hillcrest Christian School to blast "Full Steam Ahead"!!!

What does "Full Steam Ahead" mean to all of us here at Hillcrest Christian School?

We are clear about our purpose of being the best school we can be for the Lord, being "Champions for Christ".

We are committed as a faculty, student body, parent body, and community at following through with our mission.

We are sure that fulfilling our mission brings success!

We are sure about our ability to accomplish it!

We are able to take decisive action despite obstacles that may arise throughout the school year!

Acts 20:22 and 24 says, "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. . . however, I consider my life worth nothing to me if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord has given me – the task of testifying to the Gospel of God's grace." Scripture is pretty clear in declaring the keys for Team Hillcrest to become a school and ministry for Christ! Total surrender and acknowledgement of the fact that we live, breathe, and have life because of Christ, and that everything we accomplish and address should ultimately bring glory to Him!

As we develop as a team this year, we need to remember that all of us, faculty, student body, parent body, and community make up Team Hillcrest. We together will achieve great things for the Lord when we allow Christ to lead.

Check Your Ego at the Door:

When the New England Patriots went to the Super bowl in 2002, they did something that no other team had done before. Before the game, when every other team introduces its starters individually, New England came out as a team. No introductions. No names. No stars. Just 53 teammates coming onto the field as a single unit.

The message the players sent was clear: "We're a team. We win together; we lose together." As it turned out, they won together, 20-17 over the heavily favored St. Louis Rams.

My prayer is that "Team Hillcrest" may go "Full Steam Ahead" as a ministry for the Lord this year, being victorious through HIM!! ■

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

SHORT SUBJECTS

China Trip Meeting

The information meeting for the China trip will be held on Monday September 17, at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium. The purpose of this meeting will be to go over the trip in detail and to answer any questions you may have. See insert for more details. Since this is a new itinerary and a new tour company, all interested travelers are urged to attend. The meeting will end by 8 PM.

Carnival Cancelled

Please note that the carnival will not take place on October 13; however, there will be an all school family event that same day. Save the date and watch for details to be announced soon.

Smile – It's Picture Day

We are very excited to announce that we have a new photography company doing school pictures this year. O'Connor Bros. Photography, conveniently located in Simi Valley will be here on Tuesday, September 18, for school pictures. All students preschool through high school, will be photographed that day. Parents of Monday, Wednesday, Friday preschool students can either wait for make-up day which will be on a day when they attend or may bring their child in for pictures only. Check with your child's teacher to find out the assigned time slot for his/her class. Please mark your calendars now and watch for order forms to come home with more detailed information.

A PRINCIPAL WORD

FOCUS ON SECONDARY

TONIGHT: Secondary Back-to-School Night

Don't forget that tonight is secondary Back to School Night. Although you should have received course expectations from each of your child's teachers, this is an excellent opportunity to meet each one of them in person and communicate to both your child and his/her teachers how much you care about their education. Whether your child is a seventh grader for whom changing classes and managing passing period time is all new or a senior for whom this is all very familiar, don't miss this opportunity to hear first hand about the academic, social, and spiritual goals for the year. You will also have a chance to sign up for various activities to help you get or stay plugged in to your child's life here at school. Studies have shown that the most successful students have parents who are very involved in their education. Come and find ways to be a part of HCS!

Parents will begin the evening in the auditorium when they pick up a copy of their child's schedule. Although the event will begin at 7:00 P.M., come a little early to avoid the long lines and to browse through the various tables that will be set up to provide information on the co-curricular and extra curricular activities available to both you and your child. You will have the opportunity to experience your child's schedule as you go from class to class. Each period will be ten minutes long with a five minute passing period. This is essentially a time to meet and greet and to have your general questions answered; parents who need individual time should schedule an appointment with a teacher, or speak to Mrs. Horan about arranging a meeting with all teachers where necessary.

This can also be a great time to meet other parents and develop a supportive network with other parents of teens. Don't fall into the common belief that secondary students do not need you as much as they did when they were in elementary; in fact, they probably need you more! Senior parents, just think, in probably less than 365 days, your child could be leaving your home and your daily influence and moving into a new life on a college campus! We would love to partner with you this year to make that transition a smooth one. See you all at 7:00!

FIELD DAY RECAP

The Second Annual Field Day competition occurred last Friday, August 31, at Conejo Creek Park. Despite the extreme temperatures, the secondary students and their teachers gave it their best as they gathered for food, fun, and fellowship. This year's menu featured hot dogs grilled for the students by Mr. Windle and Mr. Kempf.

Miss Luebbert, our new ASB advisor, and the ASB committee led by President Elyse Menger coordinated the games. Seventh and eighth graders competed with each other, and the high school classes challenged each other for the bragging rights and the trophy. This year's games saw the return of the most popular games from the previous year. Defending their title in the



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Kathy Horan, Principal



inflatable obstacle course, tug-of-war, water balloon toss, and five part relay race, the seniors once again took home the trophy although their margin of victory was very slim.

Field Day is the first of the many class competitions scheduled for the coming year. Whenever you see the seniors dressed in their dark green shirts, the juniors in their kiwi green, the sophomores in royal blue, and freshmen in red, you can bet that another class competition is on for that day. The challenge is on for the seniors to prove that they have the most school spirit, and that they are ready to lead the secondary by their example this year.

Thank you to the ASB who planned this event over the summer and worked hard to make this a success. Field Day would not have been as successful without the entire team: Elyse Menger, Ellie Rossi, Megan Ameche, Colby Dundas, Brandon Armstrong, and Lyndsey Kelleher. The students also wish to thank the parents and Jesse Meza who provided the transportation to and from the park.

by Tom Horan

It's that time of year. Football. Planning for the Holidays...and College!

Is the idea of college consuming your thoughts and conversations? Do you get nervous when people talk about the college application process? Are you intimidated by the mere concept of choosing the right school? Do you feel you are not in control of this important process? If so, don't worry... you are perfectly normal and even more importantly, we have a solution for you!

I am pleased to announce that I will once again be presenting two important workshops to help you in this challenging area. I invite students and parents to get some additional insight and useful tools for this important decision. It's no secret that college admissions are getting tougher each year; are you ready?

SESSION ONE: Unraveling the College Application Process: Making Your Application Count

SESSION TWO The Right School For You

Where and When: Wednesday, September 26, Newbury Park High School (7:00 P.M. 7:35 P.M. and 8:10 P.M.)

If you are unable to attend this presentation, you will have a second chance at the 4th Tuesday Partnering with Parents seminar on October 23.

Editor's Note: Tom Horan addresses hundreds of students and parents each year on this important topic. In addition to being a presenter for Conejo Unified Schools, he has been a featured speaker for Texas Christian University and will be a presenter at the Association of Christian Schools International's annual conference in Anaheim.

by Kathy Matsuo R.N.

From the School Nurse

I am very excited to announce that I will be joining the Hillcrest staff again this year!

I will be on campus 3 days a week in the mornings. My schedule is posted on the calendar above my desk in the first aid room. Please take a moment to review our health policies:

CONJUNCTIVITIS "Pink Eye"- students with suspected conjunctivitis (an inflammation of the lining of the eye/eyelid) will be excluded from school until evaluated by a physician. If treatment is indicated, students need to wait 24 hours before returning to class.

DERMATITIS "Rashes"- the underlying cause of a rash can be difficult to diagnose, and some rashes can be indicative of a serious illness. Students who have unusual rashes, or those accompanied with a fever will be excluded from school until cleared by a physician.

FEVER- students with a fever of greater than 99.4 will remain in the first aid office until picked up by a parent/guardian and be excluded from school until afebrile (without a fever) for 24 hours.

GASTROENTERITIS "stomach flu"- students with vomiting and/or diarrhea will be excluded from school until symptoms have resolved.

HEAD LICE- students identified with a louse infestation will be excluded from school until treated with a pediculicide (Nix/Rid). Hair should be thoroughly combed with a special nit comb to remove all nits (eggs). Students will be excluded from class until nit free and rechecked every week for 2 weeks for a recurrence.

UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS "common cold"- students with repeated coughing, sneezing, and nasal congestion need to be evaluated and excluded from school if contagious. Some allergies can emulate a "cold" and are not contagious.

The most contagious period for most of these illnesses is one day prior to and three days after symptoms begin. Please keep your newly sick child home to prevent other students and staff from exposure and to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our children.

I am looking forward to a happy, healthy and safe school year! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by my office or contact me ext. 246, kmatsuo@hillcrestcs.org.



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS: GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Girls' varsity volleyball opens up this week with two games. The first game of the season will be away against Holy Martyrs on Monday, Sept. 10, followed by our first home game against San Fernando Valley Academy on Tue. Sept. 11. Both games are scheduled to start at 4:30 P.M. All home games this year will again be played at First Christian Church in Newbury Park. Directions and schedules for the season will be in the front office. Come out and support the team.

Hillcrest Christian School "Champions for Christ"



HEAD LINES

Mr. Stephen Allen, Head of School

Your Very Own Parking Spot?

School is back in session – and so it begins... the hunt for a parking spot. Now that we have gone through our first week of the "I can't find a parking spot blues" at Hillcrest, we would like to make you aware of a unique opportunity! You could own your very own parking spot for the 2007-2008 school year. At last year's school auction we raffled off a parking spot. This parking spot has been donated back to the school to be auctioned off to benefit our financial aid fund. The parking spot will be sold in a silent auction – located in the front lobby. The starting bid is \$2500 and will be awarded to the highest bidder on Friday, September 21, at 3:00 PM. The winner will be entitled to their very own private parking spot with their family name to be used for the 2007-2008 school year! Don't wait – stop by the lobby to bid on this very valuable item! If you have any questions, please speak with Steve Allen, Head of School.

Are You Ready? Are You Doing It Wrong?

Remember the movie Mr. Mom? Having lost his job, the father in the movie took over the chores typically assigned to mothers. When dropping his children off at school he was promptly told by the parking lot aide that he was "doing it wrong". None of us like hearing that message, yet for the sake of our children, it may be just what we need. The Partnering with Parents Seminar on Tuesday, September 25, at 2:00 P.M. will help each of you assess what you may need to do differently as well as affirm the things you are doing well. Our speaker, Head of School, Stephen Allen will be sharing from his experience and from research. Consider this seminar a great way to sharpen your parenting skills early in this new school year.

Volunteer Work Day – October 6

Consider serving your school and getting an early start logging in hours for the volunteer requirement here at HCS. Our first Saturday workday is from 8:00 AM to noon (lunch provided) on October 6. Come for all or just a part of the time.

US HISTORIC STUDY TOUR

Attention 8th grade students, parents, and interested chaperones

An important information meeting will be held Tuesday, September 11, at 7 P.M. in the auditorium. I am thrilled for you to come and learn about our amazing 'classroom-on-wheels'. See God's hand upon the foundation of our nation and upon your own life! It will be a life-changing experience! Mrs. Tirzah Riley, a beloved friend and our tour director will be present. You will fall in love with her!

Tour dates: Friday, February 22, through Sunday, March 2, 2008

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Looking to study God's Word while the kids are in school? Kathleen Brooks, alumni parent and active HCS volunteer would like to invite all HCS moms to join her this fall on Tuesdays for a nondenominational Bible study on personal revival entitled "Seeking Him".

Depending on the response, it will be held either at school or in Kathleen's home. (The time will be determined by the location.) This twelve week study will give Hillcrest moms of all ages an opportunity to get to know one another and to grow together as sisters in the Lord.

"The purpose of Seeking Him is to reveal more of God and His ways to you, to gently expose your heart, and to lead you on a pilgrimage toward a deeper relationship with Him. Take the Seeking Him journey with God-and watch Him explode in power and freshness in your life."

Nancy Leigh DeMoss

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