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HILLCREST CHRISTIAN...



OCTOBER 18, 2007

CALENDAR ITEMS OCTOBER 2007

Mon. **22** Norman's Uniform Sale 2:30 – 6:00

Tues. **23** Partnering With Parents 2 P.M.

21-23 ASB RETREAT

Fri. **26** Half Day K-12 Teacher In-Service
Middle School Leadership Conf.

Mon. **29** Book Fair

NOVEMBER 2007

Fri. **02** End of 1st Quarter

Sat. **03** HCS Saturday Work Day 8AM- NOON

Thurs. **08** Secondary Conferences

Fri. **09** Elementary & Preschool Conference
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE
7TH-12TH IN SESSION (9 A.M.)

19-21 ACSI Convention
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

Tues. **27** Partnering With Parents 2 P.M.

Thurs. **29** New Family Information Night

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by Ryan Windle, Vice Principal

YOU NEED TO READ THIS ARTICLE. YES, YOU!

When I last wrote for the newsletter, it was to inform you of the anticipation I had for the coming year at HCS; there were so many great things to be excited about. The new school year, new staff, new families, new students, and new chapel programs had me ready to approach the year with zeal. Today, after six weeks of school, you might think some of that zeal would be lost.

Wrong! I write today for one reason. I am going to boast.

Now I could boast about all the wonderful things Hillcrest Christian School and our staff has done this year, but I won't. Why, you ask? So often Americans boast about what we do and have. We boast about our jobs, our houses, our cars, and yes, even our children. We love to talk about grades, test scores, accomplishments, honors, talent...I could go on for a while. All that boils down to me, me, me. Instead, let me boast about God.

God is awesome!
God is glorious! God is
worthy of praise!

He is at work in our
school. He is at work in

our staffs' lives. He is at work in the lives of our students. That is what I will boast about today. In just six and a half short weeks God has rocked our campus. His grace really is amazing. We do not deserve anything He gives us, yet He continues to give us unmerited favor. He gives and gives and gives. Just when I think He's done giving, He gives some more.

By His grace, students have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ this year. By His grace, students are obeying His word, confessing their sin, and seeking forgiveness. By His grace, several students have stepped out in faith and obedience to be baptized.

God is at work in our school, and He is to be given praise!

Enough, you say. No, there's more! God is doing so much more. My challenge to you is to find out what else He's doing. Instead of asking the same questions that parents always ask teachers like, "how is my son/daughter doing in math?" Throw them a curveball. Ask them what God is doing in their lives. You may be pleasantly surprised. Better yet, ask your children what God is doing in their life or what He is teaching them!

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

P.F.A. NEWS

PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT THANKS

PFA would like to send out a huge thank you to all the Hillcrest families, faculty, and staff involved with our first Family Movie Night. This event was a booming success as families of all ages participated in having a wonderful time together. The winning class with the highest percentage attending movie night goes to THE SENIOR CLASS with 90% of their class attending. They will receive a pizza party for their class and \$50 toward their class fund. Great job seniors! We couldn't have done it without you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mr. Kempf is still looking for a few creative parents to help with the high school dance next month. Please email him directly at mkempf@hillcrestcs.org.

Please see Mrs. Kunkel if you would like to help with the Book Fair at the end of this month.

HCS BOOSTER CLUB

If you missed a chance to purchase the new Hillcrest sports blanket, pre-order forms are now available in the front office. Proceeds benefit HCS sports teams.

The auction committee is looking for a major sponsor for the Hillcrest Auction in May 2008. Please contact Stacie White at stacieteer@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.



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by Darren Yui, sixth grade teacher

Highlights of Sixth Grade Outdoor Education Week

Every year, I'm asked to share the highlight of 6th grade, and every year, I answer the same: Outdoor Education Week. What is it that makes Outdoor Education Week so memorable? Some students might say the recreational games; others might focus on the classes. Many would boast of what they did during free time. Still others might mention time spent with friends. For us as Christian teachers, the spiritual development of the students during this week is the best!

Before the trip even began, Mrs. Brown and I knew that this would be a deep spiritual experience for our students. We faced obstacle after obstacle before finally getting into the vans early on Monday morning, but when we arrived at Hume Lake, I could immediately feel God's presence.

Obviously the expectations of the students were much different from our expectations. They looked forward to freedom from their parents and freedom to do as they wish; however, we had different plans in store for them. We want the students to encounter a God that desires a personal relationship with each of them.

This became clearly evident in the music part of worship as they realized that they could sing with joy to their creator and dance for the Lord. The theme of the week revolved around the book of Daniel and the obstacles faced by the Israelites while in captivity in Babylon. Each night, Pastor Scott would challenge them from the book of Daniel and then invite students to come forward to talk with a counselor. This is where we began to see change in our students. They asked for prayer to deal with issues such as anger, obedience to their parents, and in general to walk closely with the Lord.

Overall, many commitments were made. If you're a sixth grade parent, ask your child what he/she learned at Outdoor Education.

Here are some quotes from the decision cards that were filled out.

"I realized that when I accepted God before, it wasn't for me but for my parents, and I wanted it to be for me this time."

"I am struggling with obeying."

My most memorable moment will be the genuine heart of one student as he was prompted by the Holy Spirit to ask Jesus to be His Lord and Savior on the first night of camp.

That is what going to this camp is about: changing lives for Jesus Christ.

Congratulations Tabitha

HCS congratulates sophomore Tabitha Mendel for earning recognition in an essay contest which she entered last year. As part of the English class last year, Tabitha wrote and submitted an essay to the Fraternal Order of Police Southern California Division. This contest was open to all high school students, and all of the HCS students participated in this submission. The essay prompt was, "My Hero" and Tabitha chose Christopher Reeve as her subject. She placed eighth among 2000 entries and won a plaque and a monetary prize. In the letter notifying her of her win, Sgt Teagarden commended her writing "Your essay exemplifies positive, thoughtful thinking." We are so proud of her achievements!



Uniform Sale

Next Monday, Norman's Uniforms will be on campus in the auditorium from 2:30 – 6:00 P.M. With the weather starting to cool down, this is the perfect opportunity to purchase winter items. Norman's will have plenty of stock on hand, your children can try on for size, and any items that need to be ordered will be shipped to your door at no additional charge. This will be the last on campus uniform event until spring.



Horan/Rager Engagement Announced

Patrick Horan ('02) recently announced his engagement to Macall Alison Rager of Arcadia. The couple are planning an August wedding in the Southern California area.

After graduating from Hillcrest, Pat attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN where he received his Bachelors Degree in Geoscience from the School of Engineering. Pat is currently a Doctoral Fellow at the University of Southern California where he is conducting research on global climate change.

Macall, a graduate of California State University Long Beach, works in administration at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Macall traveled to Africa this past summer where she worked with orphans. Pat and Macall met through mutual friends. In addition to both being involved in various non-profit groups, they are serving as youth leaders at Lake Avenue Congregational Church in Pasadena.

CONGRATULATIONS PAT & MACALL



by Mark Kempf, Athletic Director

High School Girls' Volleyball

The girls' varsity volleyball team had a rough week! They were competitive, but couldn't hold on losing all three matches – first to First Lutheran High School in 3 games, then in an exciting barn burner to Newbury Park Adventist High School in 5 games and finally in another exciting match to Westmark High School in 4 games. Coach Woodard continues to develop the girls in their fundamentals and their chemistry as a team.

On Saturday Oct. 27, the entire volleyball team will attend a UCLA Lady Bruin Volleyball Match at Pauley Pavilion. They will watch the UCLA bruins play host to the University California Lady Bears, as Coach Woodard takes another step at building team chemistry and a knowledge of the game! The girls have one match this week against Ventura County Christian, Friday Oct. 19 @ Ventura County Christian first game beginning at 7:00 PM. The girls continue to work hard, knowing that the W's will come!!! GO SAINTS!!!!!!!

Tri Valley Christian Athletic League Rankings for Middle School and Elementary

- Junior High Volleyball: HCS is 5th of 7
- Junior High Football: HCS Ranks 6th of 6
- Elementary Volleyball: HCS ranks 6th of 6
- Elementary Football: HCS ranks 2nd of 2

PLEASE NOTE: All standings are for league games. Elementary volleyball and junior high flag football teams also have non-league games on their schedules. We continue to grow and build an athletic program for the Lord! Keep improving Hillcrest because we are "Champions for Christ"!!!!!!!

**Hillcrest Christian School
"Champions for Christ"!**



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Partnering With Parents 4th Tuesday Seminar - Next Week October 23, 2 P.M.

No matter what the ages of your children, you are most likely planning that they will go to college, but thinking about all that is involved in making that happen and the increasingly competitive selection process can be a little scary. If you are overwhelmed at the thought of the college selection and application process, help is on the way! In our next Partnering with Parents seminar, you will learn how to help your children start down the road to success.

These programs are presented by Tom Horan. Mr. Horan is the husband of Principal Kathy Horan and father of HCS alums Patrick ('02) and Kaitlin ('04). In addition to counseling his own three children, he has counseled many families through the college selection and admission process. Last month, he presented this program for the Conejo Unified School District to standing room only crowds. He has also been a presenter in the Orange County and San Diego County public service programs sponsored by Texas Christian University. Come find out why Mr. Horan earns rave reviews for his programs year after year. The information is priceless, and admission is free.

The seminar will focus on the following two areas: College Selection: The Right College for You! and Unravelling The College Application Process.

College Selection: The Right College for You!

With thousands of colleges from which to choose, how can you select the right one? What factors will help you decide? How will you evaluate all the choices? Discover how to select "The Right College for you". You will learn how to develop and use a grid and matrix to find the school that best fits your child and your family.

Unraveling the College Application Process.

Once you have found the right school, can you get accepted? The college application process can be confusing, daunting, and overwhelming. With so much depending on your application, can you afford to take a chance? Mr. Horan will share insights, tools, and techniques that will help you create an application that screams "Take Me!"

We hope you will plan to attend. All HCS parents are invited, but attendance is strongly recommended for parents in grades 8-11. The earlier you start gathering information, the better prepared you will be when that time comes. You can't start too early.

SNAPS from HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT 2007

