

# THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN... NOVEMBER 20, 2008



## CALENDAR ITEMS NOVEMBER 2008

**17-21** Barnes and Noble Book Fair

**24-28** Thanksgiving Break  
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

## DECEMBER 2008

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

Thurs. **04** PFA Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.  
New Family Information Night

Fri. **05** ACSI Grade Level Geography Bee  
3rd-8th grades 9:30 A.M.

Sat. **06** Saturday Work Day 8 A.M. -Noon

Wed **10** HCS Spelling Bee

Thurs. **11** Kindergarten Chapel  
Preschool Christmas Program  
6:30 P.M. - 7 P.M.

Tues. **16** 1st-3rd Christmas Program  
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Thurs. **18** Red & Green Dress Day

**19-04** Christmas Break

## JANUARY 2009

Mon. **05** School Resumes

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



*by Stephen Allen, Head of School*

### Where are we going?

I often mention that the relationship between home and school is one of partnership. Partners need to know – and agree on – where they are headed. Otherwise both partners may be working very diligently, only to discover that they are headed in different directions. When a ship or rocket has a destination thousands of miles away, if misdirected by only a degree, it will end up missing the target or desired end by a great distance. It is no different in training your children and our students. Many months ago, the HCS Board of Directors established the following statements referred to as the ENDS statements. These statements are our desired outcomes in the lives of our students. There are only seven of them. Please take a moment to read them as they are, without editorial comment, listed below.

**The purpose of Hillcrest Christian School is to mature students utilizing their God-given gifts to impact the world for Christ.**

- 1. Students will defend and articulate their Christian worldview while having a basic understanding of opposing worldviews.**
- 2. Students will be academically prepared to pursue the next stage of life.**
- 3. Students will be responsible stewards.**
- 4. Students will be resilient against worldly influences.**
- 5. Students will personally respond to carrying out the Great Commission locally and around the world in a culturally sensitive manner.**
- 6. Students will be well prepared in all academic disciplines.**
- 7. Students will appreciate the arts and understand how they express and shape their beliefs.**

These outcomes will not be easy to measure, but measuring how we are doing in accomplishing these ends is a necessity. It also occurs to me that we can only best reach these ENDS when home, school, and church work together to combat the worldly influences clamoring for the minds of our children. I firmly believe that if your children are missing one of these three (church, for example), they are operating with a handicap – without one of the God-ordained shields of protection and support – to successfully reach the ENDS. Finally, remember that the destination is not an immediate one. At times, we feel we are only planting seeds that may not reach fruition until many years from now. In other words, when it comes to raising children, don't keep saying, "Are we there yet?"

*continued on page 4*

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

## SHORT SUBJECTS

### GOT SCRIP?

Remember to pick up Scrip cards for your holiday shopping. The finance office has a large supply, and you can also special order Scrip for almost anywhere! This is a way for every family to give to the school without spending any additional money. Also—remember to log in those Christmas shopping receipts at the Oaks Mall for School Cents.

### A Word to the Juniors from Mrs. Krause

The Thanksgiving break is a great time to begin learning about colleges, especially for those of you who are current juniors. I strongly recommend that you use part of your vacation to visit a college campus, perhaps one near home or close to where you are spending your holiday. It's also a great week to begin making a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data as well as gather material for a portfolio and/or resume. With your family, start to learn about financial aid. Read the Department of Education's "Funding Your Education" (about federal aid programs). Use "Getting Financial Aid" published by the College Board and the financial aid calculator available at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to estimate how much aid you might be eligible to receive. Check in P-2 for the spring ACT and SAT testing dates and sign up now because desired locations often fill up quickly. If you think you have no homework, think again! "Future seniors" should use at least part of next week to get ahead with their college endeavors.



### Lady Saints Cruise to CIF Quarterfinals

It was playoffs week, and the Lady Saints were ready to cruise. After finishing league play with a perfect league record of 14-0, the Lady Saints were revved up to begin their journey to the CIF finals.

The playoff week began Tuesday at home against Southwestern Academy. The Lady Saints made an easy day of it, defeating their opponent 25-5, 25-10 and 25-9. Lindsay Luebbert had 15 set assists and 10 ace serves. Other standouts included Noelle Mueller and Ellie Rossi both with 10 ace serves.

On Thursday, the Lady Saints won the coin flip to host second round opponent, Trona. Trona, with their significant height, proved to be a worthy opponent, but again the Lady Saints rose to the challenge, soundly overcoming Trona in 3 sets, 25-21, 27-25 and 25-14. Again, Lindsay Luebbert's 22 set assists created many kill opportunities for the hitters—Brittany Badger-11 kills, Noelle Mueller-10 kills, and Hannah Rhodes-9 kills. Diane Mooshoolzadeh served up a storm with 11 ace serves. On to the quarterfinals!

For Saturday's quarterfinal game, the Lady Saints traveled to Walnut to play the #3 state ranked team, Southlands Christian. It was #3 against #6, and the #3 Southlands team prevailed over our Lady Saints. Diane Mooshoolzadeh led the Saints in every area, serving, hitting and receiving.

It was a tearful and disappointing end to an amazing journey for the Lady Saints, a journey that emphasized practicing and playing with extreme intensity, constantly building stronger teamwork, and focusing on believing every step of the way that they could reach incredible heights. And that they did!!!

**Congratulations, Lady Saints Varsity Volleyball, on your remarkable season—Omega League Champions (14-0) and CIF Quarterfinalists with an overall record of 19-3.**

**Hillcrest Christian is extremely proud of you!!!**



STEPHEN ALLEN, HEAD OF SCHOOL

384 ERBES ROAD, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91362

TELEPHONE (805) 497-7501 EXT. 204

FACSIMILE (805) 494-9355

WEB SITE [www.hillcrestcs.org](http://www.hillcrestcs.org)

SUBMIT ARTICLES TO: [lmalcolm@hillcrestcs.org](mailto:lmalcolm@hillcrestcs.org)

by Elizabeth Crown

### Manna Day

Today I went on a field trip, and we took the food that all the kids brought in for Manna Day at our school. We took the food to a house where we learned how to organize it. We organized by current dates, expired dates, and no dates. We helped stock the food for them. The people at the house talked about the places where they take the food for those people who are in need. We learned that they also help them organize and stock the food.

I enjoyed my experience today. I felt good to be able to help. I look forward to another opportunity to contribute my time in this way.

by Tatum Shackelford

### Manna Food Bank

On Thursday, November 13, Mrs. Davis's and Mrs. Cunningham's fifth grade classes made a special delivery to Manna Food Bank. As you may remember, the food you brought to school on Manna Day went to this food bank. Originally, Manna was a house that a woman gave after her son was classified as "missing in action". The employees gave us a tour of the house. If you go in the back, you will find small loading trucks that go around Thousand Oaks collecting food. There is also a white house where they store more food. After the tour, the two classes split up and started working. My group worked in a room where there was food that needed to be sorted. Manna only has limited workers, so our help really made everyone's job easier. It was sad to see all the expired food that people had given. Some people had cleaned out their pantry and gave expired food instead of taking the time to buy new food or to give food they had recently purchased. Manna thoroughly checks the expiration dates so needy people won't get bad food. After this process, the food is given out to those in need. My trip to Manna gave me a new appreciation for the important work that this organization does in our community.



**Editor's Note:** These two articles were chosen, one from each 5th grade class after an assignment to write about their field trip to the Manna Food Bank.

## P.F.A. NEWS

PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

### Can you Help with the Annual Teacher Christmas Brunch?

Nancie Blumenthal is looking for volunteers to assist in decorating and setting up on Thursday, Dec. 18, from 6 – 9 P.M. On Friday, Dec. 19, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., she needs volunteers to help hostess, cook, serve, and clean up. Any and all participation from ages 11-71 is encouraged. If you would like to help make this year's faculty/staff brunch a memorable event, please contact Nancie at: [nancieb@mindspring.com](mailto:nancieb@mindspring.com)

### "Silent Auction" Christmas Wreath/Garland and Tree Fundraiser:

PFA is again holding a silent auction for Christmas Trees, and this year we have added wreaths and garland. Items are on display now in the lobby. Come see these beautiful creations you can take home! Items are due Friday, November 21. Bidding begins Monday, Dec. 1 and runs through Wednesday, Dec. 10. Fifty percent of the profits go to the various school groups and fifty per cent goes to PFA.

**AUCTION:** Save the Date – Sat. March 28, 2009 Planning has begun for the auction in the spring with a retro 70s theme ... Listen to the BeeGees... put on those polyester suits and crazy colored fabrics, and come out for a night of fun! We have entertainment by comedian Paul Aldrich. Check out his website at [www.paulaldrich.com](http://www.paulaldrich.com) The next auction meeting will be Monday, Dec. 1, at 8:30 A.M.. Come have fun with us. Won't you please get involved?



*continued from page 1*

## Where Are We Going cont.

Thank you for joining our HCS vehicle as you and your child take this trip. Enjoy the ride (the process) as much as you will enjoy reaching the destination (the outcome/ENDS/product). Our enrollment is up from last year, and for that we are truly blessed as more and more are joining us in the journey. Thank you for not just taking this trip with us at HCS, but for your fuel of support, for your direction through encouragement, for taking the wheel at times through many volunteer opportunities, and for your prayers to remove the barriers the enemy desires to put into our roadway, as well as your prayers for His blessings along the way.

“And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:19 ■



*by Misty Ochoa, 1st Grade,*

## Pumpkin Patch

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9: 37-38. For the past nine years, first graders have witnessed God’s harvest

in full view at the McGrath Pumpkin Patch in Ventura. This is a wonderful experience for the students. The pumpkin patch is a real working farm where the kids are taught the stages of a pumpkin’s growth. Before the hay ride and pumpkin choosing, the students learned all about the many uses and benefits of pumpkins, squash, and gourds dating back to the Native Americans and the early settlers. Farmer Don proudly passed around different types of dried gourds that were used as toys and musical instruments many years ago. It was an exciting day that ended along the Ventura coast as we picnicked at the Marina Park. When asked what the best part of the field-trip was, Israel Yaghtin replied, “The best part was definitely getting soaked at the beach.” His dad just smiled!



*by Rachel Cunningham*



## Saying Goodbye

As I reflect on my time here at Hillcrest, I am amazed at what a strong, Godly community God has woven together. I have been teaching now for

eight years, six of those years at Christian schools in other parts of California. Never in my eight years of teaching, have I been at a school as welcoming as HCS. From the first day I arrived, everyone was so friendly. This made it so easy for me to be motivated to come to school each day and teach, knowing that I was going to a place that I love!

In addition, it is very evident that parents at HCS are trying hard to train their children in His ways as I had the privilege of teaching one of the best groups of 5th graders I have ever met! Their heartfelt prayers, concern for one another, respect for one another and for me, their willingness to try, and their motivation to do everything in obedience to Him is what I will forever be grateful for in my experience at Hillcrest.

So as I move on, I pray that on days when things in the classroom may not be going as you had hoped, or someone is taking a really long time in the morning/afternoon drop off, or someone’s car is blocking yours, that you would remember how blessed you are as parents to have your children in such a wonderful school with a Godly and caring group of administrators and teachers, as teachers to have a great group of individuals to work with, and as students to have the caring, kind teachers who truly care about the way that you learn best. Until we meet again...

**Editor's Note: Miss Cunningham, we will miss you very much. Thank you so much for your contribution to our school this year.**