

THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN... **JANUARY 24, 2008**



CALENDAR ITEMS

JANUARY 2008

- Fri. 25** Half Day Staff In-Service
Elementary Dismissal 12:30 P.M.
Secondary Dismissal 12:20 P.M.
- Fri. 25** ACSI Spelling Bee
- Mon. 28** New Family Information Night 7 P.M.
- 28-29** Secondary Finals Review
- 30-31** Secondary Finals
7-12 Dismissal 12:50 P.M.
Front Pick-up Only
- Thurs. 31** End of 1st Semester
In-house Registration Begins

FEBRUARY 2008

- Fri. 01** Semester Break- Teacher In-service
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE
- Sat. 02** Saturday Work Day 8 A.M.-NOON
- Fri. 08** Sibling Registration Begins
- Wed. 13** New Family Registration Begins
- Thurs. 14** Valentines Special Dress Day
- Mon. 18** President's Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

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By Cathe Jackson, Preschool Director

The Next Generation...

The Preschool students have learned a lot this year about doing what God wills us to do by standing firm with the word of God.

Last week the preschool teachers taught their students about Martin Luther King Jr. and what he did for our country. They explained that a long time ago people used to judge other people by the color of their skin and that some people were mean to the darker skinned people. Martin Luther King Jr. believed in God. He knew that God commanded us to love one another so he stood up and spoke about what God has commanded us to do. He did God's will even though it was dangerous. It was right and it glorified our God in heaven. Dr. King made a difference because he stood firm on the Word of God and preached what he knew was right, that no matter what color our skin is, we are all God's children and we are supposed to love one another. I was so thrilled to hear the children talking about it on the play yard. It was the sounds of seeds that were planted taking root.

Ruby Bridges is another person the children will learn about. At only six years of age, she experienced an incredible amount of discrimination. Through it all, she prayed for the people that called her names and spit at her. She prayed that the Lord would forgive them because they did not know what they were doing. She learned this from her mother. Her mom taught her that if she was scared, she should pray to God because He is always with her. What an awesome thing for a mother to teach her daughter.

David faced Goliath as Goliath laughed and mocked him for being so little. David stood his ground and said, "You come against me with a sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."- I Sam. 17:45. David focused on God and defeated Goliath in one throw. The children love hearing this story. It helps them realize that God is really bigger than our giants.

Unfortunately, situations like these are still happening today whether it is because of gender, skin color, age, or size. We need to equip our children to know that through Christ they can do anything and to stand up with the Word of God. We need to teach our children, "God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of the person, but the Lord looks at the heart."-1 Sam. 16:7

I am proud to see that at Hillcrest we are teaching the next generation (our students) that we are commanded to love one another, that we are humble servants to the Lord, and we are to do His will. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," is a verse to be repeated everyday.

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

SHORT SUBJECTS

Parents, We Need You!!! Family Information Night January 28, 7:00 P.M.

With new family registration beginning in February, Hillcrest is sponsoring our second Family Information Night on January 28th at 7:00 P.M. to offer interested new families an opportunity to learn more about Hillcrest. As Hillcrest parents, you are our best form of advertising. This night is a great opportunity for you to invite Christian families who would benefit from the Hillcrest experience. Better yet, if you attend with them, they will immediately sense the spirit of community so present amongst our families and staff. You will earn a \$500.00 tuition credit for referring a family who enrolls (after three months of attendance and on-time payments). Please help us spread the word!!

SPIRIT WEAR STILL AVAILABLE

If you missed your chance to get Spirit Wear to support Hillcrest, some items are still available. Please contact Booster Club President Wendy Rettinger if you are interested.

The auction committee is looking for corporate as well as family sponsors for the Hillcrest Auction in May 2008. Please contact Stacie White at stacieteer@sbc-global.net if you would like more information. Forms can be obtained outside the volunteer office.



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Partnering with Parents Special January Event

For the month of January in lieu of our 4th Tuesday Partnering With Parents Seminar, we are encouraging all of our parents to a special event on the evening of Tuesday, January 29, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. HCS is partnering with Camarillo Christian Church and Cornerstone Christian School to invite you to Josh McDowell's Face 2 Face: An Enlightening Look at a Searching Generation. Topics to be discussed are

How to keep the culture from influencing your kids

How to instill a life-changing faith in your child

How to build deep and enduring relationships in your family

We are promoting this event in lieu of our own monthly seminar because the information that will be provided by Josh McDowell is extremely valuable and worthy of your time. This seminar will take place at 1777 Arneill Road, Camarillo at Camarillo Christian Church. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this well-known Christian author and world-renowned speaker on the critical issues facing youth and parents today. To purchase tickets (\$15.00) or for more information call 805-987-8621.

Fifth Graders Learn About Physics

On Thursday, January 17, 2008, both 5th grade classes walked to the Thousand Oaks Civic Center for the presentation, *The Notion of Motion*, an educational program about Sir Isaac Newton's Three Laws of Motion.

Hillcrest 5th graders were front and center and several of our students were selected to participate in the many experiments and activities designed to bring the laws of physics to life. HCS participants included students Dante Shane, Madison Mathews, Maggie Philen, and Christian Carignan. and chaperones Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Rettinger.

As you can tell from the comments below, the program was a big hit and a valuable learning experience. Special thanks Mrs. Rettinger for getting the tickets.

"We learned about physics. There were experiments and things. It was funny. I liked it." R'Mani Gamble

"My favorite part was when Carlos put on rollerblades and shot air at 250 p.s.i. out in front of him. It pushed him backwards across the stage very quickly." Luke DeWitt

"The host taught us a lot of information about science. He did really cool experiments about inertia and $F = m \times a$." Logan Ochoa

"I thought the trip was awesome! Carlos picked Dante because he said the ball would go down, and he was right." Austin Caccavo

"We learned a lot of new things. Carlos did really funny things also." Hannah Gross

"One thing I liked was when Carlos put the little ball on the basketball. When he dropped them, the little ball went flying. I was shocked when the basketball was left on the ground because normally, basketballs bounce really high. Notion in Motion was so fun!" Christine Lasher



by Mark Kempf,
Athletics
Activities
Admissions



HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL:

We continue to build and grow and gain victories for both of our high school basketball teams. The girls had a barn burner of a game last Thursday against Ventura County Christian High School. The game was a back and forth affair, with 11 different lead changes throughout the game. Hannah Rhodes had 12 points and Lindsey Luebbert had 13 points with three (3) point baskets. Ventura County's leader Ashley Hinton led their attack with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

The nail biter came down to the last six seconds of the game. Hillcrest needed to score and score quickly. Lindsay Luebbert brought the ball up the floor to find Hannah Rhodes open. Hannah began her drive to the basket and was fouled before the shot. Because we were in the bonus, Hannah shot (a one-and-one) with six seconds left in the game. Needing to hit the front end to tie, the second to win, Hannah hit both to win the game by one. Final score Hillcrest 28, Ventura 27. Hannah "Clutch" Rhodes helped Hillcrest earn a 3-11 overall record and 3-5 Omega League record. Ventura's League record dropped to 4-3. Our girls continue to fight for a possible wild card berth in the playoffs. KEEP IT UP SAINTS!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL:

Our middle school boy's basketball team got their first win this past Friday against Cornerstone Christian School. Led by Cody Cordell, Matthew Holloway, and Connor Ahern, our team played great defense and pounded both boards. The final score of 29-20 reveals the fruits of their labor.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL:

Our 5th and 6th grade boys battled hard against Cornerstone Christian School, but came up short losing 29-15. The team continues to gel and develop team chemistry under the direction of Coach Tom Rettinger and Assistant Coach Tony Vieira. It should be exciting to see the tallest team in the TVCAL find their groove. When they do, watch out league ... the big boys are coming!!!! Go Saints!!!

5TH & 6TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL:

The 5th and 6th grade girls battled and out-muscled Cornerstone Christian School. The girls showed great hustle and toughness to start their TVCAL league schedule winning 26-14. Under the leadership of Head Coach Derek

Barksdale and Assistant Coach Heidi Ross, we look forward to a very exciting season!! Go Saints!!!

HCS SCORES FIRST VICTORY BEHIND LUBIN'S TRIPLE-DOUBLE

CANOGA PARK – It's true what they say. Hard work does pay off. The Hillcrest Saints tasted the fruits of victory for the first time as they defeated the Trinity Lutheran Mustangs 50-28.

While tough defense and team basketball sparked HCS throughout the game, one individual line stood out from the rest. Michael Lubin played his best game as a Saint, scoring 21 points, grabbing 21 rebounds (12 offensive), and blocking 11 shots in the win. Tim Lee added 14 points to go along with 6 steals, and got the offense rolling in the first half with back-to-back 3-point baskets.

After playing to a stalemate in the first quarter, Hillcrest used an 18-5 second quarter run to build a 13-point halftime lead. That lead would quickly fade in the third quarter when Trinity scored the first 8 points of the second half, cutting the lead to 5. That would be as close as the Mustangs would get.

Lubin's three point play with 10 seconds remaining in the third gave the Saints a 9 point advantage and all the momentum they would need to finish the game strongly in the fourth quarter. Hillcrest outscored Trinity 20-7 in the final frame to secure the 22 point triumph.

HCS set season highs in points (50), blocks (11), and steals (22) in what has to be a stepping stone heading into a grueling week ahead. Hillcrest's next exciting home game is Friday, January 25, at 4:30 P.M. against Westmark.

We continue to grow and build as an athletic program for the Lord! Keep improving Hillcrest because we are "Champions for Christ"!!!!!!!



Attention Secondary Parents Finals Pick-up Procedure

Next Wednesday and Thursday, January 30th and 31st, all secondary students will be dismissed at 12:50 P.M. PARENTS MAY NOT pick-up students in the back parking lot as elementary students will be on the playground. Please pick-up your child in the front parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Career Day at HCS 2008

Wednesday, January 16th, middle school and high school students were challenged to, "Plan a Path with Purpose," by HCS dad and career consultant Tom Horan. "I wish someone had taken the time to share this advice with me when I was in high school," he noted.

Mr. Horan started by establishing the biblical foundation for work and then outlined why so many people have difficulty in finding rewarding career choices. "You will spend over thirty years and almost 40% of your life doing it, you should find something you will enjoy," he commented. He added that surveys indicate that over 80% of Americans are unhappy with their current job and that 50% of graduating college seniors "have no plan for the future."

Horan advised students to start early investigating career and educational options by assessing their interests and gifting and considering what plan God has for them. "This is a process," Horan noted, "you have to own it, no one else can do this for you. They can be a part of it, but it is up to you." He encouraged attendees to set a goal and commit to achieving it. "If you could wake up and have any job you wanted, what would it be?" How will you get there?"

All eyes focused on the speaker when he commented, "I speak to many groups. I can look out into the room and have a good idea of who will be successful and, and who will not." Horan added that those students that are focused, paying attention, and engaged demonstrate the characteristics that will bring them success in education, business, and life.

According to Horan, the fastest growing occupations are in computing, occupational therapy, electronic gaming, physical therapy, and medical assistance. The largest numbers of jobs will be found in retail, management, teaching, nursing, and computing.

Mr. Horan concluded by given examples of diverse job opportunities and the requirements for being a successful entrepreneur, noting "there is no question that in all these areas, a college education is a must."

In closing, he encouraged those in attendance to "Pray about it, plan for it, and go for it!"

Mr. Horan has counseled students and adults for the past fifteen years. In addition to individual engagements, he is a frequent speaker for schools and churches and has conducted numerous seminars on career guidance in college planning. He is the dad of HCS alums Patrick ('02) and Kaitlin ('04).

REGISTRATION PACKETS

Registration packets are now available for pick up in the registrar's office. Stop by to sign for your packet and schedule your registration appointment. Priority registration for existing families will continue through February 12.

SATURDAY WORKDAY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 2, 8 A.M. - NOON. With your help we are always able to accomplish great things. Lunch is provided.

UNIFORM SALE

Today, Thursday January 24, Normans Uniforms will be on campus from 2:30 - 6:00 P.M. This is a great opportunity to purchase clothing items for students who have experienced a sudden growth spurt, lost their tie or sweatshirt, or will need new items for spring. Students can try on clothing for accurate sizing, and items not in stock will be shipped to your home at no additional cost.

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