

# THIS WEEK

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MAY 21, 2009

## CALENDAR ITEMS MAY 2009

**21-30** European Study Trip - Italy

**Mon. 25** Memorial Day  
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

**Fri. 29** God's Promise Day  
Manna Dress Day  
Family Service Day)

## JUNE 2009

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

**03-04** Senior Finals

**Thurs. 04** Secondary Awards Chapel 8 A.M.  
PFA Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.  
Grad Night at Disneyland

**Sat. 06** Senior Graduation

**08-09** Secondary Finals Review

**Mon. 08** Spring All School Worship Concert

**10-11** Secondary Finals

**Wed. 10** Kindergarten Graduation 10 A.M.  
Sixth Grade Promotion 6 P.M.

**Thurs. 11** Elementary Awards Chapel  
Eighth Grade Promotion 2-3:30 P.M.  
Last Day of School

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



By Stephen Allen, Head of School

## Parent Survey Update

Recently each family should have received an email with a link for responding to a survey of your thoughts and opinions about HCS. This survey was created to help us better understand both our strengths and the areas for which you desire improvement. A special thank you goes to the 100 parents who completed the survey during the first week. If you have not completed and submitted the survey, you have until May 25th. Email LuAnn Malcolm for the survey link if you did not receive it.

We respect your opinions and will use the data to make decisions about future improvements and to commend our staff for the excellence that exists in our school. When the survey closes, we will analyze the results as well as communicate them to you. Please understand that surveys of this nature are very basic and will not include every possible question or ask questions about every area of the school. As the need arises, we will use this data to create other follow-up assessments.

Early results are strong in number as 100 surveys for our school size is a very good indicator to make assessments. Thus far, it seems clear that parents are very satisfied with our quality of instruction, our delivery of teaching a Christian worldview, the fulfillment of our mission statement, and that we are meeting our school-wide result of seeing authentic Christianity in our students.

While all early results are very positive, they also indicate your desire to see us work at even better communication and to improve those programs that result in students appreciating and having their beliefs shaped by the arts. But again, these are early results. We will report more thoroughly before the school year is out and after having some time to analyze the results.

What is the goal of this survey? First, we do value your opinion, and this tool allows your thoughts to be known to the administration. Second, we will use the information to determine the ways in which we can and should improve our school. Lastly, this information will be used to help us determine and articulate a clear vision for the Hillcrest Christian School of the future.

On another note, our annual Open House on Friday was a wonder-

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

## SHORT SUBJECTS



### Have Your Bought Your Yearbook?

The end of the year is almost here, and yearbooks are still on sale in the finance office for \$135. Don't miss out on this wonderful all-color keepsake of the many events and special

memories that made 2008/2009 a great year at HCS. Yearbooks will be delivered the first week in June in plenty of time to get all your friends and favorite staff members to sign. Watch for upcoming information on special yearbook parties. Order now before it's too late!

### HCS Summer Camp

This year's preschool summer camp program is for children ages 2-6. Kindergartners are welcome! Invite your friends. We have cooking lessons, water days, special guests, Bible time, and arts and crafts lined up for an amazing summer! Don't miss out on the fun! Get your packet at the front desk, and turn it in as soon as possible! Please call Cathe Jackson if you have any questions at 805-497-7501 ext. 258.

Living Oaks Community Church will host summer day camp for 1st-6th grade from June 22 - August 14, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. at HCS. The tuition is \$195 (not \$160) per week, including the cost of the weekly field trip. Additional child-care available. Contact: 805-376-1800.



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by Jessica Navarro, NHS advisor

### National Honor Society

On Thursday, the newest members of the Hillcrest chapter of the National Honor Society were inducted at our annual ceremony. The following students were honored based on their demonstration of Godly character, scholarship (3.5 GPA minimum), leadership and service: Kasey Lubin (president), Diane Mooshoolzadeh (vice-president), Daniel Shim (treasurer), Brandon Armstrong (secretary), Ellie Rossi, Jason Suh, Alex Buller, Lyndsey Kelleher, Hanah Yoon, and Dani Ruffing. Congratulations to all, and thank you for your commitment to service!

by Coach Vicki Woodard

### A 2<sup>ND</sup> Place Westside League Finish and It's Off To Playoffs for Saints Varsity Boys' Volleyball Team

The Saints ended their regular season with very impressive wins over two leading Westside league teams. Those wins helped the Saints finish the league in second place qualifying them for the CIFSS Playoffs.

Friday's round one of the playoffs pitted the Saints against a much touted team from Cate, a much larger school than Hillcrest, but the Saints would not be intimidated. The Saints traveled to Cate determined to give their all. After working to gain a quick 8 to 3 lead over Cate, the Saints never looked back defeating Cate in three sets, 25-21, 25-17, and 25-21. It was amazing teamwork, resolute defense, and unwavering intensity that pushed the Saints to that very exciting win.

The Saints were led by Erik Jansen with 16 kills and 5 aces. Jason Suh added 6 aces and 3 kills, and Gio Hernandez contributed 16 assists and 2 aces. Dillon Brody, Nick Park, and Matt Woodard were key defensive players in the win.

With a 14-5 record, the Saints are now preparing for Tuesday's round two of the CIF playoffs against Flintridge Prep of La Canada. If you haven't seen them play, you don't want to miss this game. Make sure you show up to give your support for our Saints Tuesday at 4pm at First Christian Church in Newbury Park. GO SAINTS!!!!

by Chloe Zgorzelski, 5th grade student

### Adopt A Pilot

For the past three Fridays, both of the fifth grade classes have been squeezing into Mrs. Thomas's classroom for a very special visit by Captain Dave. Captain Dave is the pilot that the fifth grade classes have "adopted". We are participating in the Adopt-a-Pilot program. The Adopt-a-Pilot program is teaching us about speed, force, acceleration, planes, and goal setting. In science class, we have been tracking where he is flying every day on a map and figuring out the mileage his plane has flown. We have even seen a cool video of Captain Dave landing his plane. Danielle Coogan from Mrs. Davis's class said, "Adopt-a-Pilot is fun and educational." As you can see, both the fifth grade classes will not soon forget this experience.



*Cathe Jackson, Preschool Director*

## **Preschool Point of View**

### **Strawberry Patch Field Trip**

Every year around Mother's day, the entire preschool department goes to Underwood farms to pick strawberries with their moms, grandmas, or aunts. This is a day for the preschoolers to have special time with a special loved one. The parents and children picked strawberries, ate lunch, and spent time together on the farm. Moms and grandmas had a chance to meet other moms and grandmas and enjoyed fellowship throughout the day. It was a great time on the farm.



### **Preschool Open House!**

Open house for preschool was absolutely fabulous! The teachers worked really hard to get everything prepared for parents to view their children's classes. Mrs. Tran had her classroom decorated with frogs everywhere. F.R.O.G. in her class

stands for "fully rely on God". The students in Mrs. Tran's class made binoculars and canteens, so that they could pretend to go camping in the giant frog tent set up in the dramatic play center. The children used lily pads for circle time and created their own frogs out of construction paper.

Miss Nicole had a garden theme in her class room representing growing in God's garden. The children made flowers, fruit of the spirit bowls, and finger painted a garden. It was amazing to see how Miss Nicole's dramatic play center looked just like a real garden. All the things they had planted were on display.

Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Berg had a spring theme in their classroom which represented the verse, "He who has the Son has life..." - 1 John 5:12. The children made sunflowers, butterflies, kites, and other spring creations to make the room look bright and cheery. They even had child-size rakes and shovels in the dramatic play area. It was amazing.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Baltau focused on a Veggie Tale theme once again this year. They displayed all of the children's art work in both classes. Jonah and the big fish were displayed in Mrs. Smith's class while Daniel and the lion's den were displayed in Mrs. Baltau's room. They did an amazing job! I even heard there was a little dancing going on with the preschoolers in their classrooms.

The children had fun and worked hard making all the projects for open house. It was such a blessing to see the teachers and the students having such a good time putting all their work together. I hope you did not miss out on all the fun.

The preschool and kindergarten playground wish list is now posted by Mrs. Jackson's office. Please come by and check it out. Thank you for your support!

### **Regional Speech Meet Winners**

Last Friday, Hillcrest's elementary speech meet winners participated in the ACSI Regional Speech Meet at Grace Brethren in Simi Valley. We are so proud of the following students who competed with students from other Christian schools in the categories of fables and folklore, poems, and Bible verses.

#### **First Place Winners**

- 1st – Devon Chouhan
- 1st – Olivia Lethcoe
- 1st – Teaghan Shackelford
- 2nd – Brandon Carignan
- 2nd – Jessica Knight
- 3rd – Jordyn Regier
- 4th – Deanna Bitterly
- 4th – Mackenzie Stabile
- 5th – Tatum Shackelford
- 5th – Claire Williams
- 6th – Katarina Bradford
- 6th – Christian Carignan

#### **Second Place Winners**

- 1st – Sheridan Burlingame
- 2nd – Ryan Smith
- 3rd – Megan Ehman
- 3rd – Ashley Massell
- 3rd – Catherine Spach
- 4th – Asher Baer
- 4th – Chigo Chukwu
- 4th – Megan Thornton
- 4th – Skylar White
- 5th – Kiana Shane
- 5th – Joe Shimamoto
- 6th – Madison Mathews
- 6th – Lucas Vieira
- 6th – Bella Williams

#### **Third Place Winners**

- 3rd – Bailey West
- 5th – Michael Abraham
- 6th – Megan Neill



by Julie Thurman, librarian

## SUCCESSFUL BOOK FAIR WILL ENHANCE OUR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH TOOLS

Thank you to all who supported our school library through the purchase of books at the Mrs. Nelson's Book Fair held on campus last week. We also want to thank all of the volunteers who gave of their time to help Mrs. Thurman with set-up, organization, and sales. We couldn't have done it without you!

We are in the process of updating and weeding through our collection of library materials. Proceeds from the fair will go toward the purchase of many new books to benefit your children.

The book fair also raised money for another exciting update that we will be offering our students next year. The Britannica Online Encyclopedia service is a research tool which offers quality content at three different levels of difficulty: elementary, middle, and high school. It even offers a learning zone for our preschool children where they can engage in a variety of educational interactive experiences.

All HCS students will have access to this service, both on campus and at home, beginning next year. This product includes three sets of constantly updated encyclopedias, links to hundreds of articles, multimedia and maps, links to the "best of the web", dictionaries, Spanish translations, and so much more! Your children will have the ability to create a workspace for each report where they can collect all of their sources while doing research.

Britannica Online will also benefit our teachers with learning materials and lesson plans to expand on the lessons taught in the classroom. If you wish to donate one dollar (or more!) toward next year's subscription, it is not too late. For every dollar donated, your children can write their name on one of the colorful books on the display hanging in the hallway across from the library. It will remain on display until the end of the year. Please give your dollar to Mrs. Thurman in the library.



by Brock MacPherson, senior

## Senior Spotlight: Austin Boyd

Austin Boyd has attended Hillcrest Christian School for five years. While at HCS, his favorite memories have been senior retreat and bonding with his friends. His favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 10:31. Austin played golf for Hillcrest, has won several golf tournaments, and made it to the CIF playoffs this year. He is going to IJGA, the International Junior Golf Academy, where he hopes to earn a D1 scholarship. After IJGA, he plans to attend a four year college locally. He is looking forward to making new friends and having more freedom throughout college.

His mom, Julia, and his father, David, are very proud of their son for his golf achievements. He also has an older sister named Haley, two dogs named Commodore and Sophie, a cat named Bella, and a bird named Jack.

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## Parent Survey Update cont.

ful event with many facets to enjoy including a wonderful time of fellowship at the spaghetti dinner hosted by our junior class. While we desire to improve, we also take note of the wonderful achievements of our students, of appropriately challenging instruction from our teachers, and the supportive environment of our parents. Whether it is leading a school, teaching a classroom of students, or raising a child, we need to remember the admonition given to Joshua in the last half of Joshua 1:17 – "...only may the Lord your God be with you..." ■



by Austin Boyd, senior

## Senior Spotlight: Lindsay Luebbert

This week the spotlight is on Lindsay Luebbert. Lindsay lives with her father, Scott and her mother, Joan. She has four older sisters, Bridget, Bethany, Christina, and Abby, two brothers-in-law, and a cat named Jewel. She has been at Hillcrest for four years. Her favorite Hillcrest memories are good times with the basketball and volleyball girls and the senior trip. She is going to Moorpark College next year and eventually plans on transferring to a nursing school. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11. She is most looking forward to working toward her career and meeting new people in college. Lindsay was in ASB her junior year and will always be remembered for her gentle spirit and her contributions to Hillcrest athletics. She was co-captain of the basketball team and received athletic recognition as second team All League in basketball and first team and MVP All League for volleyball.