

# THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN ...



**AUGUST 28, 2008**

## CALENDAR ITEMS

### AUGUST 2008

Fri. **29** 7-12 Field Day 11:30-3:00 P.M.

### SEPTEMBER 2008

Mon. **01** Labor Day Holiday  
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE

Thurs. **04** PFA Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.  
7-12 Back to School Night 7-9 P.M.

Sat. **06** Saturday Workday 8 A.M. - Noon  
Movie Night

Mon. **08** Booster Club Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Tues. **09** Washington D.C. Meeting 7 P.M.

Thurs. **11** K-6 Back to School Night 7-8:30 P.M.

Tues. **16** Picture Day

**24-26** High School Retreat

Fri. **26** Manna Dress Day

### OCTOBER 2008

Thurs. **02** PFA Meeting 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Fri. **03** Preschool International Day

**04-06** ABS Retreat

Sat **04** HCS Home Tour  
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by Stephen Allen, Head of School

## Welcome...

...to the 2008-2009 school year at Hillcrest Christian School. This is the first of our weekly newsletters. With few exceptions, this publication's new issues are prepared and distributed each week by Thursday noon. It is distributed via email and is

posted on the school's website at [www.hillcrestcs.org](http://www.hillcrestcs.org). Taking the time to read it will help both school and home as we partner together in this ministry of love, toward the academic and spiritual development of your children. If this newsletter does not answer questions you have, feel free to checkout our web site or give us a call.

## Core Values – Your Values?

We praise the Lord that our budget goal of 400 students has been met this year. As our families begin the year, it is important to remind ourselves of the school's core values. Our school mission statements is

*Hillcrest Christian School is dedicated to serving the Christian community by providing high quality Christian education and training for the development of well-rounded students who will impact this world for the Lord Jesus Christ through Biblical thought and action.*

In order to push forward in meeting this mission and purpose, we have agreed upon certain core values.

*We value the Bible as God's Word, our practical guide to daily living in all areas.*

*We value the importance of excellent academic preparation.*

*We value the Biblical mandate that all believers attend, support, and are supported through a local Christian church of like faith and message.*

*We value the home, not the state or government, as having the primary responsibility for raising children.*

Pray with us that these core values will become your children's core values. I thank you for selecting HCS and entrusting your children to our care. I understand that each parent has many options, and I thank you for enrolling your child at Hillcrest Christian School.

## Communication

Communication is always a two-way endeavor. Here are some typical ways for you to stay connected with those within the ministry at HCS.

### Verbal conversations

We welcome your communication directly with teachers and other members of the school staff but ask that when teachers are on duty on the playground or supervising students for drop off or pick up that you not try to hold a conference at that time. We thank you ahead of time for your

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

## SHORT SUBJECTS

### A Taste of California

The Women's Resource Center is sponsoring "A Taste of California", an evening of romance by the lake, designed to raise awareness and support for the life-changing hope and healing brought to many young women in our community. See the front lobby for more information.

### Help Wanted:

#### After-School Child Care Worker

We currently have one part-time position available for Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3:00 – 6:00 P.M. this is ideal for a college student or other adult 18 or older who has a heart for children. Applications are available in the front office. Starting wage is \$9.50 per hour. Contact Joni Metcalfe at ext. 202 for questions or more information.

### Elementary Chapel Moves to Thursday

In order to avoid missing chapel on Friday event days and holidays, elementary chapel is now every Thursday at 9:00 A.M. following secondary chapel.

### HCS Home and Garden Tour

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

Four families all within the Westlake Village and North Ranch area have generously opened up their homes and gardens for this one day event. Tickets are \$25.00 per person in advance and \$30.00 the day of the event. Purchase your tickets online at [www.hillcrestcs.org](http://www.hillcrestcs.org).

sensitivity to the teachers as they have supervisory duties that require them to focus on direct supervision of children. In addition, please honor their scheduled morning staff devotion time. At Back to School Nights, teachers can let you know the best times and days to schedule meetings.

### School Web Site ([hillcrestcs.org](http://hillcrestcs.org))

Our school website has valuable information for your access. If there is something that you would like added to the website, email your Head of School, Mr. Allen, at [sallen@hillcrestcs.org](mailto:sallen@hillcrestcs.org) for our consideration.

### This Week @ Hillcrest

As stated earlier, this written publication is sent to you each week as our primary means of communication to parents.

### School Team Messages

Hosted and sponsored by JoAnn Tattersall of Active Real Estate, this service allows HCS to make all-school messages through the telephone. Please try to listen to the entire message before deleting. Please don't assume that the information does not apply to you.

### Renweb

Renweb is our student management database system that has several important functions for assisting in communication at HCS. You can view calendar, grades, homework assignments, and more.

Please visit [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com) to create your account. Our school code is HCS-CA. You will need to verify the email address that you gave to HCS. Remember to use the "New Parent Login" the first time. You can also access Renweb by clicking on the "Renweb login" button on the menu bar at the top of the school's website at [www.hillcrestcs.org](http://www.hillcrestcs.org). Once you are logged onto Renweb, there are several training tools for parents. If you need further training, you can stop in to see Lorna West in our registrar's office, or you can call her at extension 205.

### Various Meetings

As you receive communications, you will become aware of opportunities to serve and become more active here at HCS. As you get involved, we appreciate your promptness to meetings, as time is so valuable to us all.

### Person to Person

As Head of School, one of my favorite ways to communicate with you is to occasionally greet you at the front door or to assist with parking and traffic in the parking lot. The bottom line is that the other staff members and I are here to hear you and to help you. If you have a question, don't be afraid to ask.

### Back to School Nights

One of our most important means of communication are special meetings, the first of which is the Back to School Nights for elementary and secondary schools. Please don't view these events as optional. Attending these events helps get everyone on the same page for a great year ahead. We look for 100% attendance.

**Secondary (7-12) – 7 PM on Thursday, September 4**  
**Elementary (K-6) – 7 PM on Thursday, September 11**



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