

Hillcrest Happenings

January 2010

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE . . . Happy New Year!! It is that time of year again. We are preparing to hold our annual open houses in February. This year, we are going to try something a little different. Wednesday, February 3rd, from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m., prospective families will have the opportunity to tour our facility while school is in session. This will be a great way of showing families first hand how wonderful it is to be a part of Hillcrest Christian School. We will also have another open house for the elementary campus on Monday, February 8th, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Enclosed is a prospect form. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our school, please fill out the form and return to Gerry Grimes. Also, be watching for the enrollment forms. They will be sent to you in February.

EXCHANGE STUDENT . . . Francesco Fronterotta arrived on our campus from Scanno, Italy, (close to Rome) on January 11th and will study with us until the end of the school year. He is taking part in a semester abroad program sponsored by Education First Foundation for Foreign Study. EF is a worldwide, non-profit organization dedicated to international student exchange and education which aims to encourage cultural awareness and mutual respect between nations.

EXCHANGE SCHOOL PROGRAM . . . It will be our privilege and pleasure to host seven students and three teachers from Gornostai Gymnasium in Novosibirsk, Russia, for a program of cultural exchange between March 22nd and April 16th. Students will be hosted by local families, attend high school classes and school events, and tour our community as well as Natchez, Gulf Shores, AL and New Orleans, LA. This is an exciting opportunity for our students, school, and community. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact Barbara Westerfield at 601-372-0149 ext. 307.

HCS Class of 2010 GARAGE SALE . . . We are now accepting all donations. Please bring them to school, or if you need someone to pick them up, contact Anne Epperson at 601-372-0149. All proceeds benefit Project Graduation! The garage sale is tentatively scheduled for April; however, please do not wait to send your items. This will help the senior class greatly, so please help if you can.

SOCCER . . . Most soccer teams struggle through a "rebuilding" period the season after graduating almost half of their starters. However, losing five seniors, including two all-stars, has not slowed down the Hillcrest Christian soccer team, which is off to its best start in several years. They entered the Christmas break with a 3-1 record and hope to finish off the regular season with enough wins to make the play-offs for a second straight year!

BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS . . .

Jr. Varsity Tournament at Lamar Academy
Varsity District Tournament at Leake Academy
Varsity North AA Tournament at Leake Academy
Class AA State Tournament at Indianola Academy
MAIS Overall Tournament at Mississippi College

January 30th
February 2nd-6th
February 9th-13th
February 16th-20th
February 22nd-27th

THE STAR PROGRAM . . . The Mississippi Economic Council and its M. B. Swayze Educational Foundation sponsor the Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Program in an effort to encourage scholastic achievement among the state's high school students.

The program has two specific purposes:

- Emphasize scholastic excellence and encourage greater scholastic effort among MS students
- Recognition of the teaching profession

This is the program's forty-fifth year. The winner is the senior with the highest score on the ACT, which must be taken before December 31st. The STAR student is asked to designate his/her STAR teacher. The STAR teacher is the person who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

This year's STAR student is Kayla Coleman, and she has chosen Mrs. Noble as her STAR teacher. This is Mrs. Noble's eleventh year at Hillcrest and her fourth time to be chosen as STAR teacher. Congratulations to Kayla and Mrs. Noble.

COUGAR REVELATIONS . . . We are excited to announce the new Jr. Cougar Revelations. This group will include K5-3rd grade. This is a great opportunity for our younger students to gather together in fellowship. The Jr. Cougar Revelations will meet once a month just like the older students. We appreciate Bubba Petty and Marianne Lindsey for taking the time to organize these groups and setting a great example for our students here at Hillcrest. For more information, please contact the elementary office at 601-372-0809.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTION . . . Our annual meeting will be Monday, May 3rd. Look for more details as we get closer to the date. At this meeting we will elect three members to serve on the Hillcrest board for a four year term. The Board Nominating Committee is seeking nominations and would like your input. If you would like to nominate someone for consideration, please submit in writing to the attention of the Board Nomination Committee, your candidate's name and your reasons why he or she would be a good addition to the board. Please provide your name, as anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Candidates must be members in good standing of Hillcrest and must have children in attendance. The election of board members is governed by the Hillcrest by-laws. Your nominations need to be received by February 16th (Attention: Gerry Grimes).

IMPORTANT CALENDAR EVENTS . . .

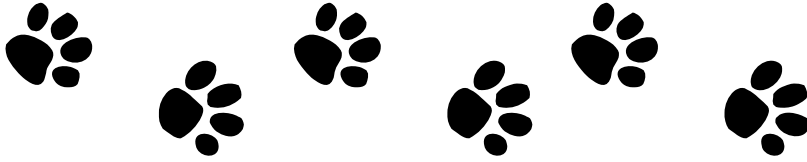
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| January 23 rd | Uniform Resale (8:00 a.m. until noon) |
| January 23 rd | Beauty and Beau Pageant (H.S. Gym) 2:00 p.m. |
| January 28 th | Cougar Revelations (4 th —6 th grade) 5:00 p.m. |
| February 3 rd | Elementary Open House 8:00 a.m. until noon |
| February 8 th | Elementary Open House 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. |
| February 15 th | President's Day--No School |
| March 11 th | Half Day of School |
| March 12 th –19 th | Spring Break |



Elementary News

Hillcrest Christian School is proud to announce the students who made the Elementary Headmaster's list (All A's). **Grade K5** – Makayla Adcock, Caroline McBride, Allie Peoples, Lincoln Sheffield, Anna Grace Whitver, Molli Grace Amis, Anna Grace Brister, Grace Greenwood, Collin Stringer, Haley Warren, Makinzi Williams, Jack Beazley, Cade Busby, Cole Campbell, Raegan Cohn, Neely Cooper, Peyton Davis, Austin Day, Ella Fuller, Heather Hutton, Scottlyn Slay, Drew Barrentine, Reese Bishop, Grayson Cowart, Daniel Dale, Hannah Keen, Tanner Rorie, Christian Saums, and Maddison Turner. **First Grade** – Allen Robertson, Luke Tynes, Emily Huff, Brelyn Bankston, Kendal Bankston, Amya Bolden, Julia Lindsey, Callie Matthews, Caitlyn McNamee, Zach Noone, Lexi Cora, Jesse Fountain, Joe McAfee, Myly McGee, Cody Uthoff, and Tyler Wolfe. **Second Grade** – Holly Hendry and Ashley Myers. **Third Grade** – Breelyn Davenport, Peyton Greenwood, Ross Mitchell, Sandy Myers, Sarah Grace Brownlee, Madeline Stringer, Kaylyn Turner, and Emily Lewis. **Fourth Grade** – Claire Ross, Hayden Barksdale, Preston Johnson, and Dakota Jones. **Fifth Grade** – Abbey Busby, Riley Olier, and Spurgeon Sanders. **Sixth Grade** – Sydney Mitchell, Evan Slay, Matt Myers, Connor McNamee and Caleb Ross.

For Honor Roll (all A's and B's): **K5** – Halle Carr, Carli Craft, Skylar Pittman, Paxton Cora, Genesis Graves, Jay Honeycutt, Tristan Price, Allyson Wright, Ashlyn Bailey, Gabrielle Curtis, Payton McCoy, Michiah Keyton, Devin Traxler, and Laila Young. **First Grade** – Payton Foil, Sydney Ford, Beth Hammill, Troy Hambright, Bryce Moore, Amelia Lewis, Nick Randall, Gracie Mae Pinnix, Maecy Reed, Rohan Sharma, Sam Brownlee, Josh Canoy, Christian Dearman, Aaliyah Dixon, Hayes Horton, Anthony Richey, Olivia Sasser, Anna Lynn Sills, Nathan Steele, Olivia Tyler, Annelise Bell, Lauren Cohn, Dylan McAlpin, Taylor Breaux, and Ausin Myers. **Second Grade** – Tyler Barlow, Wyatt Fullington, Bella Giddens, Eli McCrory, Avery Mitchell, Sienna Smathers, Mason Young, Abigail Browning, Reagan Chandler, Braedon Mabry, Alexis Leger, Campbell Owens, Casey Partridge, Sham Patel, Tori Rowell, Christina Watts, and Leah Wells. **Third Grade** – Shekinah Lumpkin, Griffin Dulaney, Dylan Vail, Trevor Waddell, Haleigh Wright, Peyton Bradley, Cody Harrigill, Kaitlyn Newell, Katelynn Phillips, Tucker Sellers, Cameron Sherman, Tommie-Leigh Summerlin, Hope Anderson, Bethany Bryant, Preston Cadwallader, Jayden Kendall, Adam Noone, Austin Warren, and Christian Weber. **Fourth Grade** – Jonathan Davis, Stephen Dooley, Rachael Griffin, Katelyn Hayman, Cameron Mabry, Katie Martin, Amber Speegle, Russell Weathersby, Terry Boykin, Kade Hayman, Lauren Horton, Eva Grace McCrory, Callie Price, Gracie Self, Brianna Tolley, Preston Vaughn, Eddie Martin, Rachel Martin, Eien McGee, Kelli Hayman, Madison Litwin, and Hayley McCann. **Fifth Grade** – Ansley Myers, KeyShawn Beddingfield, Madison Humphrey, Courtney West, Easton Sheffield, Ashton Brumfield, Thomas Wilson, Lauren Whitver, Noah Sasser, Bailey Giddens, Andrew Mitchell, Tori McCray, Jake Lape, and Caroline Campbell. **Sixth Grade** – Jordan Barksdale, Tori Jones, Annie Hutchins, Jordan Warren, Devonte Windom, Dylan Owens, Lo Phillips, Abby Taggart, Paul Blanco, Canteau' Gray, Audra Claire Canoy, Zach Hankins, Aaron Johnson, Dylan Roach, Nadia Tompkins, Cassidy Woodfield, Noah Blanco, Claire Dixon, Emileigh McKinnon, Om Patel, Shelby Perilloux, Grey Tyler, and Ashlyn Watts.



Hillcrest Christian School is proud to announce the students who made the Upper School Headmaster's List (All A's). **7th Grade** –Katherine Hendry, Emily Olier, and Baylee Richardson. **10th Grade** – Jamie Fountain, Sarah Malley, Ashley McAfee, Ashton McKinnon, and Sydney West. **11th Grade** – Alison Guider, Melissa Johnson, Anna Posey, Chelsea Twiner, and Abbie Walker. **12th Grade** – Casey Bailey, Christina Clark, Kayla Coleman, Lauren Hamilton, Emily Harris, Karly Kliesch, and Kayla Thornton.

For Honor Roll (all A's and B's): **7th Grade** – Bryce Baker, Victoria Bryan, Josh Bryant, Kaeleigh Cole, Shelby Etheridge, Brooke Giddens, Kristina Hamilton, Rebecca Harris, Lauren Johnson, Ashley Keith, Destini Kelly, Ridge Lewis, William McAdams, Joseph Ogletree, Andrew Speegle, Trey Spell, Addison Thigpen, Taylor Anne Volz, Peter Wilson, Holly Wright, and Landon Young. **8th Grade** – Abhi Bedi, Jesse Bingham, Laura Davis, Sam Fountain, Josh Gaddy, Chris Halbach, Emoni Harris, John Litwin, Jared McCann, Lacy Pigford, and Alanna Warren. **9th Grade** – Grant Baker, Emily Foreman, Leon Grays, Tyler Harless, Carmen Loftin, Lee Ogletree, Amber Owen, Meredith Parker, and Brook Weaver. **10th Grade** – Lauren Busby, Will Carter, Wendy Chan, Drew Fountain, Shelby Hedgepeth, Jesse Horne, Kristyn Kliesch, Kayla McAdams, Scott Pope, Katherine Ryan, and Anna Taggart.. **11th Grade** –Morgan Berry, Garrett Jones, Karley Keith, Christian Miller, Chris Prather, Meisha Ross, Ariel Sample, and Tiffany Spell. **12th Grade** –Beverly Bailey, Zach Ball, Emily Halbach, Renee Hood, Breanna Howard, Lindsey-Claire Muse, Staci Taylor, and Kaylee Welch.

Devotion

During the fall semester, the students in grades 7-12 had a tremendous experience during chapel to have an extensive study on relationships. Relationships with each other, relationships with their families, and relationships with the faculty, staff and administration were examined. The most important relationship discussed was their relationship with God and how He wants to work in our lives in our relationship with others. All of us associated with the students in grades 7-12 were blessed by the experience we shared with our students during this time.

In thinking of what we experienced, these verses came to mind that bear out what I believe was the heart of the study:

Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. I John 4:11 (NIV)

A new **command** I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you **must** love one another. John 13:34 (NIV)

By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 14:35

As we begin the 2010 year and the second half of our school year, may we begin by first examining our love for God--because He loved us first. Then let us examine our love for others because all will know that we love Him by our love for others.