

HILLCREST CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

The middle school at Hillcrest Christian School is a co-ed program for grades 7-8

Our Expected Schoolwide Learning Results is expressed as ACTS

Authentic Christianity
Communication
Team Building
Self-directed learning

ENROLLMENT

54 Students:
Student/Teacher Ratio 10 /1
Average class size : 16

FACULTY

Full time: 11
Part Time: 3 including elective

Advanced Degrees: 50% (full time)

STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT SCORES 2008

Top 80% of the
7th Grade class scored 10.8
8th Grade class scored 11.7

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Christian Schools International,
California Junior Scholastic Federation

ACCREDITATION

HCS is fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year is divided into two semesters. Report cards are issued approximately every eight weeks; however, grades are accessible at any time through Renweb. Parent conferences are scheduled in November to review student progress.

TESTING

Incoming students take an admission test which will include placement tests. All students take the Stanford 10 Achievement Test. Qualifying students may participate in the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

HCS has a chapter of the California Junior Scholastic Federation.

SCHEDULED COURSES

Grade 7 Bible
English (composition, grammar, vocabulary and literature)
World Studies
Life Science
Math 7 or Pre-Algebra
Physical Education
Elective
Study Hall

Grade 8 Bible
English (composition, grammar vocabulary and literature)
American History
Earth Science
Pre-Algebra, Algebra A or Algebra I
Physical Education
Elective
Study Hall or Spanish I

Elective classes include art, drama, home economics, study skills, computer, and teacher's aide.

GRADING

A (90-100%) Student exceeds standard course expectations; work judged as outstanding
B (80-89%) Student exceeds standard course expectations; work judged as very good
C (70-79%) Student meets standard course expectations
D (60-69%) Student meets some but not all course work expectations
F (0-59%) Student does not meet course work expectations

ATHLETICS

HCS middle school programs offered include girls' volleyball, girls' basketball, flag football, soccer, track, boys' basketball, boys' volleyball and cheerleading.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Middle School Leadership is a group of students who have been recognized for their leadership skills and willingness to serve. They are responsible for planning service projects, theme days, and social events.

CO-CURRICULAR TRAVEL

Seventh graders take an annual overnight marine science trip, and eighth graders may elect to participate in the U.S. Historic Study tour to Washington D.C., New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Chess-Beginning in 2009, students may choose to participate in the ACSI Chess Tournament. The tournament follows the Swiss Pairing System and will be governed by the United States Chess Federation rules.

Technology Fair- Students can participate in the ACSI Technology Fair. They will create their own tech presentations for the judging panel as well as attend demonstrations of the latest tech tools in video, blogs, podcasts, and web pages.

Geography Bee-Students in grades 7-8 may choose to participate in this new ACSI event designed to encourage students to acquire a broad knowledge of world geography and current events.

CURRENT TEXTBOOKS

7th Grade

Bible: *Route 66*, Positive Action for Christ

Math : Prentice-Hall *Mathematics Course 2* (Math 7)

Prentice-Hall *PreAlgebra*

Science: Bob Jones University Press *Life Science*

History: Bob Jones University Press *World Studies*

Interact History Simulations

English: Mosdos Press Literature (Jade)

Glencoe *Writers Choice* (Grammar 7)

Write Reflections 2002

Other ACSI Science Fair

ACSI Math Olympics

ACSI Middle School Leadership

Conference

8th Grade

Bible: *Route 66*, Positive Action for Christ

Math: Prentice-Hall *PreAlgebra*

Prentice-Hall *Algebra I*

Science: Bob Jones University Press *Earth*

Science

History: Bob Jones University Press *American*

Republic

History Alive Interactive Learning

English: Glencoe *Understanding Literature* (8)

Glencoe *Writer's Choice* (8)

Write Reflections

Spanish Vista Higher Learning, *Viva*,

Other: ACSI Science Fair

ACSI Math Olympics

ACSI Middle School Leadership

Conference

PARENT VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

Each family is required to serve a total of twenty volunteer hours over the course of the school year. In addition to helping the school minimize expenses, it provides parents the opportunity to work together as part of the school community

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Horan has eighteen years of teaching experience at Hillcrest. Beginning in September 2003, she served as secondary principal and added elementary responsibilities in the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Horan has a Bachelor of Science and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Santa Clara. She is a member of the State Bar of California and practiced law for five years before coming to HCS. Mrs. Horan and her husband Tom have been married since 1977, and they have three children: Thomas Michael, a USC graduate and current third year law student at SMU, Patrick (HCS '02) a Notre Dame graduate currently a Doctoral Fellow at USC, and Kaitlin (HCS '04), a 2008 honors graduate of TCU (Texas Christian University).

For an updated calendar with events and other information regarding Hillcrest Christian School, please access our website at www.hillcrestcs.org

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