

HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS LA MIRADA CAMPUS

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Exciting Things Are on the Horizon!

Summer is here and with it comes a time of relaxation for your children. As they unwind, we are already gearing up for the 2010/2011 school year! As a school and a staff, we have already met and begun to prepare for Fall and the energy is palpable! We continue to diligently seek God's will and wisdom and have already seen how He is continuing to bless and lead this ministry.

Our goal is not just to be good; we want to be the best place for your family to grow and learn. We continue to believe that any education that does not address both the spiritual and educational needs of our youth, who are tomorrow's leaders, will lead us astray as individuals and as a nation. We remain committed to meeting the needs of the whole person: physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

That being said, here are just a few of the exciting things we are announcing!

TECHNOLOGY: PARENTSWEB

In September, we will implement our new student information system (ParentsWeb) that will greatly improve our ability to effectively communicate with students and their families. ParentsWeb will allow parents to make online payments, view newsletters, and much more!

ACCREDITATION & INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All of our K-8 schools are now WASC accredited! Additionally, our schools will soon be able to accept international students. What an amazing opportunity for us to minister to students from all around the globe!

SPANISH

We are excited to add Spanish to our list of weekly auxiliary programs (*music, computers, and P.E.*) for all students K-6th Grade! Spanish will be taught by Mrs. McKnight.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment numbers continue to climb! The **Put Us to the Test** campaign has been extended through the end of June, and many families have earned a month or more of free tuition! It's not too late to tell a friend!

MACRISSA'S FOOD SERVICE

In an effort to offer students nutritionally-balanced options for snack and lunch, MacRissa's, our on-site food service, has agreed to stock up on fresh fruits and veggies, nuts, and other healthier food choices for students at break and lunch!

ANCHORS OF HOPE

Participation in the **Anchors of Hope** program continues to grow, allowing us to provide much needed assistance to families in need. Next year, we will assist families with support totaling more than \$150,000!

REPORT CARDS & STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS

Enclosed with this newsletter, please find your child's report card, along with the results for their Stanford Achievement Tests (1st—6th grade). If you have any questions regarding your child's performance, or if you would like assistance in reading the test results, please feel free to contact Mrs. Neal. We are very proud of the academic progress of our students, and are happy to answer any questions that you may have!



Summer Office Hours:
7:30AM—5:00PM

There's still time
to enroll for
Summer Day Camp!
You can register for
full or partial weeks.
Please inquire in the
School Office.

HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

La Mirada Campus

Principal:

Mrs. Rebecca Neal

Office Staff:

Mrs. Elaine Garcia
Mrs. Roberta Levens
Mrs. Bea Martin

Faculty:

KINDERGARTEN

Miss Smith
Mrs. Sazdanoff

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Schultz
Mrs. Noteboom

SECOND GRADE

Miss Eilts
Miss Mittman

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Taylor
Mrs. Crockett

FOURTH GRADE

Miss Guy
Mrs. Tufnell

FIFTH GRADE

Mr. Jaramillo
Mrs. Hernandez

SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Fowler
Mr. Claes

Auxiliary:

SUCCESS

Mrs. Stranske
Mrs. Campbell
Mrs. Stephens

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Beckert

COMPUTERS

Mrs. Fry

MUSIC

Mrs. Jones

SPANISH

Mrs. McKnight

DAYCARE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Tilton

A FEW NEW FACES, SAME GREAT SCHOOL!

Of the **26 plus staff members** that comprise our school, there will be **six new faces** on campus in September. While most of these folks are not strangers to our organization or to Christian education, we wanted to take a moment to introduce them to you! *Introducing...*

MR. PAUL CLAES

A warm welcome back to **Mr. Paul Claes** who will teach **6th grade!** Eight years ago Mr. Claes worked as our long-term 6th grade sub. Having earned a Masters in Education, and a multiple-subject teaching credential, Mr. Claes has taught history at our Jr. High for two years, and has spent the last several years teaching 5th and 6th grades at a local Christian school.

MRS. STEFANIE HERNANDEZ

Mrs. Stefanie Hernandez will be transferring from our Brea campus to teach **5th grade.** Mrs. Hernandez is a seasoned educator, having served as a teacher within our organization for 11 years. She has a Bachelor of Science and CA Teaching Credential and is looking forward to her new assignment. Her daughter, Sophie, will attend our preschool.

MRS. TRACY TUFNELL

Mrs. Tracy Tufnell, coming from our Brea campus, will be teaching **4th grade!** She has been with our organization for multiple years. Mrs. Tufnell has an M.A.Ed, and CA Teaching Credential. And she has twin daughters entering 1st grade!

MRS. JULIE CROCKETT

Veteran teacher of 14 years, and 3rd grade teacher of more than a decade, **Mrs. Crockett** comes from our Brea campus to join our La Mirada team teaching **3rd grade!** Mrs. Crockett has a B.A. and CA Teaching Credential. She has three daughters that have gone through our system, preschool - 8th grade!

MRS. KOLBEY NOTEBOOM

Mrs. Kolbey Noteboom joins us as a **1st grade** teacher! She holds her BA from Biola, and a CA Teaching Credential. Having attended Christian schools her entire life, Miss Noteboom is committed to Christian education and the transforming impact that it can have on a student's life. She joins our team with several years of experience and an excitement for learning that is contagious!

MRS. KRISTA SAZDANOFF

Mrs. Krista Sazdanoff will teach **Kindergarten.** Mrs. Sazdanoff has spent the past several years teaching kindergarten in the public school arena. In recent years, the Lord began to speak to her heart about the incredible opportunities within Christian schools, and today, we are excited to introduce her to you and to welcome her to our team! She has a BA from CSUF and has a CA Multiple Subject Teaching Credential.

BEST WISHES

This year, in addition to a few new faces, we are saying good-bye to some dear friends. Babies, new job opportunities, etc. have led a few of our staff (**Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Richmond** and **Mrs. Seymour**) to decline positions offered for next year and instead pursue new opportunities that God has for their lives. We rejoice in God's faithfulness and pray His special blessings on them.

While saying good-bye is a difficult thing to do, we are excited for all that the future will hold because we know that God is at the center of every choice and decision that has been made.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with **Mrs. Ahrens**, transferring to our Chino Hills school, and **Mrs. Klovstad** transferring to our Brea campus!

"...and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 3:15