

# FOOTHILL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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## Superintendents Sunday at Foothill

Five area superintendents and Azusa Pacific University's president, Jon Wallace, attended a special "Back to School" service sponsored by FoothillChurch (parent organization of Foothill Christian School) which included Foothill's faculty and a number of public school teachers from the area. Lead Pastor, Chris Lewis, said "Our goal was to show our love and support for educators and students in our community."



Seated (L-R) Dr. Jon Wallace of Azusa Pacific University, Dr. Catherine Nichols, Superintendent, Glendora Unified School District and Bo Gutzwiller, Superintendent, Foothill Christian School, responded to questions during a service with over 500 in attendance.

## Learning Life Skills through Chess

When chess was introduced to Foothill Christian School's curriculum three years ago, the hope was that students would not only learn to enjoy the game but also acquire critical thinking skills to help them flourish academically. The unknown, however, was that these new players would soon become national champions.



Andrew Svehaug, chess specialist and founding coach of the FCS Chess Team, has led this team of nearly 60 students to state and national championships. In September, 2008, three students participated in the 30th annual Southern CA Open Chess Tournament in Pasadena. Derrick Sia and Jon Meaglia played in the Amateur (under 1800 rating) section, earning top class prizes in their sections. Greg Kuhn played in the Scholastic section. Earlier this year, team members traveled to Pittsburg, PA for the national tournament, winning 9th Place in the nation against teams in the K-6 Open Division. In tournaments sponsored by the Association of Christian Schools, International, Foothill's team became Elementary Champions in 2006, 2007, and 2008. An unprecedented "three-peat!"

Although chess has been played and enjoyed by people around the world for two thousand years, it's greatest value, according to Bo Gutzwiller, Head of School, is that it teaches them patience and persistence. "Their ability to think through various scenarios will benefit them greatly throughout their lives and careers."

## One From the Heart!



Junior high teacher, John Mehl, says that seventh-grader, Jenny Heinlein, "enjoys encouraging students to reflect on what is good and right."

When school began this year, seventh grader, Jenny Heinlein, emailed her classmates at school, recalling the wisdom of her sixth grade teacher, Mr. John Mehl.

*Hey guys...*

*My summer was boring at first, but then I remembered what Mr. Mehl had said. He said not to forget all the good memories we had in sixth grade and most importantly not to forget what God has done for you.*

*I wanted to let you guys know that I am so happy to start seventh grade with you. I have grown more and more in God's word this summer and it's not all about popularity in school or anywhere else. Seventh grade is going to get hard for all of us, but we have to stand strong in God and know that He is in control of all things! I just wanted to make sure you guys know that. Well, I hope you guys had a great summer! And don't forget, Live 4 God, and not yourself!!!*

*Jenny*

## CIMI Camp Reveals Ocean's Wonders

For the past ten years, fifth grade students have enjoyed a great ocean adventure at Catalina Island's Marine Institute. Every year in early October, students, chaperones and teachers visit the island for three days and two nights at Cimi Camp in Toyon Bay.



Daily activities from learning labs, squid dissection and snorkeling to help research, ocean life observation and lessons by marine biologists and oceanographers leave students energized, enlightened and wanting to stay longer.

## Champions On Ice!

While most students spent Labor Day savoring the last holiday of summer, Foothill's David MacGregor (8th) and Brandon Mills (7th) kept cool at the Valencia Ice Station 2008 Ganza Ice Hockey Tournament.



David MacGregor (L) and Brandon Mills helped lead their team to its first tournament victory.

MacGregor, Mills and their teammates play in the Bantam (14U) division for the Orange County Hockey Club in Yorba Linda. They have been on the ice throughout the summer to prepare for the OC Hockey Club 2008-2009 season which officially began on Labor Day.

After defeating four other statewide contenders, the OC Hockey Club faced off against Sacramento's Capital Under, the clear favorites.



It was a battle that raged well into the third quarter, tied at 3 to 3. Late in the game, the under received a penalty and OC Hockey club took advantage by scoring a power play goal assisted by MacGregor. In the last two minutes, the under pulled their goalie and attempted to score with a 6 - 4 man advantage. But OC's great defensive play kept the puck out of their zone, enabling them to win the championship.

## Important Dates and Events

Note: For more information, visit us at: [www.foothillchristian.org](http://www.foothillchristian.org) or contact Jerry Kitchel, Director of Development at 626 914-1849, extension 1163

**November 7th:** "African Children's Choir," performance at Baseline campus, Fine Arts and Athletic Center. Time: 7:00 p.m.

**November 13th:** California "Shake-Out." A comprehensive, statewide simulated earthquake response drill will be conducted at the Baseline, Route 66 and Grand Avenue campuses in conjunction with state and local agencies.

**November 15th:** "Club 45," Gala Dinner Auction celebrating FCS's 45th anniversary. Reserve Tickets online.



**December 12th:** "Sounds of Christmas" Concert at Grand Avenue campus, 901 S. Grand Avenue, Glendora. Time: 7:00 p.m.