

Stoneybrooke Christian Schools Junior High Banner

A Special Word from Mr. Grim . . .

Greetings! As we celebrate this Thanksgiving season, I am especially mindful of how much we are truly blessed. I encourage you to take some time to pause and thank God for our many blessings. This banner highlights just a few of the blessings that have taken place at school this year, as well as to inform you about some upcoming events. Thank you for allowing Stoneybrooke the privilege of partnering with you! Happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. Grim

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Junior High Fun Night

On Friday, October 16th, the junior high students had a candy-themed Fun Night! Needless to say, the night was a ton of fun! Students played a flashlight tag game in the dark. They also played "Where's Waldo?" Mr. Grim was Waldo. The first few students who found him received free dress coupons. The main reason for the evening was to have fun with a purpose. A raffle was held to help raise support for the Katie Hawley Fund. The students collected a \$1000 for her family. Praise God! Please continue to keep Katie and the entire Hawley family in your prayers as she continues to battle cancer.



National Junior Honor Society

Stoneybrooke is pleased to announce that it is a charter member of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). This is a very prestigious organization with very strict guidelines for induction. The NJHS focuses on five main virtues including: Leadership, Citizenship, Scholarship, Service, and Character. On Wednesday, November 18th, the junior high had its official ceremony in which 31 students were inducted into the NJHS.

Student Missions!!

This fall, the junior high students have poured their hearts and resources out in serving others! Students collected 48.5 pounds of pasta that Mr. Grim took to Haiti. Students made 40 stockings stuffed with goodies and letters to send to our troops serving in Afghanistan. They also collected several Operation Christmas Child boxes. In fact, coming up on Tuesday, December 1st, a group of 75 students and parents will be serving at the Operation Christmas Child processing center in Santa Ana. What a blessing to see our students involved in service for our Lord!

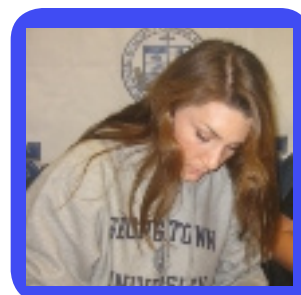


Special Chapels with Dan Giese and Bill Harrison!

Stoneybrooke has had the privilege of having some special chapels this year, including guest speakers Dan Giese, a major league baseball player and the husband of one of our former teachers Shannon Giese. We also had the honor of having Bill Harrison, a World War II veteran who survived six days on a raft with no food or water after his ship sank in a typhoon. Both of these men had quite a testimony of faith and encouraged our students greatly.

Alumni News: Congratulations to Elizabeth Riggins!

Elizabeth Riggins, a Stoneybrooke alumna who is graduating from Santa Margarita High School, has just recently signed with Georgetown University for volleyball. Riggins participates in the school's rigorous International Baccalaureate program, a two-year program upon where completion students earn an internationally-recognized diploma. She was a starter on Santa Margarita's CIF championship team last year and made all-league the past two years. Congratulations Elizabeth!



Coming soon to junior high . . .

High School Information Night - Decemeber 8th - 7pm

On Tuesday, December 8th, Stoneybrooke Junior High will be hosting a High School Information Night. Representatives from several local public and private schools will be here to answer any questions you may have about their program. Some of the school in attendance will include: Capistrano Valley Christian, Saddleback Valley Christian, Crean Lutheran, Orange Lutheran, JSerra, Santa Margarita, St. Margaret's, as well as representatives from both Capistrano and Saddleback school districts. Although this night will be primarily focused on the graduating 8th graders, all 5th -7th grade families are welcome to attend to begin gathering information about your high school of choice. This is a very informative night. You won't want to miss it!

Ladera Ranch Live Nativity - December 12th, at 5pm

On Saturday, December 12th, the junior high praise band along with several cast members will be leading a live nativity production for the Ladera Ranch community. The students will be leading the audience in Christmas carols as well as the reading of the nativity story. There will also be many live animals including donkey and sheep. Please know that you are all invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!



Ice Skating - Thursday, December 17th

Get your Christmas gear ready! The junior high is going ice skating at the Aliso Viejo Ice Palace (during school) on Thursday, December 17th. This is always a fun time to get into the Christmas spirit. It is also fun to watch Mr. Grim fall! If you purchased a junior activity card, then this event has already been paid for in full. A pizza lunch will also be provided at the ice rink.

Seussicals Jr.

After Christmas break, tryouts will begin for this years junior high musical, *Seussicals Jr.* Mark your calendars now for Thursday, May 13th at 7pm at the San Juan campus auditorium. Over the years, the junior high has put on great performances such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Annie*, *Willie Wonka*, *Mulan*, and others. Rehearsals will take place during the school day. This year promises to be another great year! Be looking for more information about auditions the week after Christmas vacation.

Sixth Grade Visitation Day and Parent Information Night! - January 12th

On Tuesday, January 12th, the 6th graders will be visiting the junior high! The SALT team will be giving them a tour of the campus, answering any questions they may have, as well as giving them the opportunity to sit in on at least three classes. This is a great opportunity for the 6th graders to get a glimpse of junior high life. Later that night, there will be a Junior High Parent Information Night for 5th and 6th grade parents who are interested in hearing more about our program. This will take place from 7-8pm in the Ladera Ranch MPR.

