

IDS-CC Middle School Student Council and *Hoops of Hope*

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IDS-CC Middle School Student Council will participate in the largest free throw basketball shoot-a-thon in the world at the University of South Florida's gymnasium on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 4:00-7:00 PM.

This is a student created movement giving kids and adults an opportunity to care for AIDS orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Hoops of Hope is like a walk-a-thon; students, ages 9 and up, and parents, can sign up to shoot a **marathon amount** of free throws. It makes little difference if the shots are made. The goal is simply to have fun attempting, for IDS-CC participants, 500 free throw shots.

All IDS-CC athletes will have a regular school day followed by an afterschool sports-free day on November 6, 2008, so they can have the opportunity to participate in the event which begins at 4pm.

Austin Gutwein, the young teen who started this charity several years ago, will be at USF on November 6, 2008 during this event. It is a unique opportunity for IDS-CC middle school students to meet him in person and have a chance to hear him speak. For more information on the purpose of the event, please watch the video NBC Sports played during the NCAA basketball finals: <http://www.youtube.com/hoopsofhope>.



**IDS-CC Middle School Student Event Coordinators for *Hoops of Hope* are:
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Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited, independent school located on Orange Grove Drive in northwest Hillsborough County. The school serves over 500 students in PreK3 through 8th grade and offers the International Baccalaureate program of study for all middle school students.

At IDS, all children experience learning in a nurturing and highly academic environment focused on excellence and developing a positive self-concept. IDS-CC has become recognized as an exemplary school with over 4,000 visitors observing and learning from and with IDS-CC teachers about the school's M.O.R.E. Approach to education.

The vision for all students at IDS-CC is to accelerate learning by creating a brain-friendly environment that is: Joyful and Challenging, Stimulating and Productive, Nurturing with High Standards and High Expectations, and includes Ethical Conduct, and Dignity and Respect for all. For more information about IDS visit www.idsy.com.