

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

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At our "Welcome Back Assembly", we told students that the best way to get the most out of their Middle School experience was to get involved, and many took us to our word. Our music program is well underway four mornings a week and our Volleyball, Cross Country and Swim teams will soon see their first action. Yearbook, Spirit Squad and Me to We have also begun to meet. We do ask that when students join an activity they make a serious commitment. Please see info below.

On a safety note, we ask that parents entering from Como Lake please drop off and pick up students in the parking lot by the basketball court not in the narrow entrance lane. We also ask that you slow down as you enter as students walking to school must cross in this area. A special thanks to parents who have contacted the school when their child will be absent or late. Safety is always our top priority.

Speaking of safety, Mr. Hewlett and I will soon be meeting with all students in "Super Blocks" to review Hillcrest expectations for safety and respect as set out in the Student Agenda. All of our students attended a Social Media presentation by Jesse Miller on Wednesday. They learned just how public the internet is and were provided with safety tips and advice to use Social Media responsibly. The year has started with a very positive tone and we really are lucky to work with such great kids.



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School Calendar

September 20 th	Beginning Band Meeting 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room
September 22 nd	Photo orders due
September 23 rd	Pro-D Day – No school
September 27 th	Grade 6 Immunizations
September 27 th	PAC Meeting - 7:00 pm in the Library
September 30 th	Terry Fox Run – Assembly begins 1:10 pm
October 10 th	Thanksgiving
October 12 th	Jesse Miller: Social Media Parent Presentation 7:00 pm
October 12 th	Grade 6 Parent Orientation & Feedback - 8:45 am or 6:00 pm
October 13 th	Photo Retakes
October 21 st	Pro-D Day (Note: planner date is incorrect)

Emailed Newsletters

Receiving newsletters by email not only saves trees and money, it also ensures that you receive school information in a timely manner. We don't want your newsletter to be held captive in the bottom of your child's locker or backpack! Please note that email from the school will be sent out as a BCC (blind carbon copy) so that your email address will not be publicly displayed. **We encourage you to add yourself to our email list by contacting Mrs. Pfingsten at epfingsten@sd43.bc.ca**

Parent Presentation Jesse Miller: Social Media and your Children Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm @ Hillcrest

Would you want your child to share their personal information with a total stranger? Without even knowing, many of our students are doing just that on Facebook. Do you know what your child is posting, and the potential implications of posting inappropriate content? It could impact their opportunity to get a scholarship or a job.

Jesse Miller is a national speaker who presented his awareness program to over 100,000 students in British Columbia last year. Our students left his presentation with a new respect for personal privacy, online content, and an awareness of the positives and negatives of social networking.

Parents, don't miss your opportunity to learn how to help your children make safe and responsible choices. You need to be aware of and involved in, the online activities of your children.

Grade 6 Parent Orientation and Feedback Meeting – Wednesday, October 12th

Your choice: 8:45 – 10:00 am or 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Your Grade 6 child has now been at Hillcrest for a month, perhaps you have questions or feedback about our school, our programs, or the activities we offer. This will be an opportunity to get some answers and to find out more about the routines of Middle School. We also look forward to your feedback on how the transition from Elementary to Middle has been for you and your child. Refreshments will be served so please contact our office to register: 604-936-4237 or email epfingsten@sd43.bc.ca

Hillcrest Yearbook 2012

We have an enthusiastic group of students who will be devoting a couple of lunch hours a week to creating our Yearbook. The book is a wonderful collection of photos, art work and writing that will let students relive their memories of 2011-12 for years to come. Yearbooks are distributed next June but **all books must be pre-ordered**. Yearbooks will be on sale during the following time periods only:

Thursday, September 22nd to Friday, October 7th Cost \$45.00

Monday, November 28th to Wednesday, December 14th Cost \$50.00

Cheques are payable to Hillcrest Middle School.

Cash is also accepted – correct change please.

Students return payment for the yearbook to the office. Receipts will be issued upon payment. There are no order forms to complete

If you have inquiries about the Yearbook please contact *Mrs. Pfingsten*.

Terry Fox Run

Students will be participating in our Hillcrest School, Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 30th. Pledge forms were sent home with students this week and we are encouraging our students to collect donations from family and friends to support this worthy cause.

Last year, we raised \$3,200.00 as a community and we hope to match or better that total this year.

"Together we can make a difference."

School Photos

Photo proofs and order forms will be sent home soon. **Order forms, with payment, must be returned to school by Thursday, September 22nd.** If the photos are late parents/guardians need to return the photos directly to MJM. If you wish to have a "retake" check off the box on the order form and return it to school. Retakes will be on Thursday, October 13th.

The Gathering of the Clans at Hillcrest

Get ready for a Highland Fling at Hillcrest on Friday, October 7th when we will hold our first annual Gathering of the Clans! Clans will participate in 6 events, each based on a Highland Game, including Caber Tossing, Haggis Handling and Dancing.

Students are encouraged to show their clan spirit by wearing the colour of their clan on their clothes, faces, hair and anywhere else they (and their parents) choose.

It will be too much fun to miss and here's your chance to get in on the action. Parent volunteers are required to make this event run smoothly. If you would like to help out with the Gathering of the Clans, please contact Mr. Balser at mbalser@sd43.bc.ca or our office at 604 936-4237. We look forward to seeing you there.

Beginning Band Begins!

Tuesday, September 20th is Instrument rental night for all Beginning Band members. Professional musicians will be there from Long and McQuade to show you which instruments are available for rental as well as the basics of how they are played. The rental evening is from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The first Beginning Band rehearsal will be the next morning, Wednesday, September 21st at 7:47 am. See you there!

Hillcrest Kids in Action

Music Enrichment: These are graded courses that begin at 7:47 am
Advanced Band (Mrs. Gallelo) / Beginning Band (Mr. Balser) Monday and Wednesday
Boys Choir (Mrs. Gallelo) Tuesday Girls Choir (Mrs. Gallelo) Thursday

Clubs:

Spirit Squad: (Student Leadership) – by application to Mr. Balser and Mrs. Brochu
Me to We: - Mrs. Ngo and Mrs. Oboski
Yearbook: – by application - Mrs. Fedoruk, Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Chan

Athletics:

Volleyball: Sign up this week - Practices for grade 7 and 8 teams begin next week. (We need at least 15 players to have a team)
Swimming: Practice began this week (Mrs. McMillan)
Cross Country Running: meeting and sign up next week (Mr. Betts)

PAC News

Our first PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 pm in our Library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Scholastic Book Fair

The PAC is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Monday through Thursday of next week. Volunteers are needed to work from approximately 12 pm to 1:15 pm and then again after school from approximately 2:45 pm to 3:40 pm. As the Open House has been postponed we will also be opening the Book Fair during the PAC meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at 7 pm.

The Book Fair provides a significant source of revenue for the school and enables us to place additional books/resources in both the library and the classrooms.

If you can help at the Book Fair please contact Catherine Hubbs at 604.949.1303 or clhubbs@shaw.ca.

Re: Fundraising Campaign for Hillcrest School Community

Thank you to all families who have already made a donation to our school through the summer mailout.

The Hillcrest PAC "by donation" fundraising initiative raised over \$4,000.00 last year. Funds accumulated will be used to purchase "Wish List" items that staff and parents at Hillcrest feel they need to help make a better learning atmosphere for our children.

Here are some of the items your PAC dollars purchased in recent years!!!!

- *Harry's Hangout playground*
- *Laptop computers and projectors for classrooms*
- *New school team uniforms / Wrestling Mat / Gym Mats*
- *Cymbals & Guitars for music*
- *Library Resources*
- *Equipment and supplies for Home Ec.*
- *Chop- Saw and Band Saw for woodwork*

Thank you in advance for your support.
Please make all cheques payable to Hillcrest Middle School.

Detach and return to the school .

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Per Family Donation Amount:

—	\$ _____
—	\$25.00
—	\$50.00
—	\$100.00



Income tax receipts can only be issued for donations of \$25.00 or more and will be issued by the Coquitlam School Board Finance Department.