

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, December 4th, 2023



Please see our school website: [Hillcrest website](#)

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 4	Deadline to submit Yearbook Cover Art	Jan. 8	First day back after Winter Break
Dec. 6	Grade 6/7 Immunizations (1A)	Jan. 8	Explorations Term 3 begins
Dec. 6	Jays Team Young Actors Project	Jan. 29	Pro D Day (School Based)
Dec. 6	Pickup Purdys Orders 3:00pm	Feb. 13/14	Student Led Conferences / Early Dismissal
Dec. 8	PAC Pizza Hut Lunch	Feb. 16	Yellow Team Young Actors Project
Dec. 11-15	Spirit Week	Feb. 16	Owls Team Skating
	Mon – Movie Character Day	Feb. 19	BC Family Day Stat
	Tue – Twin Day	Feb. 23	Non-Instructional Day (District)
	Wed – Festive Wear Day	Feb. 26	PAC Meeting
	Thu – PJ Day	Feb. 28	Explorations Term 3 ends
	Fri – Team Colour Day	Feb. 29	Explorations Term 4 begins
Dec. 13	Jays Team Young Actors Project	Mar. 15	Last Day before Spring Break
Dec. 14	Grade 6/7 Immunizations (1B)	Mar. 18-28	Spring Break
Dec. 14	Report Cards published to portal	Mar. 29	Good Friday stat
Dec. 15	Jays Div. 9/10 Skating	Apr. 1	Easter Monday stat
Dec. 18	PAC Meeting (Zoom)	Apr. 2	First Day back after break
Dec. 19	Winter Concert	Apr. 15	PAC Meeting
Dec. 20	Owls Swimming	Apr. 19	Pro D Day (District)
Dec. 21	Jays Div. 11/12 Skating	Apr. 26	Falcons to Camp Jubilee
Dec. 22	Last day before Winter Break	May 13	PAC Meeting
Dec. 22	Ravens Team Skating	May 20	Victoria Day stat



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Band/Choir:

Beginner Band: Monday/Wednesday 7:45-8:30am –Stage

Advanced Band: Tuesday/Friday 7:45-8:30am – Stage

Choir: Thursday 7:45-8:30am – Music Room

Athletics:

Intramurals – Soccer

Open Gym Drop In: Tuesdays – 3:00-4:00pm

Principal's Message

Dear Hillcrest Community,

The arrival of December is usually the harbinger of snow. A reminder to check the School District website during inclement weather events. We are currently under an atmospheric river advisory, please have your children dress for the weather.

The next three weeks are exciting at Middle School. We have door decorating and Spirit Week next week with a Spirit assembly on Friday.

A reminder of the Winter Concert taking place on December 19th at 6:00pm.

Have a wonderful December!

2023-2024 Yearbook

Yearbooks are now available to purchase through School Cash Online. We are currently offering an early bird price of \$35. Yearbooks at this price will only be available until December 22nd or until we sell out. We have limited quantities so don't miss out - **Only 37 remaining!**

MyEd Parent Portals

Verification forms have been published. All families must check to ensure their information is correct.

If you need to make changes to the information published, you will need to print the verification form, write the required changes on the form, and submit the form to the office so we can make those changes. If your address needs changing, supporting documents will need to be submitted.

Hillcrest PAC

Bake Sale Update

Thank you to all parents, guardians and students who contributed delicious baked goods to the first PAC Bake Sale. It was a huge success with over \$600 raised. We are looking forward to having another Bake Sale in the spring.

Purdys Pickup

pick up date will be on December 6th at 3 pm



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PAC Lunches

These lunches can be ordered through Munchalunch. Ordering closes at 3:00pm one week before the lunch.

December 8 Pizza Hut (ordering closed Dec. 1st)

PAC Meetings

Our next PAC meeting will be December 18th at 6:30pm on Zoom. We encourage all parents to join us using this link: [Zoom Meeting](#)

By taking part in PAC meetings, you will connect with the Hillcrest Middle parents' community and learn about events & activities that are happening at school this school year. You can find future PAC meeting dates, minutes and fundraising information at [Hillcrest PAC](#)

PAC Donations

Please consider donating to our PAC. Donate online through School Cash Online. Any donations over \$25 will receive a receipt from the District.

Fundraising initiatives from the PAC provides students with additional resources throughout the year. These resources include live performances and presentations.

Scheduled performances this year include:

David Jonsson – A professional skateboarder, David Jonsson shares his story of overcoming the physical and emotional scars of surviving a plane crash. His story focuses on resiliency and relying on a community to help in overcoming obstacles.

Metaphor - Metaphor is a crew of hip hop artists who build community empowerment and social justice through performance and facilitation. Using the hip hop arts--DJing, Breakdancing & Emceeing--Metaphor members have performed and lead workshops globally, to hundreds of schools and community groups. The Metaphor crew are experts at inspiring youth - they are always ready to rock shows and grow hearts.

Dumpsta Dragons is a unique Asian duet who have performed hundreds of shows for children throughout BC and Saskatchewan. Alvin Ramos is a recognized grand master of the Japanese Shakuhachi and has also trained extensively on the didgeridoo with aboriginal masters in Australia. Andrew Kim has toured the world with Delhi2dublin, studied sitar in India under a master, and has toured with numerous African bands. He was also featured on an album by Raffi and has been the subject of 3 CBC documentaries. Together they bring joy and inspiration to children with their unique blend of traditional and homemade instruments!

The fundraising initiatives also help provide buses to transport students to and from field trips so that students can extend their knowledge and experience outside the classroom. These funds assist in purchasing equipment to support extra curricular activities. This year's focus will be on purchasing a new portable scoreboard for our athletic teams to use in the gym.

PAC Social Media

Join the "Hillcrest Middle School Parents (Coquitlam)" Facebook page and keep up to date with PAC events and announcements.