

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, March 4th, 2024



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

Upcoming Events:

Mar. 8	Eagles Team Young Actors Project	Apr. 19	Pro D Day (District)
Mar. 11-15	Spirit Week	Apr. 26	Falcons to Camp Jubilee
	Monday: Stuffed Animal Day	Apr. 30	Class/Group Photos
	Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day	May 6	Music in the Park – Band & Choir to Lafarge
	Wednesday: Jersey Day	May 13	PAC Meeting
	Thursday: Celebrity Day	May 16	Grade 5/New Student Parent/Student night
	Friday: Tropical Day	May 20	Victoria Day Stat
Mar. 11	Jays Team Bowling & Pizza	June 3	Pro D Day (School based)
Mar. 14	Falcons Movie & Bowling	June 3	Babysitting Course (registration required)
Mar. 15	Eagles Team Young Actors Project	June 6	Grade 6 morning (for current Grade 5s)
Mar. 15	Spirit Assembly	June 11	Jays to Otter Co-Op Waterpark
Mar. 15	Last Day before Spring Break	June 13	Grade 8s to Playland
Mar. 18-28	Spring Break	June 18	Summer Concert
Mar. 29	Good Friday stat	June 19-21	Owls Team to Camp Evans
Apr. 1	Easter Monday stat	June 20	Grade 6 Immunizations Round 2
Apr. 2	First Day back after break	June 21	Falcons to Grouse Mtn
Apr. 10	ArtStarts – Dumpsta Dragons	June 24	Grade 6 Immunizations Round 2 catchup
Apr. 15	PAC Meeting		

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:

Wrestling – see school website calendar for schedule

Basketball – see school website calendar for schedule

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



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Principal's Message

Traffic Safety

Outside of drop-off and pick-up times, we would like to remind families to slow down in the staff parking when arriving for a late drop off or coming for an early dismissal. Even with speed bumps, some drivers are driving too fast for a school parking lot.

A few other notes:

Drop-Off - The morning drop-off has been smooth overall. Mr. Hart and I will keep things status-quo, UNLESS our staff members cannot find parking in the morning. Only then will we make any changes. Overall, drivers are courteous, and our students try to exit their vehicles as quickly as possible.

Pick-up – On the other hand, we are seeing one major problem that could lead to issues...Double parking in the staff parking lot off Como Lake Ave. There are two problems with double parking alongside the angle parked cars:

1. Depending on the width of the vehicle double-parked or the one trying to squeeze by, we could see a minor fender bender that would lead to frustration and blocked traffic.
2. More important for us is student safety. The double-parked car impedes the vision of drivers coming through the loop from seeing pedestrians trying to cross.

Moving forward

All double-parked cars will be asked to keep moving. If your child is not ready for pick-up, circle back around or come up with a better plan.

What's a better plan?

- Sign up for an after-school program or club.
- Meet off-Campus.
- Meet at a time when the traffic congestion ends (3:05).
- Have your child walk or take the bus home.

Rise and Shine Open Gyms

Starting Tuesday, April 2, with the help of Charles Best volunteers and Hillcrest staff members we will be offering Rise and Shine open gyms starting at 8:00am, 5 days a week. We only ask that all students who come **engage** in an athletic activity.

Breakfast Club

Starting Tuesday, April 2, with the work being done by our Feeding Futures committee members and the Hillcrest Leadership Council, we will be offering a 5 day a week Breakfast Club for ALL students. Stay tuned for more details.

Yearbooks

The last few available yearbooks are available for purchase on School Cash Online for \$40. If you do not see the item for purchase in your account, then it is likely that you already purchased one. Please check your purchase history before contacting the school. **Only 6 left!**



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Spirit Wear BLOWOUT SALE

We are selling off our remaining stock of Spirit Wear. **All items are now 20+% off.** We have **very limited quantities** of each item which include Hoodies, Crewnecks, and T-Shirts. You can purchase items on School Cash Online only. Please be careful that you are ordering the correct item (ie Hoodie vs Crewneck), as each item and size has its own listing. The item will be given to your student upon purchase.

Spring After-School Programming

- Basketball and Volleyball – FULL (waitlist available)
- Art Class – 9 seats remaining
- Advanced Coding – 11 seats remaining
- Flag Football – 21 seats remaining
- Soccer- 4 seats remaining
- Chess – 2 seats remaining

Go to: <https://www.dwul.io/>

Enter Hillcrest in the search bar

Hillcrest PAC

PAC Lunches

After Spring Break the PAC Lunch schedule will be as follows:

Friday April 12th

Thursday April 25th

Friday May 10th

Thursday May 23rd

Wednesday June 5th

We will send out an email once the lunches have been organized and are available for ordering on Munchalunch.

PAC Meetings

Our next PAC meeting will be **April 15th 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](#)



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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.



Community Info



BC SWISH BASKETBALL CLUB

For information on our tryouts please use the link below or visit our website at BCSWISHBasketballClub.com

A promotional poster for the BC Swish Basketball Club's Spring & Summer 2024 tryouts. The poster features a basketball player in a teal jersey with "SWISH" and the number "32" on it, dribbling a basketball. The background is red with the year "2024" in large white numbers. The text "SPRING & SUMMER" is at the top and "TRYOUTS" is at the bottom. A black bar at the bottom lists the tryout dates and age groups: FEB 27&28 U12 BOYS, FEB 27&28 U13 BOYS, FEB 29 U14 BOYS, FEB 29 U15 BOYS, FEB 29 U16 BOYS, MAR 1 U17 BOYS, and MAR 6 U15 GIRLS.

Date	Age Group	Gender
FEB 27&28	U12	BOYS
FEB 27&28	U13	BOYS
FEB 29	U14	BOYS
FEB 29	U15	BOYS
FEB 29	U16	BOYS
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[BC SWISH Basketball Club](http://BCSWISHBasketballClub.com)



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Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse

As the lacrosse season approaches, we're excited to extend a warm invitation to all students of SD43 to join us this spring and experience the thrill of lacrosse! Whether you're a seasoned player or completely new to the sport, there's a place for everyone in Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse.

Here's why you should consider joining Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse:

- 1. Fun and Inclusive Environment:** Our league prides itself on fostering a positive and inclusive atmosphere where players of all skill levels can thrive. From beginners to advanced athletes, everyone is welcome!
- 2. Develop Essential Skills:** Lacrosse is a fantastic way to develop crucial athletic skills such as hand-eye coordination, agility, and teamwork. Our experienced coaches are dedicated to helping each player reach their full potential.
- 3. Build Lifelong Friendships:** Through teamwork, camaraderie, and shared experiences on and off the field, players forge lasting friendships that extend far beyond the lacrosse season.
- 4. Stay Active and Healthy:** With lacrosse, staying active has never been more exciting! Joining our league is a fantastic way to stay fit, healthy, and engaged in a sport you love.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to join the Adanacs Legacy Simply visit our website [REGISTER HERE](#) to sign up today.

Let's make this lacrosse season one to remember. We can't wait to welcome you to the Adanacs family!

For more information or questions email: 2vp@coquitlamlacrosse.ca