

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, November 4th, 2019

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST: (see repeating events below)

Monday, Nov. 4 th	· Div. 9 Pastels LID Workshop
Tuesday, Nov. 5 th	· Div. 10 Pastels LID Workshop
Wednesday, Nov. 6 th	· Div. 11 Pastels LID Workshop
Thursday, Nov. 7 th	· Div. 12 Pastels LID Workshop · Gr. 8 Vaping & Health Awareness Sessions
Friday, Nov. 8 th	· Remembrance Day Assembly 9:00-10:00am Gym
Please see our school calendar on our website: Hillcrest website	

Upcoming Events:

November 11	Remembrance Day – school closed	November 26	Parent Education–Vaping Awareness
November 12	PAC Pizza Lunch – Red and Blue	November 26	PAC Meeting
November 14	Gr. 8 Vaping Awareness Sessions	November 29	Div. 17/18 Grade 7 First Aid Course
November 15	Grade 7 to Richmond Oval	December 6	Div. 19 First Aid Course
November 15	Div. 17/18 Grade 8 First Aid Course	December 13	Div. 20 First Aid Course
November 20	Individual Picture Retakes	December 19	Div. 17 & 18 Skating
November 26	PAC Pizza Lunch – Yellow & Orange	December 20	Last day before Winter Break

Repeating Events:

Athletics (see games in calendar above):

- Volleyball:
 - Grade 8 Girls – Tuesday 7:30-8:30am; Thursday 3:15-4:30pm
 - Grade 8 Boys – Thursday 7:30-8:30am; Monday 3:15-4:30pm
- Intramurals - Lunch: Tuesday/Thursday

Music:

- Boys' Choir: Tuesday - Dramus Room 7:45am
- Girls' Choir: Thursday - Dramus Room 7:45am
- Advanced Band: Monday/Wednesday - MPR 7:45am
- Beginning Band: Monday/Wednesday– Gym 7:45am

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: Remembrance Day Assembly

As the years slide on by and the distance grows further apart from the memories of world wars and the loss of lives and the trauma that ensued for decades and lifetimes from these long ago events, it becomes paramount that there is an opportunity to reflect on the past and build for the future. In B.C. we honour this day on November 11th as a holiday in all schools and government offices in order to take time to learn from history and to cherish the freedom and society that allows us to live and grow. Not every province has this day as a holiday in their calendar. Therefore, it is tricky for us as we have the responsibility to celebrate the day of remembrance long before the actual date of November 11th.

At Hillcrest we will be honouring Remembrance Day on Friday November 8th at 9:00 – 10:00 in our gym. Whereby, we will have the pleasure to hear the bagpipes bring in the Honour Guard and Flags. We will hear our Advanced Band perform their musical arrangements to help us evoke the feelings of empathy and hope. We will have our choirs perform their magic of song that will bring pause to reflect and to feel those tingling sensations in our spines as we listen to their words from voices long gone and dreams of future peace. We will have readings and creative interpretations of what peace means and how we can work to educate all so that the past horrors of war do not get repeated.

There will be parents, grandparents and invited guests who have experienced these emotionally challenging times with the loss of loved ones and even individuals who have recently escaped from war torn zones from around our world, that they have witnessed first hand, while others like myself have only viewed through a screen. For these folks the thought that young people can harness their energy for one day to learn from past mistakes, to feel the loss of life and to make plans and commitments to never allow these atrocities to overtly or subversively sneak into our lives, is very meaningful. For all to hear from our children their desire and struggle to find peace, solitude and cooperation in our lives and around the world, warms the hearts of many adults.

The lessons we teach at school and you at home for fairness, equality, dignity and human rights for all do not simply stop on this one day of reflection. The spirit to invoke change in the world starts with our youth who have taken on other world issues like the recent demonstrations around climate change and empowerment of women. We can trust the power of youth to underscore the importance of continuing to honour those men and women who passed long ago to keep freedom and personal liberty alive in our country. At Hillcrest we hope to feed that spirit through music, words and images that teach all to cherish our lives in our wonderful country.

School Happenings: **Events and Activities.**

Exploration Term 1 Reports – Later this week you will be receiving an email informing you that your child will be bringing home their Explorations Report Card for Term One. This is a new design for this document, and you will notice some perceptible changes like – no signature from either the Administration or you are required, a one-page document referring directly to the one course, and key details provided showing the curricula connections. Activities that your child worked on in their Explorations class. The design features a symbol for a Letter Grade in the dialogue box that states the specific course name.

You do not need to sign and return but you do need to ensure that you receive the document and to help with that we will send out an email on the day of the document being given to your child and then 3 days later as a reminder to check for the document. This is a slow transition by the Ministry and our District to move towards more of an electronic design whereby in the future all parents will have a parent portal with the district and be able to read and check on the continued work of their child.

Ski & Snowboard Club Early Info – This is our early information share out to all families that are interested in having their child participate in a Ski and Snowboard Club that has embedded level lessons and some free time for them to experience this great winter mountain activity. The Ski and Snowboard club will be limited to the first 100 students who are registered through our online registration system and who have paid through the School Cash Online registration process. The number of 100 participants is firm as we must consider multiple factors like teacher supervision, adult volunteers, lesson accommodations and program cost for individual families. The dates for this registration to occur will be forthcoming; moreover, this is our early announcement to all. The dates, times and location for the four days of lessons and mountain experience are:

- Travel to Seymour Mtn. - 11:30 bus Departure from Hillcrest to approx. 6:30 bus Return to Hillcrest
- Friday January 10th
- Friday January 17th
- Friday January 31st
- Friday February 7th

The students will be travelling on two coach style buses that are able to secure personal equipment. Our staff who are attending to this event will be hosting a point of interest meeting in advance to the “live opening” of the payment registration process.

Gr. 8 Vaping Awareness & Health Sessions – We are pleased to share with our Gr 8 students a series of presentations and discussions that will be done by SFU Health Sciences Students in conjunction with our Fraser District Public Health nurse. The presentations are meant to be informative on the harms and risks associated with vaping and then involve an opportunity for more informal discussions and questioning about the social implications that young adolescents face when presented with making the decisions around this substance that is illegal to sell to anyone under the age of 19. To support this relatively new need for student education Hillcrest will also be hosting, in support by our PAC group, a Parent Evening Session on Vaping Awareness on Tuesday, Nov. 26th from 6:30 to 7:15ish to help keep you in the information loop. Vaping is not just limited to cigarette as it can also be used for other substances like cannabis and being aware of the various devices can be very challenging to identify by sight, smell or design use. We encourage parents to make note of this date and plan to attend so that you can be knowledgeable in an ever-changing playing field that puts our children’s health at great risk. For more information checkout:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/vaping.html>

ATTEND: Vaping Awareness Parent Education session – Tuesday Nov. 26th – 6:30 – 7:15ish

Tut Tut – the musical



presented by KidsCAN Theatre Company

Walk like an Egyptian in TUT TUT, a musical theatre experience by Beat by Beat Press, brought to you by the Drama Mamas at KidsCAN Theatre Company Inc.

TUT, TUT! is inspired by the life of “King Tut” (the 10-year old who became King of Egypt) with a touch of Mark Twain’s “The Prince and the Pauper”. Set in exotic Egypt the story begins with a young Prince Tut who is bored of the royal life, so he wanders into the streets of the city looking for adventure. Suddenly he meets a peasant who looks just like him and the adventure really begins!

Students with all levels of experience, who are willing to commit to this production are welcome to participate in this story of social perspective, leadership and adventure.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Tut Tut is a 12-week program with final performances May 7 and 8, 2020
 - Auditions run January 28 – 31, 2020
- Rehearsals will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. beginning February 2020

REGISTRATION

Begins LIVE on-line November 23, 2020 at 11 a.m. through November 30 at www.kidscantheatre.com/registration

COST

\$156 for CAST (plus \$2 Credit Card Processing Fee added at check-out)

\$30 for CREW (plus \$2 Credit Card Processing Fee added at check-out)

– CREW team is limited to 8 students –

Includes all materials: script, music, costumes, props, 2 teachers, Cast and Crew pizza party, and t-shirt!

In partnership with Hillcrest Middle School and its PAC.

Gr. 7 Field Trip Richmond Oval – We have just completed our second group of 170 students to travel to the Richmond Oval last Friday and now we are preparing for our last grade level experience with our Gr. 7 students. Their day is set for Friday Nov. 15th. The day is designed to promote lifelong learning and enhance our connection to personal fitness. Students will be experiencing the many uses of gym space in creative ways like team building cooperative games along with indoor rock climbing and our nations commitment to Olympic legacies. Please ensure the following has been completed for you child to be able to attend:

- Go to our school website and pay through school Cash Online, the cost is \$32.00 for bus transportation and a full day of activities. Families experiencing a concern about the prices factor are asked to contact Mr. McFaul via phone or email to discuss their private concerns
- The return of the salmon coloured signed permission form
- Late payments must go through office contact once the online payment window has passed
- Your child is dressed to move, sweat and be actively involved in various recreational pursuits
- Your child has a refillable water bottle, snacks and a healthy lunch packed for the day
- DO NOT SEND MONEY – there is no area to spend as the cafeteria is under renovations

All About Us Display - This past month we had our Administration team on display on the bulletin board outside of the Art room. This month it is Blue Team teachers who will soon have their collection of photos and a sharing of their personal interests and their own individual worlds. This is our attempt to share with you and our students a glimpse into the lives of our staff who have interest and passions that go far beyond the life of school. One small step in helping all of us build healthy relationships through the understanding of who we are and what we do in our other lives beyond the world of school. Please take a moment to check it out while you are awaiting your child for pick up on one day.

District Approved School Calendars - The Approved School District 43 School Calendars for 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 are now updated on the SD43 website.

To view these documents, please click the link below:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/AMYCalendar/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Yearbook 2019-2020 – This is a limited time offer as we are pleased to offer a Hillcrest Yearbook for sale again this year. This is a beautiful, hard cover, full colour book that is well over 50 pages in length. This year, students will be participating in creating this lovely memory that will be treasured for a lifetime. Purchase the 2019-2020 School Yearbook at the Early Bird Sale price of only \$55.00. Only available at this price for 8 weeks. **Sale ends November 22nd at 9pm.** Don't miss your chance to get the yearbook at this special price. Any remaining copies of the Yearbook will be offered for sale in the New Year for an increased price. Limited quantities available.

Please go to our website and click on the link for purchasing a yearbook, as this is our first round of sales and you do not need to pay more and risk missing the purchasing timeline for when June delivery of this always valuable and hot commodity rolls around and it then becomes critical that your child has a Yearbook.

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.


Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

Important Notice for School Payments:

Please sign up for School Cash Online (if you haven't already). The school Permissions and Policies are ONLY available online, and all fieldtrips etc. will be posted online for payment. The account will serve families through high school years. Please see the registration information below.



Make online payments with
SchoolCashOnline


Become a SchoolCashOnline member today and see why so many parents have joined!

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending money with your child to school.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about BACK TO SCHOOL fees.
- ✓ Help us reduce the amount of cash coming through school doors.

Register today at:
<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>

School Cash Online is our school's PREFERRED method of payment.

» Fast ✓ Safe 👍 Convenient



Both the School Policies and Permissions form and your Student Activity Fee can be completed through [School Cash Online](#). This account will serve your student through high school.

We look forward to your full cooperation and ensuring that you have done all your homework for your child's best and safest start at Hillcrest.

PAC News and Events:

The PAC is on Facebook – join us at Hillcrest Middle School Parents (Coquitlam)

OUR NEXT PAC MEETING is scheduled for TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26th @ 7:30 pm in the library. Please note this date has been pushed back by one week to coincide with a parent presentation on vaping. You will hear details about this from the school administration. Our hope is that some of you will stay and attend the PAC meeting which will directly follow the presentation!

PAC MEMBERS NEEDED - We are always looking for more PAC members and currently need help with our multiple fundraising projects. Also, please consider serving on the PAC Executive for the next school year (2020-2021) as we have at least 2 executives

leaving the school and therefore the PAC. We are seeking people interested in the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair. If you are interested please contact our PAC Leaders: ANNIKA MOUNTAIN annika@wilmount.ca and/or JENNIFER BELL-IRVING jennilynns49@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING – Please consider supporting our various fundraisers. We need strong support in order to be successful and remember that funds raised directly benefit the students of Hillcrest – our children and grandchildren!

Our **Christmas Fundraiser** is coming up soon and will include the sale of **Poinsettias, Purdy's Chocolate and Gift Cards**. A package will be sent home with Hillcrest students this week. Please refer to this package for details.

- **Purdy's Chocolates – order and pay online or use the paper order form in the catalogue**
- **Poinsettias – order and pay online through MunchaLunch or paper form**
- **Fundscrip Gift Cards – paper order form attached (no online option)**

Don't forget to tell your friends and family about these fundraisers!

HELP NEEDED TOMORROW AT 10:00 A.M.! Our PAC Fundraising Coordinator is looking for volunteers to help assemble the Christmas fundraising packages at the school on Tuesday morning (Nov 5) at 10:00. Four people would be perfect! If you can help, please e-mail Joanne Gaska at coq.hms.fundraising@gmail.com or comment on her post on our Facebook page. We will also be looking for assistance with sorting on December 5th.

Pizza Lunch Fundraisers: The Hillcrest PAC organizes pizza lunches for purchase throughout the year. Coordinators for this year are Michelle Morrison and Amber Tarling who can be reached at hmsshotlunch@gmail.com.

All orders and payments will be through the MunchaLunch system. Please read the attached instructions before registering and ordering. You will also find a list of hot lunch dates for the year. Two teams are included at each hot lunch and teams rotate throughout the school year.



REMINDER: Pizza Lunch for RED AND BLUE TEAMS IS ON NOVEMBER 12.

Order deadline is 11:59 pm November 5th (that's tomorrow)! <https://munchalunch.com/>

PIZZA LUNCH VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED – If you are able to help out some Tuesday lunch hours for approximately 30-40 minutes (from 12:05 to 12:45) with the organizing of our student Pizza Lunches it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Michelle Morrison at hmsshotlunch@gmail.com or sign up as a volunteer via our MunchaLunch system online. It takes a minimum of 16 volunteers to serve each lunch!

SPC (STUDENT PRICE CARDS) ARE STILL AVAILABLE! For just \$10 these cards are valid for discounts at over 450 retailers (see partial list below). To order email coq.hms.fundraising@gmail.com – we have them in stock now!

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 Phone: 604-936-4237 Fax: 604-937-6878 Web: www.sd43.bc.ca/hillcrest
 Principal: Mr. Rob McFaul Vice-Principal: Mr. Tony Romano

See spccard.ca for more detail or to order online use reference code 37268

SPC Cards 2019-2020 participating retailers			
aerie	Extreme Pita	New Balance	Teriyaki Experience
ALDO	First Choice Haircutters	Old Navy	Thai Express
American Eagle Outfitters	Forever 21	Orange Julius	The Brick
Ardene	Freshslice Pizza	Panera Bread	The Chopped Leaf
Banana Republic	Globo Shoes	Pantorama	The Source/La Source
Bath & Body Works	GNC	Pita Pit	TOPSHOP/TOPMAN
Bench	Jack Astor's	Pizza 73	Urban Outfitters
Bentley	Journeys	Pizza Hut	Urban Plaet
Bikini Village	Jugo Juice	Pizza Nova	Victoria's Secret PINK
Bluenotes	Kernels Popcorn	Pizza Pizza	West49
BonLook	KFC/PFK	PUMA Outlet	WIRELWSSWAVE
Booster Juice	la Vie en Rose	Rexal/Pharma Plus	WLKN
Burger King	Little Burgundy	Roots	Yellow Shoes
Call It Spring	Manchu WOK'	Running Room	Yogen Fruz
Calvin Klein	Marble Slab	Sirens	Yogurty's Froyo
Chatters	MR.SUB	Sleep Country	
Coffee Culture	Mucho Burrito	South St. Burger	
Country Style	Nando's Chicken	Tbooth wireless	
DAVID's TEA	NYX Professional Makeup		
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Fundraising by Donation: You can still support Hillcrest by providing a donation to the school! You can do this through our School Cash Online (KEV) <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/> or by completing the PAC donation letter/form. No other fundraiser has a 100 percent profit margin and for donations of \$25 or more you will receive a tax receipt from SD43. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Community News:



ATTENTION NEIGHBOURS OF HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
 You can help stop vandalism on school grounds

What You Can Do

Parks, schools and public spaces are most vulnerable at night. Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities. Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line
604-927-7600

Call immediately when something raises your suspicions.
Do not wait for the damage to be done.
Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. Security personnel will be alerted and will investigate. They will take direct action or involve the police. **Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.** The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day.

KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE IT IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.

Coquitlam Open Learning Opportunities:

Casual Noon Hour Supervisors

School District #43 Coquitlam is looking for Casual Noon Hour Assistants to be available on an On-Call basis to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) at various schools throughout the District in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody and Anmore.

Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset. Successful candidates will be available over the lunch hour Monday – Friday, 5 days per week while school is in session and be willing to accept callouts to all schools in our District. We offer \$21.43 per hour plus 16% in lieu of benefits.

To apply, please click on the following link and create a user account/profile. <https://ejp.sd43.bc.ca/postings/Account/Login> Once you have completed your profile you will have access to the job postings.

Please click here for: [Continuing Education](#)