



## Hillcrest Middle School HAPPENINGS

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### Mission Statement:

*The Hillcrest School Community is committed to providing educational opportunities in a safe and respectful environment that encourages students to become responsible lifelong learners, both individually and cooperatively.*

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017



### Tambellini Talks

We had a fabulous week. The focus this week is supporting students to get the most out of their Middle School experience. My favourite quote: “The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are” and my personal motto for school/work “WORK HARD-BE NICE” really summarizes briefly how to get there. Although both the quote and motto are simple, short and sweet- they are extremely powerful statements. People feel the most anxiety being someone they are not. The privilege of a lifetime is being absolutely who you are each and every day. Middle school provides the opportunities and experiences necessary to begin their discovery into themselves.

We encourage students to get involved, and many students are already taking me at my word. We also reinforce the ‘Friendly but sometimes not Friends’ rule where our expectation is that everyone must be respectful of everyone in the building. Another request I had of students when on the playground or within the building is deciding whether an activity is ‘safe for me and safe for others?’ meaning think before you do!

At middle school, students will have many opportunities to extend their learning, to build new friendships and to try new experiences. When they were at elementary school, it was all about ABC’s. Middle school is all about the 3C’s. Students must be capable in their abilities (the academic part), connected to friends and peers, and contributing to the school and community (sports/leadership/clubs). My challenge to ALL students this year is to discover their very ‘BEST ME’ by getting involved and TRYING new things and meeting new people.

On a different note, our music program will be underway four mornings a week and our athletic teams will soon see their first practices. Announcements will also be out for Leadership, Yearbook and Me to We. We do ask that when students join an activity they make **a serious commitment**.

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. Romano and I are meeting with all students to review Hillcrest expectations for safety and respect as set out in the Parent Information Booklet.

**Please NOTE that our announcements are uploaded to our website each day by our secretary, so that families know what opportunities are happening on a day to day basis.**

Thank you also for signing and returning forms so quickly to the office. It is very appreciated.

**Miss Nadine Tambellini**

### HILLCREST STAFF 2017-18

Bell, Terry – Caretaker	Hurtubise, Michelle - Educational Assistant
Bereznai, Suzanna - Educational Assistant	Ingelman, Patrik- Grade 7/8
Boileau, Stephanie – Digital Literacy	Jhalli, Randeep – Noon Hour
Booth, Greg - Grade 6/7	Johns, Catherine –Student Services Teacher
Brown, Dan – Custodian	Lageston, Stefan- Grade 6/7 and Athletic Director
Buchanan, Dawn – Educational Assistant	Lee, Justin-Grade 6/7
Byrne, Kim – Grade 6/7	Lundgren, Erika – Grade 6
Caldwell, Susan-Grade 6/7	McMillan, Taimi – Art
Campbell, Kathie – Grade 6/7	Nay, Jeff- Grade 8
Carston, Kelly – Grade 6/7	Ngo, Rose - Grade 6/7
Chan, Myra – Student Services	Nichols, Lisa – Secretary
Ciulla, Kristel- Educational Assistant	Penner-Hunt, Shannon - Youth Worker
Costante, Pina – Noon Hour	Plesko, Alison- Grade 6/7
Crema, Rob – Grade 8	Romano, Tony – Vice Principal
Curran, Nicole- Grade 6/7	Sharma, Vinay – Grade 8
Davies, Sue – Student Services	Slater, Kelli – Grade 6/7
Deisinger, Dawna - Educational Assistant	Stewardson, Michelle – Grade 7/8
Dhaliwal, Indira – Counsellor	Tambellini, Nadine – Principal
Foulkes, Mason- Grade 8 Teacher	Toolsie-Worsnup, Shanti – Home Ec
Gallelo, Carlan – Gr 8 and Choir/Advanced Band	Trieu, Tu Loan – Librarian and EAL
Garrett, Shawn- Educational Assistant	Van Hove, Justin– Grade 6/7
Gormann, Leanne – Secretary	Van Loenen, Jason- Custodian
Gwillian, David - Student Services	Wiskar, Jon – Tech Ed and Challenge
Hampton, Cori – Grade 6	Wiskar, Ryan – Gr. 6
Holbrook, Lawrence – Grade 8	Yeates, Alia- Dramus and Beginner Band

### CALENDAR

September	11	7:45 am	Advanced band begins in MPR
	12	7:45 am	Boys choir begins in Dramus room
	13	Blk B	Earthquake drill
	14	7:45 am	Girls' choir begins in Dramus room
	20		Grade 6 Immunization
	20	6:30	Beginning Band instrument rental night
	20	Blk C	Hold and Secure drill
	21	6:30 pm	Meet the Teacher Night
	22		District Pro-D day
	29		Grade 6 Immunization Catch-Up

#### **Meet the Teacher**

We invite you to attend our annual Fall Open House on **September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone will meet in a gym at 6:30pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and tour the school as well as check out the Scholastic Book Fair. This will not be an opportunity for lengthy interviews. If you wish a longer interview please contact your child's teacher to arrange for a convenient time. We look forward to visiting with you.

### **Professional Day – September 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Our first non-instructional day will be Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be closed to students on that day to allow teachers to plan for the year and participate in educational initiatives.

### **Music Enrichment Students:**

These are graded courses that begin at 7:47 am

- Advanced Band (Mrs. Gallelo) / Beginning Band (Ms. Yeates) Monday and Wednesday
- Boys Choir (Mrs. Gallelo) Tuesday
- Girls' Choir (Mrs. Gallelo) Thursday

This is a reminder that **advanced band rehearsals** begin Monday at 7:45am in the MPR. Please be on time.

**Boys' choir** rehearsals begin Tuesday morning at 7:45 in the Dramus room 101. We welcome any returning or new singers! **Girls' choir** rehearsals begin Thursday morning at 7:45 in the Dramus room 101. Any returning or new members are welcome!

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> is instrument rental night for all Beginning Band members. Representatives from Long and McQuade will be in the Dramus Room 101 at 6:30 pm-8:00 pm with a range of instruments suitable for Beginning Band students. The first Beginning Band rehearsal will be this Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:47 am. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Yeates [ayeates@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ayeates@sd43.bc.ca)



### **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. Gormann at [LGormann@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:LGormann@sd43.bc.ca)**

### **Grade 6 Immunizations**

Immunization day is Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The forms are going out on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> and are due to our office by: Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The Health nurse will be by to pick up the forms and they will be reviewed before immunizations. **If the forms are not reviewed by the nurse, your child may not have the required immunization on the 20<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions please contact Simon Fraser Health at 604-949-7200.

### **Parent Information Package:**

**The package outlines, in its first 14 pages, the school's and District's policies and expectations for safe and responsible student behaviour. We ask that you review these documents and discuss them with your child, so that everyone has the same information and understanding. We also ask that you sign all permissions (p. 15 to 18) by as soon as possible (or complete the eForms on our webpage) whichever you feel comfortable with and have your child. We believe that this will help to ensure a happy and secure year for all. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the administrative team, if you have any concerns during the year.**

**Kateslem Afterschool Program:**

Kateslem is a program that runs every day afterschool beginning the first full week of school and operating Monday to Friday from 3pm to 5:30pm with snacks provided. The Kateslem room is set up like a club with areas for homework use. Students will also access the gym, classrooms, and other parts of the building for planned activities.

The activities offered include:

- Homework assistance
- Literacy skills
- Life skills
- Health, nutrition and hygiene skills
- Community service and leadership
- Recreational activities
- Creative activities
- Friendship and conflict resolution opportunities

Kateslem has a ‘needs based’ registration program. Parents, teachers and counselors can refer students. Students can also refer themselves. HOWEVER, the commitment is for the year. There is no registration fee other than a \$25 donation, and each student is asked to donate one item of non- perishable food per month, to assist those in need in the Coquitlam community. The link to the Kateslem is at <http://www.kateslem.com/program/> where you will find information and the registration forms at the bottom of link.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO MISS TAMBELLINI VIA EMAIL [ntambellini@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ntambellini@sd43.bc.ca) OR AT THE OFFICE if you are interested in signing your child up. Again space is limited- there are no guarantees of acceptance into the program.**

**Peanut Allergy:**

We have been informed that several children in our school have **very severe peanut allergies**. Contact with peanuts, foods containing peanuts, or peanut oil products would cause a life-threatening situation for these children. At Hillcrest Middle School, we will try to take every precaution to ensure the safety of these children. We request your support in this matter by being sensitive to the children’s condition by selecting lunch and snack items for your child that do not contain peanuts. While we cannot legally request that items containing peanuts not be sent to school, we ask that you give serious consideration to the selection of food items sent to school with your child. We appreciate the concern and cooperation of all families in this matter.

