



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 21st, 2017

Meet the Teacher

Our annual Fall Open House on **September 21st at 6:30 p.m.** We will begin in the gym area. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and tour the school. 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 22nd:

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



CALENDAR

September	21	6:30 pm	Meet the Teacher Night
	22		District Pro-D day
	29		Grade 6 Immunization Catch-Up
October			NEW FSAs this month (October 2 nd to November 10 th)
	5		World Teacher's Day
	9		Thanksgiving
	12	Blk D	Fire Drill
	13		Interim reports go home
	16	9:00 am	Photo Retakes
	20		District Pro D Day
	25		School Wide Read
	26		Explorations Term 1 ends
	30		Explorations Term 2 begins
	30 to Nov. 23		Canned Food Drive begins
	31		Halloween Activities

Beginning Band

Beginning Band Begins!

The first Beginning Band rehearsal will be the next Monday, September 25th at 7:47 am in the Gym. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Yeates at ayeates@sd43.bc.ca



HILLCREST OPPORTUNITIES

Homework Club

We have a Homework Club for our students after school from 3:10 – 3:55pm, Monday to Friday. We believe that this is an excellent opportunity for your child to get some homework completed before leaving school as well as to receive support or clarification with any aspect of homework in which he/she may be having difficulty.

Our Youth Worker, Ms. Penner- Hunt will be supervising the Homework Club. She can give extra clarification if your child is confused about a particular subject or assignment. If you are interested in your child attending on a regular basis please contact her at spenner-hunt@sd43.bc.ca. If students come on a drop-in basis, they will be asked to contact their parents to let them know they are staying for Homework Club.



Gifted Testing:

We will be completing gifted testing in October. The NEW gifted testing takes three 1-hour sittings. We will do the testing all the Fridays (October 6th, 13th and 27th) we are in session in October. Students must be committed to attending all the testing sessions.

Usually we seek out teachers to nominate students in their classrooms. If students already have a gifted designation, we will not be retesting them. Most students were tested when they were in elementary school (grade 2 or 3).

With a gifted designation, students can apply to specific programs or opportunities such as MACC or Talons. If parents would like to nominate their child for testing, please contact Jon Wiskar, our challenge teacher, at JWiskar@sd43.bc.ca **by September 29th**. We will not be hosting gifted testing at any other point in the 2017-18 school year.



Yearbook Parent Photographers Needed!

Yearbook Club is looking for parents who would like to volunteer a little of their time to snap some photos during school wide events at Hillcrest. You can choose to do one event or more if you wish. Your photos would be valuable to the Yearbook Club as we aim to have a good cross section of our student population to include in the book. All that is needed is a camera and we supply you with a USB to download the photos. If this interests you, please email: mychan@sd43.bc.ca



PAC NEWS

Thanks to all those who came out on Tuesday Night for our first PAC meeting of the year! Our next PAC meeting will be held Tuesday October 17 at 7:00 pm in the Library. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The PAC will be hosting a coffee and tea service in the Library during Meet the Teacher Night tonight at 6:30 – please stop by and introduce yourself.

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

Should you have any questions about fundraising at Hillcrest, please contact Catherine Hubbs at hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com.

Fundraising by Donation: If you would like to support Hillcrest PAC by providing a donation please see the attached PAC donation letter/form. Alternatively, you can make your donation through the School Cash Online (KEV) system by clicking [here](#). No other fundraiser has a 100 percent profit margin and for donations of \$25 or more you will receive a tax receipt from SD43.



Pizza Lunch Fundraisers: The PAC will be offering pizza lunch fundraisers in throughout the year. All orders and payments will be through the MunchaLunch system, which will be up and running by the end of day today. Please see the attached instructions for registering and ordering.

We serve two teams on each date on a rotating basis - **remember to order only on your child's team date.**

PAC pizza lunch dates:

- Green and Red Teams - October 3
- Blue and Yellow Teams - October 17
- Orange and Green Teams – Nov. 7
- Red and Blue Teams - Nov. 14
- Yellow and Orange Teams - Nov. 28

The pizza lunch coordinators for this year are Catherine Hubbs and Deb Dobson who can be reached at hillcrestlunches@gmail.com.

SPC Cards:

SPC is Canada’s favourite loyalty card that provides students with discounts and deals at thousands of the best stores and restaurants across Canada.

More details at www.spccard.ca.

At a cost of \$10.00, most SPC Card members will cover the cost of the card on their first trip to the mall and the cards are valid until July 31, 2018! Cards may be ordered online at www.spccard.ca/purchase. Remember to **Promo Code 37268** for Hillcrest to receive the \$3.50 profit.



Big Brothers and Discover Books Donation Bins – Hosted by Hillcrest: Hillcrest hosts both a Big Brothers clothing donation bin and a Discover Books bin both located at the Como Lake Ave. entrance to the school. These bins are conveniently open 24/7 and benefit both Hillcrest (we get 10 cents per pound of donated clothing, footwear, linens, material and accessories/eight cents per pound of books) AND Big Brothers. We usually make about \$1000 per year from the clothing bin and \$500 per year from the book bin.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Continuing Education:

Families, if the adults in your household are looking to take some courses- look no further than our own Coquitlam Continuing Education. Check out the link for some amazing opportunities:

<http://online.flipbuilder.com/bmr/xxag/mobile/index.html>

