



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.

January 12th, 2018



Tambellini Talks

Hello Families

January tends to be a very stressful time for our grade 8 students and their families. High school is on the horizon and there are decisions to be made. There are many possibilities out there and what is right for one student may not be the best for another! During the transition to high school, we ask parents to be aware of how your child is feeling and engage them in the decisions around high school. Whether students do regular core classes, honors/Pre-AP or IB, Talons to I-Hub, ALL programs are OKAY! All can lead to Post-secondary.

When making decisions, here are things to keep in mind:

- You are automatically assigned to a catchment school based on your current primary address. These catchments are determined by the school board.
- If you are not sure of your catchment, Mrs. Nichols, our secretary will be sending the information out this month or you can check the school locator on the website www.sd43.bc.ca using your address. If your address has changed, please come into the Hillcrest office with the appropriate documentation.
- Regardless of Cross-Catchment requests or future plans to move, your child will follow the steps to the school they are assigned. One of the only exceptions is the sibling clause. If a grade 8 student has a sibling at a non-catchment school already, AND that sibling will still be there in September 2018, AND the grade 8 student wishes to attend that school; the grade 8 student may attend that school for tours and testing, etc. The student is formally placed on that school's list when the family submits a 'cross catchment form' in February, with the sibling box checked off. Again, submission of a cross-catchment form is for documentation purposes, but the student is accepted, regardless of place in line.
- **The cross catchment process begins on February 8th at 9am and ends February 15th**

January is always a busy month for other reasons. The regular season began for Basketball, Table Tennis and Wrestling. Our Skiing and Snowboarding Club also had its first day on the slopes today with impressive skiing conditions. January will be very busy month with Satisfaction Surveys for our grade 7 students.

There is a huge technology summit coming to Vancouver in May. Please give a look at this <https://bctechsummit.ca/youth>

Miss Tambellini

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY	15		Expo term 2 reports go home
	15	3:15 pm	Staff meeting – NO HOMEWORK CLUB
	19	11:00am– 7:00pm	Ski & snowboard – Cypress
	26	11:00am– 7:00pm	Ski & snowboard – Cypress
	26	afternoon	Grade 8 tours
	29		School-based Pro D day (Focus Day)
	29 to Feb. 23 rd		Canned Food Drive begins

Buy Your Hillcrest 2017-2018 Yearbook

Last chance to purchase yearbooks through [KEV online](#). Yearbooks are \$55 and will be delivered to the school in June. This is available for ordering until Jan 31st, 2018 . The school will not have extras to sell when they are distributed to students in June so now is the time to get them!

GRADE 8 OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents/Guardians of Hillcrest Grade 8 Students:

This week, your son/daughter brought home a document indicating the catchment secondary school he/she will be attending next year according to your address that the school has on file.

If the address is incorrect, please contact Mrs. Nichols at the front office. Addresses will not be changed until proper address verification documents have been provided. To that end, your son/daughter will be expected to attend all activities associated with their current catchment secondary school until changes have been verified.

ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER IS INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS OFFERED AT EACH OF OUR HIGH SCHOOLS WITH DATES AND TIMES OF INFORMATION SESSIONS.

*****Disclaimer: Although every effort is made to provide the most up-to-date information for each secondary school, changes do occur. Please refer to each secondary school's website for confirmation*****

Grade 8 Parent Information Night & Tour at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School

Thursday, January 25

Tour starts at 6:30 pm

Information meeting starts at 7:00 pm – Gym

Grade 8 Tour of Secondary Schools – Friday, January 26th

Dear Families of Grade 8 Skiers and Snowboarders:

One of the days that are planned for skiing/snowboarding (Friday, January 26) falls on the same day as all the Coquitlam secondary schools have their Grade 8 Tours. **Therefore, we need to hear back from all grade 8 ski/SB parents as to whether your son/daughter will be attending the tour or going to Cypress.**

Some things to consider in your decision:

1. Some secondary schools are also conducting pre-assessment tests for certain programs before and after the tours. Please refer to the Grade 8 timeline attached for more information.
2. There will be parent information evenings at each secondary school, which students can attend with their parents if they choose to go skiing/snowboarding.

Please email your choice to all 3 staff members: Ms. Dhaliwal ldhaliwal@sd43.bc.ca Mr. Romano tromano@sd43.bc.ca and Mrs. Nicols lnicols@sd43.bc.ca

DISTRICT NEWS

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.

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>

Dr. Charles Best - EVENING OF THE ARTS

Will you be coming to Best? Are you interested in Art, Music Drama?

On Tuesday, January 16th the Dr. Charles Best Fine and Performing Arts Department will be holding our annual Fine Arts Night. This special evening will be a celebration of ALL the arts at Charles Best. Presented in our Gallerasium (our small gymnasium) we transform the space into an art gallery/theatre so that students, their families and friends can enjoy drama, jazz band, ceramics, painting, drawing, animation, graphic arts and photography presentations. It's sure to be a great evening so come and check out this fantastic event. Whether your son or daughter is involved in these electives or wants to be in the future, be sure to save the date. The fun starts at 7:00 pm and seating will be cabaret/coffee house style. Coffee and tea will be available by donation.

Adapted Sport Afterschool Program

Through the development of a community partnership between Unique Get Together Society, Moresports, and School District 43, we are proud to introduce an all-access, all-abilities after school program for basketball at Minnehada and Como Lake Middle Schools. Students from ANY District 43 Elementary and middle schools, ages 6-14 are welcome to attend. Registration can be done online, by following the link to SD43 Community Connections Registration site and selecting the program you want.

[Click here to register](#)

The program provides youth workers, coaches and mentors to meet the needs of the registrants. The focus is on social-emotional development of participants, and connectivity for kids and parents involved. Coaches will teach basketball skills, gameplay and team pride. We will provide an uniform for all kids.

Partnership Groups: School District 43 Community Connections is committed to Community Development through collaborative efforts. In this project, we are lucky to be working with two amazing contributors to children and their families. We are excited about this project and look forward to doing even more to improve access to sport in the future.

Unique Get Together Society: <https://www.uniquegettogethersociety.com/about-us/>

Moresports: <https://moresports.org/about/>

Port Moody Soccer in partnership with Unique Get to Together Society; Adapted Soccer sessions: <https://www.portmoodysoccer.com/adaptive-soccer-program>

SportAbility Bocce at Central Elementary. <http://sportabilitybc.ca/programs/boccia/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

SFU APPLIED SCIENCES INFORMATION: Upcoming programs for elementary, middle, and high school students interested in computer science and engineering! Please find a brief description of our upcoming programs below with detailed information available on their website at <https://www.sfu.ca/fas/news-and-outreach/community-outreach.html>.

Elementary School

Technovation (January to May 2018)

Open to girls ages 10 to 18. The Technovation Challenge teaches middle and high school girls how to make an app for a mobile phone using AppInventor. This 12-week, online, after-school program is structured so that groups of girls (ages 10-18) learn how to identify a problem, design and test a solution, collaborate with a team and communicate effectively. Each team will work through the Technovation curriculum with assistance from a mentor. [Find out more.](#)

Girls Get IT (May 26, 2018)

Open to girls ages 9 to 11. Each year, the Faculty of Applied Sciences hosts a great opportunity for girls aged 9-11 to learn about the fields of Computing Science and Engineering! Participants take part in various activities and have the chance to talk to current students about what it means to be a computing scientist or engineer. All activities are supervised by SFU faculty and staff. Girl Guides Canada participants complete all requirements for both their computing science and engineering badges. [Find out more.](#)

Science ALIVE (Throughout the year)

Open to grade K to 9 students depending on the specific program. Science Alive provides opportunities for youth to explore science beyond the textbook through hands-on, interactive discovery which stimulates their interest and fosters confidence. A student-run not-for-profit organization based at Simon Fraser University, Science ALIVE is supported by the Faculty of Applied Sciences, and a member of Actua, a national organization that reaches 225,000 youth annually. [Find out more.](#)

Middle School

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Go CODE Girl (February 3, 2018)

Open to girls grades 8 to 11. The Faculty of Applied Sciences at Simon Fraser University invites girls (grades 8 – 11) and their parents/guardians to learn more about the wonderful world of computing science. Please join us for this free event where girls will have fun participating in programming activity while parents learn about the possibility of computing science as a career choice for their daughters. The day will conclude with refreshments. [Find out more.](#)

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Go ENG Girl (TBA)

Open to girls in grades 7 to 10. Nationwide engineering day Go ENG Girl gives girls the exciting opportunity to visit the SFU campus and learn from women professionals, academics and students about the wonderful world of engineering. While the girls enjoy fun hands-on activities, their parents are treated to an informative session about the path to a career in engineering. [Find out more.](#)

High School

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AI4ALL (July 9 to 20, 2018)

Open to girls in grade 11. Artificial Intelligence for All (AI4ALL) is a 2-week summer enrichment program for young women to explore artificial intelligence and technology. Girls will get hands-on experience with artificial intelligence and have fun making an impact through tech. Girls who are curious about AI should apply. Successful applicants will be provided with accommodation in SFU residence for the duration of the program. [Find out more.](#)

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Science ALIVE Volunteer Opportunity (Throughout the year)

Open to grade 9 to 12 students. Interested in volunteering with Science ALIVE? We are currently accepting volunteer applications for our weekend clubs and our summer camps. Students can apply to assist our staff in inspiring youth through hands-on interactive activities. This is a perfect opportunity for high school students who are interested in working with youth and are passionate about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). [Find out more.](#)

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at fasevent@sfu.ca. Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday season!

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PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting will be held next **Tuesday, January 16 at 7 pm** in the Library. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

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

Pizza Lunches: Ordering for PAC pizza lunches for the remainder of the year is now up and running on www.munchalunch.com/schools/hillcrestms. All orders and payments must be made through the MunchaLunch system.



Each team will be offered four lunch dates:

Green: Jan. 23, Feb. 13, Apr. 17, May 15

Red: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Apr. 17, May 29

Blue: Feb. 6, Feb. 27, Apr. 24, May 29

Yellow: Feb. 6, March 6, Apr. 24, June 5

Orange: Feb. 13, March 6, May 15, June 5

Orders are due one week before the lunch date with the exception of the Jan. 23 lunch. Orders for this lunch are due Thursday, January 18.

We serve two teams on each date on a rotating basis - **remember to order only on your child's team dates.** If you have multiple children on different teams you can order extra and the kids can share it - for example if you have Child A on Red Team and Child B on Orange Team order for both under Child A's name on Red Team Pizza Days and order for both under Child B's name on Orange Team dates. **Please note:** you must order the entire lunch for all kids under the child's name who is on the team being served lunch that day. **The kids must pick up the entire order together at the same time.**

We need volunteers to run the lunches. If you have about 40 minutes available from about noon to 12:40 pm we would appreciate your help.

No late orders, no refunds and no special orders. All orders and payment must be through the MunchaLunch system.

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



QSP Magazines: Our prize portion of this fundraiser is over but you can order magazines online all year long. QSP offers popular titles in both paper and electronic form from both Canadian and international publishers. Magazine subscriptions make great gifts that last the entire year.

Magazines may be online at www.qsp.ca – **Hillcrest is Group 3745007**. Hillcrest PAC profits an average of \$10 per subscription sold, making this a profitable fundraiser.

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.



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.