

## *Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter*

# NOVEMBER 2024

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

### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 4	PAC Meeting	Dec. 2	Deadline for Mascot Design submission
Nov. 6	PAC Hot Lunch – White Spot	Dec. 2	Div. 11/12 Skating
Nov. 8	Remembrance Day Assembly	Dec. 4	PAC Hot Lunch – Pasta Polo
Nov. 8	Bake Sale - fundraising for VETS Canada	Dec. 9	Div. 9/10 Skating
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Stat	Dec. 9	Deadline to order PAC Hot Lunch on Dec. 18
Nov. 11	Deadline to order PAC Hot Lunch for Nov. 20	Dec. 10	Div. 6/8 Skating
Nov. 20	Falcons Raptors Ridge Presentation	Dec. 12	Div. 5/7 Skating
Nov. 20	PAC Hot Lunch – Loz Takos	Dec. 13	Eagles (Div 13-16) Skating
Nov. 21	Grade 6 Immunizations (1A)	Dec. 18	PAC Hot Lunch - Subway
Nov. 25	Deadline to order PAC Hot Lunch for Dec. 4	Dec. 20	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 2	Grade 6 Immunizations (1B)		

### Repeating Events:

#### Band/Choir:

Beginner Band: Wednesday 7:45-8:30am –Stage

Advanced Band: Tuesday/Friday 7:45-8:30am – Stage

Choir: Thursday 7:45-8:30am – Music Room

#### Athletics:

Grade 6 Volleyball: Jamboree November 1<sup>st</sup> at Banting 3:30-5:30pm

Grade 7 Girls Volleyball: Mondays/Wednesdays 7:45am Gym (Games on Tuesdays)

Grade 8 Girls Volleyball: Tuesdays 7:45am Gym / Thursdays 2:45pm Gym (Games on Wednesdays)

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball: Mondays 2:45pm Gym / Thursdays 2:45pm Gym (Games on Wednesdays)

**Breakfast Club:** Available daily for ALL students 8:00-8:30am

### Important Reminders:

Verification forms have been republished to your MyEd Portal. If you haven't already, please go in and review the information on the form. If you need anything added or corrected, print the form, make the changes and have your student bring it to the office so we can update the system. If it's an address change, supporting documents must also be submitted.



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### **Athletics**

#### **Cross-Country**

We're wrapping up an incredible cross-country season, and we couldn't be prouder of our runners! This year, 20 dedicated students joined the team, led by coaches Ms. Litz, Mr. Smith, Ms. Bahng, and Mr. Vandette. Rain or shine, they showed up for Tuesday morning practices, embodying commitment and teamwork.

Our runners participated in three mini meets and capped the season at district finals in Mundy Park. We'd like to give a special shout-out to Mason, who finished 5th in the grade 7 boys category, and Timothy, who also placed 5th in the grade 8 boys category! Congratulations to the grade 7 boys' team for their impressive 2nd place overall finish.



#### **Volleyball**

The regular season is now over. Playoffs will be starting soon for our Grade 7 girls, Grade 8 Girls and Grade 8 Boys.

- Grade 7 Girls: November 12 & 19 (locations TBD)
- Grade 8 Girls "B" team: Wednesday, November 13 (location TBD)
- Grade 8 Girls "A" team: Wednesday, November 20 & possibly November 21 depending on how we do (location TBD)
- Grade 8 Boys: Wednesday, November 20 & possibly November 21 depending on how we do (location TBD)

#### **Ski & Snowboard Club**

- 150 students have paid the deposit
  - Remainder is due: November 13th
- 12 parent chaperones have committed
  - Will be confirmed on Nov. 15

### **Hillcrest Yearbook**

#### **Early Bird Price**

Purchase your 2024-2025 Hillcrest Yearbook on School Cash Online for the Early Bird Price of \$40. The price will go up to \$45 in January if there are any left available. Limited quantities – don't miss out! Yearbooks are distributed in June.



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### **Electric Scooter and eBike Reminders**

- Provincial legislation states that electric scooters can only be operated by those 16 years and above.
- Electric scooters are not to be operated on school property.
- If a student is riding an electric scooter or eBike to school, they must walk them off school property.

### **Bake Sale November 8th**

Division 11 is hosting a **Remembrance Day Bake Sale** which will be held on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> in the MPR during lunch. Items will be from \$2.00 – 4.00. Proceeds will be donated to [VETS Canada](#), which helps Veterans in need move from the streets or shelters into affordable housing.

### **Lost & Found Items**

Items are being bagged and stored due to the sheer volume of unrecovered items. We have collected 4 large garbage bags of items since September.

If your child has lost an item they have 2 options:

- Come to the office and ask to see Mr. Jacobsen or Mr. Hart
- Wait until the items are on display in December

All items not claimed by December 18<sup>th</sup> will be donated to charity.

### **Hillcrest PAC**

#### **PAC Meetings**

Our next PAC meeting will be **November 4th at 7:00pm** in the Hillcrest LLC. We encourage all parents to join us. 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](#)

#### **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.

### **Grade 8 Information**

You are coming to the end of your Middle School years and it's time to think about high school. Are you going to your local neighbourhood school or are you choosing a school that meets your interests and needs? Are you a self-directed learner who likes to get things done on-time?

**Inquiry Hub Secondary School** is an innovative secondary school, in SD43, where students pursue their own personal interests and dreams. Students have scheduled standard classes with a focus on collaborative project-based learning, and some time that is left unscheduled. This unscheduled time is for individual passion projects, group work, and getting school work done.

Join us for our Open House at 6:30pm on Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Tickets available at: <http://inquiryhub.org/open>



**Community**

A promotional graphic for a winter market. The background is a soft, light blue with falling snowflakes. On the right side, there is a profile of a woman's face looking to the left. She has blue and white eye makeup and is wearing a headpiece made of white branches with small white spheres. Her lips are also decorated with white and blue glitter. The text is centered on the left side of the graphic.

*Winter is here.  
let the shopping begin!*

**Charles Best Secondary  
Winter Market**

**Friday November 15, 2024  
School Gym 5:30-9:30pm**

2525 Como Lake Avenue, Coquitlam, BC

Delicious Food, Desserts & Drinks;  
plus over 70 Amazing Vendors!!

**Entry By Donation**  
Proceeds support Charles Best AfterGrad 2025