

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 2	Grade 6 Immunizations (1B)	Dec. 18	PAC Hot Lunch - Subway
Dec. 2	Deadline for Mascot Design submission	Dec. 20	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 2	Div. 11/12 Skating	Dec. 23 – Jan. 3	Winter Break
Dec. 4	PAC Hot Lunch – Pasta Polo	Jan. 6	First day back after Winter Break
Dec. 9	Div. 9/10 Skating	Jan. 7	Deadline to order PAC Hot Lunch on Jan. 15
Dec. 9	Deadline to order PAC Hot Lunch on Dec. 18	Jan. 15	PAC Hot Lunch A & W
Dec. 10	Div. 6/8 Skating	Jan. 20	Deadline to order PAC Hot Lunch on Jan. 29
Dec. 12	Div. 5/7 Skating	Jan. 29	PAC Hot Lunch Dominos
Dec. 13	Eagles (Div 13-16) Skating		
Dec. 17	Winter Concert 6:00pm		

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:

More Coming Soon!

Open Gym: All students welcome 8:00-8:30am

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

After School Club in the MPR: Daily 2:42-3:50pm (snack, play foosball, chill out, ping-pong, or do homework)

Important Reminders:

If you are dropping a lunch for your student, please label the lunch before you arrive. The post it notes that are used end up falling off and we have lunches going unclaimed.

It's time to check your MyEd Parent Portals. Please make sure you can log in. Learning Updates will be published December 18th.



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Principal's Messages

Ski & Snowboard Club

We have all our parent chaperones settled and all the necessary documentation is in place for Cypress Mtn. Unfortunately, we cannot make any changes after Dec. 1.

School Improvements

In addition to the gaga ball pit, blacktop expansion and a new foosball table, we have new entry mats, wrestling mats, and an A/V upgrade in the gym on the way! This week, we had 3 classrooms take possession of brand new tables and desks for student use. Very soon we will have some new sports equipment for Athletics (thank you PAC!).

PAC Hot Lunches

As we move into the final home stretch before the Winter Break, I wanted to take a moment to thank our parent volunteers for their support with hot lunches. It has been a real treat for our students and staff. The new delivery system this year seems to be working very well 😊

Hillcrest Cares

With Winter Break around the corner, we wanted to ensure that all families are feeling supported through the holiday season and over the 2 week break from school. We are asking that all Hillcrest families use the provided link to complete the survey about potential supports that are being offered to those that are in need of it. <https://forms.office.com/r/aS7Nf8uMhr>

At this time, we also want to remind families that we have food programs available at Hillcrest. If you would like more information about these available supports, please reach out to Stephanie Duncan at SDuncan@sd43.bc.ca or another familiar staff member at Hillcrest Middle School.

Toy Mountain

The Hillcrest staff came together to donate 32 gifts for Toy Mountain at Guildford Town Centre. In fact, there was a shout out on the radio to acknowledge the pile of gifts that we collected 😊

Term 1 Learning Updates (Report Cards)

Parent Portal

Please ensure that you have logged into your MyEd parent portal by Thursday, December 19. If you do not, there is a good chance that you will need assistance to access the portal, and we will not be able to assist you after December 20. MyEd is frustrating as it forces you to change your password after a set amount of time. If you have not written your password down, you will likely need your account reset by us. Depending on when you make your request for a MyEd password reset, we may not be able to help you until the New Year.

Please email hillcrest@sd43.bc.ca if you require assistance.

Proficiency Scales

Where your child lands on the Proficiency Scale (Emerging>Developing>Proficient>Extending) in December of Term 1 is a snapshot of where their learning is at



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Athletics

Volleyball has now wrapped up for the season. A special thanks to our coaches: Ms. Bahng, Ms. Kuba, Ms. Nicholson, Ms. Filomarinno and Mr. Hart for their volunteer time with our athletes at the Grade 7 and Grade 8 level. A special congratulations to our Grade 7 girls' team who came in 1st place at one of the regional tournaments to end the season.

Last but not least, to our grade 6 Volleyball coaches: Mr. Wiskar, Ms. Carston, Ms. McKinlay and Ms. Linde. Thank you for your time at lunch and heading to Banting Middle School for the season ending tournament.

Winter Concert December 17th

Our Winter Music Concert is on Tuesday, December 17 at 6pm. Parents, family members, friends, and neighbours are all welcome! Students in our Beginner Band, Advanced Band, and Choir will be performing the music they learned throughout the term. The ensembles will perform the same concert for the school the following morning on Wednesday, December 18. Performers need to wear black pants/skirt and a white top for both events. We look forward to seeing the Hillcrest community at our Winter Concert!

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. **Only 75 left!**

Pink Shirt Day

Anti Bullying Pink Shirt Day is February 26, 2025

Purchase your T-Shirt or Hoodie on School Cash Online until December 11th. Shirts will be delivered before Pink Shirt Day.

Lost & Found Items

Items are being bagged and stored due to the sheer volume of unrecovered items. We have collected 5 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 18th will be donated to charity.

Hillcrest PAC

PAC Meetings

Our next PAC meeting will be **January 13th 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



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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.

Athletics

R1ZE Athletic Academy Basketball Grade 6-8 Registration Open

Location: Hillcrest Middle School Gym

9 Sessions (Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, Mar 7, 14)

2:50 - 4:20pm

Cost: \$149

Registration and more information:

[https://www.dwul.io/page/detail/1611?type=program#Hillcrest-Middle-\(Fri\):-R1ZE-Basketball-Gr-6-8](https://www.dwul.io/page/detail/1611?type=program#Hillcrest-Middle-(Fri):-R1ZE-Basketball-Gr-6-8)

Grade 8 Information

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

INFORMATION MEETING FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Tuesday, December 3rd or Wednesday, December 4th, 2024

7:00 p.m. at Port Moody Secondary School

Students and parents interested in entering the IB Program for talented and highly motivated students should attend one of these meetings to receive all pertinent information. There will be an opportunity for students and parents to ask questions about the IB Program. **All registration information will be available at these meetings.** Information about Port Moody Secondary and the IB Program can be found on the web at

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/ProgramsServices/IB/reg_info/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/ProgramsServices/IB/reg_info/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

and at www.ibo.org.

CHARLES BEST GRADE 8 PARENT NIGHT

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

7:00 p.m. at Charles Best Large Gym