

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

MARCH 2025

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

Upcoming Events:

Mar. 3	Deadline to order PAC lunch for Mar 12	Apr. 23	PAC Lunch White Spot
Mar. 7	Eagles Young Actors	Apr. 25	Pro D Day (District)
Mar. 7	Bike Repair Workshop	Apr. 28	Deadline to order PAC lunch for May 7
Mar. 10	Jays Bowling & Pizza	Apr. 29	Grade 8 Photo Day
Mar. 12	PAC Lunch Sushi Fu	May 7	PAC Lunch A & W
Mar. 13	Falcons Movie and Bowling	May 12	Deadline to order PAC lunch for May 21
Mar. 17-28	Spring Break	May 19	Victoria Day Stat Holiday
Mar. 31	Deadline to order PAC lunch for Apr 9	May 21	PAC Lunch Subway
Apr. 9	PAC Lunch Loz Takos	May 26	Deadline to order PAC lunch for June 4
Apr. 14	Deadline to order PAC lunch for Apr 23		
Apr. 18	Good Friday Stat Holiday		
Apr. 21	Easter Monday (school closed)		

Repeating Events:

Band/Choir:

Beginner Band: Wednesday 7:45-8:30am –Stage
Choir: Thursday 7:45-8:30am – Music Room

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

Athletics:

Wrestling: 3:00-4:00pm Tuesday/Wednesday

Wrestling Meets: Mar. 6 at Banting 3:00-6:00pm

Basketball: Grade 8 Boys A Tuesday 7:45am, Thursday 7:45am (Game: TBD)

Grade 8 Boys B Wednesday lunch, Friday lunch (Game: Wednesday, Mar. 5 at Minnekhada)

Grade 6 Jamboree at Pinetree 3:45-6:30pm

Open Gym: Cancelled until after Spring Break

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

After School Club in the MPR: Daily 2:42-3:50pm



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Athletics

- Our grade 6 basketball players (co-ed) will be heading to Pinetree Secondary on Tuesday, March 4 from 3:45 to 6:30 for a Jamboree. Special thanks to Mr. Nay, Mr. Ingelman and Ms. Kuba for coaching.
- Congratulations to the grade 7 Girls Basketball team for winning the District Championship!! The girls went undefeated during the regular season and playoffs. The girls beat Minnehada in the final 22 to 1. Special thanks to Ms. Bahng for her help at practices.
- The grade 7 Boys Basketball team had a successful regular season and won 2 games in the playoffs before bowing out to Monty in a close semi-final matchup. The boys played well together and worked hard. Special thanks to Mr. Rusby and Ms. Quan for coaching.
- Grade 8 basketball continues into March. Mr. Jacobsen & Ms. Bahng will be coaching the Grade boys B team at Minnehada on Wednesday, March 5 for a mini-tournament. Games are at 3:30 and 4:15.
- The following week (March 10) is district playoffs for the grade 8 Boys “A” team. Stay tuned for more details.
- Ms. Hampton, Ms. Chan and Mr. Smith will finish the wrestling season on March 6 at Banting Middle School. Special thanks to Ms. Hampton’s father for all his expert coaching. For many wrestlers this has been their first experience on the mat and they are loving it! Best of luck at the districts 😊

Spring Sports: Stay tuned for more details on the following opportunities:

Rugby
Track & Field
Badminton
Golf

Ski and Snowboard Club

February 27 was the last session at Cypress Mtn. We would like to thank all the school staff and parent chaperones who made it all happen. A special thanks goes out to Ms. Carswell and to Ms. Nichols in the office who stick handle everything going on in the background (absences, booking buses, permission forms, accounting, phone calls, lost items, forgotten items, etc...)

Staff:

Mr. Jacobsen
Mr. Hart
Ms. Bahng

Mr. Gangnes
Ms. Raptis
Ms. Litz

Ms. Linde
Ms. de Zeeuw

Parent Chaperones:

BUS #1
Daivid Diao
Cheryl Craig
Ashley Edgington
Heather Gale

BUS #2
Trevor Moizumi
Lucilia Gabrys
Cory Nelson
Jandy Kim

BUS #3
Michael Spalton
Lynn Truong
Jason Wong
Kim Prive



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Spring After School Programming at Hillcrest

<https://www.dwul.io/> (Search Hillcrest)

MONDAYS:

DUCKS Volleyball starting March 31 from 2:42 until 4:00 pm
\$90.00

THURSDAYS:

Multi-sports with R1ZE Athletics starting April 3 to May 29 from 2:50 to 4:00
\$130.00

FRIDAYS:

End 2 End Hoops with Coach Zach starting April 4 to June 6 from 2:50 to 3:50
\$120.00

Spring Break Camp at Hillcrest

Brought to you by MoreSports and MPower Lives from March 17th to the 21st
Drop-off at 8:45 Pick-up at 2:45
\$255
Ages 5 to 13

Hillcrest Yearbook

Purchase your 2024-2025 Hillcrest Yearbook on School Cash Online for \$45. Limited quantities – don't miss out! Yearbooks are distributed in June. **Only 14 left!** If you don't see this item in your School Cash Online, you have likely already purchased it. Please check your purchase history before calling the school.

Hillcrest PAC

PAC Meetings

Our next PAC meeting will be TBD 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.

Hillcrest School Supplies List for 2025-26

All grades 6, 7 & 8

Essential Items:

- 400 sheets of Refill paper – Ruled with margins
- 50 sheets of Refill Graph paper – 4:1
- 12 -Blue or Black Pens
- 2 Sharpie markers – permanent – fine point black
- 2 Sharpie permanent markers – chisel tip - black
- 4 pack of Highlighters – chisel tip – multi-colour
- 2 Staedtler erasers – Mars Plastic, white vinyl – large
- 2 Glue sticks – 36 grams
- 12 pre-sharpened HB Norica Pencils with latex free eraser
- 12 pre-sharpened Pencil Crayons (or used, but sharpened)
- Pencil pouch or Pencil Box
- Ruler – shatter proof – 30 cm
- Sharpener – OVAL with shaving collector – single hole
- Scissors – 6.5 inch – soft grip
- Laptop – see next page

Teacher specific items (wait until September):

- Duo-Tangs (quantity and colours)
- EXPO – dry erase low odor – Chisel tip
- Labels
- Ear buds for electronic devices
- Index dividers – Cello Tab
- Sheet protectors
- Binders (quantity and type)
- Red pens
- Tissues
- Sticky notes
- Scientific Calculator
- Math set – 9 pieces

Student Laptop for a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD school)

Q: Why are we doing Bring Your Own Device?

- *A: Lifelong learning. Learning doesn't stop at the end of the school day. We believe in the importance of developing creative and critical thinking skills that will serve students in all aspects of their lives. Using a tool like this will allow them to use the device they are already familiar with (or a device that they will become familiar with if it is new) in a new context. They will learn to use it as a tool for learning and presentation of learning and give them the skills they need to be successful in an increasingly technological world as they move into young adulthood. The School District has published their Direction 2025 document on developing lifelong learners which can be found here: [http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Vision/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Vision/Pages/default.aspx#/)*

Q: What kind of device will my child need?

- A: The device your child brings will need to have a minimum of a 10-inch screen, as well as a keyboard.

While we can support a variety of devices, we have some recommendations below:

- We do not recommend iPads or Minis. The screens are too small even with a keyboard.
- The district discourages Chrome Books and android tablets. They are unable/not optimized to run some of the software we use in the classroom.
- Think about the size and weight of the device as students will need to carry it to and from school each day. Protective cases are highly recommended.
- Battery Life - we encourage you to think about devices that have a longer battery life.
- You do not need to buy a high-end device, but you may want to think about how many years you plan for your child to use this device. We have noticed an issue with devices that have limited Hard Drive Space.
- Students in the district all get Office 365 for free. You do not need to purchase any software.
- We highly recommend students bring a mouse when bringing in a laptop.

Q: What if a family can't afford a device?

- A: The School District is committed to supporting our vulnerable families on a case-by-case basis. If you are unable to acquire a device for the BYOD Program

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