

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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



Upcoming Events:

Dec 1	Deadline to order PAC Lunch for Dec 10	Jan 5	First day back after winter break
Dec 2	Jays Young Actors	Jan 5	Deadline to order PAC Lunch for Jan 14
Dec 3	MACC Winter Fair	Jan 14	PAC Lunch – Fuel
Dec 5	Owls skating	Jan 19	Deadline to order PAC Lunch for Jan 28
Dec 10	PAC Lunch – Dominos	Jan 26	Pro D Day (school based)
Dec 10	Purdys pickup	Jan 26	Babysitting course (registration Jan 8)
Dec 16	Winter Concert 6:00pm	Jan 28	PAC Lunch – Subway
Dec. 18	Jays skating	Feb 2	Deadline to order PAC Lunch for Feb 11
Dec 19	Ravens Skating	Feb 10	Owls to Britannia Mine Museum
Dec 19	Last day before Winter break	Feb 11	PAC Lunch White Spot
Dec 22- Jan 2	Winter Break – school closed	Feb 16	BC Family Day stat

Repeating Events:

Band/Choir:

Junior Band: Monday/Thursday 7:45am Senior Band: Tuesday/Friday 7:45am
Choir: Wednesday 7:45

Athletics:

Coming Soon!

Open Gym: 8:00am Every day in December

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



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Principal's Message

Making a Difference in our Community

In the past have shared with you our survey data on what our students have to say about a multitude of topics. One that stood out for me was that they were telling the adults that they wanted more opportunities to make a difference. The staff at Hillcrest have listened. I am so proud of the work that has been done by our staff and students. In October, the Orange Ravens spearheaded a Halloween dance and a concession that helped raise over \$1500.00 for the SHARE food bank. On going and upcoming we have the 12 Days of Giving that has been an amazing success and the MACC Winter Market is happening tomorrow. Next week, we will continue the tradition of hosting our incoming grade 5 students from our family of schools in an after-school volleyball jamboree with Hillcrest students volunteering their time. Lots of great stuff is happening at Hillcrest and I would like to thank all of our families for your support in these initiatives 😊

Term 1 Learning Updates

As we close in on the Winter Break, Term 1 Learning Updates will be ready in your MyEd parent portal on Thursday, December 18. Please login to your account prior to ensure that you will be able to save, print, and review your child's learning update (report card). If you require an account reset, please give our clerical team ample time to ensure that you will be able to access your child's report card before Dec. 19 at 3:00 pm.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are available for purchase on School Cash Online. Limited quantities are available. We sell out every year and there will not be extras available in June. If you don't see the item in your school cash online, you may have already purchased it. Please check your purchase history before contacting the school. **Only 35 left!**



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Information for Grade 8 Families

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Information Meeting for Grade 8 students and their parents

Tuesday, December 2nd or Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025

7:00 to 8:30 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#/= and at www.ibo.org.

INQUIRY HUB

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 either at 6pm *or* at 7:30pm on Thursday December 4th, 2025. Tickets available at: <http://inquiryhub.org/open>



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>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.