

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

APRIL 2026

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

Upcoming Events (including information for our incoming Grade 5 families):

Apr 1	PAC Lunch – Pasta Polo	May 4	Deadline to order PAC Lunch Subway
Apr 3	Good Friday (school closed)	May 5	PAC Treat Day – Doughnut Love
Apr 3	Deadline to order PAC Kona Ice (fundraiser)	May 6	CMTA Middle School Choir/Strings Day
Apr 6	Deadline to order PAC Lunch A & W	May 13	PAC Lunch – Subway
Apr 6	Easter Monday (school closed)	May 14	Emergency Release Day
Apr 8	PAC Kona Ice Treat Day	May 14	Grade 5 Parent Information Night
Apr 8	Advanced Band Day	May 18	Victoria Day Stat (school closed)
Apr 10	Jays Div 11 & 12 to Science Fair at UBC	May 18	Deadline to order PAC Lunch White Spot
Apr 15	PAC Lunch – A & W	May 20	Junior Band Day
Apr 20	Deadline to order PAC Lunch Sushi Fu	May 25	Jays to Zone Bowling
Apr 24	Pro D Day (District)	May 27	PAC Lunch – White Spot
Apr 29	PAC Lunch – Sushi Fu		

Repeating Events:

Band/Choir:

Junior Band: Mon/Thu 7:45am Senior Band: Tue/Fri 7:45am Choir: Wednesday 7:45

Athletics:

Track & Field first meeting April 7 at lunch with Mr. Ingelman.

Track & Field practices will be Tuesdays/Thursdays at lunch.

Badminton a starting soon. Remind your student to listen to announcements.

Open Gym: Daily 8:00am

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



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Principal's Message

Hillcrest Gives Back

Our HLC crew raised almost \$200.00 selling Candy Grams for the Make a Wish Foundation, and the Yellow Eagle Team raised \$500.00 for the BC Children's Hospital selling concession items at our Valentine's Dance.

A special thank you to all the staff members and students who helped out!

Tennis Instruction

Starting April 27 to May 13, we are bringing tennis instruction to Hillcrest. Tennis will take the place of regularly scheduled Physical and Health Education classes. The program comes with a professional tennis instructor, and all the equipment is supplied. This is an opportunity for our students to learn a sport that can be enjoyed well for a lifetime.

Pickle Ball Club

Mr. Hart and Mr. Jacobsen are waiting to be dethroned as the Pickle Ball Champions at Hillcrest 😊 We welcome all players (staff and students) to come out regardless of experience.

Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:45 to 8:35 am starting April 8.

Bell Schedule 2026-27

All middle schools across the district will have to adjust their bell schedules to accommodate 10 more minutes of instruction per day in 2026-27. This is a result of a really long summer break (school doesn't start until Tuesday, Sept. 8). At Hillcrest, we are going to try and keep relatively the same start and end times as 2025-26. The new bell schedule for the 2026-27 school year will be shared with the community in May.

Grade 5 / New families to Hillcrest

Grade 5 / New Parent Night (May 14) 6:00pm

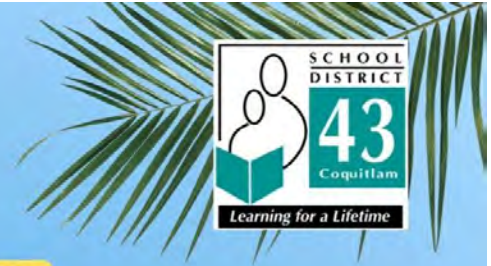
- We look forward to meeting our new to Hillcrest families on May 14. This event is for incoming grade 5 families and for families with children entering grade 7 or 8 at Hillcrest for the first time.
- Student leaders at Hillcrest will do a tour of the school and we will discuss the pillars of middle school, early adolescence and Hillcrest. After the tour, we will have a Question and Answer session in the gym.



Summer Learning



2026



NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Summer Learning registration will be by lottery to ensure fair access for all students. Visit the SD43SummerLearning.ca for more information about the lottery, registration, courses and locations.

ELEMENTARY

July 7 – July 24, 9:00am - 12:00pm, 8 locations

K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated Studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!

Lottery Registration: April 2 – 8, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Thursday, April 16, 2026)

MIDDLE

July 7 – July 24, 8:45am - 11:45am, 3 locations

Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec Culinary, Integrated Studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more!

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SECONDARY SKILL BUILDING

July 7 – July 24, 8:30am - 11:30am & 12:00pm - 3:00pm, 2 locations

Non-Credit Face-to-Face classes: English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal & Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content or preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 for Science & Math is only available by school referral.

Lottery Registration: April 28 – May 4, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Friday, May 8, 2026)

SECONDARY FULL CREDIT

July 2 – August 6, 8:00am - 11:30am & 12:00pm - 3:30pm, 2 locations

Face-to-Face or Online Blended Fast Track: Life Science 11, Anatomy & Physiology 12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11, 12; EAL 10, 11; English 10, 11, 12; English First Peoples 11, 12; Mathematics 10, 11, 12; Physics 11, 12; PHE 10; Socials 10, 11, Science 10.

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Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirements apply. Courses and locations are subject to change.



NEXT TREAT DAY IS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

OPEN AT LUNCHTIME



Pre-order your shaved ice only on
Munchalunch.com- click the "Fundraising Open" Tab.
Orders open March 13th to April 3rd.



SD43 CLOTHING SWAP

Start Collecting your swappable clothes NOW!

Don't shop—Swap! Give your pre-loved clothes a second life and find your new favorite outfit for FREE.

SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Pinetree Community Centre
1260 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam

Who can participate?

All SD43 families and friends are welcome. Those that donate will be given VIP entry a time of donation.

Donation Collection

Spring Break is the perfect time to clean out your closet. Participating Secondary schools will be collecting donations from April 7 - 16.

Please ensure all clothes are clean and in good condition.

No price tags. Just Style

Save water and reduce textile waste

Keep the fashion cycle moving within our school



Organizer: SD43 District Sustainability Leadership Committee - DSL