

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

JUNE 2026

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

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

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| June 1 | Pro D Day (School based) | June 12 | Activity Day: |
| June 1 | Babysitting Course (see details below) | | Owls: Bowling and Movie |
| June 1 | Deadline to order PAC Lunch Dominos | | Jays Grade 6/7: Activate |
| June 2-5 | Bike to School Week | | Ravens Grade 7: Activate and Swim |
| June 2 | Jays Swimming at Mundy Park | | Grade 8: Playland |
| June 3 | Immunizations (for anyone missed) | June 16 | PAC Treat Day – TCBY Yogurt |
| June 4 | Div 1 First Aid Course | June 16 | Spring Concert 6:00pm |
| June 4 | Jays to Outdoor Experience Waterpark | June 17 | Div 7 to Como Lake Village |
| June 4 | Grade 6 for a morning (see info below) | June 18 | Falcons Swim at Mundy Park |
| June 4 | Div 7 to Rocky Point | June 22 | Falcons to Camp Jubilee |
| June 5 | Eagles and Ravens Swim at Mundy Park | June 22 | Ravens and Eagles to Movie |
| June 8 | International Food Festival | June 22 | Owls Swim at Mundy Park |
| June 10 | PAC Lunch – Dominos | June 23 | Jays Swim at Mundy Park |
| June 10 | Owls Swim at Mundy Park | June 25 | Early Dismissal 12:00 |
| | | June 25 | Grade 8 Leaving Ceremonies:
Eagles – 9:00-10:00am
Ravens/Jays – 10:30-11:30am |

Repeating Events:

Band/Choir:

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

Athletics:

Athletic Banquet – Thursday, June 18 from 4:00- 6:00 pm

Open Gym: Daily 8:00am

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



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Principal's Message

Dear Hillcrest Community,

It has been a great year at Hillcrest in 2025-2026! With the help from PAC and the school district, we were able to see through to the finish line many facility improvements at Hillcrest. Our new wrestling mats finally arrived...unfortunately on the last day of the season! The library courtyard project is now completed with help from SD43's favourite philanthropist Maxine Wilson. The Ski & Snowboard Club with the help of parent and staff volunteers, enabled 102 students to enjoy Cypress Mtn for 4 sessions in February. While up at Cypress the rest of the students at Hillcrest got to participate in Passion Projects led by staff members. The Science Fair was an amazing experience for our students to share their learning with the community. A large contingent of families came out to see the displays. We are excited to announce that after 6 years of the lights being off in the woodshop, they will be back on 2 days a week as part of our Explorations rotation. Mr. Wiskar and Ms. Kuba will combine forces to teach what we are calling "Home Tech" which will be 3 days of Home Economics and 2 days of Woodworking. Lastly, Hillcrest is bringing back student planners in 2026-27 as a tool to help teach executive functioning skills.

Attached is the MDI school report for Hillcrest. We are moving ahead next year with school action plans to help address our needs that we have pulled from this data. Although our Action Plan for Learning (APL) has yet to be published, you will be able to see how we plan to address our needs in our Human & Social Development Goal, Intellectual Goal and Indigenous Learners and Way of Learning Goal.

As we begin planning for 2026-27 there are a few housekeeping items that our community needs to be aware of before we close out June.

PAC

- We already have an executive in place for next year! Yippee 😊
- A special thank you to our PAC for financing the purchase of new volleyball nets and posts (standards).

Bell Schedule

- The arrival (8:35 a.m.) and dismissal (2:45 p.m.) times will remain the same for next year.

School Based Pro-D Days

- Our school-based days will be on Monday, January 25, 2027 & Monday, May 31, 2027

Welcome to Hillcrest on Thursday, Sept. 3

- Staff will host an additional orientation morning session for those students who are new to Hillcrest and for those who would like an additional visit. Please meet in the gym at 10:00 a.m.

School Supplies

- Supply lists can be found on the school's website under "Documents"



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Grade 6 for a Morning – Thursday, June 4

- 9:15 – Students arrive at Hillcrest Gym either by foot with neighboring school staff or dropped off by caregivers.
- 9:50 – Student tours and activities begin.
- 11:00 – Tour and activities end. Hot dog lunch outside by the sports court.
- 11:30 – Students depart back to elementary schools with home school supervisors or are picked up by caregivers at the sports court.

Athletic Banquet – Thursday, June 18 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm

- All student athletes in grade 6-8 who participated in a school sport are invited to Hillcrest's Athletic Banquet.
- Tickets are available at the office before and after school from June 9 to June 16. Tickets are **FREE** if your child's athletic fee has been paid in School Cash Online. If you do not see this as an available item, it probably means that you have already paid for it. At Hillcrest, you only need to pay your athletic fee one time (\$20.00) for your child to participate in multiple athletic events (Swimming, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Track & Field & Badminton).
- What is an Athletic Banquet?
 - We are going to reverse the order of events this year. First, the players and coaches will meet in the gym for an Awards Ceremony. The coaches will present team awards first and then the major awards will be presented by our Athletic Directors, Mr. Ingelman and Mr. Nay. Next, we will move to the Crest Cafe for some food. Everything should be wrapped up by 6:00 p.m. to allow our athletes to head off to their club sports commitments.

Spring Band & Choir Concert – Tuesday, June 16 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Beginner and Advanced bands will perform along with the Hillcrest choir.

Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony – Thursday, June 25

No tickets are required. Families are welcome to attend.

- Yellow Eagles from 9:00 to 10:00 am
 - students arrive at MPR for 8:45 am
- Blue Jays and Orange Ravens from 10:30 to 11:30 am
 - students arrive in MPR no later than 10:15 am



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Last Day in Session – Thursday, June 25

- Early dismissal at 12:00pm. To help facilitate the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremonies we strongly encourage families to keep their children in grades 6 and 7 at home on this day. We understand in some cases that this is not possible and the students who attend this morning will be helping with jobs around the classroom and school.
- Depending on enrollment numbers we may combine classes to release teachers to help at the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony.

International Food Fair – June 8th

Divisions 18 and 19 are hosting an International Food Fair on June 8th in the MPR. This is an opportunity to sample foods from around the world for as little as ONE dollar. Students can purchase punch cards at the blacktop during outside lunch beginning on Wednesday May 27th, up until Thursday June 4th. All proceeds will go to BC children's hospital. Thank you!