
Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, November 21, 2022

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST (see repeating events below)

Monday, Nov. 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Jays Team MasterChef competition· PAC Meeting via Zoom 6:00pm (see link below)
Tuesday, Nov. 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Grade 7 Girls Volleyball Tournament at Moody Middle 3:30-6:00pm· Grade 7 Boys Volleyball Tournament at Montgomery Middle 3:30-6:00pm
Wednesday, Nov. 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Tournament at Hillcrest 3:30-7:00pm· Grade 8 Boys Volleyball Tournament at Eagle Mountain 3:30-7:00pm
Thursday, Nov. 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Supper Club 3:00-5:00pm (for pre-registered students only)
Friday, Nov. 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Ravens (Orange) Young Actors Project
Please see our school calendar on our website: Hillcrest website	

Repeating Events

Athletics:

Intramural Volleyball: Tuesdays/Wednesdays – 12:40pm

Grade 7 Volleyball: Thursdays 7:45-8:30am / Fridays 3:00-4:00pm (Tournament Nov. 22 – details TBD)

Grade 8 Volleyball: Mondays 3:00-4:00pm / Fridays 7:35-8:25am (Tournament Nov. 23/30 – details TBD)

Band:

Beginner Band: Monday/Wednesday 7:45-8:30am – Gym

Advanced Band: Tuesday 7:45-8:30 – MPR

Girls' Choir: Thursday 7:45-8:30am – Music Room

Clubs:

Board Game Club: Wednesdays – 12:40pm – Learning Commons
Chess Club: Mondays – 12:40pm – Learning Commons
Chill Zone: Tuesdays/Thursdays – 8:20am – Room 158 (enter from class outside door by portables)
D & D Club: See Mr. Holbrook Room 120 for more info
Graphic Design Club: Thursdays – 12:40pm – Room 124
HLC: Thursdays 3:00-3:45pm – Learning Commons
Minecraft Club: Wednesdays – 12:40pm – STEAM Lab Room 157
Sewing Kit Sorter Club: Mondays-Thursday – 12:40pm – Room 118
Scratch Coding Club: Tuesdays – 12:40pm – Room 162
SOGI Club: Mondays – 12:40pm – Room 103
NEW Spirit Squad: Mondays – 12:40pm - MPR
Stop Motion Club: Fridays – 12:40 – Portable 123
Yearbook Club: Wednesdays – 12:40pm – Room 124

Upcoming Events

Nov. 28	Div. 11/12 Skating at Poirier	Dec. 16	Last day before Winter break
Nov. 30	Grade 6 Immunizations – Round 1	Jan. 3	First day back after Winter break
Dec. 2	Ravens (Orange) Young Actors Project		

Report Student Absences, Lates, and Early Dismissals to the Office

Reminder that all student absences, lates, and early dismissals must be reported to the office (not just the teacher). We are required to ensure the safety of every student, every day. Please either phone the school or use our online absence form through our website to submit a report.

[Absence Report](#)

PAC Meeting – November 21, 2022

All parents and guardians are invited to attend the November PAC meeting. PAC will be discussing the yearly operating budget so please attend this meeting if you want a vote in how the budget is set.

Topic: HC Nov PAC meeting

Time: Nov 21, 2022 06:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85295478944?pwd=NkZSOHQvSGJyeXUxTXVjZDdlR0dndz09>

Meeting ID: 852 9547 8944

Passcode: 259318

PAC Purdys Fundraiser

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdys chocolates from our fundraiser! This year, we're hoping to raise \$3000.00 for Hillcrest Middle School PAC, and we need YOUR help!

From now until November 28th, 2022, you can order Purdys treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours, AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies. See the attached flyer for more information. Thank you for supporting Hillcrest!

Photo Retakes

Photo retakes are now available for viewing/ordering.

1. On Photo Day, your student was provided with a photo flyer containing a QR login code.
2. Use this login code to access your student's personal photo gallery at myorder.mountainwest.ca.
3. *Any active email address can be used to login.*

YOUR ORDER DEADLINE IS: Thursday, November 24, 2022

1. To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support.
2. If you do not have your login code, or require assistance, please [chat](#) with us or email us at help@mountainwest.ca.
3. Orders will be shipped directly to your home address.
4. Looking to access digital downloads or check on the status of your order? Visit portal.mountainwest.ca

Information for families of Grade 8 students

Programs of Choice for grade 8 students going into grade 9

* Please note that it is up to families to apply for these programs through the school websites. Please go to the school websites for further information on these programs.

Port Moody IB

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme has been adopted as a district programme to ensure that all highly motivated and talented secondary students in School District #43 have equal access to the opportunities provided through this internationally renowned programme. This is a district-wide programme that offers a coordinated curriculum from grade 9 through grade 12 for talented and highly-motivated students. IB includes appropriately challenging experiences in an environment of positive stimulation that comes from working within class groupings of similarly motivated and talented students.

The IB curriculum is offered as an integral part of the broad educational programme at Port Moody Secondary. A high degree of flexibility is built into the programme to ensure that students have the opportunity to individually make choices and selections that provide maximum personal benefits.

IB is recognized throughout North America as equivalent to first year university courses. Students who achieve well in IB subjects will generally receive university credit for their efforts.

Steps for applying:

- 1) Attend an information night on one of the following dates:
 - **November 30th at 6:30 pm or December 1st at 6:30 pm.**
- 2) Complete the application:
 - The links to these forms will open on December 1st and must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 16th, 2022. The Confidential Teacher Referral will be brought by the student to the assessment session on January 14th.
- 3) Attend your assigned testing session
 - Attend your assigned **testing** session on **Saturday January 14th, 2023** at PMSS. Details will be sent to you in January with a final communication before the 14th. Only applicants who submit applications by the December 16th (4:00 pm) deadline will be permitted to participate in one of the testing sessions.

To learn more about the program and how to apply please go here:

[IB Programme Registration Information - Port Moody Secondary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

iHub Program

Inquiry Hub is an innovative secondary school, in the Coquitlam School District, where students pursue their own personal interests and dreams. About half of students' time is scheduled with standard classes with a focus on project-based learning, while the remaining time is left unscheduled.

Students use their unstructured time to work on coursework, inquiry projects, and things that interest them. We focus on learning through the Internet, on student presentation and communication, and on cross-grade and cross-curricular learning.

There will be an open house on December 7th. See the attached flyer.

To learn more about the program and how to apply please go here:

[Inquiry Hub Secondary | Coquitlam's Dream Create Learn school](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)