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## *Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter*

Monday, November 28, 2022

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### **THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST** (see repeating events below)

Monday, Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Div. 11/12 Skating at Poirier 10:15-12:45</li><li>· Final day to order Purdys from our PAC fundraiser</li></ul>
Tuesday, Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· <a href="#">Grade 7 Volleyball wrap up – 3:00-4:00 in the gym</a></li></ul>
Wednesday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Grade 6 Immunizations – Round 1</li><li>· <a href="#">Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Tournament at Kwayhquitlum 3:30-7:00pm</a></li><li>· <a href="#">Grade 8 Boys Volleyball Tournament at Hillcrest 3:30-7:00pm</a></li></ul>
Thursday, Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Supper Club 3:00-5:00pm (for pre-registered students only)</li></ul>
Friday, Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Ravens (Orange) Young Actors Project</li></ul>
Please see our school calendar on our website: <a href="#">Hillcrest website</a>	

### **Repeating Events**

#### **Athletics:**

Intramural Volleyball: Tuesdays/Wednesdays – 12:40pm  
Grade 8 Volleyball: Mondays 3:00-4:00pm (**Cancelled Nov. 28th**)  
Wrestling: Coming in January

#### **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

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## 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  
Spirit Squad: Mondays/Fridays – 12:40pm - MPR  
Stop Motion Club: Fridays – 12:40 – Portable 123  
Yearbook Club: Wednesdays – 12:40pm – Room 124

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 5-9	Spirit Week	Dec. 16	Last day before Winter break
	Monday: Hillcrest Spirit Wear Day	Jan. 3	First day back after Winter break
	Tuesday: Community Day		
	Wednesday: Winter Wear Day		
	Thursday: Team Colours Day		
	Friday: Pajama Day		

## Principal's Message

Dear Hillcrest Community,

The beginning of the week is November, and the end of the week brings December. December is a busy month and I regretfully need to inform you we will not be having a Winter Concert. Due to some unforeseen health reasons, Ms. Gallelo is not able to invest the time and energy needed for such an endeavour. Ms. Gallelo's heart is very connected to our Band and Choir program at Hillcrest. She infuses the program with passion and skill. The month of December will be filled with gingerbread houses, door decorating, hamper collection and a Spirit Assembly. December also means report cards will be posted on the MYEDBC Portal on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Hamper collection begins the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Spirit Assembly Week schedule:

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Hillcrest Wear Day  
Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Community Day  
Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Winter Wear  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Team Colours (Spirit Assembly)  
Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Pajama Day

If you are interested in reading the minutes from the PAC meeting, you can find them on our website under Parents > PAC ([PAC Meeting Minutes](#)) We are grateful to the PAC for organizing a hot lunch from Pizza Hut. It was a huge hit, and we look forward to the next one, which will be Subway sandwiches on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The next PAC meeting is online on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Please remember if your child is not feeling well, they should not be at school.**

## 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](#)

## Information from our 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!

**Today is the deadline to order!** 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!

### Hot Lunch – Subway – Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Our next hot lunch is ready for parents to order! Deadline to order is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> through [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com). Please note that after you order your child's sandwich, then you can pick your toppings.

### Recycling Fundraiser - Express Return It Depot

Help us raise funds for our Hillcrest Middle community. Drop off your recycling bottles at a Return It depot near you. The Return It depots offer an Express Drop off that is easy and fast. No need to count the bottles, just drop off and go. All you need is the school's phone number - [\(604\) 936-4237](tel:6049364237), which can always be found on the school's website. 100% of the funds raised from the deposits will help support our Hillcrest Middle's activities and enhance our students' experiences at our school.

### PAC Information & Links

You can find [PAC information](#) on the Hillcrest website by clicking “Parents” and “PAC”. This is where you can find information about our Executive, our PAC Meeting Minutes, Fundraising information, etc.

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## 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 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm or December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.**
- 2) Complete the application:
  - The links to these forms will open on December 1<sup>st</sup> and must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Confidential Teacher Referral will be brought by the student to the assessment session on January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Attend your assigned testing session
  - Attend your assigned **testing** session on **Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at PMSS. Details will be sent to you in January with a final communication before the 14<sup>th</sup>. Only applicants who submit applications by the December 16<sup>th</sup> (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://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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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://sd43.bc.ca)