
Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, December 5, 2022

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST (see repeating events below)

Monday, Dec. 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Spirit Week· Collecting for Share Food Bank and Holiday Hampers all week· Hillcrest Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, Dec. 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Community Day· Grade 7 volleyball wrap up 3:00-4:00pm
Wednesday, Dec. 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Winter Wear Day
Thursday, Dec. 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Team Colours Day· Div. 1 and 4 Skating at Poirier· Final Supper Club 3:00-5:00pm (for pre-registered students only)
Friday, Dec. 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Pajama Day· Ravens (Orange) Young Actors Project· Pickup Purdys/Doughnut Love Gift Card orders 3:00-5:00pm
Please see our school calendar on our website: Hillcrest website	

Repeating Events

Athletics:

Intramural Volleyball: Tuesdays/Wednesdays – 12:40pm

Wrestling: Coming in January

Band:

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

Advanced Band: Tuesday/Friday 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
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. 12	PAC Hot Lunch - Subway	Dec. 16	Ravens (Orange) Young Actors Project (rescheduled from earlier missed day)
Dec. 15	Div. 2 and 3 Skating at Poirier	Dec. 16	Last day before Winter break
Dec. 15	Report Cards posted to parent portal	Jan. 3	First day back after Winter break

Share Food Drive and Holiday Hampers

We are collecting all this week for both our Share Food Drive, and Holiday Gift Hampers for Hillcrest families. See the attached flyers for more information. Thank you for your generous donations!

Parent Portal

Have you checked your access to the parent portal? Report cards will be published to the portal on December 15th. If you wait until after they are posted to find out you don't have access, it will be too late. We can't provide any information by email, so **if you have an issue accessing the portal, please phone the school**. No report cards will be printed, no exceptions.

Information from our PAC:

We need 2 more volunteers to help with the Subway Lunch on December 12th.

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.

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://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.

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)