
Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, January 9, 2023

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST (see repeating events below)

Monday, Jan. 9 th	.
Tuesday, Jan. 10 th	.
Wednesday, Jan. 11 th	.
Thursday, Jan. 12 th	· Supper Club Round 2 begins (for registered students)
Friday, Jan. 13 th	· Deadline to order PAC Pizza lunch on Munchalunch 3:00pm

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

Repeating Events

Athletics:

Intramurals: Info coming soon!

Basketball: Info coming soon!

Wrestling: Tuesday/Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm – MPR

Volleyball: Grade 8 Championships – Boys: Wednesday, January 11th at Hillcrest

– Girls: Wednesday, January 11th at Kway

Girls Championship game: Thursday, Jan. 12th at Hillcrest (for those teams who qualify Wed.)

Boys Championship game: Thursday, Jan. 12th at Eagle Mtn. (for those teams who qualify Wed.)

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: Fridays – 3:15-4:30pm – Room 120
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: Will startup again in February
Stop Motion Club: Fridays – 12:40 – Portable 123
Yearbook Club: Wednesdays – 12:40pm – Room 124

Upcoming Events

Jan. 16	PAC Meeting via Zoom	Feb. 3	Eagles (Yellow) Team Young Actors (Div. 14/15/16)
Jan. 17	Babysitting Course Registration opens	Feb. 10	Eagles (Yellow) Young Actors (Div. 13/14/15)
Jan. 20	PAC Pizza Lunch	Feb. 10	Falcons (Red) Team to Grouse Mountain
Jan. 23	Ravens (Orange) MasterChef competition	Feb. 17	Eagles (Yellow) Young Actors (Div. 13/15/16)
Jan. 27	Grade 8 Tours at Catchment Schools	Mar. 3	Eagles (Yellow) Young Actors (Div. 13/14/16)
Jan. 30	Pro D Day (school based)		

Message from our Principal

Hello Hillcrest Community,

Welcome to 2023. The month of January is the start of planning for our grade 8s to transition to high school. Mr. Gangnes has been sharing information regarding high school tours, applications for cross catchment and applications for specialty programs. If you have any questions regarding grade 8 transition, please email pgangnes@sd43.bc.ca.

Hillcrest's theme for the school year is Our Stories Matter and the importance of story is twofold, our stories connect us to each other, and they allow us to experience reciprocal relationships. In February we will be hosting parents and students to share story during three-way conferencing on February 14th and 15th with dismissal at 12:24pm. Teachers will be setting up conference times early in February. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be hosted by Ms. Bahng in the Learning Commons during this week.

Finally, we would like to thank the community for their continued support of our Hillcrest Learning Community and remind you how important all the work our PAC does for the students.

Information from our PAC

PAC Pizza Lunch

PAC is having another Pizza Lunch. Place your order through www.munchalunch.com

Deadline to order is Friday, January 13th at 3:00pm.

PAC Meeting January 16th

Hillcrest Middle PAC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Jan 16, 2023 06:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85493565103?pwd=OU1VRGJ0OEhnMUM3RGZWK25adlBCUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 9356 5103

Passcode: 133112

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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.

Babysitting Course Monday, January 30th

Hillcrest will be offering a babysitting course for interested students where they can build their knowledge about babysitting. This full day babysitting course will take place on Monday, January 30th. This is a Pro-D day, so participating students will not miss any schoolwork.

This hands-on course will run from 8:30am – 3pm with regular breaks for Nutrition Break and Lunch. At the end you will receive a certificate of completion.

Here are some of the things that students will learn in this course:

- Look after babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children
- Care for yourself and siblings when home alone
- Create a safe environment and deal with phone calls and unexpected visitors
- React confidently in case of an emergency, such as choking, bleeding, poisoning or burns
- Cope with common problems such as tantrums and crying
- Play games and organize activities to keep kids of all ages entertained
- Manage a babysitting business. This includes creating a resume and a business card and asking the right questions before accepting a babysitting job
- Learn how to correctly fit a helmet to a child (participants are asked to bring a helmet to the course if they have one)

We need a minimum of 20 students to sign up and the maximum is 25 students. The first 25 students to sign up will receive a spot in this course. Registration starts Tuesday, January 17th at 9:00am on School Cash Online.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Gangnes (pgangnes@sd43.bc.ca)

Information for families of Grade 8 students

Student Portals have been created Students should check their student email for login information to access their account. This will be used for course selection in the future.

Gleneagle Info Night Wednesday, January 11th 7:00 to 8:00pm in the MPR.

There will also be an info session about our JumpstArt program from 6:30 to 7:00 pm in Room 115, on the same date (Wed, January 11th).

Centennial Secondary: Grade 8 Parent Night will be on January 19 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Centennial Theatre hosted by the Centennial Counsellors

Charles Best Secondary: Grade 8 Parent night will be on January 25th from 7pm – 8pm over teams (Link TBA)

January 27th afternoon will be grade 8 tours at Catchment schools. More info TBA.