



# Hillcrest Middle School

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## WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parent/Guardian

We hope you are enjoying your summer. We are anticipating with excitement the beginning of the new school year ahead. In addition to welcoming all of Hillcrest's students, their families and our staff back to school, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to new students, their families and new staff. We as a staff and learning community will strive to make your child's upcoming school year their best one yet!

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to make this day as positive and inclusive a beginning as possible for our students. **Due to staff movement within the building, some classes moving into different teams and some grade configuration changes, we are opting to give students a location to meet rather than their team assignment. On Tuesday morning, they will find out their team and their classroom placement. We believe this will prevent a lot of angst. ALL students start at the same time.**

### **PLEASE COME TO OFFICE ON Tuesday at 8:45am** **IF YOU DO NOT KNOW YOUR LOCATION TO MEET**

#### OPENING DAY – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

##### **ALL STUDENTS 9:00 – 9:45**

All students will meet in their assigned areas. Team teachers will meet at a designated entry place in the school. Please refer to the map in this mailing for your child's team meeting place. Students will do an ice breaker, have attendance, and be given some important notices to bring home. Students will learn tentatively what team they are on and who their home room teacher will be.

PARENTS are invited to the ***gazebo courtyard*** for coffee and refreshments from 9:00 – 10:15 am. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet some of our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) members! SPC cards will be available for sale by the PAC. These great little cards are just \$10 and give students great discounts at a variety of retailers and restaurants. Check out the deals at [www.spccard.ca](http://www.spccard.ca).

##### **OPENING WEEK**

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> will be your child's first full day of school for the year. Students will begin their day by reporting to their Core class "homeroom". On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday activities will be planned to welcome students and orient your child to their team, core classes, and the general expectations. Students will be assigned their locker and textbooks will be distributed. Your child will begin his/her first term of Explorations classes on Wednesday.

**Classes will begin at 8:38 am and conclude at 2:55 pm.** Students should arrive at school prior to 8:30 am so they have time to visit their lockers and be in class by 8:38 am.

##### **STUDENT INFORMATION / STUDENT EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS**

On Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, your child will be sent home with an envelope with many important forms: The Code of Conduct, Emergency Release Form, Fee Information, PAC Information and Verification Form, etc. As we do NOT provide a planner, we feel this is the most efficient way of getting the information home. Please review, sign and return the information within this envelope either Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> or Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

##### **ON-LINE NEWSLETTER AND HILLCREST WEBSITE**

Last year nearly 95% of our families received the school newsletter electronically. Our goal is to increase that number this year! We want to ensure that you receive the newsletter and other important school news promptly and efficiently. (We find hard copies often get stranded in the bottom of backpacks!) We have also saved significantly on our photocopy costs and redirected funds to learning materials and resources.

We also encourage you to visit our website:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/hillcrest/pages/default.aspx>

This site provides you with information about daily life at Hillcrest including our school Calendar and Student Handbook. E-forms can be completed from this site beginning the afternoon of September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES (\$35 PER STUDENT)**

Just a reminder that **Student Fees of \$35** are due Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that you can pay online via KEV which also gives you an immediate receipt of payment for future reference. If you do pay by cheque, please make it payable to *Hillcrest Middle School*. Student fees pay for the cost of many things, including transportation, Team Awards, supplies for explorations classes, etc. In addition, student fees also help defray the cost of special events for the students throughout the course of the year. Please contact Miss Tambellini or Mr. Romano if you are unable to provide the student fees at this time.

**ATHLETIC FEE (\$20 PER STUDENT)**

In keeping with the other middle schools in our district, there is an **Athletic Fee of \$20.00**. This is a one-time fee for students participating in our extracurricular athletic activities. Students may join as many activities as they like and are only billed one fee of \$20 for the school year. The athletic fee is to help offset the costs associated with referees, tournaments, team jerseys, maintaining equipment, Middle School Association fees, engraving and some special events. During the season, participants are provided with team jerseys, use of equipment, coaching, entry in district tournaments, gym or playing field time, etc. In comparison to the fees for joining community sports, this is an excellent opportunity for students at a very low cost. Our Extracurricular Athletic Program is run solely on a voluntary basis by our staff. Activities offered to students include: volleyball, swimming, badminton, basketball, track and field, wrestling, rugby, x-country running, swimming, etc.

**YEARBOOKS (\$55 - OPTIONAL)**

We will now be selling **Yearbooks** in the first week of school and the cost will be **\$55** that can be submitted at the same time as the student activity fee. Yearbooks are optional.

**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

All parents are invited to attend the first PAC meeting of the year to be held on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The monthly PAC meetings are a great opportunity for you to find out more about the programs and happenings at Hillcrest. Parent involvement, at any level, is strongly encouraged and appreciated.

**PAC Annual General Meeting                      September 19<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 pm in our Library**

**SUPPLY LIST**

Please note this is a general supply list. Individual teachers may request additional supplies during the course of the year. **Please DO NOT send Whiteout, Laser Pens, or Permanent Markers to school.**

| All Students Require:   |   |
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| 1 calculator  | 1 pair scissors                         |
| 1 30 cm ruler (wooden or hard plastic)  | 2 red pens                              |
| 1 pencil case   | 2 white vinyl erasers                   |
| 2 large glue sticks   | 2 highlighters                          |
| 10 HB pencils   | 6 blue or black ballpoint pens          |
| 1 package index dividers  | 1 package lined loose leaf paper (400)  |
| 20 duo tangs (assorted colours)   | 4 black fine line pens (non- permanent) |
| 1 package pencil crayons  | 1 geometry set                          |
| 1 Dictionary (pocket size)  | 1 USB flash drive (1 or 2 gb)           |
| 1 French/English Dictionary   |   |
| 1 hand held pencil sharpener with shaving catcher   |   |
| PE Strip (shorts T-shirt, running shoes)  |   |
| 1 cloth or mesh drawstring bag for PE Strip   |   |
| <b>Students new to Hillcrest Middle will also need: 1 Bienfang 8x11 Sketchbook (100 sheets)</b> |   |

Students who pre-ordered their supplies through “Creative Children” will receive their packages of supplies on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. All students with missing or damaged supplies should email [support@creativepacks.ca](mailto:support@creativepacks.ca) with the subject line ‘MISSING OR DAMAGED SUPPLIES’ for faster resolutions to their questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Nadine Tambellini, Principal