

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



November 14th- November 18th 2022

There is no School November 21st-25th.

STAFF APPRECIATION

This year our Campus Improvement Team (CIT) is working to improve morale on campus. Our CIT is planning a holiday party this year for Hillcrest staff on December 9th. Our goal is to have gift cards to award at the event through a drawing! We are trying to collect donations in the form of gift cards or coupons/vouchers. Donations can be brought to the HMS office. Please see the attached letter for more information! [☰ 2022 Donation Letter](#)

FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT

Future Freshman night for Mountain Ridge is November 15th at 5:30PM..

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Student Council is doing a canned food drive November 8th-17th. Each core will have a donation box. Non perishable items only please! All donations benefit the St. Vincent DePaul food bank.

THANKFUL GRAMS

Student Council is selling Thankful Grams November 8th-10th, and November 15th-17th. Thankful Grams can be purchased before school under the ramada for \$1. They will be delivered on November 18th during 1st hour. All proceeds benefit the Deer valley Adopt a Family program.

YEARBOOK

Pre Order your 2022/23 Yearbook today! You can find the link in Hillcrest Happenings and Falcon Flier:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectStudent?isAdvertisementOnly=False>

School Yearbook ID: 14845423

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Hillcrest now offers after school tutoring! Click the link below for dates, times, and subjects.

■ Hillcrest Tutoring Schedule.pdf

Sign up for tutoring:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRNalHqzgoUEaKVPNbe6zIbrY9wTShjbMh7Anqxug5dUCz7w/viewform>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hillcrest opens its gates at 7:45 am. The bus gates open at 7:55 am. Students may wait in the ramada area until the first bell rings at 8:10 am. The last bell will ring at 8:15 am. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria starting at 7:55 am. Only students eating breakfast will be permitted in the cafeteria.

From the Hillcrest Café:

Parents and guardians, this is to inform you that when you need your students accounts blocked for ala carte or unblocked or to link or unlink them to call the cafeteria at 623-376-3314 or email the cafeteria manager at renee.flagler@dvusd.org. Only food service has the capability of dealing with your students' accounts. Refunds, negatives are also a food service issue.

We also want to inform you that blocking a student's account from buying lunch, whether it's only for a small amount of time or the whole year, will require documentation from the parent or guardian either in an email, or a letter from you. This is a rare occurrence but we just want you to know that unless documentation is written we never refuse a student a lunch.

It is also our policy to only contact the parent or guardian concerning any negatives on your students account. Unless a student asks the status of his account we do not give out information concerning negatives to them. Thank you and I hope this was helpful.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Please call the attendance line, 623-376-3390, if your student will be absent. If your student will be late we will adjust their attendance once they arrive at school, no need to leave a message. Due to the block scheduling this message has changed. If they will be absent for a full day's absence please leave the student's name, spell the last name, student ID and date. Please be specific as to the reason such as personal or illness. For illness please list major symptoms.

All calls left after 48 hours of absence will not be accepted. If you need to speak to someone please call the front office at 623-376-3300.

- ★ Requests for school work will not be accepted. Contact your student's teachers for work or the front office after 3 days.

Early checkout ends at **2:45pm**. Early Release Days check out ends 15 mins before the bell. The office staff will not sign out students after this time.

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

Parents please remember that the parking lot entrance has 2 lanes. If you choose the right lane, you will drive around and drop your student off along the walkway that leads to Hillcrest. If you choose the left lane, you will drive around and turn into the middle lane of the parking lot and drop your student off by the flagpole and crosswalk. We will have a staff member on crosswalk duty to help them cross to the school.

Social/Emotional Learning

"Falcon Flight Lessons"

Hillcrest Middle School understands that the social/emotional needs of our students vary day-to-day, year-to-year. That is why we are dedicated to ensuring that those specific needs are met by conducting quarterly school-wide surveys to see what our students need the most. Hillcrest Middle School's SEL program is based on providing social and emotional support and growth for every student; our "Falcon Flight Lessons" are created with our students' needs in mind as we prepare them to leave the Falcon nest.

In addition to our SEL program, Hillcrest Middle School is also dedicated to recognizing students that exhibit positive behavior and kindness to others by rewarding them with Kindness Kash that can be used to purchase items in our Falcon Store. If you are interested in donating new or gently used items, please contact Mrs. Gabaldon (jennifer.gabaldon@dvusd.org). You can also purchase items from the Falcon Store's Amazon wishlist. Wishlist items are shipped directly to Hillcrest.



Thank you in advance for your contribution! Your donation will go toward our continuous promotion of academic achievement and behavioral competence. Please contact Jennifer Gabaldon if you have questions about the Falcon store, or donating items.

BELL SCHEDULE

Moment of Silence/Pledge/Announcements	8:15AM 8:20AM
1st Period	8:20AM - 9:12AM
2nd Period	9:16AM - 10:08AM
3rd Period	10:12AM - 11:04AM
4th Period	11:08AM - 1:08AM
1st Lunch	11:08AM - 11:38AM
2nd Lunch	11:38AM - 12:08AM
3rd Lunch	12:08PM - 12:38PM
4th Lunch	12:38PM - 1:08PM
5th Period	1:12PM- 2:04PM
6th Period	2:08PM - 3:00PM

PLC SCHEDULE

Moment of Silence/Pledge/Announcements	8:15AM 8:20AM
1st Period	8:20AM - 8:54AM
2nd Period	8:58AM - 9:32AM
3rd Period	9:36AM - 10:10AM
5th Period	10:14AM - 10:48
4th Period	10:52AM - 12:52PM
1st Lunch	10:52AM - 11:22AM
2nd Lunch	11:22AM - 11:52AM
3rd Lunch	11:52PM - 12:22PM
4th Lunch	12:22PM - 12:52PM
5th Period	1:12PM- 2:04PM
6th Period	12:56PM - 1:30PM

PLC EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 5	Jan. 13
Aug. 12	Jan. 20
Aug. 19	Jan. 27
Aug. 26	Feb. 3
Sept. 2	Feb. 10
Sept. 16	Feb. 24
Sept. 23	Mar. 3
Oct. 14	Mar. 10
Oct. 21	Mar. 24
Oct. 28	Mar. 31
Nov. 4	Apr. 28
Nov. 18	May 5
Dec. 2	May 12
Dec. 9	No Early Release Days during State testing

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Please contact the nurse with any questions.

Nurse: Kristin Langdon

Contact: kristin.langdon@dvusd.org

Phone: [623-376-3310](tel:623-376-3310).

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If your child has been ill and has tested positive for COVID-19, PLEASE notify the school nurse (Nurse Langdon) .

*** INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE***

* Medication at School- Please see the School Nurse's website regarding DVUSD's medication policy for children who require medication, both prescription and over the counter medication, at school. There are documents that **must** be completed by a child's physician and/or parent/guardian and submitted to the Nurse's Office prior to any medication being brought to school. **Medication may not be carried by any student without prior approval from the school's health office.** No over the counter medication such as Tylenol, Motrin, Advil, cough drops, etc may be carried by a student on school grounds. It must be kept in the Health Office. Paperwork for children who require prescription medication to be given at school may be found on the School Nurse's website.

*Immunizations: Written proof of your child's compliance with the State of Arizona's immunization requirements is a part of the registration process in Arizona Schools. State and Federal Law mandates that all school age children be immunized to prevent certain diseases. If you are unsure of the requirements for immunization, please contact the Nurse's Office. Immunization Exemption Forms are available through the school nurse if needed.

If you receive an "Immunization Notice" for inadequate or missing immunizations, please complete what is required by the date indicated in the notice. Failure to complete the requirements in a timely matter is a violation of state law and your child may be excluded from attending school until you comply with the state requirements.

CLUBS

There is no drama club this week, the next drama club meeting is Tuesday November 29th from 3-4PM in room 706. Anyone can attend the meeting who is already a member of drama club, or interested in joining the drama club!

There is no Board Games Club this week. Their next meeting is from 3-4pm in room 504 on Wednesday November 30th.

Anime club meets from 3-4pm in room 812 on Thursday November 17th.

NJHS	madeleine.krull@dvusd.org
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NJHS will have a meeting November 18th in room 504, at 7:15AM.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES	mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org courtney.biller@dvusd.org
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STUDENT COUNCIL	darci.tipon@dvusd.org clara.valdes@dvusd.org
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Student Council meets in room 706 from 3-4pm on Thursday November 17th.

Hillcrest PTSA	hillcrestmiddleschoolptsa@gmail.com
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FALCON ATHLETICS	Courtney.biller@dvusd.org
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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	renea.herold@dvusd.org
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JUST ONE MOMENT OF YOUR TIME...

We all want our students to have the best opportunities possible, so this is a great way to jump in and help out, simply by grocery shopping. We would really appreciate each and every one of you taking the few minutes it takes to sign up. Please share with other friends and family members to really incorporate our community.

It is a brief and rather straightforward process that can make such a huge difference in the lives of our 1000+ students.

Please follow the instructions to join Fry's in their support of Hillcrest Middle School!

PLEASE NOTE: Before you can link your Fry's V.I.P card to an organization, you must have an email address.

STEP 1: Creating an Online Fry's Account

****NOTE:** If you already have an online Fry's account, skip to #2.**

Go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com

Select 'Create an Account'.

Under Sign-In information, enter your email and create a password. (Write down your email & password—will need it in STEP 2)

Select 'Use Card Number'.

Enter your Fry's V.I.P Card Number, last name and postal code.

Under 'Select Your Preferred Store' enter your postal code.

Select 'Find Stores'.

Choose your store then select 'Create Account'.

You will then be prompted to check your email for a confirmation email.

Click the hyperlink in your email to finish creating your Online Fry's Account.

Continue to STEP #2 to register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program of your choice.

STEP 2: Register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program

Go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com

Select 'Sign-In'

Enter your email and password then select 'sign in'. (This will be the email and password you created in STEP 1)

Select 'My Account then select 'Account Settings' from the drop down menu.

Click 'edit' under Community Rewards. If prompted, enter personal information.

Under Find Your Organization: Enter Hillcrest Middle School or the school code: **80398**

Under Select Your Organization: Select the box next to your organization.

Then select 'save changes'.

If you have registered correctly, you should now see your organization information listed under 'Community Rewards' on your Account Summary page.

Thank you to all of our HILLCREST Business Partners!

