

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



May 15th-19th 2023

Friday May 19th is a half day, school ends at 11:35AM. Wednesday, May 17th is a half day for 8th graders only! Eighth graders will be dismissed at 11:35AM on Wednesday.

Chromebook Return

Chromebook returns for 8th graders will take place on Monday, May 15th. Chromebook returns for 7th graders will take place on Wednesday, May 17th. Students will return their Chromebooks during their Science class. Please make sure that your student brings their charger and removes any stickers that they have placed on their chromebook. There is a \$20 fee for lost chargers and a \$125 fee for cracked screens. The fees are lower if you purchased the insurance. You can contact Heather Rosinski if you have questions.

heather.rosinki@dvusd.org

Backpacks

Eighth graders cannot bring backpacks to school beginning Monday, May 15th. Seventh graders cannot bring backpacks beginning Wednesday, May 17th. Lunchboxes, purses, and small bags are allowed.

Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, May 15th, during 1st hour. Students who purchased a yearbook will be sent to the ramada to collect their yearbook. Any unclaimed, pre-ordered yearbooks will be delivered to the student's Science teachers at the end of the day. Students who ordered yearbooks and longer attend Hillcrest can pick up their yearbooks from the front office. Beginning Tuesday, May 16th, additional copies of the yearbook will be available in the front office. The cost is \$30 each, cash only, while supplies last. It is first come, first serve, no holds.

Yearbook Help

Lifetouch sends a list of prepaid orders to our yearbook staff. Physical yearbooks are delivered for students who are on the prepaid list. If Lifetouch mistakenly left your student's name off the list, this issue must be corrected with Lifetouch. Please note that the extra copies being sold on Tuesday have been billed to Hillcrest, they cannot be used to fulfill prepaid orders.

To verify whether you ordered a yearbook, go to the yearbook orders [help center](#) and enter the email address that might have been used with an order. If a transaction is associated with that address, you'll receive a copy of it via email within moments. You can also chat virtually with a lifetouch agent weekdays, 5:00 AM - 6:00 PM PST by using the link above (School Yearbook ID: 14845423).

LAST WEEK INFORMATION

On Tuesday May 16th, 8th graders will report to their 1st hour class and wait for the announcement telling them to join their field trip group.

On Wednesday May 17th, 8th graders will also go to their first hour class for attendance and wait for the announcement telling them to join their promotion group.

On Thursday May 18th, 7th graders will have their celebration in the afternoon. In the morning you will attend periods 1-6, each class will be 30 minutes long. The celebration will start after lunch and AP.

END OF YEAR INFORMATION:

Attention 8th grade students and Parents, as we approach the end of the year we have many fun activities planned for the 8th graders.

On May 16, 2023, we will be having an 8th Grade Fun Day. This fun day will be at the Main Event in Avondale. The event will cost \$25. In order to ensure that we have a safe and enjoyable time, we are letting students and parents know that if a student has received or receives a referral which resulted or results in a suspension off campus, he/she may not be permitted to attend the dance or participate in the fun day activities.

The Promotion ceremony will be held on May 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm. We will be having our Promotion ceremony at the Mountain Ridge High School Football Field. As with the dance and fun day, students' conduct may prevent them from participating in the Promotion ceremony.

Notification will be given prior to the ceremony if a student will not be allowed to participate.

. Please click the link for more information. [2023 PROMOTION LETTER.pdf](#)

PROMOTION DRESS CODE

Dress slacks or dress jeans, dress shirts, dresses, skirts and blouses, or pants outfit.

- ❖ Due to the artificial turf field – spiked/stiletto high heels are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- ❖ Wedge, block or kitten heels are acceptable.
- ❖ Skirt length to be respectable, no mini, no floor length formal
- ❖ No backless, no midriff, low cut, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses/blouses
- ❖ Suits/sport jackets are optional. No tuxedos.
- ❖ No shorts, casual t-shirts or hats
- ❖ Undergarments may not be exposed

Thank you for partnering together with us to help our students make wise choices that lead to a strong and successful finish to their 8th grade year. Thank you for your support!

HMS CHEER STUNT CAMP

If you are interested in learning how to do cheer stunts, Hillcrest is holding a camp this summer. If you are interested in learning more please stop by the counseling office and pick up an information sheet.

EL SUMMER WRITING WORKSHOP

The English Language Acquisition department is hosting writing workshops for English Language Learners over the summer (May 30th-June 16th) Click the links below for more information.


[EL Writer's Workshop 2023.pdf](#) [EL Writer's Workshop sign up.pdf](#)

*****END OF SCHOOL YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP*****

Parents- Please start making arrangements with the School Nurse to start picking up the medications that your student currently has in the Health Office. You may contact the Nurse at 623-376-3310 or at Kristin.Langdon@dvusd.org to set up a day and time for medication pick up. The last day the Health Office will be open is Tuesday the 23rd of May. If your student has any prescription medication (ie. for diabetes, asthma, ADHD or severe allergies) or over the counter medication (ie. Tylenol, Advil/Ibuprofen) in the Health Office, you will need to come to the Health Office and pick up the medication before the 23rd of May. The Health Office will be open from 0730-4pm the last week of school (May 15th thru 19th) and on May 22nd and then will be open 0730-2 pm on May 23rd. Any medication left in the Health Office after the 23rd of May will be destroyed.

High School Sports Opportunities

Mountain Ridge is having a girls basketball camp this summer for current 6th-8th graders. Click the link for more information.

 [summer camp JR HS 23.pdf](#)

The Mountain Ridge Boys summer basketball camp consists of fundamental skill development, agility and strength related to the game of basketball. Tuesday May 30th - Thursday June 29th Click the link for more information and the registration form.

 [2022 Fall Basketball Camp and Waiver \(1\).pdf](#)

8th grade girls, interested in joining a competitive girls flag football team at either Ridge or O'Conner for next year. Please sign up on the door of room 408 to receive more information. Thank you!

8th graders, interested in playing soccer over at Ridge next year. If interested in participating in any of our summer camps for the girls soccer team, please sign up on the door of room 408.

Attention 8th graders Both Mountain Ridge and Sandra Day O'Connor High Schools offer Gifted Programs. Interested students will need to apply.

To apply for Mountain Ridge:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdh-pJmnOC06W1dXSLTCA4yL2TZn5BJx64cg7njCkJvx7M4_Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

To apply for O'Connor: <https://forms.gle/pNnXKQqN5NS3tEUz9>

NJHS	madeleine.krull@dvusd.org
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES	mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org courtney.biller@dvusd.org
STUDENT COUNCIL	danci.tipon@dvusd.org clara.valdes@dvusd.org
Hillcrest PTSA	hillcrestmiddleschoolptsa@gmail.com
FALCON ATHLETICS	Courtney.biller@dvusd.org

SCHOOL 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.

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.

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 minutes before the bell. The office staff will not sign out students after this time.

FROM THE HILLCREST CAFE:

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.

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

[instructions to Link Fry's card to Hillcrest Middle School](#)

BELL SCHEDULE

1st Period	8:15AM 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

1st Period	8:15AM - 8:58AM
2nd Period	9:02AM - 9:40AM
3rd Period	9:44AM - 10:22AM
4th Period	10:26AM - 11:34PM
1st Lunch	10:26AM - 10:56AM
2nd Lunch	10:56AM - 11:34AM
5th Period	11:38AM - 12:46
3rd Lunch	11:38PM - 12:08PM
4th Lunch	12:16PM - 12:46PM
6th Period	12:50PM - 1:30PM

PLC EARLY RELEASE DAYS

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

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