


HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



September 19th- September 23th 2022

No school on September 26

FUNDRAISER

PTSA is doing a fundraiser night at the 67th Avenue Chipotle on September 21st from 4-8PM. 33% of the profits will be donated to Hillcrest. If you are ordering online make sure to use the code  398098-flyer (1).jpg

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture Retakes are on Friday September 30th. This is for students who purchased pictures and are not happy with the photo, or students who were absent on picture day.

RITA'S ICE

Rita's Ice will now be at Hillcrest on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month during all lunches. For September they will be here on the 14th and the 28th. The cost is \$3.50. You can pay with cash or card. There will be 3 flavor choices each week.

HMS ESports

Hillcrest Middle School is hosting an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, in the HMS Media Center from 3:10-3:45. The AIAA recognizes ESports as an official team! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY— Students can come and give their input! If your student loves Gaming and wants to sharpen their skills, learn Esports teamwork and compete in Tournaments they can join us!

COLOR GUARD

Please join us for our first color guard clinic for 5, 6, 7 and 8th graders! Learn to dance and spin with high school level color guard instructors! Reach out to Ashley Selby at ashley.selby@dvusd.org for any questions.

📄 [Color Guard Spin Clinics September and October 2022.pdf](#)

PLAY AUDITIONS

The drama club is holding auditions for the play *The Entire American Revolution in 40 Minutes or Less*, by Eddie McPherson. The auditions will be held on Thursday 9/22 at 3PM in the cafeteria. Anyone can audition, your student does not need to be a member of the drama club. Your student can sign-up on the door of room 406.

NY/DC PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There is an Informational Meeting Wednesday September 21st at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria for more information on the NY/DC 2023 trip! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Valdes or Mrs. Biller.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

8th Grade Softball: 📄 *UPDATED 2022 Hillcrest 8th grade SOFTBALL Schedule (1).pdf*

7th Grade Baseball: 📄 *NEW 2022 Hillcrest 7th grade BASEBALL Schedule NEW.pdf*

8th Grade Baseball: 📄 *NEW 2022 Hillcrest 8th grade BASEBALL Schedule NEW .pdf*

IMPORTANT HEALTH OFFICE REMINDER

If your child has been ill and has tested positive for COVID-19, **PLEASE** notify the school nurse (Nurse Langdon) at 623-376-3310 or via email at Kristin.Langdon@dvusd.org.

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.

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.

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.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Parents,

Thank you again for the time that we were able to have this past Friday for PD. This past PD we continued our discussions about grading procedures. We also practiced creating learning intentions with success criteria to actively involve students in the learning process.

Brad Brazell: Principal Scott Larter: Assistant Principal

Early Release (90 min) PLC / PD 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	

FALL DANCE

The Fall dance will be Friday October 28th from 6-9PM in the Hillcrest Cafeteria. Stay tuned for more information.

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	9:16 am - 10:08 am
3rd Period	10:12am - 11:04am
4th Period	11:08am - 1:08pm
1st Lunch	11:08 am - 11:38am
2nd Lunch	11:38am - 12:08pm
3rd Lunch	12:08 pm - 12:38pm
4th Lunch	12:38 pm - 1:08pm
5th Period	1:12pm- 2:04 pm
6th Period	2:08 pm - 3:00 pm

PLC SCHEDULE

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

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)

*** 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

The Drama club will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 20th at 3pm in room 706. Anyone can attend the meeting. Make sure you have a ride home at 4PM. The Drama club will be holding auditions for the play *The ENTire American Revolution (In 40 Minutes or Less)* on Thursday September 22nd at 3PM in the cafeteria. Anyone can audition. Students can sign up on the door of room 405.

Board games club meets on Wednesday, September 21th in Room 504 from 3:00 to 4:00pm. Please make sure your student has a ride at school by 4pm.

Anime club will meet every Wednesday from 3-4 Pm in room 812. Make sure you pick up your student at 4PM.

NJHS	madeleine.krull@dvusd.org
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The next meeting of the school year will be held on Friday, October 21 at 7:30am in Room 504. Please make sure your student checks Canvas regularly for any updates.

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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The next student council meeting will be held in room 706. It will be on Thursday September 22th after school.

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!

