

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



January 17th-January 20th 2023

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 16th

Friday January 20th is an early release day. School ends at 1:30PM

TUTORING

Below are the links for after school tutoring. Hillcrest offers tutoring as a means for students struggling with assignments or needing help to improve their grades. After School tutoring begins at 3:05pm and will end at 4:05pm. Parents are expected to pick up their students at 4:05pm. Space is limited. In order to effectively help students in need, please sign up for only one slot per day as needed. Please include your student's name on the sign up list.

- Click here for Week 1 ----> [Hillcrest Tutor Link - Jan 17-19](#)
- Click here for Week 2 ----> [Hillcrest Tutor Link - Jan 23-26](#)
- Click here for Week 3 ----> [Hillcrest Tutor Link - Jan 30-Feb 2](#)

SPORTS PICTURES

Winter sports have pictures Tuesday, January 17, after school in the gym.

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Liam A.! He won our 2022-2023 Spelling Bee before winter break. The winning word was insinuation. Our runner up is Alex L. Good luck to Liam at the district level spelling bee!

PLAY AUDITIONS

Drama Club is holding auditions for the play "The 9 Worst Breakups of All Time", on Wednesday January 18th at 3pm in room 706. You can sign-up on the door of room 706 if you are interested in auditioning. Anyone can audition, you do not have to be a member of the drama club.

Basketball Camp & Tryouts

Join us for a 7th and 8th grade boys and girls basketball camp Monday January 30th, Tuesday January 31st, and Wednesday February 1st from 3:00-5:00 pm for a skills based camp in the gym. The cost is \$60 and Register My Athlete needs to be cleared to attend camp, physical and concussion certificate will need to be uploaded into Register My Athlete. Please sign up on the door of room 408, if you are planning on attending camp. Payment will only be accepted online for this camp, please see the Hillcrest website for directions. 7th and 8th grade girls and boys basketball teams tryout information coming soon!!

TRACK AND FIELD

Interested in joining the Track and Field team, watch for a parent meeting date and time in the upcoming announcements and Hillcrest Happenings. Please sign up on the door of room 408, if interested in joining the Track and Field team. Register My Athlete needs to be cleared before the first Track practice, physical and concussion certificate included.

FUNDRAISER NIGHT

PTSA is hosting a fundraiser at Panda Express on Wednesday, January 25 between 9:30am and 10:00pm. The fundraiser will be held at the panda express at 9753 W. Happy Valley Road Peoria AZ 85383 (623) 362 - 4007. You can order online and in person. To order online, enter 348744 in the fundraiser code box. You can order ahead or on the event day Wednesday, January 25, 2023. 📄 panda flyer.pdf

RIDGE DRUMLINE

We're happy to announce the inaugural DVUSD Drumline Spring Training. It will be held on January 9th-April 10th from 5pm to 8pm at Mountain Ridge in the band room. Spring Training will be available to both incoming freshmen and current mountain ridge students. The cost is \$150.

📄 Drumline.jpg

RIDGE LITTLE LIONS

MRHS Varsity Cheer team will be hosting a Little Lions clinic on January 25th from 4pm-6pm in the Ridge Cafeteria! At this clinic you will learn a routine to perform *WITH US* at halftime of the Varsity Boys Basketball game on January 26th vs Boulder Creek! This is for all students in grades 1st-8th.

Click the link below for more information and to find the registration form.

<https://mrhsathletics.com/2023/01/03/little-lions-cheer-clinic-performance/>

RITA'S ICE

Rita's Ice will return to campus in the spring 2023.

YEARBOOK

Pre Ordering is done and the price is now \$25 for your 2022/23 Yearbook! You can find the link in Hillcrest Happenings and Falcon Flier:

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

School Yearbook ID: 14845423

DANCE

The next school dance will be held on Friday, February 24th in the Hillcrest Cafeteria. The cost is \$10 at the door. The theme is Mardi Gras.

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.

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.

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.

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 - 8:58AM
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

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

Drama club meets Tuesday, January 17th from 3-4pm in room 706.

Board Games club meets Wednesday, January 18th from 3-4pm in room 504.

Anime club meets Thursday, January 19th from 3-4pm in room 812.

NJHS	madeleine.krull@dvusd.org
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NJHS has a meeting on Friday, February 3rd, in room 504, before school.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES	mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org courtney.biller@dvusd.org
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FCA has a huddle on Friday, January, 20th, before school in the gym.

STUDENT COUNCIL	darci.tipon@dvusd.org clara.valdes@dvusd.org
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Student council meets Thursday, January 19th from 3-4pm in room 706.

Hillcrest PTSA	hillcrestmiddleschoolptsa@gmail.com
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FALCON ATHLETICS	Courtney.biller@dvusd.org
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Wrestling Schedule:

■ HMS 2022 Wrestling Schedule .pdf

7th Volleyball Schedule:

■ UPDATED 22-23 Hillcrest 7th grade B_G Volleyball Games .pdf

8th Volleyball Schedule:

■ UPDATED 22-23 Hillcrest 8th grade B_G Volleyball Games .pdf

Cross Country Schedule: ■ Cross Country Meet Schedule - 2022.pdf

VOLLEYBALL

Our 7th grade volleyball teams play their last game before Playoffs and Championships on Thursday, January 19th at Hillcrest.

Our 8th grade volleyball teams play their last game before Playoffs and Championships on Thursday January 19th at Highland Lakes.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross-Country has a meet at Desert Sky, on Wednesday, January 18th.

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 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](#)

Thank you to **all** of our HILLCREST Business Partners!

