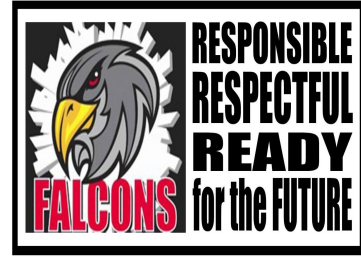


# HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



October 12th - October 16th, 2020

Start Time: 8:10 a.m.

End Time: 3:00 p.m.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- No school Monday October 12th and Tuesday October 13th, Fall Break days

Grads Photography will be at **Hillcrest Middle School** on **October 19-20, 2020** for **Fall Pictures**. You may PRE-ORDER your pictures by

**[CLICKING HERE.](#)**

Under the current limited contact conditions, online is the preferred method of ordering. It is Easy, Secure and Safe. There will be a limited amount of order envelopes available at the school for those that require one for payment. Please note that, school dress code will be in effect. If you have any questions, please call Grads Photography at 623.580.4723.

Social distancing and other precautions will be taken during the event for everyone's safety.

Thank you,

**Hillcrest Middle School** and

Grads Photography

## Hillcrest PTSA Information



Hello Falcon Families,  
As a 2019-2020 HMS PTSA member, we wanted to take a moment to share some exciting news with you and invite you to [become a member for 2020-2021](#). Over the past month, we have been hard at work creating a new website with the capability to host our [membership drive online!](#) While we encourage and gladly welcome anyone who wants to volunteer, it is not an expectation of your membership.

All membership types (Parent/Student/Teacher/etc.) are \$10.00 each for 2020-2021 and may be paid conveniently online using a credit or debit card. We hope you will come check it out and [Join Hillcrest PTSA today!](#)

As an incentive, we have limited time offers for Parent and Student memberships purchased by October 15, 2020. Teacher members will be eligible to apply for reimbursement grants.

Hurry to get in on the fun by visiting us at [www.hillcrestptsa.org](http://www.hillcrestptsa.org).

Thank you!  
Hillcrest Middle School PTSA

Hillcrest Parents,

Please remember to send your child to school with a refillable water bottle that is labeled with their name and be sure to talk with them about the importance of drinking water throughout the school day. Your child may lift their mask to uncover their mouth while in class to take sips of water and then must replace their mask when they are done. It is important that the kids stay hydrated throughout the day to help prevent them from possibly experiencing headaches, feeling light headed or feeling dizzy due to being dehydrated.

Thanks!!

## HMS School Safety Parent Information



Parents/Guardians:

- Screen your child for signs of illness prior to sending them to school. If your child shows signs of illness you are required to keep them home. If your child has a fever do not send them to school until they are fever free for three days
- Make sure your child brings their own labeled water bottle to school (the use of drinking out of water fountains are highly discouraged) Bottle refill stations or water fountains may be used to refill your child's water bottle container.
- Face coverings must be worn on campus . It is mandatory that your child wear a face covering at arrival. There will be opportunities for breaks with the mask including at lunch while they eat.
- We are encouraging every parent to have their child bring hand sanitizer and to have a discussion with their child about the importance of personal hygiene. This includes using their elbow to sneeze or cough into, washing hands prior to eating, washing hands after using the restroom, etc
- Transportation requires a maximum of two students per seat with siblings required to be seated together. All students, bus drivers and monitors will be required to wear a face covering. Increased disinfection procedures will occur on a daily basis. Drivers will call school in advance if transporting a student with symptoms.
- Throughout the day your child will be visually screened by a staff member to ensure they are not exhibiting signs of illness.
- Please do not drop your child off until the designated arrival time. Students should not be dropped off early and will not be allowed to wait for

the gate to open. Students will be required to go straight to class and will not be allowed to congregate in common areas prior to this time. Gates will NOT be opened until 15 minutes prior to the start of the school day . For your student's safety and the safety of the staff please make sure that this procedure is followed.



- There will be no visitors or volunteers allowed on campus until further notice.
- The front office will be limiting the amount of people allowed to enter the building. Please make appointments prior to coming to the front office. You may enter the front office for emergencies or for early student pick-up. We are currently looking into a way to have a contactless sign out procedure. More information will be coming.
- All students will continue to receive meals through Nutrition Services for free through December 31st, or they may bring meals from home. Students will eat in their cafeteria, patio, physically distanced and facing one way. We will follow the CDC's "No Sharing" guidelines with all food and drinks.
- Dismissal will be staggered to allow for social distancing. We will dismiss students who walk or who have parent pick up 3 minutes earlier than dismissal time. This will allow for a better traffic flow at the end of the day.



**Hillcrest Middle School  
On Campus Bell Schedule 2020 Block**



**Regular Full Day Schedule Block A**

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
1st Period	8:20am - 10:10am
2nd Period	10:15am - 1:05pm
1st Lunch	10:15am - 10:45am
2nd Lunch	10:50am - 11:20am
3rd Lunch	12:00pm - 12:30pm
4th Lunch	12:35pm - 1:05pm
3rd Period	1:10pm - 3:00pm

**Regular Full Day Schedule Block B**

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
4th Period	8:20am - 10:10am
5th Period	10:15am - 1:05pm
1st Lunch	10:15am - 10:45am
2nd Lunch	10:50am - 11:20am
3rd Lunch	12:00pm - 12:30pm
4th Lunch	12:35pm - 1:05pm
6th Period	1:10pm - 3:00pm

**PLC Early Release Schedule Block A**

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
1st Period	8:20am - 9:25am
3rd Period	9:30am - 10:35am
2nd Period	10:40am - 1:30pm
1st Lunch	10:40am - 11:10am
2nd Lunch	11:15am - 11:45am
3rd Lunch	12:25pm - 12:55pm
4th Lunch	1:00pm - 1:30pm

**PLC Early Release Schedule Block B**

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
4th Period	8:20am - 9:25am
6th Period	9:30am - 10:35am
5th Period	10:40am - 1:30pm
1st Lunch	10:40am - 11:10am
2nd Lunch	11:15am - 11:45am
3rd Lunch	12:25pm - 12:55pm
4th Lunch	1:00pm - 1:30pm

**Parent Teacher Conference**

**Early Release Schedule - Thursday**

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
1st Period	8:20am - 9:21am
2nd Period	9:25am - 10:27am
3rd Period	10:31am - 11:35am

**Early Release Schedule - Friday**

Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
4th Period	8:20am - 9:21am
5th Period	9:25am - 10:27am
6th Period	10:31am - 11:35am

**\*\*\*FREE Reusable Cloth Face Masks!!!\*\*\***

Could your family use some extra reusable cloth face masks? Your household can receive 5 free reusable cloth face masks from the Arizona Department of Health by signing up your family to receive them on the link below!

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-order-masks>



## A/B SCHEDULED DATES

AUGUST 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	3 A	4 B	5 A	6 B	7 PLC A	8
9	10 A	11 B	12 A	13 B	14 PLC B	15
16	17 A	18 B	19 A	20 B	21 PLC A	22
23	24 A	25 B	26 A	27 B	28 PLC B	29
30	31 A					

SEPTEMBER 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 B	2 A	3 B	4 PLC A	5
6	7 X	8 A	9 B	10 A	11 B	12
13	14 A	15 B	16 A	17 B	18 PLC B	19
20	21 A	22 B	23 A	24 B	25 PLC A	26
27	28 X	29 A	30 B			

OCTOBER 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 A	2 B	3
4	5 A	6 B	7 A	8 B	9 PLC B	10
11	12 X	13 X	14 A	15 B	16 A	17
18	19 B	20 A	21 B	22 PCA	23 PCB	24
25	26 A	27 B	28 A	29 B	30 PLC A	31

NOVEMBER 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 A	3 B	4 A	5 B	6 PLC B	7
8	9 A	10 B	11 X	12 A	13 B	14
15	16 A	17 B	18 A	19 B	20 PLC A	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	<b>T-GIVING BREAK</b>				

DECEMBER 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 B	2 A	3 B	4 PLC B	5
6	7 A	8 B	9 A	10 B	11 PLC A	12
13	14 A	15 B	16 A	17 B	18 HD	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>				
		<b>WINTER BREAK</b>				

## HILLCREST CLUBS & COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- **STUDENT COUNCIL**  
Sponsor: [kimberly.christensen@dvusd.org](mailto:kimberly.christensen@dvusd.org)
- **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)**  
Sponsor: [jane.jennewine@dvusd.org](mailto:jane.jennewine@dvusd.org)
- **PENTATHLON CLUB**  
Sponsors: [carlene.morrison@dvusd.org](mailto:carlene.morrison@dvusd.org) & [mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org](mailto:mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org)
- **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
Sponsor: [renea.herold@dvusd.org](mailto:renea.herold@dvusd.org)



## Attendance Information:

Attendance Line: 623-376-3390

Please call the attendance line when your student will be gone for a full day's absence.

Tardy calls will not be accepted. Leave your student's name,

spell the last name, Student ID, day of absence and reason ie: sick, personal, religious holiday etc. (no details needed other than those provided). All calls left after 48 hours of absence will not be accepted.

The attendance line is a message line only. Calls received will not be returned. If you need to speak to someone please call the main 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 of absence.

Check-in to 1st hour even on "B" days to avoid being marked absent for the day. If the student is marked absent, and actually was in Zoom, or was having issues getting into Zoom, please kindly let us know and we will fix any discrepancies.

Please check our website for more information.



## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Dear Hillcrest Parents and Guardians,

This is a reminder that most **Fridays** school will end 90 minutes earlier than our usual end time. That early release time will be **1:30 pm for Hillcrest Middle School**. Education is a field that continues to change rapidly, and we are dedicated to ensuring that our staff are able to fulfill their commitment of meeting the challenges of today's educational environment. Supporting this commitment includes providing the time for staff to work in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) each week, at a regularly scheduled time, to collect, review and utilize student data to more effectively serve our students' academic and behavioral needs.

*We are looking forward to collaborating and looking at pre-assessment data to create goals for student learning.*

Thank you!

*Matt Hreha- Principal*

*Scott Larter- Assistant Principal*



From the Falcon café,

Renee Flagler: [renee.flagler@dvusd.org](mailto:renee.flagler@dvusd.org)

From the Falcon Café,

Parents,

For those who are keeping their students home for on-line learning, our open curbside meals end on the 29<sup>th</sup> and appointment only curbside meals begin on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Pickup will continue to be on Thursdays. If you are interested in picking up meals please give us a call and we will make arrangements for you to pick up five days' worth of meals between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays. If you absolutely cannot make those hours or that day, we are flexible and can make arrangements, just remember to give us a heads up and call at 623-376-3314.

Don't forget meals are for free for 18 and under. For students who are attending on campus learning, breakfast and lunch are free till further notice. Students, please remember to be courteous and clean up after yourself. This will help us greatly to prepare and properly sanitize all lunch areas for the next group.

Thank you!

### **PENTATHLON TEAM**

Mrs. Morrison: [carlene.morrison@dvusd.org](mailto:carlene.morrison@dvusd.org)

Mrs. Kenobbie: [mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org](mailto:mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org)

Contact Mrs. Morrison or Mrs. Kenobbie for more information. Stay tuned for a pentathlon video on HMS video announcements. Also, the theme for this year is the **Cold War**.



## FALCON ATHLETICS

Hillcrest Athletic Coordinator: Courtney Biller  
Contact: [Courtney.biller@dvusd.org](mailto:Courtney.biller@dvusd.org)



*Fall Sports (Volleyball and Cross Country) have been postponed until 2nd semester. We appreciate your patience and support. Please use this time to get all physicals and needed paperwork completed through RMA prior to the start of our athletic season.*

Please create an account at [www.registermyathlete.com](http://www.registermyathlete.com) Register My Athlete, to provide the required paperwork and **UPDATED PHYSICAL** physical to be on or tryout for any of the 2020-2021 teams :)

[Register MY Athlete Parent Training Guide Step-by-Step](#)

## GREAT NEWS!

Physicals from the 2019-20 school year can be used for this school year, 2020-21!

Please pick up your athletes physical in the front office and upload them into Register My Athlete (RMA). All sports paperwork must be uploaded using the website <https://www.registermyathlete.com/> in order to be eligible.

See the Hillcrest Athletic page for step-by-step direction for RMA-<https://www.dvusd.org/domain/8365>

Thank you for your support,

Hillcrest Athletic Department



## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Please contact the nurse with any questions.

Nurse: Kristin Langdon

Contact: [kristin.langdon@dvusd.org](mailto:kristin.langdon@dvusd.org)

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

\* 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.**

\* Any student with excessive medical needs can apply for Medical Exclusions and Exemptions or for Homebound Status if their health condition is causing them to have excessive attendance issues. Please speak with Mrs. Linda Lowe in Hillcrest's Front Office

about DVUSD's attendance criteria. If it is determined that your child meets the attendance criteria, you may contact the Nurse's Office to request the form's that the student's Physician will complete for the application process. These applications are only good for the current school year and must be resubmitted annually.

\* 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 prior to any medication being brought to school. Medication may not be carried by any student without prior approval. Paperwork for children who require medication to be given at school can be found on the School Nurse's website.

## HMS COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Publicity Coordinators: Courtney Biller  
Contact: [courtney.biller@dvusd.org](mailto:courtney.biller@dvusd.org)

Welcome back! Our publicity committee has hit the ground running in support of Hillcrest Middle School and education. We work together all year long to find ways to connect to our community. We have many opportunities for you to offer your support through partnerships, advertising, and the donation of supplies or even cash. Please contact Courtney Biller with any questions or to see how you can join in to connect our community with education.

**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](http://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](http://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.

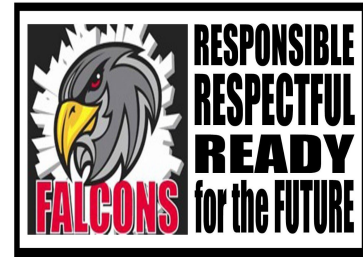
\*Click 'edit' under Community Rewards. If prompted, enter personal information.

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

\*Under Select Your Organization: Select 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.



## THE BE KIND PEOPLE PROJECT

We are partnering with The Be Kind People Project and encouragement to our students and our school.

Check out The Be Kind People Project's website at:

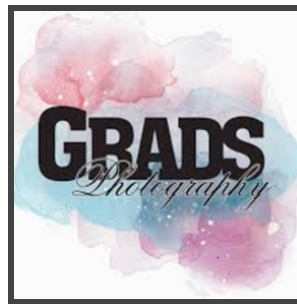
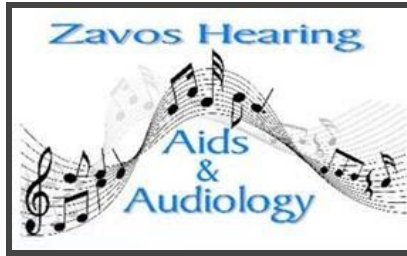
[www.thebekindpeopleproject.org](http://www.thebekindpeopleproject.org)

Your support brings character education, fun, and exercise!





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





**Have an amazing week!**

**We are . . .  
FALCONS!**