

# HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



February 22th - February 26th, 2021

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Hillcrest PTSA is hosting a  
STUDENT SOCIAL OUTING at  
TOPGOLF  
on half-day Friday February 26th  
1 pm - 3pm**

**ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED THROUGH PTSA  
and available now through 2/24/21 via Sign Up Genius**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544aba828a0fe3-topgolf>

**TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS TO PLAY:**

**>INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS<**

Cost is **\$15.00** per individual student reservation (individual students will be assigned to a bay with 4-5 other individual students attending this event as they arrive)

**ALREADY HAVE A >GROUP OF STUDENTS< IN MIND?**

For **\$70.00** reserve and fill your bay with up to 5 students  
(plus one required adult chaperone\* per bay)

**WHAT YOU GET**

Students receive **2 Hours of Top Golf FUN** plus **complimentary beverages**  
(soft drinks, lemonade, water....) and is all inclusive of taxes, bay fees, gratuity....no surprises)

*\*Adult Chaperone-While we are permitted one adult chaperone per student bay, due to the nature of this student geared event, we are restricted from allowing more than one adult per bay or additional spectators.*

**MIGHT WE SUGGEST**

*Although we are unable to accommodate "spectators" on the bay floor during this event, adults who want to play together are welcome to reserve their own bay directly through Top Golf (for regular posted rates), or grab a table and a bite at their first floor level dining. Like shopping? American Furniture Warehouse is behind TopGolf, Glendale. Window shop, get some great design ideas for your home. If you purchase something and mention Hillcrest Middle School, AFW will give back a portion of the sale to Hillcrest PTSA! Total hole in one!*

**Top Golf follows CDC guidelines for safety of their employees and guests.  
Masks are required and of course may be removed while eating and drinking.**



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### **ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

Please call the attendance line 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 72 hours of absence will not be accepted. If you need to speak to someone please call the front office at 623-376-3300.

Thank you!

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

### **DISTRICT NEWS**

DVUSD is providing free testing throughout February, at the District Office, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Visit [www.dvusd.org/covidtesting](http://www.dvusd.org/covidtesting) for more information.

**\*\*\*\*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>

## 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).

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE\*\*\***

### QUARANTINE VERSUS ISOLATION

The Health Office would like to try to clarify for parents the difference between Quarantine and Isolation. Per the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Quarantine and Isolation are defined as follows:

Quarantine-- is utilized to keep someone who was in close contact (less than 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24 hour period) with an individual (ie. family member, friend, team mate, classmate) who has tested positive for COVID-19. So if you or your child has come into close contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, you and/or your child must stay home for a total of 10 days, starting the day after the last exposure to the person that tested positive. There is a new Early Release from Quarantine protocol from MCDPH. To be released early from Quarantine, the exposed person/student **must** Quarantine for a total of 7 days and **can not** get tested prior to the 6th day of Quarantine. If your child's COVID test comes back negative, they have no symptoms or fever and a copy of their laboratory report is sent to the School Nurse, your child can be cleared to return to school on the 8th day by the School Nurse. **They can not return to school until they have been cleared by the nurse.**

If your child has been exposed, contact the School Nurse so she can go over all of the dates and requirements with you.

Isolation--is utilized to keep someone who is sick with COVID-19 like symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID -19 (possibly even without any symptoms) away from others, even in their own home. If you are sick or have tested positive for COVID-19 you are to: Stay home for at least 10 days since symptoms appeared and had at least 24 hours with no fever and no fever reducing medication and your symptoms have improved. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms, you need to stay home until after 10 days have passed since your positive test.

If you or someone in your family has either come into close contact or are told they have been in close contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, are currently ill or has personally tested positive for COVID -19, PLEASE contact the Health Office at 623-376-3310 for guidance.

Please help us try and keep everyone in your family, our Hillcrest family and our community safe and healthy!

\*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.

## 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.

Face coverings must be worn on campus. It is mandatory that your child wear a face covering at arrival. Please remind your child that their mask must cover their **mouth and nose**. There will be opportunities for breaks with the mask including during 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.

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 or 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 CLUBS & COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

<b>STUDENT COUNCIL</b>	<a href="mailto:kimberly.christensen@dvusd.org">kimberly.christensen@dvusd.org</a>
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<b>NJHS</b>	<a href="mailto:jane.jennewine@dvusd.org">jane.jennewine@dvusd.org</a>
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NJHS is up and running! If your student enrolled in NJHS make sure that they are checking the Canvas page weekly to confirm that they are receiving updates on upcoming events and other important information. Second semester will kick off with our first whole group meeting in January. Volunteer hours are also being required for the second semester. If you or your student has questions please contact any of the NJHS officers or Mrs. Jennewine!

<b>PENTATHLON CLUB</b>	<a href="mailto:carlene.morrison@dvusd.org">carlene.morrison@dvusd.org</a> & <a href="mailto:mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org">mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org</a>
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Contact Ms. Morrison or Mrs. Kenobbie for more information. Pentathlon meetings will be held on Wednesdays after school in room 502 from 3:05 to 3:45. Students will need to make arrangements for getting home!

<b>COMMUNITY SCHOOLS</b>	<a href="mailto:renea.herold@dvusd.org">renea.herold@dvusd.org</a>
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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES	<a href="mailto:mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org">mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org</a> <a href="mailto:courtney.biller@dvusd.org">courtney.biller@dvusd.org</a>
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FALCON ATHLETICS	<a href="mailto:Courtney.biller@dvusd.org">Courtney.biller@dvusd.org</a>
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Staff vs Student Volleyball Game is happening on campus Tuesday March 9th at 3:30 pm, LIVE streaming on the Hillcrest Athletics Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/groups/125443392718173/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/125443392718173/)) and on Instagram @hmsfalconathletics to see which staff members and students will show up on the court? Who will walk away the champion? Go Falcons!!!

Physicals from the 2019-2020 school year can be used for this school year, 2020-2021!

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**

## **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

### **HMS COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Publicity Coordinators: Courtney Biller

Contact: [courtney.biller@dvusd.org](mailto:courtney.biller@dvusd.org)

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 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.



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

<b>Regular Full Day Schedule Block A</b>		<b>Regular Full Day Schedule Block B</b>	
Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am	Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
1st Period	8:20am - 10:10am	4th Period	8:20am - 10:10am
2nd Period	10:15am - 1:05pm	5th Period	10:15am - 1:05pm
1st Lunch	10:15am - 10:45am	1st Lunch	10:15am - 10:45am
2nd Lunch	10:50am - 11:20am	2nd Lunch	10:50am - 11:20am
3rd Lunch	12:00pm - 12:30pm	3rd Lunch	12:00pm - 12:30pm
4th Lunch	12:35pm - 1:05pm	4th Lunch	12:35pm - 1:05pm
3rd Period	1:10pm - 3:00pm	6th Period	1:10pm - 3:00pm

<b>PLC Early Release Schedule Block A</b>		<b>PLC Early Release Schedule Block B</b>	
Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am	Moment of Silence/Pledge/HMSLive	8:15am - 8:20am
1st Period	8:20am - 9:25am	4th Period	8:20am - 9:25am
3rd Period	9:30am - 10:35am	6th Period	9:30am - 10:35am
2nd Period	10:40am - 1:30pm	5th Period	10:40am - 1:30pm
1st Lunch	10:40am - 11:10am	1st Lunch	10:40am - 11:10am
2nd Lunch	11:15am - 11:45am	2nd Lunch	11:15am - 11:45am
3rd Lunch	12:25pm - 12:55pm	3rd Lunch	12:25pm - 12:55pm
4th Lunch	1:00pm - 1:30pm	4th Lunch	1:00pm - 1:30pm

<b>Parent Teacher Conference</b>	
<b>Early Release Schedule - Thursday</b>	
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
<b>Early Release Schedule - Friday</b>	
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

## A/B SCHEDULED DATES

JANUARY 2021							FEBRUARY 2021							MARCH 2021								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
					X				B	A	B	A	PLC B			A	B	A	B	PLC A		
3	4	A	B	A	B	PLC A	7	8	A	B	A	B	PLC A	7	8	B	A	B	A	PLC B		
10	11	B	A	B	A	PLC B	14	15	X	B	A	B	A	14	15	B	A	B	A	PLC B		
17	18	X	A	B	A	B	21	22	B	A	B	PLC A	PC B	14	15	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>					20	Spring Holiday
24	25	A	B	A	B	PLC A	28							21	22	A	B	A	B	PLC A		
31														28	29	B	A	B				

APRIL 2021							MAY 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				A	X								
4	5	B	A	B	A	B	2	3	B	A	B	A	PLC B
11	12	A	B	A	B	A	9	10	A	B	A	B	PLC A
18	19	B	A	B	A	B	16	17	B	A	B	HD	
25	26	A	B	A	B	PLC A	23	24					
							30	31					



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.

**THANK YOU** to the Pietrzykowski family for your donations to the Falcon Store!

## THE BEE 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  
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