

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



March 27th-March 31st 2023

Friday, March 27th is a PLC day. School ends at 1:30PM.
There is no school Friday, April 7th for Spring Break Day.

HIGH SCHOOL GIFTED PROGRAMS

Attention 8th grade families 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>

TRACK & FIELD:

Congratulations to our track time for doing amazing at their first two meets! Go Falcons!

The Track team has a meet on Wednesday March 29th at Deer Valley High School. The meet begins at 4:45PM.

NJHS

If your child is currently in 7th grade and is interested in being a part of National Junior Honor Society for the 2023/2024 school year, please have them enroll in the Canvas course below. Admission requirements are on the homepage of the course.

Students can self-enroll in the course once you share with them this URL: <https://dvusd.instructure.com/enroll/PJDG8N>.

They can also sign up at <https://dvusd.instructure.com/register> and use the following join code: PJDG8N

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Madeleine Krull or Tracey Brody. madeleine.krull@dvusd.org tracey.brody@dvusd.org

BASKETBALL

Our 7th and 8th Grade Basketball teams have a game against Highland Lakes on March 27th. Our 8th grade teams are playing away at Highland Lakes, and our 7th grade teams are playing home at Hillcrest.

Our 7th and 8th Grade Basketball teams have a game against Sonoran Trails on March 30th. Our 8th grade teams are playing home at Hillcrest, and our 7th grade teams are playing away at Sonoran Trails.

STATE TESTING:

Hillcrest students will be taking the AASA state assessments for Writing, Reading, and Math as well as Science for our 8th graders. The schedule will be as follows:

- AZ Science (8th graders only): March 28th and March 29th
- AASA Writing (7th and 8th graders): April 4th
- AASA Reading and Math (7th and 8th graders): April 11th and April 12th
- Make-Up Dates: March 30th-April 27th

The students and teachers have worked hard this year and are well prepared for the exams, but we need your help. Please do your best to avoid scheduling any appointments and trips during these dates.

Speak with your students about the importance of being well rested before these tests. Ensure they get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast on the morning of testing days. Wired Earbuds or headphones are needed for testing. Please send them with your student on test days if they have a pair. Wireless earbuds or headphones can not be used.

YEARBOOK

Pre Ordering is done and the price is now \$25 for your 2022/23 Yearbook! April 10th is the last day to purchase a yearbook.

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

School Yearbook ID: 14845423

CLUBS

Drama Club has a meeting on Tuesday, March 28th from 3PM-4PM in room 706.

Board Games club has their next meeting Wednesday, March 29th from 3PM-4pm in room 504.

Anime club has their next meeting Thursday, March 30th from 3PM-4PM in room 812.

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STUDENT COUNCIL	darci.tipon@dvusd.org clara.valdes@dvusd.org
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Student council has a meeting Thursday, March 30th from 3PM-4PM in room 706.

Hillcrest PTSA	hillcrestmiddleschoolptsa@gmail.com
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FALCON ATHLETICS	Courtney.biller@dvusd.org
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8th Grade Basketball Schedule: [HMS 2023 8th grade B_G Basketball Games .pdf](#)

7th Grade Basketball Schedule: [HMS 2023 7th grade B_G Basketball Games .pdf](#)

Track & Field Schedule: [2023 Hillcrest Track and Field Schedule - Google Docs.pdf](#)

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 minutes 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.

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.

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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