HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

August 2nd–August 6th, 2021

WELCOME BACK!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BELL SCHEDULE

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Hillcrest will open its gates at 7:55 am. Students will then go immediately to their 1st period class. The last bell will ring at 8:15 am. 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.
CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

8th Grade: Monday, 8/2, during Science classes
7th Grade: Tuesday, 8/3, during ELA classes

*Chromebooks will need to be charged, updated and powerwashed by the student (directions can be found below)

Updating your Chrome Device
Your Chromebook automatically checks for and downloads updates when connected to Wi-Fi or Ethernet.

Finish an update
1. When your Chromebook downloads a software update, near your account photo, look for Update.
2. To finish the update, select Update Restart to Update.
3. Your Chromebook will restart.

Check for updates yourself
1. Turn on your Chromebook.
2. Connect your Chromebook to Wi-Fi.
3. At the bottom right, select the time.
4. Select Settings.
5. Select Menu About Chrome OS.
6. Under "Google Chrome OS," you'll see which version of the Chrome operating system your Chromebook is using.
7. Select Check for Updates.
8. If your Chromebook finds a software update, it will start to download automatically.

Google’s Support link:
https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/177889?hl=en
Instructions for Resetting a Chromebook

**IMPORTANT**

Chrome OS needs to be updated prior to powerwashing/resetting the Chromebook. Checking for updates:
1. Login to Chromebook.
2. At the bottom right, select the time.
3. Select Settings icon.
4. At the top of the window click on the icon OR select “About Chrome OS” on the bottom left panel.
5. Under "Google Chrome OS," you'll find which version of the Chrome operating system your Chromebook uses.
6. Select Check for updates.
7. If your Chromebook finds a software update, it will start to download automatically and prompt for a restart.

Resetting the Chromebook

1. Sign out of your Chromebook.
2. At the login screen, press and hold Ctrl + Alt + Shift + r, then click Restart or Powerwash.
3. In the box that appears, select Powerwash > Continue.
4. Select Continue to confirm powerwash.
5. At the Welcome screen, select “Let's Go”.
6. Connect to your home network, click next.
7. Select Accept and Continue.
8. When Enterprise Enrollment begins you may have two different scenarios.
   a. When Enterprise Enrollment completes, select Done.
   b. If you see an Enrollment Error, click on the "enroll manually" option and enter students FULL email address - example xxxxx123@learner.dvusd.org this will overwrite @dvusd.org.
9. After the enrollment process completes, the login screen will reappear. Login with students email address and password to begin using the chromebook.

Device Protection Plan

DVUSD will be offering an Optional Device Protection Plan for families of 4th-8th graders utilizing take-home devices. Enrollment in the plan is optional with the understanding that if students/parents do not enroll in the protection plan they may carry full liability for the student device (iPad or Chromebook) in the same way they do for other damaged or lost school property, such as textbooks.

The fee for this protection is $25 per child/per school year.

Parents can purchase the protection plan online at https://url.dvusd.org/PaymentPortal.
For students who damage or lose their district technology device, the deductible can be debited to the student’s account in In-Touch and the parent can pay the fee online.

**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 you student off by the flagpole. We will have a person on crosswalk duty to help them cross to the school.

**FACE MASKS**

Remember that face masks are optional this year. (See the [Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) guidance](https://www.cdc.gov) regarding face masks recommendations.) The exception to this optional rule is when students utilize District transportation. Due to the Centers for Disease Control mass transit federal order, all bus riders must wear a face mask. This federal order supersedes any state law dealing with face masks. For more information on face masks, see the CDC’s recommendations for who should wear face masks. We will be socially distancing as much as we can as well as following all mitigation practices.

**BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Back to School forms are available online this year! You will need a PowerSchool Parent account to access these important forms. If you have not already set up your account, please contact the Hillcrest office for the access information specific to your student that you will need to set up your PowerSchool Parent account.

**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 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.

FROM THE FALCON CAFE
Renee Flagler: renee.flagler@dvusd.org
All students will again receive free breakfast and lunch this school year. Students would only need to have money if they want to buy extra snacks.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE
Please contact the nurse with any questions.

Nurse: Kristin Langdon
Contact: kristin.langdon@dvusd.org
Phone: 623-376-3310.

* 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.**

*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.*

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**HILLCREST CLUBS & COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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courtney.biller@dvusd.org |
| NJHS                     | jane.jennewine@dvusd.org                            |
ATHLETICS

Anyone interested in trying out for our fall sports, Volleyball or Cross Country, must complete the required paperwork on www.registermyathlete.com including an updated physical.

Volleyball

Volleyball Camp Starts Tuesday August 3rd-Thursday August 5th in the gym from 3:00-5:00 pm. In order to participate students will need to complete the Register My Athlete.com required paperwork, concussion certification, the $40 camp fee (cash or check) and receive a Golden Clearance Ticket from Coach Biller in room 605/606.

Students interested in trying out for a Falcon Volleyball team need to sign up on the door of room 605. Volleyball tryouts will be Monday-Wednesday August 9th-11th from 3:00-5:00 pm in the gym. In order to try out you will need to complete the Register My Athlete.com required paperwork, concussion certification and receive a Golden Clearance Ticket from Coach Biller in room 605/606.

Cross Country

Students interested in joining the Cross Country team should sign up on the door of room 605. There will be a Cross Country parent meeting Tuesday August 10th at 5:30 pm in the gym. Cross Country will begin on Monday August 16th at 6:30 am in the gym. In order to participate students will need to complete the Register My Athlete.com required
paperwork, concussion certification and receive a Golden Clearance Ticket from Coach Biller in room 605/606.

**Spiritline**

Cheer/Pom tryouts will still be occurring on Friday August 13th and Saturday August 14th, please reach out to Coach Herold, renea.herold@dvusd.org in the counseling office and/or visit the Falcon Athletic page 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
HMS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Publicity Coordinators: Courtney Biller

Contact: 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

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.
**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.

Thank you to the Selinski and Wolochuk families for their donations to the Falcon Store!
Creating a Parent Account for Canvas

Canvas is the district adopted learning management system and parent accounts for Canvas enhance the potential for any parent to quickly engage in their child’s education. Parents can review upcoming or past assignments, check on grades, and receive course announcements.

WEB BROWSER

1. Go to DVUSD’s Canvas login page: https://dvusd.instructure.com
2. Click “Parent of a Canvas User?...” on the login page.
3. Complete the fields with your name and email along with the student’s username and password.
4. Click “Start Participating”.

MOBILE DEVICE

1. Install the Canvas Parent app.
   (Requires iOS 8.0 or later)
   (Requires Android 4.2 or later)
2. Choose if you want Canvas Parent to send you notifications.
3. Click “Create Account”.
   Note: If you already have a parent or observer account in Canvas you can “Log in with Canvas” using your Canvas credentials.
4. Set your account details. (Enter your first name, last name, and email address. Enter a password and confirm the password. Tap the Create Account button.)
5. Enter “Deer Valley Unified School District” as the student’s institution.
6. Enter the student’s username and password to associate a student to your Canvas Parent account.

Learn more about the Canvas Parent App:
https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-7884
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