



HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 2026

Please see our school website: [Hillcrest website](#)

Upcoming Events:

Sep 8	First Day	Sep 25	Pro D Day (no school)
Sep 15	Jays Team Swim	Sep 28	Individual and Class Photos
Sep 18	Ravens Team Swim	Sep 30	Truth and Reconciliation Stat
Sep 21	PAC Meeting 6:30pm	Oct 12	Thanksgiving Stat
Sep 23/24	Early Dismissal 1:45pm – Welcoming Conversations	Oct 15	Individual Photo Retakes
Sep 24	Terry Fox Assembly and Run	Oct 23	Pro D Day (no school)

Repeating Events:

Band/Choir (starting Sept 14):

Beginner Band: Mon/Thu 7:45am (start Sept 17th)

Choir: Wed 7:45am (start Sept 16th)

Advanced Band: Tue/Fri 7:45am (start Sept 15th)

Athletics:

Coming Soon! Reminder to pay your one-time Athletic Fee in School Cash Online

Open Gym: 8:00am daily (starts Sept 14)

Breakfast Club: Available daily for ALL students 8:00-8:30am (starts Sept 14)

Important Reminders:

- Complete and return the gold Emergency Release Form (sent home today) – Due Thursday
- Complete forms on School Cash Online. Classes will not be able to go on walking trips in the park until everyone has completed their District -School Policies form. You can also pay the school activity fee and the athletic fee.
- If you are dropping off lunch, please label it and leave it on the table in front of office
- If your student is arriving late, they must sign in at the office. If they are leaving early, we must hear from a parent, and the student must sign out at the office before leaving with the parent.



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Principal's Message

Class Placements

After four full days of very successful Team building, students moved to their permanent classes today. We know that some students will take some time to adjust to their new classes, and we are ready to support them. As ALL classes are at maximum capacity with respect to class size/composition, there can be no further movement.

Early Dismissals for Welcoming Conversations – Sept. 23 & 24 @ 1:45 pm

We hope that you can make the time to meet your child's new or returning teacher(s). Each teacher will be sending out a procedure for signing up with time slots. If you are unable to commit, please reach out to find an alternate date and time. These meetings are important for your child's teacher to know your child's strengths and stretches and to collaboratively plan learning goals for the year. We encourage you to arrive on time and with your child/student present to participate.

Student Drop-off

It is very smooth in the morning in the South parking lot (off Regan). On the other hand, over at the West parking lot, it can get very busy because the light at Thermal and Como Lake only allows 7-9 vehicles per green light.

*Pro-tip is to use the South lot for drop-off.

Student Pick-up

It is better in the South lot (off Regan) compared to the West loop as the congestion this past week has been bad. Please do not double park and/or leave your vehicle. Be courteous and pull up as far as you can to allow other drivers the ability to easily park behind you.

Suggestions:

- Teach your child how to take public transit.
- Have your child walk or bike to school.

*If you **MUST** drive students to school:*

- Have your child walk one block away from the school for an alternate pick-up location.
- *Pro-tip: use the Metro Ford Soccer lot or Como Lake Village.

- Arrive after 2:55 pm, once most traffic is gone

Reminders:

- Double parking is unsafe for pedestrians and for emergency vehicles to get through in case of an emergency. Mr. Hart and I will be asking vehicles to move if they are double parked.



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High Cost of Living

For families experiencing financial hardship, please email Mr. Parkins (mparkins@sd43.bc.ca) and we will have a private and confidential conversation about what supports we can offer.

School Supplies

- In light of inflation and cost pressures for families, we revamped and reduced the number of basic school supplies for this year. Please recycle and reuse as much as you can from leftovers.
- Your child's teacher may ask you for classroom specific items like coloured duotangs etc. Again, we are focused on keeping these costs low for families.

Feeding Futures

- District funding for our Breakfast Club and lunch program will continue this year. If your family needs assistance with providing a healthy lunch due to financial hardship, please contact Mr. Parkins (mparkins@sd43.bc.ca) or Ms. Bartlett (ebartlett@sd43.bc.ca).

Ski & Snowboard Club 2026-2027

- More information will come out in mid-October. The program will accept approx. 100 participants, and priority will be given to the students in grade 8 who are first timers. The program will be like last year's with 4 days scheduled in February on Thursdays.

Micro-Mobility Devices (battery powered transportation)

Provincial law prohibits students under 16 years old from operating e-scooters, e-bikes, or similar devices. Students may not operate e-scooters, e-bikes or other similar devices while on school property. Students must "walk on" and "walk off" prohibited devices while on school property during regular business hours (8:00 am to 3:30 pm), and they must be stored and secured outside of the school in a bike rack.

Grade 6 Immunizations

Grade 6 immunizations will be on January 12th, 2027. The Province offers an online option for immunization consents. Please see the attached document.

After School Programs

Do What U Love (DWUL)

Register Online: <https://www.dwul.io/search?result=hillcrest>

Multisport – 10 Sessions – Mondays Sept. 21-Nov. 30

Rize Basketball – 10 Sessions – Fridays – Sept. 25-Dec. 4

Chess – 10 Sessions – Mondays Sept. 21-Nov. 30