



## Hillside Herald - November 2022

Hillside Middle School

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## From the Desk of Mrs. Rodriguez

Hillside Families,

With November here already, I want to let you all know how thankful I am for the support you show our students, teachers, staff, Mr. Spencer, and myself. Hillside is an amazing place to learn, and our students thrive through the on-going community support.

We are now beginning the second quarter, which is an excellent time for everyone to contemplate how they are doing both academically and socially and make the changes needed to move toward goals. Make sure to celebrate the successes you see with your student(s) and as they set goals for the next quarter, help them identify ways in which they can achieve these goals.

Speaking of goals, our yearly school improvement goals include the following: increase students reading proficient by 25% as assessed by a Reading Inventory; increase students proficient by 25% on the end-of-year state math assessment; 50% reduction in Tier III behavioral incidents; 75% of multi-language learners will achieve their growth goal on the WIDA test. Additionally, our Land Trust goals include a 10% reduction in the percentage of students with D and F grades by 10% and increase the percentage of students with 80% attendance by 10%.

Teachers will be looking at current data during the November 1st asynchronous day as well as during team meetings to see what adjustments need to be made to support student learning. Our continued adjustments, combined with your continued support from home, will help all students achieve their potential.

I continue to be impressed with the efforts and successes of our students from watching performances at the fall music concert and musical auditions where students are courageous despite nerves and putting forth full effort, learning from mistakes while not giving up; observing them reasoning analytically and collaborating in classroom tasks; and seeing what good friends they are to each other throughout the day. Middle school is an amazing time for our young adults to learn, grow, and gain autonomy!

Thank you for being partners in education with us.

Principal Rodriguez

## **Important Dates for November**

Tuesday, November 1st: At home learning day (Asynchronous Day)

Friday, November 4th: End of Term 1

Tuesday, November 8th: SCC @ 7am / PTA @ 1:30pm

Tuesday, November 15th: Vision Screening for 7th graders @ 9am

Thursday, November 17th: Flu Shot Clinic for students & families 9-11 am

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd-Friday, Nov. 25th: Thanksgiving Break



**Hillside Orchestra News****Orchestra News!**

The orchestra classes have been working hard and learning many new techniques and skills. We are looking forward to our Winter Concert in December! Please remind your child to practice at home regularly. This is the best way for students to make progress and to improve the entire group. Both classes will perform in the Winter Concert, see below.

**Winter Concert information!**

Date- December 15th (Thursday)

Where- **HIGHLAND HIGH** auditorium

Time- concert at 7:00 pm. **Report to Highland by 6:25 pm for tuning and warm up.**

What to wear- Concert dress. All black or black and white dress clothing. Neutral colored shoes. See disclosure, Canvas page or Weebly page for details.

Every Orchestra students is expected to perform in this important event. Concerts are the culmination of our efforts in class, so like a final exam for orchestra. Please make sure you set aside this date. Both classes will perform, as well as some combined music with Highland and Highland will also perform. This will be a great concert for all involved!

Thank you for all of your support! The orchestra classes are doing a wonderful job, and we are excited for our Winter concert. Please email me any questions you may have.

-Mrs. Misco



## 8th Grade College and Career Readiness Conferences

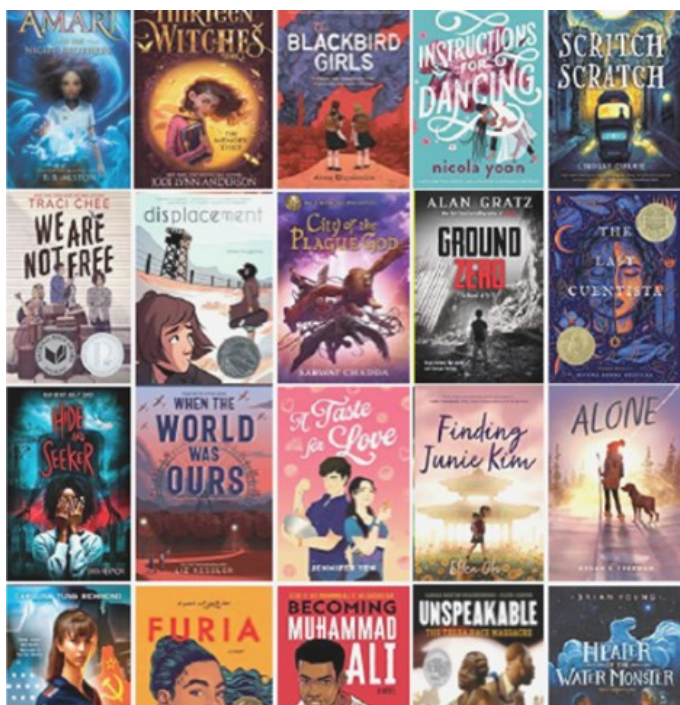
### Parents/Guardians remember to sign up for your 8TH GRADE COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE (individual meeting with a counselor):

The 8th grade conference is an opportunity to review and obtain important information to assist students in transitioning to high school. We would love to meet with all of our parents/guardians and students.

**8th grade College & Career Readiness Individual Conferences** will begin November 1st and go through January.

Parents have received an invitation letter with details about using an online scheduler to create your own appointment. If you are unable to use the online scheduler, you can also call Katie Smith, 801-481-4828 x 1017. Also, please feel free to contact your School Counselor if the online appointments will not work within your schedule. We will try to build an appointment time that will work for you.

## Battle of the Books!



## Battle of the Books 2023!

- Do you enjoy reading and friendly competition?
- Could you use extra credit in L.A. class?
- Then Battle of the Books may be for you!
- School Battle is in February, District Battle is in March dates TBD.
- Ms. Buirley will be coming to L.A. classes to give details.
- Or visit Hillside Library for info.

## Hillside Basketball Tryouts!

# HILLSIDE BASKETBALL TRYOUTS AND SEASON INFORMATION

For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, male and female (Teams are coed).

2.0 GPA Expected.

**When:** Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>,

***Must be present ALL DAYS to be considered.***

*If you have injuries, are sick, or not around during any of these days,  
you must talk with Coach Edwards prior to tryouts.*

**Time:** 2:45-4:45pm all days

**Where:** Hillside's Gym

## Season Schedule

January 23<sup>rd</sup>-March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Practice Mon-Thurs 2:45-5:00pm -*until Games begin*

Practice Mon/Wed 2:45-5:00pm -*after games have begun*

JV games Tuesdays, Varsity games Thursdays 2:45-5:30pm

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## Common Questions

Q: Can I be in Aladdin and on the team?

A: No. The two conflict too much to be in both.

Q: I am on a club team outside of school. Can I still tryout?

A: YES. Talk to Coach Edwards before tryouts if you are worried about scheduling conflicts. We can usually find a way to work it out to where the student athlete can do both.

Q: Who do we play?

A: Nibley Park, Glendale, Bryant, Clayton, Open Classrooms, and Northwest. There will be a championship played at the end of the season for the two top teams.

Q: How does transportation work?

A: Transportation for practice and games

If you have any further questions email coach Edwards at [jared.edwards@slcschools.org](mailto:jared.edwards@slcschools.org)

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For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, male and female- Teams are coed.

2.0 GPA Expected

**When:** Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup>,16<sup>th</sup>

***Must be present ALL DAYS to be considered.***

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you must talk with Coach Edwards prior to tryouts.*

**Time:** 2:45-4:45 pm all days

**Where:** Hillside's Gym

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Practice Mon-Thurs 2:45-5:00pm -until Games begin

We'll update with game times when announced.

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