



# TAKE NOTE

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During the school year, we publish *Take Note* online every Thursday and it is accessible through the Hill School's website ([www.thehillschool.org](http://www.thehillschool.org)). We notify all parents via email when a new issue is posted.

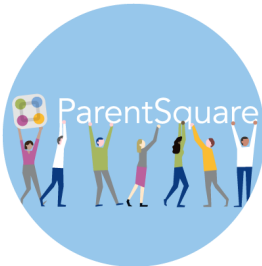
*Take Note* is our primary means of communicating school announcements and calendar items. In addition, it contains community news and classified advertisements. *Take Note* also includes instructions for ordering lunches and items for sale (e.g. yearbooks, Hill School wear such as hats, shirts, or athletic clothing). The deadline for submission of all announcements and/or classified ads is noon Tuesday. You may submit these to [takenote@thehillschool.org](mailto:takenote@thehillschool.org).



### *Student registration*

All Registration is online this year. Parents received forms via email in July. Forms must be completed by August 25.

For all newly enrolled students, parents must also upload/provide the completed **Virginia School Entrance Health Form** and **Certification of Immunization**, and an **original or certified copy** of the child's birth certificate or **current passport** before the first day of school. (Virginia Law §63.1-196.002).



Hill will be utilizing Parent Square again this year. Parent Square is an app that we use for communicating closings/delays, sporting event changes, etc.

If you are a new family—you will receive an invitation from Parent Square with a sign up link.

Please contact Sarah Schroder - [sschroder@thehillschool.org](mailto:sschroder@thehillschool.org) with any questions.



Parents, please join us for a  
**Welcome Back Breakfast**  
the first day of school at 8:15 in  
the theater lobby

***First Day of School***  
***Thurs., Sept. 8 - Regular dismissal***  
***Fri., Sept. 9 - Noon dismissal***

### Please mark your calendar:



Wed., September 14, 6:30 pm – 4 - 8 Parent Dinner, hosted by Robin and Justin Porterfield

Wed., September 21, 6:30 pm – JK - 3 Parent Dinner, hosted by Melissa and Mark Winchester

Thu., September 29 7:00 – 9:00 pm – PTC Back to School Night

Sat., October 1 – Hill School Country Fair - Noon - 4 pm at the Dornin Science Center.

Wed., October 5 – Hill School Golf Open – 9 am at Bull Run Golf Club

## **REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULES**

Students should arrive between 8:10 and 8:20. Students benefit from having time to visit with friends and get organized before their first class.

### **Monday - Thursday School Day Schedule**

JK - 2                      8:30 - 3:00  
Grades 3-8                8:30 - 4:00

### **Friday Dismissals**

All Grades                      3:00

Note: Sometimes dismissal time is later if a class has a field trip, athletic game, or play rehearsal. Later dismissals will be communicated in Take Note and room parent communications.

## **TRAFFIC CIRCLES**

We ask that drivers operate their vehicles safely and considerately on the campus.

The school has two primary traffic circles for arrival and dismissal – one at the Main Entrance (front porch) and one behind the Art Building. For morning drop off, parents may also use the entrance on top of the hill (Lower School Building).

Please observe the guidelines outlined below.

1. The traffic circles are one way - counter clockwise. Please drive slowly and carefully.
2. Never leave your car unattended or parked on a traffic circle.
3. Watch your speed. Please enter and leave slowly.
4. Pull up as far as you can. Children always leave and enter your car on the passenger side. No child should walk between cars on a traffic circle.
5. Please park your car in the adjacent small visitor parking areas if your child is not ready to be picked up when you reach the head of a traffic circle.
6. If your child is not in Late Gates, please pick up your child(ren) at the scheduled dismissal times.
7. Please do not leave your car to assist your children. Faculty/Staff are at each location to help.
8. Please put your cell phone down while in the traffic circle.

### **Morning Arrival**

**Before 8:10:** Please use the Main Entrance; The school officially opens at 7:45 a.m. If you need to drop your child off earlier, please notify Silvia Fleming so that supervision may be arranged.

**8:10 - 8:30:** Families may use any of the three circles: 1. Main Entrance, 2. behind the Art Building, and 3. on top of the hill (Lower School Building).

**After 8:30:** Please use the Main Entrance only; students should sign in at the front desk before going to their classrooms.

### **Dismissal**

All students in Junior Kindergarten through grade 3 will be dismissed from the Main Entrance traffic circle. (JK, Kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2 at 3:00, Grade 3 at 4:00).

Grades 4 through 8 students will be dismissed at the Art Building circle at 4:00 UNLESS they are riding in a carpool with a younger child; these grade 4-8 students should go to the Main Entrance circle for dismissal.

**Your cooperation is essential to the safety of our children. Thank you.**

### **Campus Traffic Pattern**

From 8:30 until 4:20, the gates between the dismissal circles are closed.

The **Main Entrance** traffic circle is accessible only from and to **South Madison Street**.

For the **Art Building** circle, please enter and exit at **The Plains Road**.

### Late Arrival/Early Dismissal

- ♦ **Students who arrive at school after 8:30 need to be brought to the main circle. Students should sign in at the Front Desk. Students may not proceed to class until they have checked in.**
- ♦ **No student may leave the campus before regular dismissal time without signing out at the front desk. If parents wish to pick their child(ren) up during the school day (e.g. for a doctor's appointment or due to illness), they or their representative should call the front desk upon arrival and the student will be sent to the car once they have signed out.**
- ♦ **Upper School students who wish to walk to town after school (on a regular or occasional basis) need to have parental permission (written or by phone call to the receptionist).**

### ABSENCES

1. In case of an anticipated absence, parents should make certain that the teachers have been informed - either by email or personal contact - at least one week in advance. Teachers, parents, and students will work together in developing a schedule to complete missed school work.
2. In cases of unanticipated absences, such as illness, please call to notify the front desk about the period of absence.

### SICK POLICY

If your child has a contagious or unusual illness, please call us as soon as possible so that we may alert other parents and children. Students should stay home if they are sick and should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Though it is a part of our philosophy that family is more important than school, we ask that you respect the school calendar by avoiding "convenience" absences and that you do your best not to interrupt the flow of the school year unnecessarily - to consider that there is an important difference between missing two weeks of classes for a once-in-a-lifetime tour of India, and departing two days ahead of the start of a school break to get a jump on vacation traffic. In every case, we ask that you attempt to assess the effect of the absence on your child. Many children rely heavily upon established academic routines and upon the social alliances which school engenders and supports.

### LUNCHES/SNACK

While we are reopening the lunchroom, students will also eat outdoors or in their classrooms for many snacks and/or lunches. Therefore, please be sure to pack lunches and snacks that do not require microwaves. More information regarding lunches for purchase will be sent by 9/19.

### ATHLETIC INFORMATION

#### Junior Kindergarten- Grade 3 Sports

Children should bring a designated pair of sports sneakers to be left at school. Clean shoes used only for sports class are necessary for maintaining the gym floor. (Sand from the playground destroys the finish.) Proper shoes help to prevent injuries and allow your child to maximize their skill development. They should also wear comfortable play clothes on the days when their class has sports.

Sports Days:	<i>JK:</i>	<i>Tuesday, Friday</i>
	<i>Kindergarten:</i>	<i>Monday, Wednesday</i>
	<i>Grade 1:</i>	<i>Monday, Tuesday, Friday</i>
	<i>Grade 2:</i>	<i>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday</i>
	<i>Grade 3:</i>	<i>Monday, Thursday, Friday</i>

#### Grades 4-8 Sports

##### WHAT TO BRING THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Students should bring a pair of well-fitting running shoes. New sports shorts and/or a t-shirt will be available for purchase at the beginning of the year. (Your account will be billed.)

##### SPORTS UNIFORM

**Students must have athletic shoes and a sports uniform (Hill School tee and shorts) every sports day, Monday through Thursday.** In grades 5-8, a student's preparedness for class counts toward his/her effort grade. (Staff records whether students have the proper shoes and uniform each day.) We request that uniforms be laundered weekly.

4-8 students should have specific shoes for sports to keep in their gym locker - a pair of well-fitting running shoes in excellent condition, and/or sport-specific shoes (e.g., cleats and basketball shoes). Students can also wear athletic shoes to school. Proper athletic shoes help to prevent injuries and allow your child to maximize their skill development. Students run a mile almost every day. Most leg/foot injuries result from poorly fitted or worn-out shoes. Casual sneakers do not provide sufficient support.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF A STUDENT IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS, THEY SHOULD PROVIDE A NOTE FROM THE DOCTOR OR A PARENT.**

# APPEARANCE and DRESS

Dress for special events will be announced ahead of time by the school office or by the faculty member in charge of that event. The day-to-day dress code is as follows:

## **Grades Junior Kindergarten - 3:**

Play clothes are encouraged. Suitable warmups and blue jeans are permissible. Shoes should be closed toed and have backs. Platform shoes and sandals are not permitted.

## **Grades 4-8:**

1. All clothing should be clean and not ripped, torn, or frayed
2. Dresses, skirts, and shorts should be of school-appropriate length (approx. 4" inseam)
3. Shirts need not be tucked in, but they must meet waistbands (i.e. no bare midriffs)
4. Shoes should be closed toed and have backs
5. A few items of clothing are not permitted:
  - A. Shirts with very narrow shoulder straps
  - B. Clothing with prominent text, logos, graphics, or with a camouflage pattern
  - C. Athletic clothing (i.e. sweatpants, sports/bike shorts, football jerseys, etc.)
  - D. Platform shoes and sandals
  - E. Hats may not be worn indoors

A teacher may request that other items not be worn at school if they are deemed inappropriate.

## *School Supplies*



**JK—Grade 3:** \* Label EVERYTHING with child's name

- \* A sturdy backpack or book bag that holds everything (folders, books, artwork, and lunchbox)
- \* A lunchbox that can also hold snacks or also a separate snack bag; napkins and utensils included
- \* Daily snacks (JK, K, 3 need two daily snacks and anyone staying after 3:00pm will need two snacks)
- \* A water bottle (spill proof), marked with the child's name
- \* A change of clothes (JK-K need two sets) packed in a labeled Ziploc bag
- \* If you received a Hill School Canvas tote bag last year, please bring it back to be used again. Bags will be distributed to new students and students that need a replacement on the first day of school.

**Grade 4:** Please [Click Here](#) for Ms. Renneker's letter

**Grade 5:** Please [Click Here](#) for Mr. Daum's letter

- Grades 6-8:**
- \* Four 1.5 inch binders with transparent cover sleeves (one for each subject: English, History, Science, Latin or Spanish)
  - \* 12 Dividers (three for each binder, at least one per binder should be a pocket folder)
  - \* Pencil/pen holder (incl. pencils and pens)
  - \* At least 200 sheets of paper
  - \* For Math: basic calculator, highlighters, 12-inch ruler with inches and centimeters





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# HILL SCHOOL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 9 AM START  
BULL RUN GOLF CLUB

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REGISTER HERE - [HTTPS://APP.EVENTCADDY.COM/EVENTS/THE-2022-  
HILL-SCHOOL-OPEN-GOLF-TOURNAMENT](https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/the-2022-hill-school-open-golf-tournament)



**SEEKING:** Looking to hire part time assistant to help with office work in my home; organizing rooms, etc. Computer work needed. Please call 703-980-8109 (flexible hours).

# SAVE THE DATE!

**Informational Meeting about  
Hosting a Guatemalan Student for 7 Weeks**



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**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET  
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
THIS LIFE ENRICHING EXPERIENCE!**

**JOIN US FOR AN  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON  
Tuesday, August 30th at 12:30 p.m.**

**CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE IN THIS LINK:**

<https://forms.gle/3Eids6DrbBdTFNae9>

**Contact:**

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## Ballet Classes

LASLEY CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS IS PLEASED TO ONCE AGAIN BE OFFERING BALLET CLASSES AT THE MIDDLEBURG COMMUNITY CENTER. THE CLASSES OFFERED ARE:

TUESDAY, 4:30-5:00 PM: PRE-PRIMARY (AGES 3-4)

TUESDAY, 5:00-5:45 PM: PRIMARY (AGES 5-7)

TUESDAY, 5:45-6:45 PM: BALLET LEVELS 1/2 (AGES 8-11)

RETURNING STUDENTS MAY REGISTER THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL. NEW STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE A FREE TRIAL CLASS, AND MAY REGISTER THROUGH THE LASLEY CENTRE WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.LASLEYCENTRE.COM/](https://www.lasleycentre.com/)

# **2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Tues. & Wed.	September 6 & 7	Faculty Meetings
Thursday	September 8	<b>First Day of Classes</b>
Friday	September 9	<b>Noon dismissal for all grades</b>
Wednesday	September 14	<b>4-8 PTC Dinner</b>
Wednesday	September 21	<b>JK-3 PTC Dinner</b>
Thursday	September 29	<b>PTC Back To School Night</b>
Saturday	October 1	<b>Country Fair (Rain Date: October 8)</b>
Monday	October 3	<b>Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL</b>
Monday	October 10	<b>Regular Day of School</b>
Thursday	October 13	<b>Parent Conference Day - NO SCHOOL</b>
Friday	October 14	<b>Fall Holiday - NO SCHOOL</b>
Friday	October 28	<b>Halloween Lunch &amp; Activities (Regular 3:00 dismissal)</b>
Thursday	November 3	<b>4-8 Cross Country Meet</b>
Friday	November 11	<b>Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL</b>
Wednesday	November 23	<b>Thanksgiving Vacation begins at noon</b>
Monday	November 28	<b>School reopens</b>
Friday	December 9	<b>5-8 First Trimester Reports published</b>
Friday	December 16	<b>Winter Vacation begins at noon</b>
Monday	January 2	<b>School reopens</b>
Monday	January 16	<b>Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
Friday	February 3	<b>1-4 First Semester Reports published</b> (JK & K parent conferences in February)
Fridays	Jan 6 - Feb 17	<b>Ski Fridays, noon dismissals for all grades</b>
Monday	February 20	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Wednesday-Friday	March 8-10	<b>Culture Study Program</b>
Friday	March 10	<b>Spring Vacation begins at Noon</b>
Monday	March 27	<b>5-8 Second Trimester Reports published</b> <b>School reopens</b>
Monday	April 10	<b>Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL</b>
Thursday	April 20	<b>Parent Conference Day - NO SCHOOL</b>
Friday	April 21	<b>Spring Holiday - NO SCHOOL</b>
Friday-Saturday	May 12 & 13	<b>Spring Weekend at Hill</b> <b>Friday: Grandparents Day</b> <b>Saturday: Auction</b>
Monday	May 29	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Thursday	June 8	<b>Last Day of School for JK-3</b>
Friday	June 9	<b>Last Day of School for 4-8, noon dismissal</b> Commencement for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders at 5:00
Monday - Friday	June 12-16	Faculty Meetings
Friday	June 16	<b>JK-8 Final Reports published</b> <i>Summer 2022</i>