



TAKE NOTE

The Hill School
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JULY 2022

SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION



Summer Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.



Summer Reading & Math

See Page 2 for the summer reading lists for grades 4-8 and page 3 for summer math for grades 1-8. We encourage all students and families to keep reading and learning throughout the summer.



2022 BEST OF LOUDOUN

Loudoun Times-Mirror

We are delighted to announce that Hill was voted Best Private School in the Best of Loudoun voting for the 4th straight year, and a Finalist in Best Summer Camps!

Thank you to everyone who voted for Hill.

2022-2023 School Calendar (page 5)

Please save for future reference.

While the dates for vacations will not change, some other dates (e.g. faculty meetings) may be adjusted later. The final draft of the calendar will be published in early fall.



2022 HILL SCHOOL SUMMER REQUIRED READING

Grade 3 into 4

Read a MINIMUM of five books, each from a different genre. Use your genre wheel to help you make selections. Make a list of the book titles and authors. Write a book recommendation about at least one of the books. Bring the list and the book recommendation(s) on the first day of school.

Grade 4 into 5

A MINIMUM of eight books is required. Book choices should be of an appropriate level.

Students need to turn in a typed list of all books they read over the summer on the first day of school.

Grade 5 into 6

- A. Required Weedflower ~ Cynthia Kadohata
- B. Plus One of these: Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH ~ Robert O'Brien
The Crossover ~ Kwame Alexander
- C. Students must select at least three additional books of their own choice and complete the writing assignments.
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Grade 6 into 7

- A. Required Read at least 740 pages in books of your own choice. One must be a work of nonfiction. Bring a typed list of your summer reading with you the first day of school. Include authors, titles, and number of pages. At least one of the chosen books should have an AR quiz, and students need to take the test before the start of school.

Access to the AR test is through the student portal at www.thehillschool.org. If you have questions about access to the AR tests, please reach out to lwoods@thehillschool.org or kjohnson@thehillschool.org.

Grade 7 into 8

- Required for History Annie, Between the States ~ L. M. Elliott

The summer reading requirement for English is to read at least 750 pages of the student's choice. This might be 3 books of approximately 250 pages or two longer books. At least one of the chosen books should have an AR test, and students need to take the test before the start of school.

Summer Math - Grades 1 - 8

Just as it is important for children to continue reading during the summer, it is also important for them to continue practicing mathematics. Please refer to this list for some games, puzzles, and other challenges that we hope your children will find interesting and fun. Please encourage them to practice these throughout the summer to keep their math skills sharp and to help them get ready for next year!

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Rising 1st & 2nd:

Games & Puzzles: Blokus, Castle Logix , Hi Ho! Cherry-O, Mental Blox, Chutes and Ladders, Uno.

Reference Books: *Crazy Eights and Other Card Games* by JoAnna Cole (directions for games that can be played with a deck of regular cards),
Pretend Soup by Mollie Katzen (age-appropriate cookbook)

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Rising 3rd ~ 5th

Games & Puzzles: those listed above as well as: Backgammon, Black Jack, Chess, Farkle, Ken-Ken, Sudoku, Yahtzee.

Around the House: use recipes to cook, make change with US coins, measure items using metric and US tools, read analogue clocks, practice multiplication combinations.

References: *Honest Pretzels* by Mollie Katzen (age-appropriate cookbook),
itunes: *Schoolhouse Rock Multiplication* (just one of many sources)

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Rising 6th~8th grade

Games & Puzzles: see list above.

Workbook: Summer Skills Sharpener, available online at:

www.summersolutions.net

(Rising 6th: Intermediate A; Rising 7th: Intermediate B; Rising 8th: Pre-Algebra)

AVAILABLE: SUMMER CHILDCARE - In need of some help this summer? Hill School alumni (Class of '15), Pippa Gerber-Stroh is available to help out with any childcare needs! Interested in any babysitting, part-time, full-time or travel nanny positions! Pippa is a rising senior at Drew University, with current license and transportation, and references available at request. Please contact her with any questions or opportunities at pgerberstroh@drew.edu or 540-729-7553.

AVAILABLE: Abby All, Hill 2016 and daughter of kindergarten teacher Denise All, is seeking house/pet sitting jobs this summer. Abby will be home starting June 13-August 26. Please call/text her directly if she can help you 540-336-6648.

AVAILABLE: Remy Patterson, Hill '18 and Foxcroft '22 is available for house/pet sitting this summer. Please call/text 540-687-0172.

AVAILABLE: For Summer Help, Lilly Potter can watch your home and/or your indoor/outdoor pets. I can also watch some indoor pets at my home, if preferred. Numerous local references; Hill/Foxcroft/Hollins grad currently at W&M Law and home for summer May 22 through Aug 5. Please text 540-498-2500 or email fiver148@gmail.com.

AVAILABLE: NEED A PET-SITTER FOR THE SUMMER? LOOK NO FURTHER

Hi, I'm Ellen Burke, a Hill graduate of 2017 and current college student. I adore animals and am offering summer pet-sitting and pet care service for families who will be on vacation and need someone to take good care of their furry friends while away. I am responsible and I have my own car, so transport is not an issue. Feel free to reach out at my school email, emburke@mail.roanoke.edu for more information and I will get back to you with a timely response.

AVAILABLE: Julia Daum, Hill '15, Highland '19, and current VCU student is available to house-sit and/or pet-sit from July 11th-31st. She has her own car, flexible hours, and lots of experience. Please text 240-495-0180 if interested. Thank you!

AVAILABLE: Jackie Ayers (Hill '16) is available to house and or pet sit from now until Aug. 25th. I currently go to Georgetown but I'm home for the summer, I have a car to transport myself, and I absolutely love all animals. My phone number is 540-850-2659.

SEEKING: Hill family is looking for a 2-3 bedroom rental. Please contact Nina at 571-212-9580.



The next Take Note will come out in August.

The August Take Note will include the following information:

- Arrival and Dismissal Schedules/Circles
- Daily Schedules
- Grade Specific School Supply Lists
- Other Pertinent Information to the Opening of School.

School Supplies For All Grades

- A sturdy backpack or book bag.
- A lunch box, marked with the child's name.
- A water bottle, marked with the child's name.
- If other basic supplies for students are needed – homeroom teachers will send out additional information.

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BUS SERVICE

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT KELLY JOHNSON -
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2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

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