



The Hill School  
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[www.thehillschool.org](http://www.thehillschool.org)

# TAKE NOTE

## NOVEMBER 16, 2023



### Join The Hill School for Christmas in Middleburg

Christmas in Middleburg is Saturday, December 2nd.

***\*\*The Parade Float is now full, please email Amy Miller to be added to the Waitlist\*\****

***\*Parent Volunteers are still needed to stuff goody bags/prep and to clean up\****

**DROP OFF:** On the cross-campus road at 1:15 pm.  
Hill School's line-up spot is #7 (First float off The Plains Road).  
*No children may join the float after we start moving.*

**PICK UP:** At the art circle after the Hill float arrives on campus  
(approximately 2:45 pm).

**SIGN UP:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45A9AE23A1FE3-45754678-christmas#/Questions?>

Contact Kelly Johnson [kjohnson@thehillschool.org](mailto:kjohnson@thehillschool.org) or Amy Miller [amyfitzmillier@gmail.com](mailto:amyfitzmillier@gmail.com)

More on Christmas in Middleburg—<https://christmasinmiddleburg.org/>



## 2023-2024 Parent Annual Giving Challenge

**30 days to go!**

**Thank you to the 30% of parents that have already participated!**

Go to <http://www.thehillschool.org/giving> to donate.  
Thank you for your support!

## Ski Club 2024



Information and sign up for this year's Ski Club are on pages 8 and 9. A rental form, if needed, may be downloaded from The Hill School website under "Helpful Links."

**To learn more about snow sports and The Hill School's Ski Club, please join us for a Headmaster Coffee on Tuesday, November 28th at 8:30am.**

# Coming up at Hill:

November 16 - 19	8th Grade Play (see page 7 for details.)
Thurs., November 16	Holiday Cocktail Party, 5:00-pm, Alumni Room
Wed., November 22	Alumni Pancake Breakfast, 9:45am - 10:30am Thanksgiving Assembly (Grades 1-8) at the Middleburg Methodist Church. <b>Only 8th grade parents may attend.</b> Dismissal from Hill at NOON. Thanksgiving Vacation begins at NOON. NO LATE GATES!
Mon., November 27	School re-opens

**AVAILABLE:** 5 parakeets free to a good home, cage and food included. Contact Nettie at (802) 279-1032 or email [nettie@pshift.com](mailto:nettie@pshift.com).

## RE-ENROLLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

### RE-ENROLLMENT FOR FULL TUITION FAMILIES

- FEBRUARY 1ST - 2024-2025 CONTRACTS WILL BE POPULATED IN YOUR BIGSIS PORTAL.
- FEBRUARY 16TH - 2024-2025 CONTRACTS ARE DUE BACK TO ENSURE SPOTS ARE HELD.

### RE-ENROLLMENT FOR FINANCIAL AID FAMILIES

- NOVEMBER 27TH - THE FAST (FINANCIAL AID FOR SCHOOL TUITION) PROCESS IS OPEN - CLICK [HERE](#) TO BEGIN.
- FEBRUARY 1ST - DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.
- FEBRUARY/MARCH - FINANCIAL AID CONTRACTS WILL BE POPULATED IN YOUR BIGSIS PORTAL.
- CONTRACTS ARE DUE TWO WEEKS AFTER THEY ARE ISSUED.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING RE-ENROLLMENT IN GENERAL PLEASE CONTACT KELLY JOHNSON.  
QUESTIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL AID OR PAYMENT PLANS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SARAH SCHRODER.

## Culture & Inclusion Interest Meeting

This meeting will explore the level of parent interest in revitalizing the Culture & Inclusion Parent Club. This club was originally created to support Hill families in raising kind, culturally competent, and empathetic children.

December 8 | 8:30 a.m.  
Alumni Room

Interested but can't make it?  
Email Jill Hottel:  
[jill.hottel@gmail.com](mailto:jill.hottel@gmail.com)



## THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH SEVEN LOAVES

THE COLLECTION FOR OUR TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS IS UNDERWAY. EACH GRADE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A NON-PERISHABLE ITEM TO BE COLLECTED IN THE HOMEROOM.

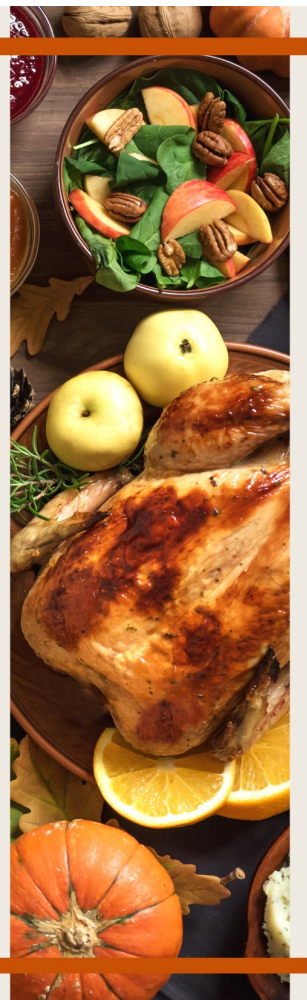
JK-K	2 bags or boxes of stuffing
1st	2 cans of peas
2nd	2 cans of green beans
3rd	1 box dried potatoes and 1 jar of gravy
4th	2 cans of fruit
5th	2 cans applesauce
6th	1 can of sweet potatoes
7th	1 container of cookies or canned nuts
8th	2 cans of cranberry sauce

### Faculty Pumpkin Pie ingredients

IF ANYONE WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE TO A TURKEY DONATION, YOU MAY PURCHASE \$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATES AT THE MIDDLEBURG SAFEWAY AND ADD THEM TO YOUR CLASS'S COLLECTION BASKET. SEVEN LOAVES WILL REDEEM THEM TO PURCHASE PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Donations for Seven Loaves should be turned in by Friday morning, Nov. 17  
(Food is picked up by 10:00 am)

Thank you for your help!





THE HILL  
SCHOOL OF  
MIDDLEBURG  
PRESENTS



# A HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

November 13 -17, 2023

**THERE IS SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
OUR ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH  
FROM 5:00 - 8:00 PM  
HILL SCHOOL ALUMNI ROOM



**OUR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE WILL BE  
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT**

**[HTTP://BIDPAL.NET/HOLIDAYBOUTIQUE2023](http://bidpal.net/holidayboutique2023)**

**FROM 8:00 AM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH  
THROUGH 6:00 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**





YOU ARE INVITED  
TO THE HILL  
SCHOOL'S ANNUAL

*Holiday*  
COCKTAIL  
PARTY

NOV | 16 | 5 PM

The Hill School  
Alumni Room

It will be an evening of  
merrymaking, bidding &  
holiday cheer that you won't  
want to miss!



# SHARE THE JOY OF THE SEASON WITH OUR COMMUNITY

PLEASE JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND  
SUPPORT THE HILL SCHOOL  
GIVING TREE PROGRAM

CLICK HERE  
FOR THE AMAZON WISH LIST

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL  
EMILY TYLER AT [ETYLER@THEHILLSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:ETYLER@THEHILLSCHOOL.ORG)

UNWRAPPED GIFTS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO  
THE HILL SCHOOL  
130 SOUTH MADISON STREET MIDDLEBURG 20117

GIFTS WILL BE PICKED UP ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH  
THANK YOU!



# COMMUNITY BOOK READ

**November 15th | 8:30am | Alumni Room  
Mini-Book Club**

Join us for an informal book club to begin the conversation.

**December 5th | 6:00pm | Theater**

Join Treavor and Kasia for a large group discussion.

Childcare for current Hill School students is available and pizza will be provided.

**RSVP to Kelly Johnson:**  
**kjohnson@thehillschool.org**

**December 6th | 8:30am**  
Headmaster's Coffee

## NEVER ENOUGH



When Achievement  
Culture Becomes Toxic—And  
**What We Can Do About It**

JENNIFER BREHENY WALLACE

**10% off at Middleburg Books  
for the Hill Ccommunity.**

learn to

the **coders**  
**SCHOOL**



change the



**Classes will  
be held at  
Hill School**

Parent Info Session  
The Hill School  
Alumni Conference Room  
Wednesday, November 29th  
8:45-9:45am

**ashburn.the**coders**school.com**

## DANCE AT HILL



**6 WEEK SESSION**

**TUESDAYS NOV 7-DEC 12**  
**THURSDAYS NOV 9- JAN 4**

**\$240**

**TUESDAYS**

**3:00-4:00 HIP HOP (K-2ND GRADE)**  
**4:00-5:00 HIP HOP (2ND-4TH GRADE)**

**THURSDAYS**

**3:00-4:00 HIP HOP (JK-1ST GRADE)**  
**4:00-5:00 BROADWAY JAZZ(2ND-4TH GRADE)**

**EMAIL TO REGISTER**

**JENNAHIDEDANCEPROJECT@GMAIL.COM**





The background of the poster is a vibrant, stylized illustration of a forest. A light-colored path leads from the bottom center towards the background. On the left, a large tree trunk is visible, and a cluster of white daisies and purple flowers grows at its base. On the right, pink flowers and green foliage are depicted. The overall color palette is dominated by greens, yellows, and purples, creating a magical and inviting atmosphere.

THE HILL SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 2024 PRESENTS

# INTO THE WOODS JR.

*at the* Sheila C. Johnson  
Performing Arts Center  
Hill School Campus

*Free and Open  
to the Public*

**November**

• 16<sup>th</sup> + 17<sup>th</sup> + 18<sup>th</sup>

@ 7pm

19<sup>th</sup>

@ 2pm

Into the Woods JR. is presented through special arrangement with all authorized materials are supplied by  
Music Theatre International, NY, NY (212) 541-4684, [mtishows.com](http://mtishows.com)





ORDER  
NOW

*Hill School Store*

Please Note:  
Order placed by November 25th,  
will be available for pick up on  
December 14th.

[HTTPS://THEHILLSSCHOOL.FUTURASTORES.COM](https://thehillsschool.futurastores.com)



Attention  
parents!

Hill's annual book fair is back and a number of parent volunteers are needed to ensure this event is a success.

Come volunteer with us and help host an awesome book fair! Please check out our **Sign-Up Genius** to volunteer.

Email us with any questions at [bookfair1@thehillsschool.org](mailto:bookfair1@thehillsschool.org).



## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please Join Us

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> AT 7:00 PM**

**Upperville Baptist Church**  
9070 John S. Mosby Highway, Upperville

Enjoy a Great Evening with your Neighbors



Mt. Pisgah Choir & More Local Talent

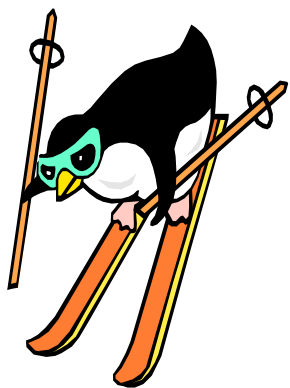
**Everyone is Welcome!**

The Offering Benefits:

The Churches of Upperville Outreach Program

*Providing food during this holiday season and throughout the year to those families who need help in our community!*

We hope you will join us. If you cannot attend, please support this important program. Make checks payable to "Churches of Upperville Outreach Program" and mail to: Peter Nicoll, 1378 Crenshaw Road, Upperville, VA. 20184



# Ski Club 2024

Ski Club will meet on Fridays (weather permitting) during January / February at Bryce.

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|----|--------------------|--|
| 1. | Friday, January 5  | (Extra early dismissal from school: JK-8 11:30)          |
| 2. | Friday, January 12 | School will dismiss at 12:00 for JK-8                    |
| 3. | Friday, January 19 | School will dismiss at 12:00 for JK-8                    |
| 4. | Friday, January 26 | School will dismiss at 12:00 for JK-8                    |
| 5. | Friday, February 2 | School will dismiss at 12:00 for JK-8                    |
| 6. | Friday, February 9 | MINI-OLYMPICS (More information will be sent home later) |

Siblings not enrolled at Hill are welcome to join us, however, the minimum age for ski class is four years. Family friends who wish to ski with us are welcome, but only children signed up for the season have space in the ski classes.

All Hill School students are welcome to participate. **Children in Grades JK-3 must be accompanied by a parent or an adult who is responsible for them and is willing to assist the children during and after their classes (especially beginner skiers).**

**COST:** Option #1: Without rental: **\$265** (includes lessons, slope fees)  
Option #2: With ski / snowboard rental: **\$385** (includes lessons, slope fees, ski/board/boots rental, w/o helmet)  
Option #3: With equipment plus helmet rental: **\$435** (includes all of the above plus a helmet rental)

**Prices are for the entire season. Adjustments will be made only for sessions cancelled by Hill School or Bryce Resort.**

Parents who ski may purchase their ski lift tickets at the counter at a discount group rate (\$24 on half-days, \$30 on full days). Equipment rentals for parents are also available (\$20 per day, \$8 for helmets).

**Rental information:** Students and parents may sign up for the whole season and have their equipment set up in advance. All rentals charged to Hill School will be billed for the whole season regardless of how often the equipment is used. No charges to the Hill School account will be accepted by Bryce at the counter, ONLY rental forms submitted by the School, are allowed. All forms at the counter at Bryce are on a cash-only basis. If you or your child are renting the equipment, please obtain the rental form as soon as possible and return no later than DECEMBER 12th.

Rental forms are also available through a link on the Hill School webpage.  
See [www.thehillschool.org](http://www.thehillschool.org)



Please note: ALL Hill School students and ALL Ski Club participants are required to wear helmets on the ski slopes.

Riding the ski lift can be dangerous, particularly if children are inattentive and/or play with the equipment (i.e. rocking the chair on purpose, opening the safety bar, wiggling around, etc). We encourage JK to 3 parents to ride with their children and/or establish safety rules for their families. Those family rules might include that children may only ride the ski lift if there is at least one adult on the chair with them, or that the chair lift group must include at least an older student. The ski lift attendants' main responsibility is to ensure that people safely board the lift. They will not be able to enforce parent-established rules. Ski instructors will include lift safety into their lessons. Any violation of safe riding practices will be reported, and students will lose their lift tickets.

Snow Boarding is open to children in Grades 3 through 8. Spaces in the classes are limited and will be filled on a first come-first served basis.

Please complete the attached sign up sheet and questionnaire about the child's ski/board experiences. Please print out and return to office or email to Silvia Fleming ([sfleming@thehillschool.org](mailto:sfleming@thehillschool.org)).

If, after the first lesson, you feel that your child is in the wrong group, please talk to Silvia. If the instructor's observations are similar to yours, adjustments will be made. Often instructors also suggest changes. Please remember: Ski Club is for having fun skiing, learning the basics, and for being with your friends.



# Ski Club sign up and Skiing / Boarding Experience

*Students who participated last year have notes on their skill level from the instructors and will be put into classes based on these ratings. Adjustments will be made after the first lesson.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of child*

My child will be:

- \_\_\_\_ Skiing  
\_\_\_\_ Snowboarding (Third grade and up)

He/she will need:

- \_\_\_\_ Rentals from Bryce, and we will complete the form *(Please make sure you indicate helmet yes or no)*  
\_\_\_\_ **No** rentals

He / she has: \_\_\_\_ no (or very little) experience

\_\_\_\_ participated in Ski Club last year *(instructors have given students skill ratings, so no need to complete questions below –answer only the ski lift question)*

\_\_\_\_ had additional experience since Ski Club last winter *(please explain)*

\_\_\_\_ was not in Ski Club last year but has some experience *(please complete the questions below)*

## **Everyone answers:**

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|--|------------|--------------------|
| ____ My child has no experience with ski lifts |            |                    |
| ____ My child can ride the small carpet lift   | ____ alone | ____ with an adult |
| ____ My child can ride the long carpet lift    | ____ alone | ____ with an adult |
| ____ My child can ride the big quad lift       | ____ alone | ____ with an adult |

## **New participants only:**

*These questions are all based on Bryce layout/ ski lifts. Please approximate equivalent for other resorts.*

\_\_\_\_ My child can stop the skis / board anytime

\_\_\_\_ My child can curve left and right

\_\_\_\_ My child uses the “Pizza Pie” technique to turn

\_\_\_\_ My child makes parallel turns

\_\_\_\_ My child is comfortable with the small, gentle hill next to the short carpet lift and skis there alone

\_\_\_\_ My child is comfortable with the somewhat steeper hill next to the long carpet lift and skis / boards it independently

\_\_\_\_ My child is only comfortable with the “Red Eye” (easiest, blue) slope

\_\_\_\_ My child can independently ski / board down any slope at Bryce

Please note anything below and/or attached that you would like us to take into consideration:





# Get ready for... **Fall Book Fair!**

Monday, December 4, through Thursday, December 7  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (Noon on Thursday)

All proceeds will go to the Teacher Book Fund.

Questions?

**bookfair1@thehillschool.org**

**The Book Fair will accept payments in cash, check, school charge to BigSIS (see below), or credit card (if a parent is present).**

**Give your child permission to charge Book Fair purchases to your BigSIS account!**

1. Login to your BigSIS portal: <https://thehillschool.bigsis.com/portal>.
2. Go to Parents Tab at the top, then click the Forms Tab where you will find a Book Fair Permission Slip for each child.
3. Permission slips are due by Friday, December 1.

Any charges made to BigSIS (not to exceed the authorized amount) will appear on your next scheduled payment. If you have any BigSIS questions, please contact Sarah Schroder at [sschroder@thehillschool.org](mailto:sschroder@thehillschool.org).

If a child does not have a permission slip on file (indicating that they MAY/MAY NOT use school charge), we will allow them to charge ONE book up to \$20 to your account.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

December 1 & 4-7



Hill's annual book fair is back and a number of parent volunteers are needed to ensure this event is a success.

Volunteers are needed over the course of a week to help with everything from unpacking and organizing, to running check-out and shuffling kids through the fair, to tearing-down and packing up.

Come volunteer with us and help host an awesome book fair!  
Please check out our **Sign-Up Genius** to volunteer.

Email **bookfair1@thehillschool.org** with any questions.

PIEDMONT CHILD CARE CENTER  
PRESENTS

# Breakfast with Santa

Enjoy breakfast and take photos with Santa!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**Buchanan Hall**

Choose from 3 available seatings, starting at  
8:00 am, 8:45 am or 9:30 am

**\$15 PER ADULT, \$10 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12**

**Scan the QR code, visit [piedmontchildcare.org/events](https://piedmontchildcare.org/events),  
or call (540) 592-3908 to purchase tickets**

*All proceeds go to PCCC classroom enrichments*



**Sponsored by BOX5 Santa**







# Féminine

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Middleburg, VA 20117

# UPCOMING EVENTS



EVERGREEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
GRADES 9-12

NOV  
15

OPEN HOUSE  
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

JAN  
17

OPEN HOUSE  
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

NOV  
27

SHADOW DAY  
8:10 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

JAN  
22

OPEN HOUSE  
9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

NOV  
30

SHADOW DAY  
9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

FEB  
9

OPEN HOUSE  
8:30 – 10:30 A.M.

DEC  
6

OPEN HOUSE  
8:30 – 10:30 A.M.

FEB  
28

OPEN HOUSE  
8:30 – 10:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION APPRECIATED. WALK-INS WELCOME. REGISTER VIA THE OPEN HOUSE REGISTRATION ONLINE OR CONTACT [ADMISSION@ECSLOUDOUN.ORG](mailto:ADMISSION@ECSLOUDOUN.ORG).

## TAKE NOTE SUBMISSIONS

Take Note is published weekly each Thursday.

**DEADLINE** for submission of items is

**NOON on Tuesday.**

E-mail articles and/or classified ads to:

[takenote@thehillsschool.org](mailto:takenote@thehillsschool.org).

**Ad format:** JPEG or PNG, 3X5 vertical and 7X5 horizontal

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**Get your holiday shopping done at Posh!**

Clothing and accessories from Premie - 10/12 yrs.



**Save 20% on full-priced items**

Code: **HILLHOL20**

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Follow us on Instagram for special holiday sale updates



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