



TAKE NOTE

The Hill School
(540) 687-5897
www.thehillschool.org

NOVEMBER 30, 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 or Amy Miller amyfitzmiller@gmail.com

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



Hill School Inclement Weather Notification

Parents will be notified of school delays and/or school closings via:

- **The website** – a yellow banner across the top (www.thehillschool.org) will be posted as soon as a decision is made.
- **ParentSquare** – notification will be sent via ParentSquare as soon as a decision is made. Questions about ParentSquare should be directed to Sarah Schroder (sschroder@thehillschool.org).
- **Phone Call via Parent Reach** – In the event of a school closure or delay, you will receive a call at 6:30am. The call is voice activated so please speak upon answering the call. Questions about what phone numbers Hill has on file to contact you, should be directed to Silvia Fleming (sfleming@thehillschool.org).



**POWER OF
COMMUNITY**
THE HILL SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND



2023-2024 Parent Annual Giving Challenge

16 days to go!

**Thank you to the 42% of parents that have
already participated!**

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

Coming up at Hill:

Sat., December 3rd	Christmas in Middleburg
Dec. 4th– Dec. 7th	Hill School Book Fair– Theatre Lobby
Tues., December 5	Environmental Club - 4:00 - 5:00pm, Art Room. Community Book Read discussion with Treavor and Kasia, 6:00pm Hill School Theatre JV Boys Basketball vs. Cornerstone at Hill. Game 3:30pm, dismissal 4:45pm. V Boys Basketball vs. Cornerstone at Hill. Game 4:30pm, dismissal 5:45pm. V Girls Basketball vs. Cornerstone at Cornerstone. Game 3:30pm, dismissal 5:00pm.
Wed., Dec. 6	Headmaster Coffee at 8:30am - Discussion on <i>Never Enough</i>

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.

From all of us here at
Hill School,
we would like to
thank you for supporting

A Holiday Boutique

It was a great success, because of YOU!

Thank You and Happy Holidays!





HILL SCHOOL

Cookie EXCHANGE

Friday, December 15th



2:30 - 3:00 pm

**Bring three dozen of your favorite cookies,
then let's swap!**

Hill School Alumni Room

We will provide a bakery box for your treats

**Please RSVP to Kim Medica @
kmedica@thehillschool.org**



SHARE THE JOY OF THE SEASON
WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you to all who have contributed.
There are still opportunities to give.

CLICK HERE
FOR THE AMAZON WISH LIST

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
EMILY TYLER AT 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!





MUSIC AND THEATRE

DECEMBER 2023 PERFORMANCE DATES

7th Grade: St. George and the Dragon

Friday | December 15th

11:00am & 2:00pm - 7-1

11:30am & 2:30pm - 7-2

All performances will be outside in the
Clark Courtyard.

All are welcome!

Holiday Concert: Grades 4-7

Tuesday | December 19 | 10:30am

Winter break begins - noon dismissal!



Pegasus
Mythology Exam

DO YOU LOVE MYTHOLOGY?

Are you in 4th-8th Grade?

If so.. sign up to take the Pegasus Mythology Exam!

This year's theme is ****HERCULES****

Email or talk with Mrs. Lovelette, **BEFORE
WINTER BREAK**, to sign up for the exam,
clovette@thehillsschool.org.

You may also let your homeroom teacher
know you would like to take the exam.

The exam will be given in a study hall the week of
February 26th.



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@thehillsschool.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.**

Ski Club 2024



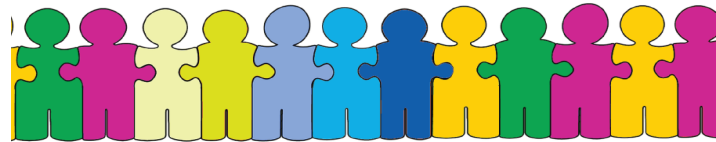
Information and sign up for this year's Ski Club are on pages 8 and 9. A rental form, if needed, may be downloaded from The Hill School website under "Helpful Links."

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



BEER and ART

Venetian Renaissance

Old Ox Brewery Ashburn

(44652 Guilford Drive, Suite 114, Ashburn, VA)

Friday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Art historian John Daum transports you to a time when Venice, Italy, was a world superpower and artists like Bellini, Giorgione and Titian were revolutionizing art.



Ages 21+

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library.loudoun.gov



CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN MIDDLEBURG!

Parents and children are invited to join
Hunt Lyman for an afternoon of caroling.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 @ 4:15PM
8 NORTH MADISON STREET
TREE BEHIND THE MIDDLEBURG MUSEUM





Each student will have the opportunity to visit the book fair twice with their class. Monday and Tuesday will be the main shopping days, with Wednesday's visits set aside for students to read with their mentors. Parents are welcome to stop by the book fair anytime. The book fair is open every day from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 4

8:00 - 8:30 Early Shopping
 9:05 - 9:50 Grade 2
 10:00 - 10:40 Grade 1
 11:00 - 11:30 7-1
 11:30 - 12:00 7-2
 1:00 - 1:30 JK
 2:35 - 3:05 4-2
 3:15 - 3:45 4-1

Tuesday, December 5

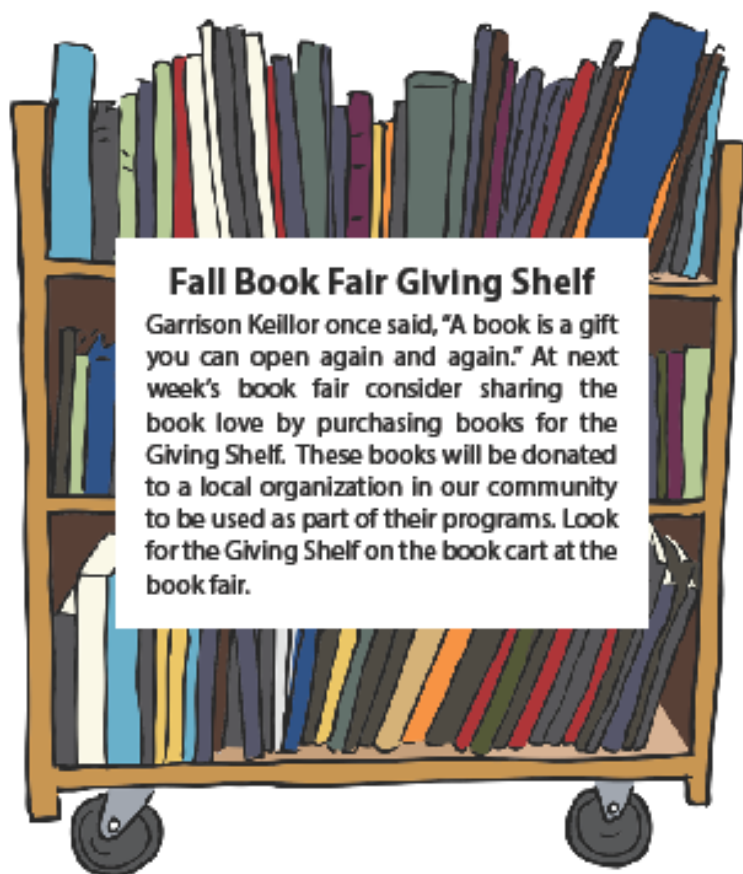
8:00 - 8:30 Early Shopping
 9:00 - 9:30 Kindergarten
 9:45 - 10:15 8-1
 10:15 - 10:45 8-2
 11:00 - 11:30 6 Weeden/Woods Math
 11:30 - 12:00 6 Gibson Math
 12:30 - 1:00 5 Price/Woods Math
 1:00 - 1:30 5 Gibson Math
 1:40 - 2:20 3-2
 2:20 - 3:00 3-1

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 - 8:30 Early Shopping
 9:10 - 9:40 1 & 3 with 7 Mentors
 9:40 - 10:10 2 & 3 with 8 Mentors
 12:30 - 1:00 JK with 6 Mentors
 1:00 - 1:30 K with 6 Mentors

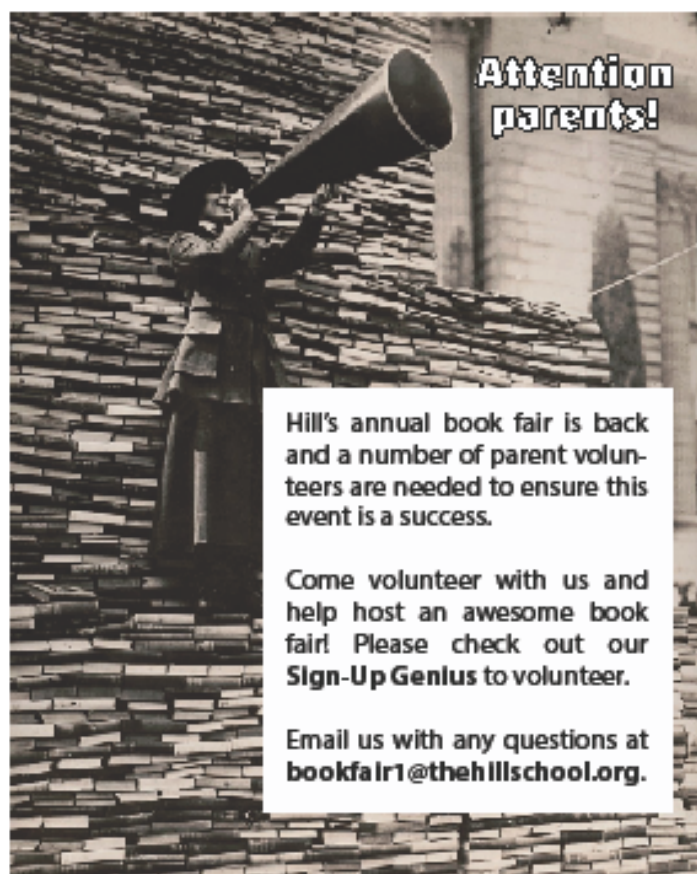
Thursday, December 7

8:00 - Noon Open to All
 Book Fair closes at noon.



Fall Book Fair Giving Shelf

Garrison Keillor once said, "A book is a gift you can open again and again." At next week's book fair consider sharing the book love by purchasing books for the Giving Shelf. These books will be donated to a local organization in our community to be used as part of their programs. Look for the Giving Shelf on the book cart at the book fair.



**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.



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.

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

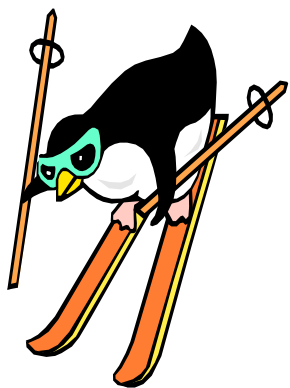


Hill's annual book fair is back and a number of parent volunteers are needed to ensure this event is a success.

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.



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



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).

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:

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

A NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB STANDARD FLOWER
SHOW

PRESENTED BY
THE MIDDLEBURG GARDEN CLUB



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
105 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA

Thursday, November 30th, 2023

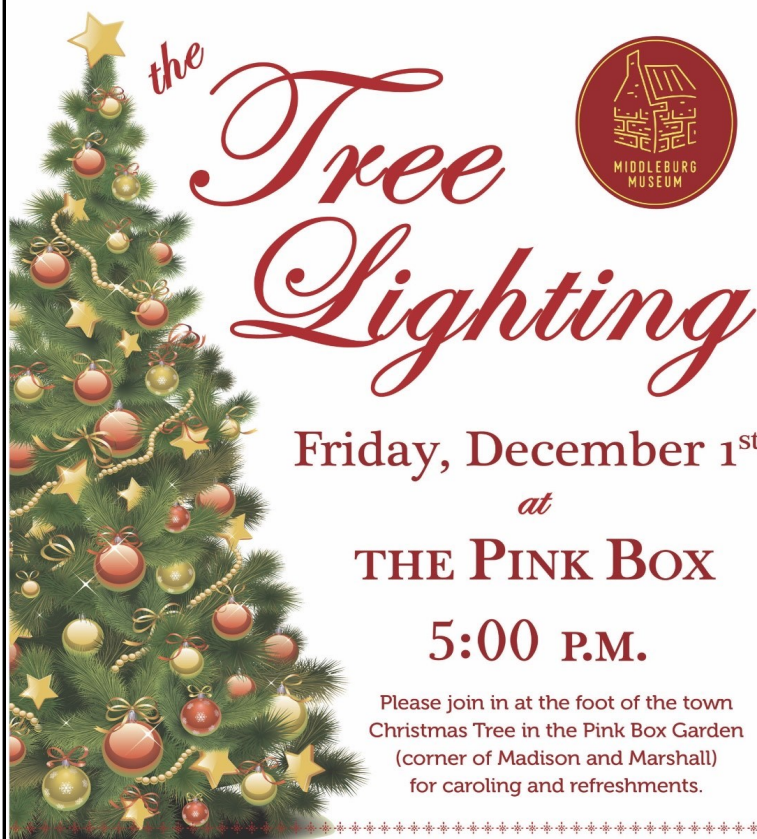
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1st, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Marketplace
Free and Open to the Public

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
South Atlantic Region
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Shenandoah District



the Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1st

at

THE PINK BOX

5:00 P.M.

Please join in at the foot of the town
Christmas Tree in the Pink Box Garden
(corner of Madison and Marshall)
for caroling and refreshments.

A special thanks to Middleburg Business & Professional Association, Four Winds Tree Experts, Middleburg Common Grounds, and The Woolley Fox for help supporting this event.

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,
or call (540) 592-3908 to purchase tickets

All proceeds go to PCCC classroom enrichments



Sponsored by BOX5 Santa



MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD, INC.
THROUGH
MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY & MIDDLEBURG BOOKS

2023 HOLIDAY BOOK Giveaway

DECEMBER 1, 2023 - JANUARY 15, 2024

To encourage holiday reading, the Middleburg Library Advisory Board is giving away new books to children and teenagers in the community while encouraging visits to Middleburg Library. We hope that families will visit the library often and check out many books for free!

To participate, a child must:

- 1) have or register for a Loudoun County Public Library card at Middleburg Library
- 2) Check out at least one book while visiting the library.
- 3) Ages infant to senior in high school
- 4) Register with Middleburg Library staff to receive a \$20.00 gift card for use at Middleburg Books
- 5) Use the gift card at Middleburg Books

Middleburg Library is located at 101 Reed St, Middleburg, VA
Middleburg Books is located at 17 South Madison St, Middleburg, VA





JOIN US!

For a stimulating and
entertaining evening with:

TOM SWEITZER

Co-founder, Creative Director, and Head of
Music Therapy at the renowned
Middleburg nonprofit, A Place to Be

Tom will discuss his new play "20 Seconds"
followed by a talk and audience Q&A about
his writing and acting career.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2023
6:00PM

Buchanan Hall in Upperville
Free and open to the public



Middleburg Library
Advisory Board, Inc.



GUM TREE FARM

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

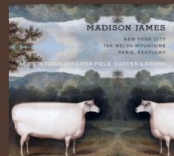
Guest artisans showcased at Gum Tree Farm Designs

December 13th & 14th
10 - 5

103 W Federal St, Middleburg Virginia



Sissy Yates Jewelry



Madison James



Gum Tree Farm



J.Wilder Imports



Brooks Robertson Int.

@GUMTREEFARM --- GUMTREEFARMDESIGNS.COM



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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.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERGREEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
GRADES 9-12

DEC 6	OPEN HOUSE 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.	FEB 9	OPEN HOUSE 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.
DEC 8	SHADOW DAY 8:40 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	FEB 28	OPEN HOUSE 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.
JAN 17	OPEN HOUSE 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	MAR 5	OPEN HOUSE 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.
JAN 22	OPEN HOUSE 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	MAR 20	OPEN HOUSE 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION APPRECIATED. WALK-INS WELCOME FOR AN OPEN HOUSE.
REGISTER ONLINE OR CONTACT ADMISSION@ECSLOUDOUN.ORG.