



The Hill School
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December 5, 2024

THE HILL SCHOOL
FALL BOOK FAIR
DEC 9-12

Click [here](#) for the book fair permission slip.
(DUE BY 12/6)

Click [here](#) to see when your child's
class will visit the book fair.
Join them and shop together!

MARK LEEPSON

THE UNLIKELY WAR HERO
A Vietnam War POW's Story of Courage and Resilience in the Hanoi Hilton
MARC LEEPSON

Book Talk

6 December 2024 | Sheila C. Johnson Performing Arts Center

6 P.M. | FREE EVENT
BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

ATHLETICS @ Hill

Game day schedule changes are communicated by **Coach Zach Roszel** via [ParentSquare](#). View the full Athletic Game Winter Schedule [here](#).

Tuesday, December 10

- JV Boys Basketball vs. Wakefield @ Hill. Game @ 3 p.m. Dismissal @ 4:15 p.m.
- V Boys Basketball vs. Wakefield @ Hill. Game @ 4 p.m. Dismissal at 5:15 p.m.
- V Girls Basketball vs. Wakefield @ Wakefield. Game @ 3 p.m. Dismissal at 4:45 p.m.

SKI CLUB



Registration for Ski Club 2025 is ongoing! [Click here to register](#) or [check out the FAQs](#) for more information. Registration deadline is Thursday, December 12.

2024-2025 PARENT ANNUAL GIVING CHALLENGE

If 90% of parents make a gift or pledge to the Annual Fund by Friday, December 20, we will be rewarded with a \$55,000 challenge from two generous members of The Hill School community!

POWER OF COMMUNITY
THE HILL SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

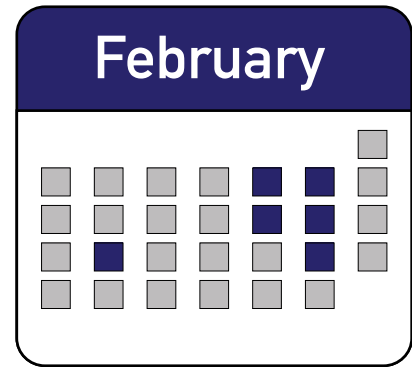
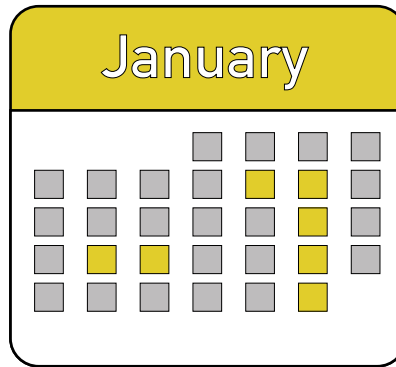
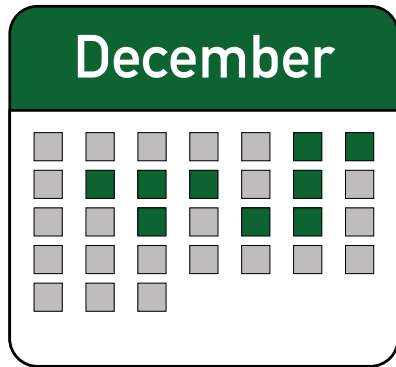


With two weeks left in the challenge, thank you to the 52% of parents who have supported Annual Giving!

[Click Here](#)
to donate.

UPCOMING @ Hill

View the full [2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#) on the Hill School website.



- 6** [Mark Leepson Book Talk](#)
6 p.m., Theater
- 7** Christmas in Middleburg
JK-3 Parade Float
- 9** [Fall Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 10** [Fall Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 11** [Fall Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 13** JK-3 Holiday Share
9 a.m., Theater New Time
- 13** Cookie Exchange
2:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- 13** [Parents' Evening Out](#)
- 17** [Parent Book Club](#)
8:30 a.m., Lunchroom New Date
- 19** St. George and the Dragon
11 a.m., Art Courtyard
- 19** St. George and the Dragon
3:15 p.m., Art Courtyard
- 20** 4-7 Holiday Program
10:30 a.m., Theater
- 20** Holiday Break Begins
Noon Dismissal

- 9** [Parent Book Club](#)
8:30 a.m., Lunchroom
- 10** Ski Friday
11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- 17** Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal
- 20** Professional Development
Day, No School
- 21** [Community Book Read](#)
8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- 24** Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal
- 31** Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal
- 6** Sheila Johnson Book Talk
6:30 p.m., Theater
- 7** Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal
- 13** [Parent Book Club](#)
8:30 a.m., Lunchroom
- 14** Mini Olympics
No School
- 17** Professional Development
Day, No School
- 21** [Bingo-for-Books](#)
5 p.m., Lunchroom

SHARE THE JOY OF THE SEASON WITH OUR COMMUNITY

PLEASE JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL IN SUPPORTING THE HILL SCHOOL GIVING TREE PROGRAM

CLICK HERE FOR THE AMAZON WISH LIST

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

GIFTS WILL BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

THANK YOU!





IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL EMILY TYLER AT ETYLER@THEHILLSCHOOL.ORG

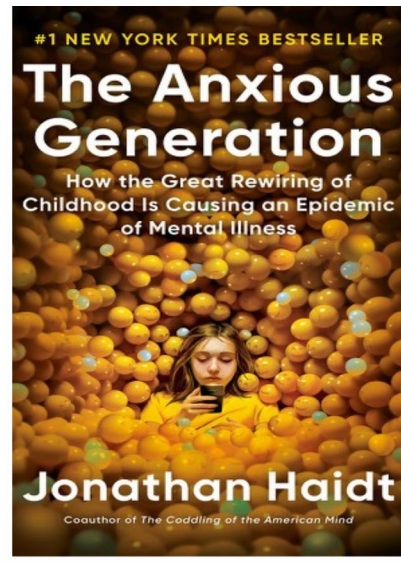
Lost & Found

The number of unclaimed personal items is growing. These items will be donated after the holidays. Please take a moment to peruse the Lost & Found cart in the theater lobby, or walk the entry to the Lower School Building to see if anything belongs to you. Labeling items makes this easier to manage.

After School Programs

 Kyle's Karate. On Wednesdays beginning in January through May. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 5. [Click here for more information.](#)

 The Coder School. On Thursdays. Kindergarten through Grade 8. January 9 through February 27. [Click here for more information.](#)



SAVE THE DATE

**JANUARY 21, 2025
8:30AM & 6PM**

JOIN TREVOR LORD AND KASIA DAUM FOR A DISCUSSION ON THE ANXIOUS GENERATION BY JONATHAN HAIDT. TREVOR AND KASIA WILL SHARE HILL'S PHILOSOPHY ON TECHNOLOGY AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OPEN AND HONEST DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BOOK AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

HILL'S COMMUNITY BOOK READ

SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION SCHOOL LIFE COMMITTEE

Re-Enrollment for 2025-2026

Re-Enrollment for Full Tuition Families

February 3: 2025-2026 contracts will be populated in your Ravenna portal.

February 17: 2025-2026 contracts are due back to ensure spots are held.

Re-Enrollment for Financial Aid Families

November 25: The FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) process is open. [Click here to begin.](#)

February 3: Deadline to apply for financial aid.

February/March: Financial aid contracts will be populated in your Ravenna portal.

Contracts are due two weeks after they are issued.

If you have general questions regarding re-enrollment please contact [Kelly Johnson](#). If you have questions about financial aid or payment plans please contact [Sarah Schroder](#).

 ParentSquare

Did you know? You can view active Sign-Ups on ParentSquare.

- Step 1: Sign into the ParentSquare app.
- Step 2: Click 'More' at the bottom right of your screen.
- Step 3: Click on 'Sign Ups' to check out opportunities to volunteer.

Questions about Sign Ups? Contact [Jill Hottel](#). Questions about logging into ParentSquare? Contact [Sarah Schroder](#).



INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

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

- **The website.** A yellow banner across the top will be posted as soon as a decision is made. *If, however, Hill is to remain open when a large number of surrounding school districts are closed, a green banner will be posted on the website indicating Hill is operating on normal hours.*
- **Phone Call via Parent Reach.** The call goes out at 6:30 a.m. It is voice-activated so please speak upon answering the call. You will only receive a call if there is a school closure or delay. Questions about what phone numbers Hill has on file to contact you should be directed to [Silvia Fleming](#).
- **ParentSquare.** Notification will be sent via ParentSquare after the phone call. Questions about ParentSquare should be directed to [Sarah Schroder](#).

The PTC Needs You!



- [Ice Cream Wednesdays](#). Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Help distribute ice cream to the sugar-crazed hordes. Three parent volunteers needed each week. Sign-up dates through end of December [here on Sign-Up Genius](#). January through May sign-up [live on ParentSquare](#).

THE CLASSIFIEDS

- Available: Mei Skarnes ('22) offers her babysitting services (kids and pets!). Has a driver's license and is CPR Certified. Contact her at 540-341-5720.
- Lovely 2-bedroom/1-bath apartment available on 100+ acre farm. Conveniently located less than 10 minutes from Middleburg, Marshall and The Plains. For rent starting in December. \$1,900 plus utilities. Potential to trade dog-sitting/farm chores for discounted rent. Please contact 540-287-8881 for more information.
- Seeking: Alex Bartz ('04) – single, respectful, working professional who loves nature and tranquil surroundings – seeking a small, dog-friendly house to rent. Ready to move anytime! Can be reached at 540-592-9573.
- Available: Alexandra Snyman (local to Middleburg) is available for pet-/house-/babysitting. Please text 571-375 6432 for more information.
- For sale: Lightly used Stihl 120C battery powered chainsaw with charger and two chains. Perfect saw for small jobs. \$150. Please text Reddy at 540-687-4124.
- [Balloon Designs by Beth](#). This new Middleburg business offers heartfelt experiences for life's celebrations. Visit their location on Federal Street.



Pegasus Mythology Exam

Students in Grades 4 through 8 are invited to sign-up for the annual [Pegasus Mythology Exam](#). This year's exam theme is Ancient Beginnings.

Interested students should email or speak with [Christie Lovelette](#) before the winter break to sign up for the exam.

The exam will be offered during a study hall in late February.



PARENTS EVENING OUT

Friday, December 13
5-7 pm Hill School Theater

Spots still available. Email Kim Medica at kmedica@thehillschool.org to sign up

PIZZA, MOVIE, KARAOKE

must purchase in advance to reserve spot

\$30 per child

includes pizza, movie and fun

Chaperoned by Hannah Spezzano, Sarah Dornin and Kim Medica

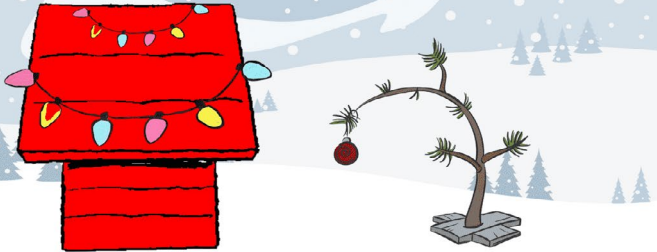


Send Your Kids to Late Gates and we can pick them up from there!

A Place To Be
PRESENTS

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

by Charles M. Schulz
Based on the television special by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson
Stage Adaptation by Eric Schaeffer
By Special Arrangement with Arthur Whitelaw and Ruby Persson



Performance Dates:

December 2024

- Fridays: 6th & 13th at 7:00 PM
- Saturdays: 7th & 14th at 2:00 PM & 4:00 PM
- Sundays: 8th & 15th at 2:00 PM & 4:00 PM



\$10 Adult \$5 Child

Location:

A Place To Be Leesburg
1600 Village Market Blvd SE, Suite 108 Leesburg, VA 20175

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC. www.concordtheatricals.com

HILL SCHOOL
Cookie
EXCHANGE

Friday, December 13th



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

everyone is welcome!

The Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area Association Presents

Christmas in Camp

Holiday Traditions During the Civil War
An Evening of Stories and Song



December 14th, 2024 at 7:00PM

Upperville Baptist Church, Upperville, VA

MUSIC BY BESS PUTNAM

Tickets \$25 | Refreshments Included



To reserve your ticket or for more information
visit piedmontheritage.org/events or call 540-687-6681

PIEDMONT CHILD CARE CENTER PRESENTS

BREAKFAST WITH

Santa

ENJOY A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST AND
PHOTOS WITH SANTA!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

PARISH HALL @ TRINITY CHURCH

2 SEATINGS, 8:30 TO 10:30 AM

\$15 PER ADULT, \$10 PER CHILD

Scan the QR Code or visit
piedmontchildcare.org/events
to purchase tickets

All proceeds go to PCCC classroom
enrichments

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Getting to Know You Getting to Know All About You

Join the Education School Life Committee (ESLC) as they introduce us to the faculty and staff of Hill. Check out the Take Note every other week or so for more profiles of familiar faces on campus. Put names to faces, learn their roles, and some fun facts.

Jessica Gibson

**Math and Sports
Departments**



Years at Hill: 5
Favorite ice cream flavor:
Mint Chip

When I was young I wanted to be a:
Speechwriter.

Fun fact : My first teaching job was as a polka instructor while I was in high school and college.

Alex Kirven

Upper School History Teacher
4th Grade Homeroom
4th & 6th Grade History
7th-8th Sports



Years at Hill: 5
Favorite ice cream flavor:
Mint Chocolate Chip

When I was young I wanted to be a:
Teacher.

Fun fact: I have British parents.

Peyton Tochterman

8th Grade Homeroom
History & Coach



Years at Hill: 5
Favorite ice cream flavor:
Choc Chip Cookie Dough

When I was young I wanted to be a:
Writer, Teacher, Musician (and Michael Jordan).

Fun fact: According to my mother, after seeing 42nd St. on Broadway at 6 years old, I wanted to be a tap dancer. I don't believe this is true but it's the family folklore.

Erin Coulter

Theater Director
6th Grade Homeroom



Years at Hill: 7
Favorite ice cream flavor:
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Dough, Coffee or Strawberry

When I was young I wanted to be: I've known I would be a theater practitioner since I was 8 years old.

Fun fact: I was an exceptional Calculus student in high school