

The Hill School
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August 8, 2025

2025-2026 REGISTRATION FORMS

Parents received registration forms via email in July. Forms must be completed by Friday, August 15. If you have any questions, please email [Sarah Schroder](mailto:sarah.schroder@thehillschool.org) or [Kelly Johnson](mailto:kelly.johnson@thehillschool.org).

For all *newly enrolled* students, parents must provide the completed **Virginia School Entrance Health Form** and **Certification of Immunization**, as well as a copy of the **child's birth certificate** or **current passport**, before the first day of school (Virginia Law §63.1 ~ 196.002).

Grade-Level Playdates

Students and parents from each grade are invited to organized meet-and-greets to reunite with their classmates and meet their teachers. Class playdates will be held on the following dates:

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| JK: Friday, Aug. 22
11:30 a.m., Playground | 4: Thursday, Aug. 28
1 p.m., Lost Barrel |
| K: Friday, Aug. 22
11:30 a.m., Playground | 5: Friday, Sept. 5
12 p.m., Playground |
| 1: Wednesday, Sept. 3
3:30 p.m., Playground | 6: Thursday, Aug. 21
5:30 p.m., Gym |
| 2: Wednesday, Aug. 20
4 p.m., Playground | 7: Sunday, Aug. 17
3 p.m., Recess Field |
| 3: Wednesday, Sept. 3
12 p.m., Playground | 8: Friday, Aug. 22
5 p.m., Lunchroom |

More details will be provided via email from your class room parents.

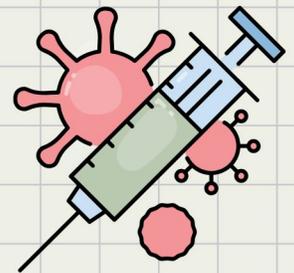
THE PARENT-TEACHER CLUB
INVITES YOU TO

Welcome Back Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 4

Immediately following drop-off
Theater Lobby

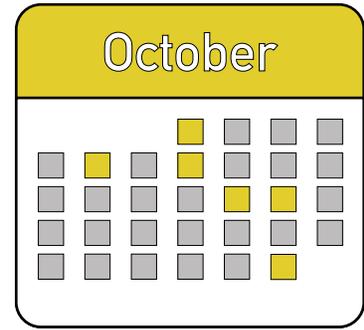
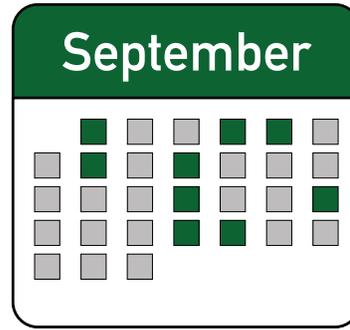
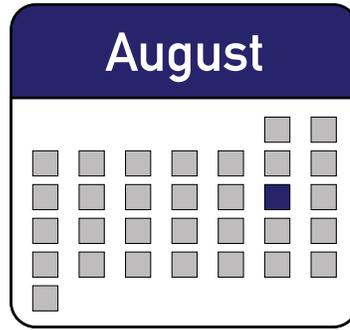
REQUIRED SCHOOL VACCINATIONS



All rising 7th graders must receive their vaccinations before the start of school. Two are required (Tdap and Meningococcal), and one is optional (HPV). Please upload the updated immunization form to the Parent Portal or send/bring it to [Silvia Fleming](mailto:silvia.fleming@thehillschool.org).

UPCOMING @ Hill

The [2025-2026 Academic Calendar](#) is available on the Hill School website.



15 2025-2026 Registration Forms Due

1 Labor Day

4 First Day of School Regular Dismissal

4 PTC Welcome Back Breakfast 8:10 a.m., Theater Lobby

5 Noon Dismissal

8 My Hot Lunchbox Resumes

10 4-8 PTC Parent Dinner 6:30 p.m.

17 JK-3 PTC Parent Dinner 6:30 p.m.

20 Country Fair Noon, Dornin Barn

24 Picture Day

25 PTC Back-to-School Night 7 p.m., Theater

1 Ice Cream Wednesdays Begin!

6 Professional Development Day, No School

8 [Annual Hill School Open Golf Tournament](#), 9 a.m.

16 Parent Conference Day No School

17 Fall Holiday No School

31 Grandparents' Luncheon

31 Halloween at Hill



Lunch ordering opens on Monday, August 25, for dates through December. The lunch lineup is as follows:

- Monday:** Bluewater Kitchen
- Tuesday:** Travinia Italian Kitchen
- Wednesday:** Panera Bread
- Thursday:** Badd Pizza
- Friday:** Chick-fil-A

Lunch service begins Monday, September 8. Orders must be placed by noon the day prior. For an overview of how My Hot Lunchbox works, [click here](#). Click here to learn how to [create an account](#), to [update your account](#), to [transfer an account](#), or to [read their FAQs](#).

Further questions can be directed to [Sarah Schroder](#).



Hill will be utilizing ParentSquare again this year. ParentSquare is an app that we use for communicating closings/delays, sporting event changes, etc. It also has a calendar of events (complete with grade-level calendars!) and a student directory. If you are a new family you will receive an invitation from ParentSquare with a sign-up link. Questions? Contact [Sarah Schroder](#).



Required Summer Reading

For rising 4th through 8th graders

Grade 3 into 4

1. Required: The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg.
2. Three additional books each from a different genre.

[Click here](#) to read a letter from Mrs. Renneker detailing your summer reading requirements.

Grade 4 into 5

A MINIMUM of six 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

1. Required: Weedflower by Cynthia Kadohata.
2. Plus either Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien or The Crossover by Kwame Alexander.
3. Students must select at least three additional books of their own choice and complete the writing assignments.

[Click here](#) to read a letter from Mrs. Hallissey with the required writing assignment.

Grade 6 into 7

Read at least 750 pages in books of your own choice. One book must be non-fiction. Take an AR quiz on each of the books. Print out the results and submit on the first day of school. For books without an AR quiz, write a page-long summary and turn it in on the first day of school.

Grade 7 into 8

1. Required for History: Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt.
2. 750 pages of independent reading. Take an AR quiz on each of the books. Print out the results and submit on the first day of school. For books without an AR quiz, write a page-long summary and turn it in on the first day of school.

School Supplies

JK - Grade 3

- A large, sturdy backpack or book bag that holds everything (folders, books, artwork, water bottle, and lunchbox).
- A lunchbox that can also hold snacks (and napkin and utensils) or a separate snack bag.
- A spill-proof water bottle.
- Daily snacks. JK, K & 3rd eat two snacks daily. Anyone staying after 3 p.m. will need three snacks.
- A change of clothes (JK & K need two sets) packed in a labeled Ziploc bag.
- A pair of designated sports shoes that stay at school.

Please [click here](#) to read Mrs. Renneker's letter.

Grade 4
Grade 5
Grades 6 - 8

Please [click here](#) to read Mr. Daum's letter.

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

Label EVERYTHING

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:

JK - Grade 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

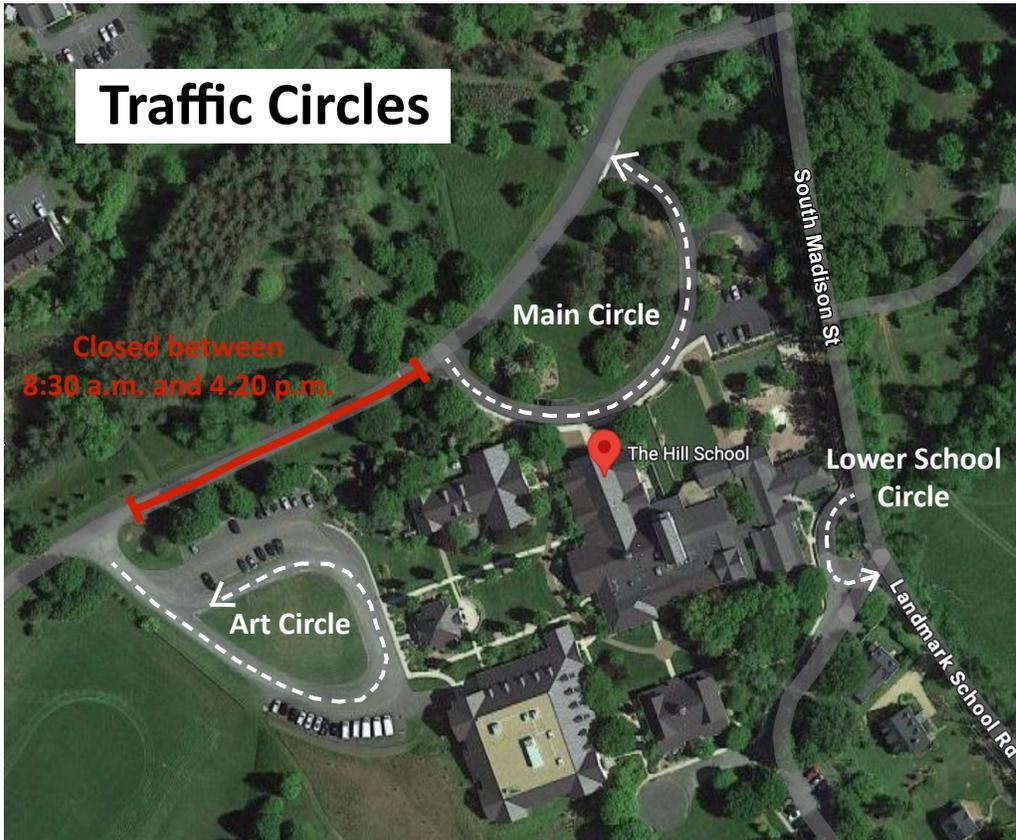
- All clothing should be clean and not ripped, torn, or frayed.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts should be of school-appropriate length (approx. 4" inseam).
- Shirts need not be tucked in, but they must meet waistbands (i.e., no bare midriffs).
- Shoes should be closed-toed and have backs.

A few items of clothing are not permitted:

- Shirts with very narrow shoulder straps (i.e., spaghetti straps).
- Clothing with text, logos, or graphics large enough that they cannot be covered by a hand. Exceptions are made for Hill School branded items.
- Clothing with a camouflage pattern.
- Pants that are traditionally considered pajama bottoms.
- Athletic clothing (i.e., sweatpants, athletic shorts of nylon or mesh material, football jerseys, yoga/athletic leggings with mesh inserts or pockets for running).
- Platform shoes and sandals.
- Hats may not be worn indoors.

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

More detailed information regarding the dress code, including consequences for disregarding it, can be [found here](#).



Morning Arrival

The school officially opens at 7:45 a.m. If you need to drop your child off earlier, please contact [Christie Lovelette](#) to determine if supervision may be arranged.

Before 8:10 a.m.

Please use the Main Entrance; children should go directly to the library where they are supervised.

8:10 – 8:30 a.m.

Students are encouraged to arrive between 8:10 and 8:20 a.m. This allows them time to visit with their friends and get themselves organized before the school day begins at 8:30 a.m. Families may use any of the three traffic circles.

After 8:30 a.m.

Please use the Main Entrance; students should sign-in with the receptionist before going to their classrooms.

Afternoon Dismissal

All students in Junior Kindergarten through Grade 3 are dismissed from the Main Circle (JK - Grade 2 at 3 p.m., Grade 3 at 4 p.m.). Access to the circle is open from South Madison Street only.

Grades 4-8 students will be dismissed at the Art Circle at 4 p.m. UNLESS they are riding in a carpool with a younger child; these Grade 4-8 students should go to the Main Circle for dismissal. The youngest child in the carpool determines the location of pick-up.

The Art Circle is accessible only from The Plains Road before 4:20 p.m.

After 4:15 p.m., all students should be picked up from the Main Entrance traffic circle.

Note: No student may leave the campus before regular dismissal time without signing out at the reception desk. If parents wish to pick their child(ren) up during the school day, they should meet him/her in the front office.

Traffic Circles

Closed between
8:30 a.m. and 4:20 p.m.

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

The school has two primary traffic circles – the Main Circle and the Art Circle. For morning drop-off, the Lower School Circle may also be used. Please follow these guidelines when dropping-off and picking-up your child(ren):

1. The traffic circles are one-way. Please drive slowly and carefully, and please do not use your cell phone during drop-off and pick-up.
2. Please do not leave your car unattended or parked on a traffic circle.
3. Pull up as far as you can. All children should leave or enter the vehicle on the passenger side. No child should ever walk between cars in a traffic circle.
4. 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.
5. Please do not leave your vehicle to assist your child(ren). Faculty/Staff members are stationed around the traffic circles to provide assistance.

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. Thank you.

Lunches/Snack

While students utilize the lunchroom, they 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.



Please also ensure that all containers (i.e., paper bags, lunch boxes, thermos, and water bottles) are clearly marked with your child's name. Students bring all of their own food for the day (lunch and snacks).

Students may purchase lunches through My Hot Lunchbox. See [page 2](#).

Absences

For 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.

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 notify us as soon as possible. Students should stay home if they are sick and should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

ATHLETICS @ Hill

Athletics and physical education are an important part of a Hill School education. The emphasis of the program is on teaching the basic skills and rules for a variety of sports and in encouraging each individual to give their best effort. Sportsmanship, a sense of fair play, development of confidence, empathy, leadership, and full participation by every child are other points of emphasis.

All students 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 allows your child to maximize their skill development.

Please note: if a student is unable to participate in sports, they should provide a note from their doctor or a parent.

Sports Days	JK	Tuesday, Friday
Kindergarten		Monday, Wednesday
Grade 1		Monday, Tuesday, Friday
Grade 2		Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Grade 3		Monday, Thursday, Friday
Grades 4-8		Monday - Thursday

JK - Grade 3 Sports

Classes meet two to three times a week for 30-40 minutes. Students should wear comfortable play clothes on the days when their class has sports.

Grades 4-8 Sports

Classes meet four times a week for 60-75 minutes. Students must have athletic shoes and a sports uniform (Hill School tee and shorts) every sports day. New sports shorts and/or a t-shirt will be available for purchase at the beginning of the year (your account will be billed). In Grade 5-8, a student's preparedness for class counts toward their effort grade (staff records whether students have the proper shoes and uniform each day). We request that uniforms be laundered weekly.

Grade 4-8 students will keep their sports shoes in their gym locker – a pair of well-fitting running shoes in excellent condition, and/or sport-specific shoes (e.g., cleats or basketball shoes). Most leg/foot injuries result from poorly fitted or worn-out shoes. Casual sneakers do not provide sufficient support. Students run a mile almost every day.