



The Hill School
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September 25, 2025



What a time!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Country Fair!



Dream

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Each week students gather together for assembly. Parents are welcome to attend any assembly. Please sign-in at the Front Desk.

10/1 All-School: Mrs. Butu will share a little-known story about how the U.S. came together to help our friends in Europe after WWII.

10/3 Lower School: Ms. Fedorchak will lead the annual fire safety assembly where the children will get to see a fire truck up close!

ICE CREAM WEDNESDAYS

Ice Cream Wednesdays return Wednesday, October 1! \$1 ice cream treats will be offered with lunch. Frozen treat options will vary. Allergen information is available by request – please contact **Jill Hottel**.

Pre-payment is digital with Ravenna! Through Monday, September 29, parents may log into Ravenna and pay \$30 to have Ice Cream Wednesdays covered for the school year.

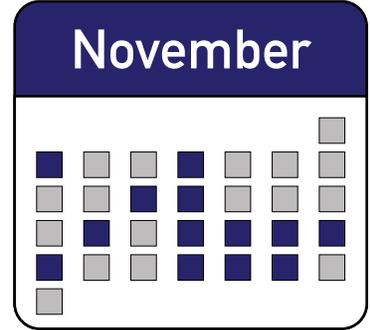
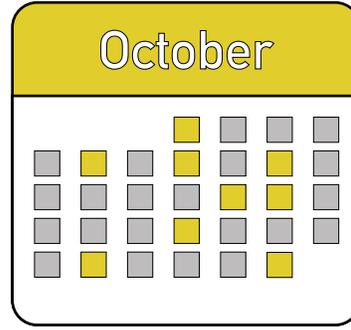
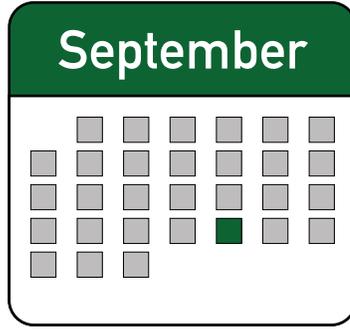
The pre-payment option will cover all 30 Ice Cream Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, October 1, through Wednesday, May 27.

No partial pre-payments will be accepted. Students who do not pre-pay will be able to bring cash on Wednesdays to purchase their ice cream treats.



UPCOMING @ Hill

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



- 25** PTC Back-to-School Night
7 p.m., Theater
- 1** [Ice Cream Wednesdays](#)
Begin!
- 6** Professional Development
Day, No School
- 6** [Day of Service](#) with
Better Together
- 8** [Annual Hill School Open Golf
Tournament](#), 9 a.m.
- 10** Arboretum Day
- 10** [Coffee with a Cop](#)
9 a.m., M'burg Town Hall
- 16** Parent Conference Day
No School
- 17** Fall Holiday
No School
- 22** [Head of School Coffee](#)
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 27** [Ride Your Pony to School Day](#)
7 a.m., Stonehedge Farm
- 31** [Grandparents' Luncheon](#)
12:30 p.m., Theater
- 31** [Halloween at Hill](#)
1:30 p.m., Amphitheater

- 2** Daylight Savings Ends
- 5** Make-up Picture Day
- 11** Professional Development
Day, No School
- 12** 4-8 Cross-Country Race
1:45 p.m.
- 17** [New Parent Coffee](#)
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 17** [Holiday Boutique](#) Opens
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 19** Better Together hosts
Friendsgiving
- 20** [Holiday Cocktail Party](#)
5 p.m., Alumni Room
- 20** 8th Grade Play
7 p.m., Theater
- 21** Holiday Boutique Closes
6 p.m., Alumni Room
- 21** 8th Grade Play
7 p.m., Theater
- 22** 8th Grade Play
7 p.m., Theater
- 23** 8th Grade Play
2 p.m., Theater

- 26** Alumni Pancake Breakfast
10 a.m., Lunchroom
- 26** Thanksgiving Assembly
11 a.m., M'burg Methodist
- 26** Thanksgiving Vacation Begins
Noon Dismissal
- 27** Thanksgiving Day
No School
- 28** Thanksgiving Vacation
No School

DID YOU MISS
THIS WEEK'S

Head of School Coffee



THE SCIENCE
OF READING

with Treavor Lord, Head of School, and
Cate Donohoe, Reading Specialist & LS Academic Support

CHECK OUT CATE'S SLIDE
DECK TO LEARN ABOUT
THE KEY COMPONENTS OF
READING AND HOW HILL
HELPS CHILDREN TO BUILD
STRONG READING SKILLS
IN LOWER SCHOOL.

HAVE QUESTIONS?
EMAIL [CATE DONOHOE](mailto:cate.donohoe@hillschool.org).



Coffee
WITH A COP

Friday, October 10th 9-10:30 AM

A coffee and chat with Chief Jones
Middleburg Police Dept.
10 W. Marshall St.

RSVP to bettertogether@thehillsschool.org



THE HILL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

HILL SCHOOL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 9 AM START
BULL RUN GOLF CLUB

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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 his/her best effort. Sportsmanship, a sense of fair play, development of confidence, empathy, leadership, and full participating by every child are other points of emphasis.

[View the full Fall Athletic Game Schedule here.](#)

Game day schedule changes will be communicated by **Coach Zach Roszel** via [ParentSquare](#).

Tuesday, September 30

- V Boys Soccer vs. Highland @ Highland. Game at 3:15 p.m. Dismissal at 5 p.m.
- JV Boys Soccer vs. Highland @ Highland. Game at 4:15 p.m. Dismissal at 6 p.m.
- V Girls Volleyball vs. Highland @ Hill. Game at 3:15 p.m. Dismissal at 4:30 p.m.
- JV Girls Volleyball vs. Highland @ Hill. Game at 4:15 p.m. Dismissal at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 2

- V Boys Soccer vs. LCDS @ LCDS. Game at 3:30 p.m. Dismissal at 5:15 p.m.
- JV Boys Soccer vs. LCDS @ LCDS. Game at 4:30 p.m. Dismissal at 6:15 p.m.
- V Girls Volleyball vs. LCDS @ Hill. Game at 3:30 p.m. Dismissal at 4:45 p.m.
- JV Girls Volleyball vs. LCDS @ Hill. Game at 4:30 p.m. Dismissal at 5:45 p.m.



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Programs at Hill

Overview

This year, the Take Note *Spotlight* will focus on celebrating the vibrant programming that defines life at Hill. With a wide-angle view, we'll share Hill's philosophy of total education—the belief that a student's experience should be marked by a strong academic core surrounded by meaningful participation in the co-curriculars: art, music, theater, and sports—and how every part of the experience is designed to nurture **community**, **character**, and **confidence**. Over the course of the year, the *Spotlight* will highlight different areas of the curriculum, offering a window into the distinctive programs that shape our community. By shining a light on academics, the arts, athletics, and beyond, we'll show how Hill's integrated approach creates a truly well-rounded education.



Programs at Hill

Education School Life Committee

To kick us off, we wanted to start by introducing ourselves! The Education School Life Committee (ESLC) brings together parents, teachers, staff, and students to strengthen the sense of community at our school. By working closely with the Head of School and other committees, we create opportunities for connection, communication, and enrichment. Whether it's supporting conversations, hosting events, or sharing resources, our goal is to make school life more engaging, supportive, and enriching for all. Interested in joining us? Let us know!

Who we are: *Cristin Wipfler, Christie Lovelette, Jill Hottel, Cara Schreiber, Jade Pulliam, Kelly Johnson, Lauren Hein, and Angela Killinger.*

We are a mix of current parents, parents of alumni, Board members, administration, faculty, alumni, the PTC President, and Better Together.



The Hill School Country Fair
2025 Baking Contest



The PTC Needs You!



There are a number of ways to be involved on campus. Grandparents are welcome to help, too!

- **Fresh Fruit Mondays.** Help the PTC share fresh fruit with Hill's faculty and staff each week. [Sign-up on ParentSquare.](#)
- **Ice Cream Wednesdays.** Starting Wednesday, October 1. Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Sign-up on ParentSquare.](#)
- **Faculty Lounge Restock.** Check out the [sign-up on ParentSquare.](#) Items requested by Wednesday, October 15.
- **Halloweenie Lunch.** Parent volunteers are needed to prep, cook, serve, and clean-up. [Sign-up on ParentSquare.](#)

HILL'S 2025-2026 COMMUNITY BOOK READ

the childhood roots of adult happiness

Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness is a research-informed guide to helping children build lasting joy, connection, and confidence—qualities that support lifelong well-being.

A longtime favorite in our Hill community, this inspiring book by Dr. Edward Hallowell has been chosen in honor of our Centennial Celebration. We look forward to using it as a springboard for meaningful conversations about how we, as parents, can nurture happiness and resilience in our children.

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"A pioneering contribution . . . Once again this extraordinary child psychiatrist has provided revealing new windows through which to observe and constructively shape developing minds."
—MEL LEVINE, M.D.
New York Times bestselling author of *A Mind at a Time*

five steps to help kids create and sustain lifelong joy

EDWARD M. HALLOWELL, M.D.

Bestselling coauthor of *Driven to Distraction*



VOLUNTEER AND CONNECT WITH HILL SCHOOL FAMILIES

A MORNING OF SERVICE TO PROVIDE HEALTHY FOOD FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Monday, October 6th
9 AM - 12 PM
(On a day off from school, all ages)

[CLICK FOR SIGN UP INFO](#)

After School Programs

-  Dance at Hill. On Mondays and Tuesdays. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8. September 8 through October 20. [Click here for more information.](#)
-  HP Soccer Foundations. On Wednesdays for Kindergarten through Grade 3. September 17 through October 29. [Click here for more information.](#)
-  Girls on the Run. On Mondays and Fridays. For girls in Grades 3 and 4. From September 22 through November 24. [Click here for more information](#) or [click here to register.](#)
-  ~~Go Long Flag Football.~~ Cancelled
-  Drama Club. Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades 5 through 8. From October 1 through April. Concludes with a performance in April. [Registration is now open!](#)
-  Art Club. On Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Kindergarten through Grade 4. From October 2 through December 18. [Click here to register.](#)
-  The Coder School. On Thursdays. [Kindergarten through Grade 2](#) at 3 p.m. [Grades 3 through 5](#) at 4 p.m. From October 2 through December 18.
-  Kyle's Karate. On Thursdays. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 5. Fall session from October 2 through December 18. Winter Session from January 8 through March 12. [Click here for more information.](#)
-  Silver Knights Chess Academy. On Mondays. Kindergarten through Grade 8. From October 13 through December 15. [Click here for more information.](#)

SEEKING ACTORS

AGED 8 AND UP

for

a Christmas Carol Project

A New Play by Tara Meddaugh written for Middleburg

AUDITONS

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1ST

SESSION #1: 6-7PM AND SESSION #2: 7-8PM

FIND OUT MORE AT:

WWW.TAGRAGG.COM

Head of School Coffee

THE FINANCES OF HILL:
WHERE DOES THE MONEY
COME FROM AND WHERE
DOES IT GO?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
8:30 AM

ALUMNI ROOM



with Treavor Lord, Head of School,
and the Business and Development Offices

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Middleburg, Virginia

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY 4-9PM
FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD | UNTIL 930PM
TAYLOR SWIFT PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH | 3-6PM
TOUCH - A -TRUCK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH | 9-11AM
FALL FAMILY BREAKFAST
TICKET REQUIRED

VISIT LOSTBARREL.COM FOR DETAILS!

Dornin Lab

On September 19 First Grade participated in a Dornin Lab study of insects together with their Seventh Grade mentors. This Dornin Lab was the first activity First Graders did with their mentors this year. Each mentor/mentee pair played a fun game called *Mind Reader* together and answered questions like "What's your favorite ice cream?" to get to know each other. Then the Seventh Graders helped their mentees play *Eagle Eye*, a hide-and-seek game where they must move and hide as a pair while an "eagle" looks and then turns away. After laughing with and getting to know their mentors, the students began a series of insect-themed activities designed to get First Graders comfortable with being around non-stinging and non-biting insects, learn basic insect body parts, learn where to find and collect insects, and finally create their own imaginative insects using natural materials and salt dough.

This Friday, September 26, two classes will each have their own Dornin Lab. Junior Kindergarten will explore signs of autumn on Hill's campus and collect autumn treasures like acorns and colorful leaves. Fifth Grade will go to the Dornin Science Barn for tree identification-themed activities in the woods. (Although the forecast is for showers this Friday, Dornin Labs will take place outside regardless of the weather, so long as it is safe. Remember: there is no bad weather, only inappropriate attire.)

