

The Hill School
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November 20, 2025

The Class of 2026
PRESENTS
ANYTHING GOES
YOUTH EDITION

November 20-22 at 7 p.m.
November 23 at 2 p.m.
Sheila C. Johnson Performing Arts Center

Oh What Fun
Toast the Season
at the Hill School's Annual
Holiday Cocktail Party
Thursday, November 20th | 5:00 - 8:00 pm
The Hill School Alumni Room
It will be an evening of merrymaking, bidding & holiday cheer that you won't want to miss!

STUDENT COUNCIL'S
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
benefitting
Seven Leaves Services
**DONATIONS DUE TOMORROW
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Dream
SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
Each week students gather together for assembly. Parents are welcome to attend any assembly. Please sign-in at the Front Desk.
11-26
1-8: Students will attend the annual Thanksgiving Service at Middleburg Methodist. Students are asked to dress for the occasion.

2025-2026 PARENT ANNUAL GIVING CHALLENGE

If 90% of parents make a gift or pledge to the Annual Fund by Friday, December 19, we will be rewarded with a \$30,000 challenge from a generous member of The Hill School community!

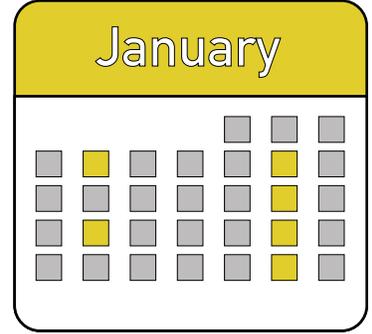
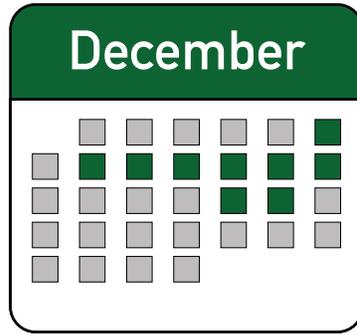
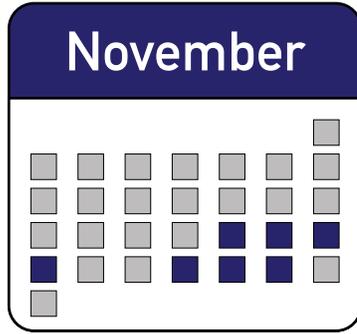


**With 30 days left in the challenge,
thank you to the 51% of parents who
have supported Annual Giving!**



UPCOMING @ Hill

The [2026-2027 Academic Calendar](#) is now available on the Hill School website.



- 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
- 6** [Hill Holiday Open House](#)
12:30 p.m., Theater Lobby
- 6** Christmas in Middleburg
[JK-3 Parade Float](#)

- 8** [Fall Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 9** [Fall Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 10** [Fall Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 10** Ski Club Registration Ends
- 11** [Fall Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 12** JK-3 Holiday Program
9 a.m., Theater
- 12** [Cookie Exchange](#)
2:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- 13** St. George and the Dragon
11 a.m., Town of Middleburg
- 13** St. George and the Dragon
1 p.m., Town of Middleburg
- 18** St. George and the Dragon
11 a.m., Art Courtyard
- 18** St. George and the Dragon
3:15 p.m., Art Courtyard
- 19** 4-7 Holiday Program
10:30 a.m., Theater
- 19** Winter Holiday Begins
Noon Dismissal

- 5** School Resumes
- 9** First Ski Friday
11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- 16** Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal
- 19** Professional Development
Day, No School
- 23** Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal
- 30** Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal

SKI CLUB

Registration for Ski Club 2026 is now open! [Click here to register](#) or [check out the FAQs](#) for more information.

Save Your Teeth and Help Hill

Donate any unused Halloween candy to Hill to be used for our float in the Christmas in Middleburg parade. Candy may be dropped off in the Front Office.

Re-Enrollment for 2026-2027

Re-Enrollment for Full Tuition Families

January 23: 2026-2027 contracts will be populated in your Ravenna portal.

February 6: 2026-2027 contracts are due back to ensure spots are held.

Re-Enrollment for Financial Aid Families

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

January 23: Deadline to apply for financial aid.

January/February: 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](#).



Programs at Hill

Theater

The Hill School Theater Program nurtures creativity, confidence, and empathy in every student, helping them better understand themselves and others. Beginning in third grade, students develop their "actor's toolbox," learning to use their bodies, voices, and imaginations expressively. In grades 4-8, they advance through the rehearsal, production, and performance process—building teamwork and artistic collaboration. Each grade takes on new challenges: fifth graders perform in the round, sixth graders create original works, seventh graders explore classical texts, and eighth graders produce a full musical. Students also study stage design and production, gaining appreciation for the behind-the-scenes artistry that brings stories to life. Through these experiences, Hill students grow not only as performers but as creative, empathetic, and resilient individuals ready to engage with the world.



Fall Book Fair is Coming!

December 8-11

8am-4:30pm M-W Daily

8am-11am Thurs.

Open Saturday, Dec. 6 during the
Holiday Open House! 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Let it SNOW...Books!!

Sign-Up
to
Volunteer



Fill out
permission
slips

Questions? Email
bookfair@thehillsschool.org

If a child **DOES NOT** have a permission slip on file, they will be allowed to charge **ONE** book up to \$20 on their account.

Questions about
Ravenna
email [Sarah Schroder](#)

After School Programs



Kyle's Karate. On Thursdays. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 5. Winter Session from January 8 through March 12.

[Click here for more information.](#)



NEW! Lacrosse. On Wednesdays. Kindergarten through Grade 3. From December 3 through February 25.

[Click here to register.](#)



Register
Now



LACROSSE CLUB

JOIN COACH ADAMS FOR HILL'S AFTER SCHOOL LACROSSE PROGRAM. KIDS WILL BE GROUPED BY AGE AND SKILL LEVEL, ENSURING EVERYONE GETS THE MOST OUT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE WHILE LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GAME. COME READY TO PLAY AND IMPROVE! PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN ESSENTIAL SKILLS LIKE THROWING, CATCHING, CRADLING, AND RUNNING WITH THE BALL. THEY WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED TO OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE SETS AND PLAY SCENARIOS.



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

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

GIFTS WILL BE PICKED UP ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
THANK YOU!

The PTC Needs You!



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

- **Christmas in Middleburg.** Parent Volunteers are needed to chaperone the float riders and help stuff goodie bags the day prior. [Sign-up on ParentSquare.](#)
- **Faculty Lounge Restock.** Check out the [sign-up on ParentSquare.](#) Items requested by Monday, December 8.
- **Fresh Fruit Mondays.** Help the PTC share fresh fruit with Hill's faculty and staff each week. [Sign-up for Spring on ParentSquare.](#)
- **Ice Cream Wednesdays.** Through Wednesday, May 27. Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Sign-up for Spring on ParentSquare.](#)

INFORMATION SESSION

When: Monday, December 8th 4-5

Where: The Hill School Alumni Room

Join co-director Mike Wipfler (father of Liam '26 and Olivia '31) to learn more about Kingswood, an all boys sleepaway camp in New Hampshire
RSVP: mike@kingswoodcamp.com



KINGSWOOD CAMP FOR BOYS
www.kingswoodcamp.com



THE CLASSIFIEDS

- Charming 2-bedroom cottage on a private working horse farm in Upperville. Pastoral views, spacious deck, and open floor plan. Includes EV car port charger and Starlink high-speed internet. \$3,000/mo. plus utilities. Text 703-622-5003 for more information.
- Log cabin available to rent on Crednal. For information please contact Anna Dees by phone or text at 703-625-0463.

Armchair Travel

Eastern Europe



Rust Library

Thursday, Nov. 20
6:30 p.m.

Art historian John Daum invites you on a thrilling adventure through Eastern Europe, highlighting the magic of three of the region's gems: Krakow, Budapest, and Prague.



Grade 9-
Adults



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please Join Us

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th 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: c/o Duane & Cyndi Ellis, PO Box 2244, Middleburg, VA 20118

Rue de Noël Emmanuel

The 78th Christmas Shop
December 5th – 7th



Fabulous vendors - Something for everyone.

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(Sunday open until 3:00pm)

Emmanuel Church
105 East Washington Street
Middleburg, VA



VOLLEYBALL ELITE TRAINING PRESENTS

ELEVATE THE GAME: VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

@ Marshall Community Center

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 10-14 YEARS OLD
(PLAYERS WILL BE SEPARATED BY AGE/SKILL LEVEL WITHIN THE CLINIC)

December 7, 2025 2:00-4:00 pm

FREE



Dornin Lab

On November 14 the Seventh Grade participated in a Dornin Lab focusing on shelter building with forest materials. Students began their afternoon with a walk from their homeroom to Dornin Woods. On the way, they took the opportunity to jump into enormous leaf piles from mulch mountains. After setting up in the woods, they engaged in two immersive sensory-based group activities: *Samurai Sword* and *Awesome Samurai*. In *Samurai Sword*, one blindfolded "samurai" stands inside a circle while "ninjas" attempt to sneak in across the dry, crunchy leaves, tag them, and escape without being struck by the foam sword. The game emphasizes silence, patience, and spatial awareness, with clear win conditions for both sides. *Awesome Samurai* builds on these skills by placing two blindfolded samurai in the circle at the same time. Moving slowly and relying on hearing, each samurai attempts to tag the other with their foam sword.

The Seventh Grade then transitioned to *Drum Stalking* in the forest, a quiet nature-awareness practice. Each student began at their own tree, exploring the area for hazards before donning a blindfold. After circling their tree three times, they listened for intermittent drumbeats and used sound and other senses to navigate toward the drummer. This slow, reflective experience encourages students to develop listening skills, spatial awareness, and patience rather than rushing to the finish.

To close the day, students built shelters, a survival-themed teamwork challenge. After hearing a scenario involving being stranded overnight in cold, wet conditions, teams designed an emergency shelter capable of keeping one person dry. Using natural materials and cooperation, they tried to construct small debris shelters with a backbone, ribs, and insulating layers. Teachers supported groups to help them problem-solve and collaborate as needed. A brief "museum show" allowed everyone to tour one another's shelters before beginning the walk back to homeroom at the end of the day.

