



The Hill School
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May 7, 2026

In just one week we've hit our goal of 101 acts of kindness! We'll keep counting until Wednesday, May 20. How many can we get?

Celebrate Kindness

WAYS WE'VE BEEN KIND

SAT WITH ME WHEN I HAD NOBODY TO SIT WITH ME

CLEANED THE FLOOR UNDER EVERY TABLE

RUSHED BACK TO HOLD THE DOOR FOR ME

HELPED ME BACK UP WHEN I FELL

OFFERED TO HELP CLEAN UP SOMETHING HE DID NOT USE

Please join us!

Homecoming Tailgate Through The Decades
Friday, May 8
6 to 8 p.m.
The Hill School

We invite current Hill families to join this celebratory gathering, bringing together alumni, parents of alumni, and long-time friends of the Hill community. Together, we celebrate 100 years – honoring our past and looking ahead to the next century at Hill.

Head of School Coffee

TRANSITIONS AT HILL:
LEARN ABOUT HOW HILL
NAVIGATES THE TRANSITION
FROM LOWER TO UPPER SCHOOL.



TUESDAY, MAY 12
8:30 AM

ALUMNI ROOM

with Treavor Lord, Head of School



SPANISH ASSEMBLY

THEY CAN SING...

THEY CAN COUNT...

THEY CAN INTRODUCE THEMSELVES...

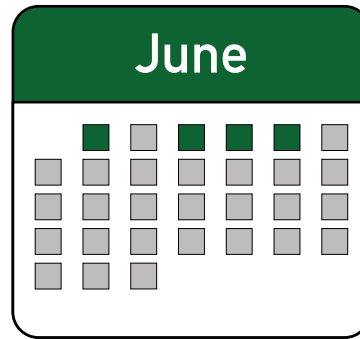
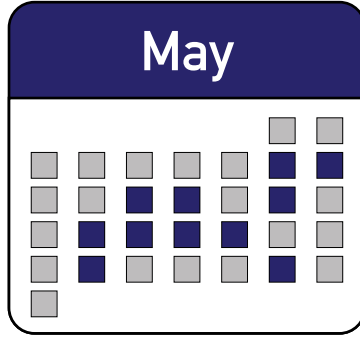
ALL IN SPANISH!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
9 A.M.
AMPHITHEATER
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

*FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS FROM GRADES 7&8.

UPCOMING @ Hill

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



8 [Grandparents & Special Friends Day](#), Noon Dismissal

8 [Homecoming Tailgate](#)
6 p.m., Recess Field

9 [Centennial Gala & Auction](#)
6:30 p.m., Gym

12 [Head of School Coffee](#)
8.30 a.m., Alumni Room

13 [K-3 Spanish Assembly](#)
9 a.m., Amphitheater

15 6G Play
7 p.m., Theater

18 [Student Council Bake-Off](#)
Cake Submissions Due

18 [Spring Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby

19 Student Council Cake Sale
Noon, Lunchroom

19 [Spring Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby

20 [Spring Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby

21 [Spring Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby

25 Memorial Day
No School

29 [Coffeeshouse Concert](#)
1:30 p.m., Theater

1 Green & White Day

3 5-8 Honor Roll & 8 Awards Assembly, 10:30 a.m.

4 Last Day for JK-3 Regular Dismissal

5 8G Reflections Assembly
8:45 a.m., Theater

5 Last Day for 4-8 Noon Dismissal

5 Commencement
5 p.m., Gym

BUCHANAN HALL MARKET

8549 JOHN S MOSBY HWY, UPPERVILLE, VA
★ EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 4:30 TO 7:30 PM ★

PRESENTED BY BUCHANAN HALL & JANET EMMA GARBE

★★★ 2026 MUSIC SCHEDULE ★★★

MAY 20 - 2026 KICK OFF W/ SEÁN HEELY BAND!
MAY 27 - JOSÉ Y RICARDO
JUNE 3 - THE WAYCHANGERS
JUNE 10 - KING STREET SYNCOPATORS
JUNE 17 - THOSE THREE GUYS
JUNE 24 - THE DERAILLEURS
JULY 8 - VALERIA STEWART TRIO
JULY 15 - FIDDLIN' DAVE & MORGAN
JULY 22 - GARY SMALLWOOD & MIKE AULT
JULY 29 - THE CROOKED ANGELS & FRIENDS





DELICIOUS FOOD BY LOCAL VENDORS · CIDER AND WINE · LIVE MUSIC
Music provided by Janet Emma Garbe Rootsmusik@aol.com

The PTC Needs You!



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

- **2026-2027 Room Parents.** Three parent volunteers are needed per grade to serve as room parents. Email [Jill Hottel](#) to learn more.
- **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. **Volunteers needed for May 13.** [Sign-up for Spring on ParentSquare.](#)

If you are interested in your child riding the bus for the 2026-2027 school year, please contact Kelly Johnson.

2026-2027 BUS SERVICE



Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Friday, May 8, 2026

9:00 - 9:45 Optional Campus Walking Tour

9:45 Coffee and Refreshments

10:00 Welcome by Treavor Lord - Head of School

10:15-11:45 Classroom Activities & JK- 5 Spring Concert

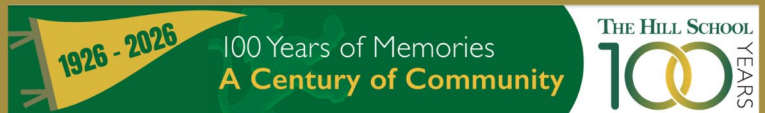
11:45 Maypole

12:00 Dismissal

Campus Walking Tour Departure & Registration, Coffee, and Refreshments
The Peard Music and Lunchroom Building

The Hill School
130 South Madison Street
Middleburg, Virginia

rsvp@thehillschool.org



THE HILL SCHOOL CENTENNIAL GALA & AUCTION

Saturday, May 9



Purchase your raffle tickets [here!](#)

THE AUCTION CATALOG WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, MAY 4.

Bidding starts at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 8!

Bidding ends at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 10.

***THIS IS THE NIGHT.
THIS IS THE YEAR.
THIS IS HILL.***



STUDENT COUNCIL CAKE BAKE-OFF

(and bake sale)

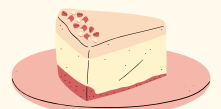
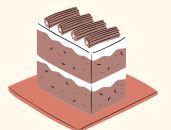


Bake a cake and submit it for judging on Monday, May 18. All cakes will be sold by the slice at lunch on Tuesday, May 19, for \$2/slice. Proceeds will benefit the Holistic Haitian Alliance.



How to enter:

1. Enter Solo or as a Team (of up to 4).
2. Submit your recipe and the name of your cake with your entry.
3. Cakes will be judged on Creativity, Taste, and Appearance.
4. One cake will be awarded Best in Show.



Deliver cakes to the lunchroom kitchen for judging.

Winners will receive an Upper Crust gift certificate.

Click here to enter.



Programs at Hill

Language Arts Grades JK - 3

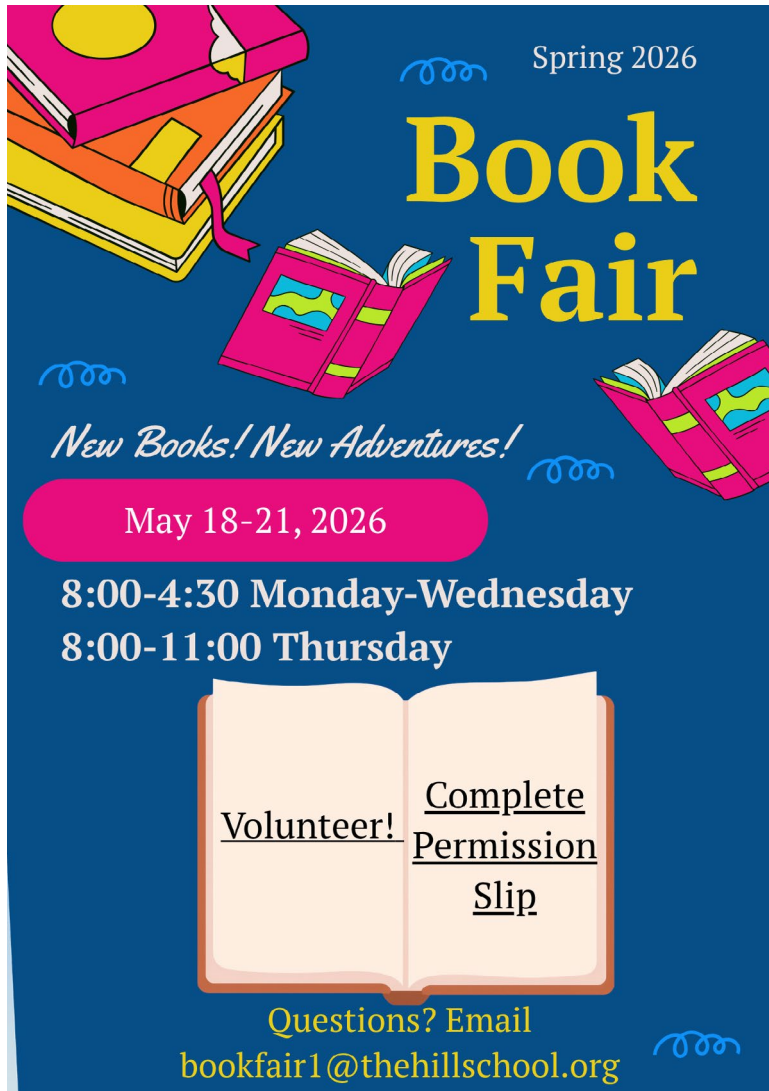
In the Lower School, language arts instruction is both cohesive and thoughtfully developed across grade levels. Students build a strong foundation in phonological awareness, phonics, and fluency through the IMSE (Institute for Multi-Sensory Education) curriculum. Skills and concepts are intentionally sequenced to build from year to year. Comprehension and vocabulary are further strengthened as students develop reading and writing skills through rich literacy experiences that foster confidence, critical thinking, and self expression.



Programs at Hill

English Grades 4 - 8

The Upper School English Program emphasizes thoughtful reading, clear writing, and purposeful communication. In the middle grades, students build core skills in comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and literary analysis through a workshop-based approach while learning to understand themselves as readers and writers. In grades 6-8, students continue to grow through literary discussion and structured writing, with regular peer review and teacher feedback. They read a mix of classic and modern texts to analyze in class, while also continuing to read independently. Sixth grade features a special emphasis on world literature, especially student perspectives from around the world, seventh grade focuses on different modes of narrative, and eighth grade explores the hero's journey in different genres with a special emphasis on American literature. Writing instruction spans multiple genres and emphasizes revision, clarity, and voice. The upper grades focus on preparing students for high school by developing strong analytical writing, research, and argumentation skills.



Spring 2026

Book Fair

New Books! New Adventures!

May 18-21, 2026

8:00-4:30 Monday-Wednesday
8:00-11:00 Thursday

Volunteer! Complete
Permission
Slip

Questions? Email
bookfair1@thehillsschool.org



GRADES 6, 7 & 8 PRESENT

COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT

CATCH A WAVE

Friday, May 29, at 1:30 p.m.

SHEILA C. JOHNSON
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



THE CLASSIFIEDS

- For Sale. 100+ ornamental Japanese maple trees for sale. Many different varieties and sizes. Keep them in decorative pots or plant them, all are weatherized to our local climate. Contact Alex Ekels at 540-664-7480.



Informational Meeting

Host a young cultural ambassador from Guatemala for 8 weeks as an opportunity to enrich your home with global connections and friendships.



Date: May 11th



Time: 9 a.m. (EDT)

Location: Alumni Room



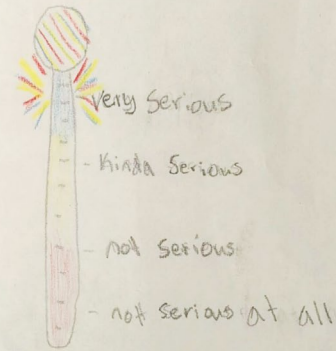
Join us at this meeting with **Isabella Cardona**, Faces Coordinator to learn more.

Isabella.cardona@facesandcultures.com



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Sixth Grade Presents



something
very serious

Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

Sheila C. Johnson Performing Arts Center

SUMMER
CAMPS
@ HILL

NOW
LIVE
(click here)

friends

YEARBOOKS

On Sale Now!

GOOD
TIMES

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is just around the corner. Yearbooks are available on a first-come basis and are \$40 each. Please follow the steps below to place your order:

1. Log into your Ravenna portal.
2. Go to the Parents tab and click on Forms.
3. Each family has one yearbook order form assigned to them in your eldest child's name.
4. Once you claim your form, you may order up to four yearbooks.
5. If you order only one yearbook for your family, it will be delivered to your eldest child.
6. Yearbooks will be distributed after Memorial Day.



AUTOGRAPHS

#yearbook

Dornin Lab

On May 1 the Seventh Grade visited Goose Creek at the property of Jim Herbert, just upstream from St. Louis Road. During the hike down to the creek, students learned about the geologic history of the Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Mountains and how that history relates to the landscape they walked through. Then they played *Samurai Sword*, a blindfold activity that fosters stealth, awareness, and controlled movement. In *Samurai Sword*, a blindfolded "Samurai" must attempt to eliminate "Ninjas" using a foam pool noodle (the sword) before the ninjas can collectively tag the samurai a specific number of times. The blindfolded samurai listens for movement, and if they sense a ninja nearby, they swing the pool noodle. If a ninja is hit, they are "out." For the main activity, the students undertook a raft-building challenge: students partnered together to forage for natural materials and used lashing techniques with paracord to design and build rafts. Through this hands-on activity, students learned how structural stability affects a craft's integrity. The activity culminated in an experimental phase where students raced their rafts downstream in unweighted and weighted races, where rocks served as the weights.



**FUTURE LEADERS
CIVIC CAMP**

**WEEK OF
JUNE 22**

MUSIC MAKERS CAMP

**WEEK OF
JULY 6**

**CRAFT
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**WEEK OF
JUNE 13**

**NOW LIVE!
SUMMER
CAMPS
@ HILL**

[CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

**FIVE DAYS OF
HOLIDAYS!**

**WEEK OF
JULY 20**

CAMP SUNSHINE

**WEEK OF
JULY 27**

**WEEK OF
AUGUST 3**

**STORYBOOK
WONDERLAND**

WESTERN LOUDOUN LACROSSE

SUMMER SKILLS ACADEMY

TRAIN. COMPETE. ELEVATE.

FEATURING PRO TRAINERS FROM  ELITE TRAINING. REAL RESULTS. OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS.

DATES	LOCATION	FOCUS	WHO
Tuesday evenings in June and July	Loudoun Valley HS Purcellville, VA	Stick Skills Lacrosse IQ Shooting Dodging Defense & More	Boys & Girls Grades K - 8 All Skill Levels Welcome!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO
<http://wllax.com>

MEET OUR LEAD TRAINER
TONY GRAY
FOUNDER OF PIRANHA LAX

Tony Gray is a former professional lacrosse player, elite skills coach, and the Founder of Piranha Lax. Known for his high-energy approach and innovative training methods, Tony has trained thousands of players across all levels—from youth to the pros. His mission is to develop complete players through purposeful training, mentorship, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.

- 30+ years of lacrosse coaching experience
- Former NCAA college coach
- GM & coach in the North American Box Lacrosse League (NABLL)
- Regional Director for NABLL Mid-Atlantic
- Player development experience across the U.S., Canada, and internationally
- Akwasne Hall of Fame (Player)
- NAIAHF 2026 Hall of Fame (Player & Coach)

BUILDING PLAYERS. BUILDING CONFIDENCE. BUILDING CHAMPIONS.
#WRISE

SUMMER DANCE CAMPS!

3 AMAZING CAMPS THIS SUMMER!

ALL CAMPS ARE JK-5TH GRADE!

CAMP 1
Disney **DESCENDANTS**
DANCE CAMP



DATE: 7/13-7/17
TIME: 9A-3P
COST: \$400

CAMP 2
Disney **ZOMBIES**
DANCE CAMP



DATE: 8/17-8/21
TIME: 9A-3P
COST: \$400

CAMP 3
K-POP
DEMON-HUNTERS
DANCE CAMP



DATE: 8/24-8/28
TIME: 9A-3P
COST: \$400

LOCATION: THE HILL SCHOOL

HILL AND NON HILL STUDENTS WELCOME!

JOIN YOUR MPD OFFICERS AND NEIGHBORS FOR THE

MIDDLEBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT STROLL WITH THE PATROL



JOIN US ON MAY 27TH AT 5:30 PM
STARTING AT TOWN HALL
LOCATED AT 10 W MARSHALL ST
WEATHER PERMITTING




METRO HOCKEY ACADEMY

Loudoun Field Hockey League

FALL LEAGUE U12 & UNDER

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

DATES	ESTIMATED TIMETABLE	LOCATION
Sept 13, 20, 27 Oct 4, 18, 25	12:00 - 3:00 PM (TV practice & 2 games incl.)	Foxcroft School Middleburg, VA

FEES		EQUIPMENT
INDIVIDUAL \$450	TEAM (10-12 PLAYERS) \$4,200	Optional equipment packages available for purchase.

✓ FEE INCLUDES REVERSIBLE JERSEY

COACHING
Professional coaching provided by Metro Hockey Club staff.

JOIN US THIS FALL FOR COMPETITIVE PLAY, SKILL DEVELOPMENT, & FUN!

Questions? Email metrohc.coachjesski@gmail.com

VISIT METROHOCKEYACADEMY.LEAGUEAPPS.COM TO REGISTER



Community Music School of the Piedmont

ADULT Chamber Music Workshop

June 19–21, 2026 | 10:00AM – 3:00PM
Trinity Episcopal Church
9108 John S. Mosby Hwy, Upperville, VA

Open to adult string and woodwind players – all levels welcome

- Designed for adult musicians who want to reconnect with their instrument or deepen their ensemble experience.
- Collaborate with other musicians in a welcoming, supportive setting.
- Participants will be placed in small ensembles and coached by CMSP faculty
- Culminating in an informal performance to celebrate the weekend's work!

Placement Video Requirement
Choose a short piece that best represents your current playing level, so we can place you with a well-matched group.

Tuition: \$325 (some tuition assistance available)

Rediscover the joy. Reconnect through music.

APPLY!
piedmontmusic.org

CONTACT US
piedmontmusic@aol.com
540-592-3040




Community Music School of the Piedmont

JUNE 22-26
1-5PM

Chamber Music & Orchestra Camp

For Intermediate & Advanced Strings

- ✓ Chamber music coaching sessions
- ✓ Chamber Orchestra
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Final Concert on Friday, June 26th

Tuition: \$425
*some tuition assistance is available

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
9108 John S Mosby Hwy, Upperville, VA 20184

REGISTER 

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COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL OF THE PIEDMONT

DIY & PLAY UKULELE SUMMER CAMP

JULY 6-10
10 AM - 1 PM

ACTIVITIES:

- DESIGN & PAINT YOUR OWN UKULELE
- LEARN BASIC CHORDS
- GROUP PERFORMANCE

NO PRIOR MUSICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

AGES 7-12

TUITION: \$300
INCLUDES UKULELE

*Some tuition assistance is available

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Community Music School of the Piedmont

SUMMER VOICE WORKSHOP

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL & ADULT SINGERS

Experience: All Levels Welcome!
Ages: High School through Adult

- ✓ Group Classes on vocal warmups, exercises, and technique
- ✓ Individual Song preparation
- ✓ Final Performance on July 17th!

JULY 13-17
10AM-1PM

Led by CMSP Faculty
Patricia Wulf

Tuition: \$350*
*some tuition assistance is available

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