



The Hill School
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www.thehillschool.org

August 13, 2026

Due
Tomorrow!

2026-2027 REGISTRATION FORMS

Registration forms must be completed by Friday, August 14. If you have any questions, please email [Jill Hottel](mailto:jill.hottel@thehillschool.org).

All rising 7th and 8th graders must provide a completed **Sports Physical** before the first day of school.

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).

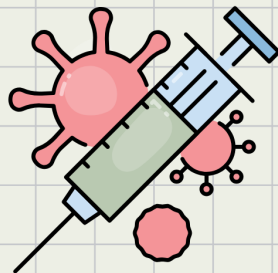
Grade-Level Playdates

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. 21
11:30 a.m., Playground | 4: Tuesday, Sept. 8
3:30 p.m., Playground |
| K: Friday, Aug. 21
11:30 a.m., Playground | 5: Wednesday, Aug. 26
4 p.m., Playground |
| 1: Tuesday, Sept. 8
3:30 p.m., Playground | 6: Thursday, Aug. 20
5 p.m., Recess Field |
| 2: Monday, Aug. 17
3 p.m., Playground | 7: Sunday, Aug. 31
5 p.m., Playground |
| 3: Wednesday, Aug. 19
4 p.m., Playground | 8: Friday, Aug. 28
4 p.m., Playground |

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

REQUIRED SCHOOL VACCINATIONS



All rising 7th graders must receive their vaccinations before the start of school on Thursday, September 10. Two are required (Tdap and Meningococcal), and one is optional (HPV). Please send the updated immunization record to [Jill Hottel](mailto:jill.hottel@thehillschool.org).



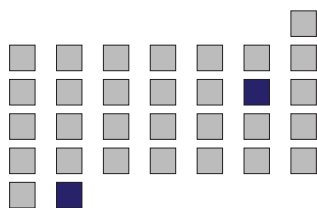
The Hill School will roll out our new lunch program this fall, and we anticipate the start date to be Monday, September 14. However, this is contingent on external factors, and the actual start date may change. We will provide an update via email when more information becomes available.

In the meantime, all students will need to plan to pack a lunch.

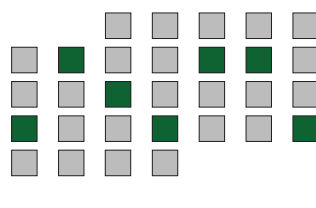
UPCOMING @ Hill

View the [2026-2027 Academic Calendar](#) on the Hill School website.

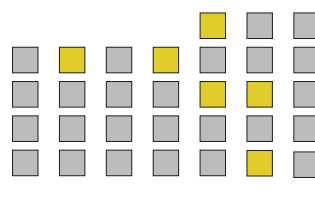
August



September



October



14

2026-2027 Registration Forms Due

31

Registration Documents Due

7

Labor Day

10

First Day of School
Regular Dismissal

10

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

11

Noon Dismissal

15

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

20

[Mike Howland Book Talk](#)
5 p.m., Theater

23

4-8 PTC Parent Dinner
6 p.m.

23

School Picture Day

26

Country Fair
Noon, Dornin Barn

1

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

5

Professional Development Day, No School

7

[Alumni Golf Tournament](#)
9 a.m., Bull Run Golf Club

15

Parent Conference Day
No School

16

Fall Holiday
No School

30

Grandparents' Luncheon
12:30 p.m., Theater

30

Halloween at Hill
1:30 p.m., Amphitheater

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Introduction to Upper School Summer Program (IUSSP)
with Kim Renneker and Joan McNaughton

- Rising 4th Grade: Monday, August 31, through Thursday, September 3, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.*
*Optional 'Stay and Play' from 1 to 3 p.m.

Academic Support Summer Program (ASSP)
with either Joan McNaughton (5/6) or Sally Tener (7/8)

Monday, August 24, through Friday, August 28

- Rising 5th Grade: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Rising 6th Grade: 1 to 4 p.m.
- Rising 7th Grade: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Rising 8th Grade: 1 to 4 p.m.

Contact [Joan McNaughton](#) or [Sally Tener](#) for more information.




THE PARENT-TEACHER CLUB
INVITES YOU TO

**Welcome Back
Breakfast**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Immediately following drop-off
In the Theater Lobby

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: Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis.
2. Everyone must read 500 pages of chapter books in addition to the required novel. At least one non-fiction and one fiction novel are required.
3. After each novel, students must take the corresponding AR quiz. If there is no AR quiz, students must write a one paragraph summary and submit on the first day of school. Students may keep notes on their free choice books [here](#) (not required).

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: The Sword in the Stone by T.H. White.
2. Everyone must read 600 pages of chapter books in addition to the required novel. At least one non-fiction and one fiction novel are required.
3. After each novel, students must take the corresponding AR quiz. If there is no AR quiz, students must write a one paragraph summary and submit on the first day of school.



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.

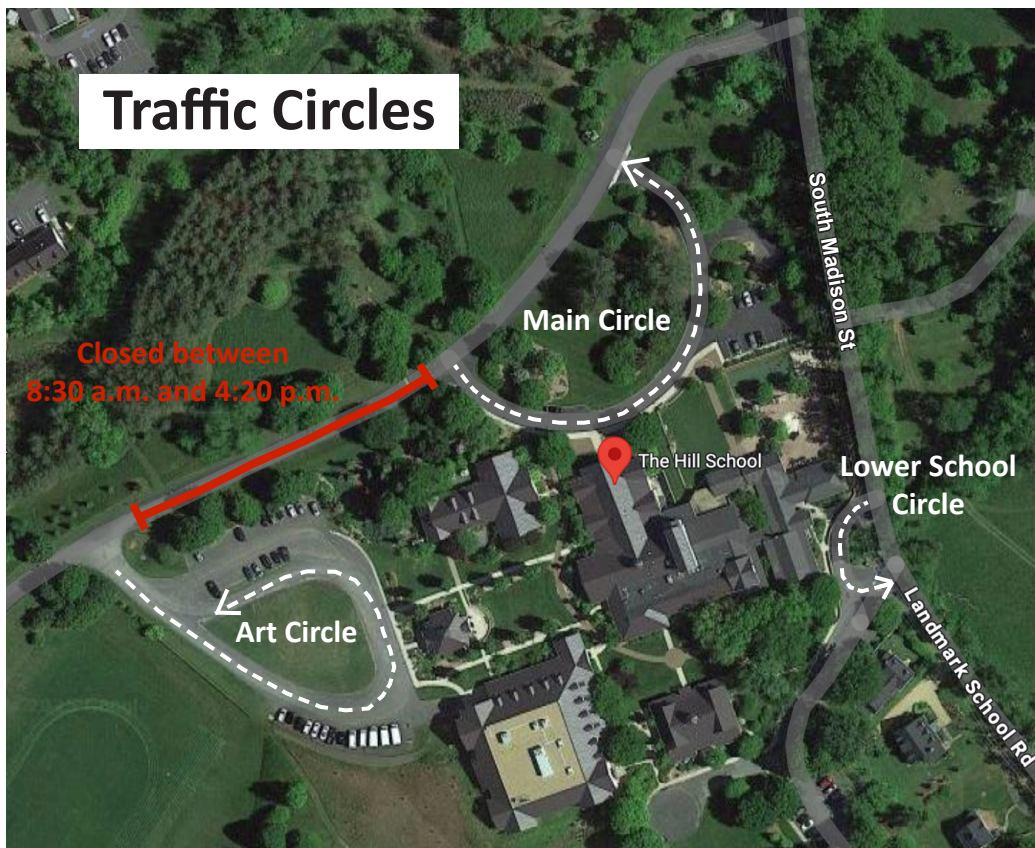
A few items of clothing are not permitted:

- 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](#).

Traffic Circles



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.

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.

Lunches/Snack

Students will not have access to microwaves while at school. Therefore, please be sure to pack lunches and snacks that do not require heating.

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 Hill's new lunch program. More information about how to sign-up will be shared closer to the start of school.

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 contact the homeroom teacher(s) and call the Front Desk during the period of absence. If your child has a contagious or unusual illness, please notify us as soon as possible.

Sick Policy

Students should stay home if they are sick. Students should be free of fever, vomiting, and all symptoms of illness for 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medicine like Tylenol or Ibuprofen, 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.

If a student is unable to participate in sports due to injury or sickness, their parent(s) should contact their child's coach(es) directly.

Sports Days

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

JK - Grade 3 Sports

Classes meet two (JK-K) to three times (Grades 1-3) a week for 30-40 minutes. Students should wear comfortable play clothes on the days when their class has sports.

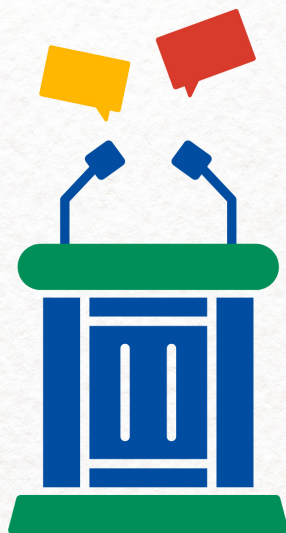
Grades 4-8 Sports

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 Grades 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.

Grades 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.

Join Hill's Debate Club

Grades 6-8 w/Mrs. Hallissey



Learn how to debate, practice different debate styles, sharpen your public speaking skills, and compete against your fellow students!

Mondays, 4:15-5:00
Session 1: Sept. 21 - Oct. 26th

Registration for Hill-sponsored after-school clubs opens Thursday, September 10.

JOIN MRS. HALLISSEY, AN AWARDED IRISH DANCE TEACHER AND PERFORMER FOR OVER 20+ YEARS, FOR

Irish Dance Classes
Grades JK - 8th



FRIDAYS, 3:15 - 4:15 PM

SESSION 1: SEPT. 25TH - OCT. 29TH

Hill School Dance Studio

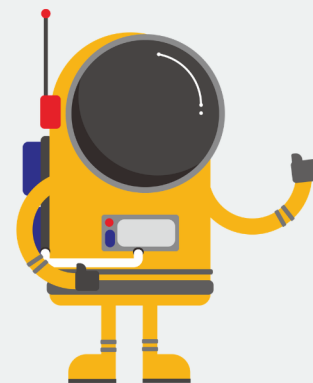
EMAIL

SHALLISSEY@THEHILLSCHOOL.ORG

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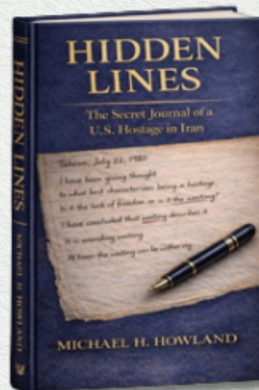
STEM

WEDNESDAYS
4-5 P.M.
GRADES 3-8



MAKE IT MOVE! EXPLORE BUILDING TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION USING RECYCLED MATERIALS, SIMPLE TOOLS, AND REUSABLE TECH. THEN PUT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED INTO ACTION AS YOU DESIGN, BUILD, AND CREATE YOUR OWN OPEN-ENDED PROJECT THAT MOVES USING IMAGINATION, PROBLEM-SOLVING, AND LOTS OF STEM! BEGINS SEPTEMBER 23

Michael Howland
in Conversation with
Michael Morell



Sunday September 20th, 5PM
at The Hill School

KICKIN' *back* AT THE MIDDLEBURG community center



SATURDAY, AUG 15 | 4:00 - 8:00 PM



KICKBALL TOURNAMENT
Ages 12+ 4-6 PM



FREE SWIM
4-8 PM



MUSIC BY BLUE RIDGE OUTLAW 6-8 PM



FOOD & DRINKS
Fields of Atherny & Tip Top Tap Truck 6-8 PM

ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE KICKBALL TOURNAMENT



REGISTER A FULL TEAM

Create your team and register together.

TEAMS: 8-12 PLAYERS

OR



SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY

Don't have a team? We'll place you on one!

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME



REGISTER / RSVP ONLINE AT:
www.middleburgcenter.org

Questions?
Email
events@middleburgcenter.org

THE CLASSIFIEDS

- Wanted. Recently widowed mom of a Hill School graduate is looking for a rental home with at least two bedrooms, preferably with one on the first-floor. A home with utilities and lawn care included would be ideal. Non-smoker, no pets. If you know of a suitable rental, please contact Cricket Bedford at 540-229-3201.
- Interested in advertising or sharing community news in the Take Note? Email the [Take Note](#) for more information.

DON'T LET THE
TICK
GET YOU SICK

For more information please visit
vdh.virginia.gov/ticks

VDH

Tick check! If you have been outside, check your whole body for ticks. Take them off them carefully and talk to your doctor if you develop a rash or fever. Learn more about the best way to remove a tick at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ticks/>.



KYLE'S KARATE

Kyle's Karate is a children's martial arts program that combines exciting instruction with practical, effective techniques. Teaching kicks, punches, stances and blocks, Kyle's Karate will develop your child's coordination and concentration. Discipline and respect are an integral part of this class. Techniques are practiced on safe equipment held by the instructor. Your child will gain confidence in themselves and their ability to succeed while earning merit awards in class. Our end of the year belt test gives students a chance to earn a new belt and show off their moves.

REGISTER NOW!

THURSDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24



THE HILL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

HILL SCHOOL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 9 A.M. START
BULL RUN GOLF CLUB

[REGISTER HERE](#)