



The Hill School
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September 17, 2026

My View at Hill

Join Treavor Lord, Head of School, each month as he shares a brief, personal reflection on the things he's noticing, thinking about, or grateful for as the school year unfolds.



Most people associate spring with rebirth, with budding trees and blooming flowers, and I love that season as much as anyone. But at Hill School, I've come to believe that the start of a new school year is the more substantial rebirth. There's something about the cooler days that still stretch into the evening, the particular quality of September light on our campus, that fills me with anticipation. Mostly, though, what I look forward to is simpler than any of that: the start of school itself.

The children arrive each fall with an energy that's hard to describe if you haven't felt it firsthand. New backpacks, reunions with friends they haven't seen in months, a kind of readiness for whatever the year holds. They don't yet know what challenges or rewards await them, and that not-knowing seems to make them more excited, not less. Watching them cross campus on the first days, I'm reminded how much better this place becomes when children fill it with purpose. Our campus, which is beautiful in every season, only becomes fully itself once it's doing what it was built to do.

One of the unexpected perks of this work, for me, is that adults get to experience the new year twice: once through our own eyes, and again through the students'. Faculty and staff spend their days catching the mood and energy of the children in their care. It's a professional necessity, the empathy this work requires, but it's also a gift. Thirty-seven Septembers in, I still find that seeing the year begin through a child's eyes is a great way to feel young again.

PTC Parent Meetings

Parents from each grade are invited to meet with their room parents to learn about what is in store for their class this fall. Class meetings will be held on the following dates:

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| JK: Wednesday, Sept. 23
8:30 a.m., Alumni Rm | 4: Thursday, Sept. 24
8:30 a.m., Alumni Rm |
| K: ✓ | 5: ✓ |
| 1: Monday, Sept. 21
8:30 a.m., Alumni Rm | 6: ✓ |
| 2: ✓ | 7: Tuesday, Sept. 22
8:30 a.m., Alumni Rm |
| 3: Friday, Sept. 25
8:30 a.m., Alumni Rm | 8: ✓ |

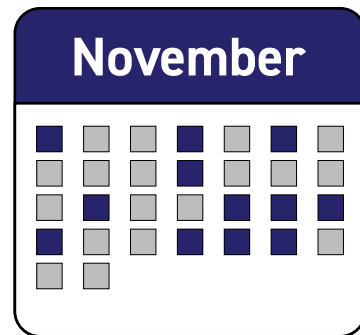
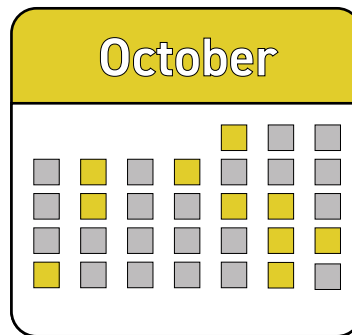
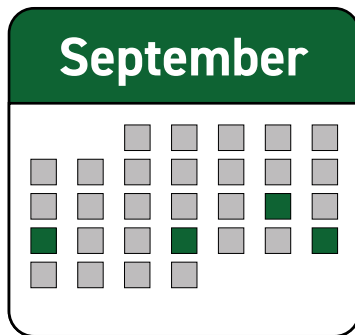
This fall **Treavor Lord** will be present for all parent meetings.

picture Day

Dress your best, comb your hair, and bring your biggest smile. Individual and class portraits will be taken next Wednesday, September 23. You can [order photo packages here](#).

UPCOMING @ Hill

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



18 5-8 Ensemble Interest Meeting
2:30 p.m., Music Room

20 Mike Howland Book Talk
5 p.m., Theater **SOLD OUT**

23 Picture Day. Individual Portraits
and Class Photos. [Order here.](#)

23 4-8 PTC Parent Dinner
6 p.m.

26 Country Fair
Noon, Dornin Barn

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

5 Professional Development
Day, No School

7 Ice Cream Wednesdays Begin!
Complete form in [Ravenna](#).

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

12 Arboretum Day

15 Parent Conference Day
No School

16 Fall Holiday
No School

23 Coffee with a Cop
8:30 a.m., M'burg Town Hall

23 [Cathy Zimmerman Art Reception](#)
6 p.m., Theater Lobby

24 [Cathy Zimmerman Art Exhibition](#)
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

25 [Cathy Zimmerman Art Exhibition](#)
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

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

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

1 Daylight Savings Ends

4 Make-Up Picture Day

4 4-8 Cross-Country Race
1:45 p.m.

6 [Ride Your Pony to School Day](#)
7 a.m., Stonehedge Farm

11 Professional Development
Day, No School

16 New Parent Breakfast
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room

16 Holiday Boutique Opens
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room

19 Holiday Cocktail Party
5 p.m., Alumni Room

19 8th Grade Play
7 p.m., Theater

20 Holiday Boutique Closes
6 p.m., Alumni Room

20 8th Grade Play
7 p.m., Theater

21 8th Grade Play
7 p.m., Theater

22 8th Grade Play
2 p.m., Theater

25 Thanksgiving Assembly
11 a.m., M'burg Methodist

25 Thanksgiving Vacation Begins
Noon Dismissal

26 Thanksgiving Day
No School

27 Thanksgiving Vacation
No 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 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 22

- 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, September 24

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



ORDER NOW

THE HILL SCHOOL STORE

**Order MUST be placed by Sept. 25
for delivery by Oct. 31.**

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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](#)

THE HILL SCHOOL COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday, September 26, 2026 • 12:00–3:00 PM • Dornin Barn



FAIR FAVORITES:

- Pony Rides at 12:00 PM
- Lots of Crafts
- DUNK TANK at 12:30 PM
- Tractor Pull at 1:45 PM
- Free Bruster's Ice Cream

POTLUCK LUNCH:

SERVED AT NOON

Fried chicken + bottled water provided by the PTC.

SIDES BY LAST NAME:

- A–F** Green salad
- G–J** Vegetable tray or side
- K–M** 12-pack juice boxes (bee-proof)
- N–P** Pasta or potato salad
- Q–S** Fruit tray or salad
- T–Z** 12-pack juice boxes (bee-proof)

BAKE-OFF:

Deliver baked goods by 12:15 PM

Judging 12:30 PM
Winners 1:00 PM

'Bring your family, friends, coolers, and a strong arm! Can't wait to see you there!'



ICE CREAM WEDNESDAYS

A sweet Hill School tradition is back for 2026–2027

VOLUNTEER HERE!

WHEN	AT SCHOOL	PREPAY
Wednesdays	\$1 per treat	\$30 for the year

HOW IT WORKS

Near the end of Wednesday lunch, students may order a frozen treat from the lunch counter. Treat choices will vary.

Junior Kindergarten through Grade 2: Students will order Wednesday morning, and their treats will be delivered to their classrooms.

PAY EACH WEEK OR PREPAY

Weekly	Students may bring \$1 on Wednesdays to purchase a treat.
Prepay in RAVENNA	Pay \$30 by September 29 to cover 30 Wednesdays, from October 7 through June 2.

PLEASE NOTE

- Nutrition and allergen information is available upon request. Please email Lauren Hein at lauren.d.hein@gmail.com.
- Full or partial refunds cannot be offered for absences, school cancellations, field trips, or other missed Wednesdays.

THE HILL SCHOOL PTC

THE CLASSIFIEDS

Interested in advertising or sharing community news in the Take Note? Email the [Take Note](#) for more information.

Meds at Hill

There's a process for that.

We have made changes to how we accept, keep, and administer medications to students. Please click the button to learn more.



Learn More

You have forms to complete in *Ravenna* 😊

✓ Cough-Drop Permission

Can we dispense a cough drop to your child?

✓ Ice Cream Wednesdays

Pay for the full year in advance.

✓ Book Fair (Dec.)

Pre-authorize money for books.

Click on Parents *CLICK HERE!* tab, then Forms.

ATTENTION!

Summer library books are due Friday, September 18.



Looking for your kids at Late Gates?

Late Gates is held on the playground. In inclement weather, check with the Front Desk to see which inside location they are using (typically the gym, sometimes the lunchroom).

After School Programs

 Debate Club. On Mondays from 4:15 to 5 p.m. Grades 6 through 8. First session September 21 through October 26. [Click here to sign-up.](#)

 Silver Knights Chess Academy. On Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. Kindergarten through Grade 8. Fall session from October 12 through December 14. [Click here to sign-up.](#)

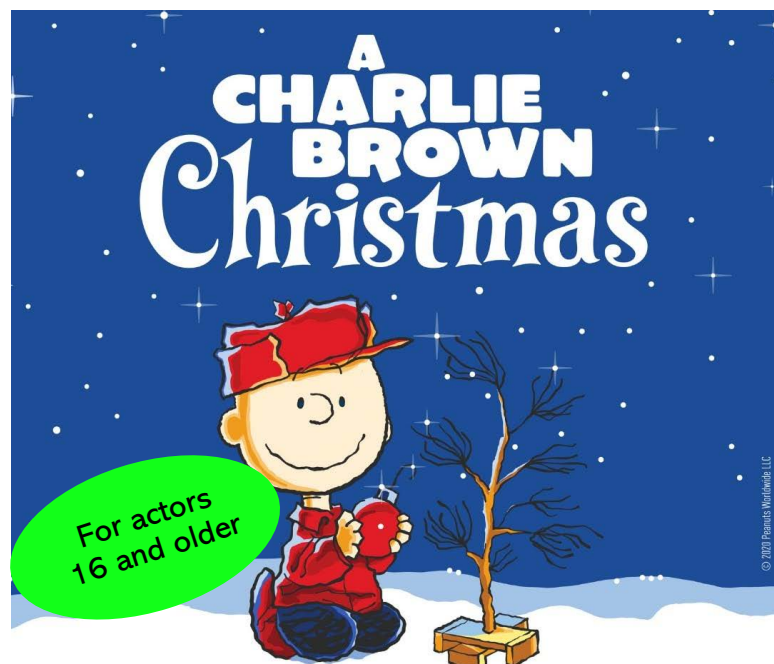
 Dance at Hill. On Mondays and Wednesdays. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 6. September 21 through December 16. [Click here for more information.](#)

 Drama Club. Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades 5 through 8. From October 7 to April 14. A final performance will be on Friday, April 9. [Click here to sign-up.](#)

 The Coder School. On Thursdays. [Grade 1 through Grade 2](#) at 3 p.m. [Grades 3 through 5](#) at 4 p.m. From September 24 through December 10.

 Kyle's Karate. On Thursdays. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 5. Fall session from September 24 through November 19. [Click here to sign-up.](#)

 Irish Dance. On Fridays from 3:15 to 4 p.m. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8. Fall session from September 25 through October 30. [Click here to sign-up.](#)



by CHARLES M. SCHULZ

Based on the television special by BILL MELENDEZ and LEE MENDELSON

Stage Adaptation by ERIC SCHAEFFER

By Special Arrangement with ARTHUR WHITELAW and RUBY PERSSON

TAGRAGG PRODUCTIONS

Performances on Dec. 5th, 6th, 12th & 13th

Auditions on Sept. 27th 4-6PM & Sept. 28th 6-8 PM

The Hill School in Middleburg, VA

EMPOWER IS HERE

**FIELD HOCKEY CLUB WITH HIGH-LEVEL COACHING
AND PROGRAMING FOR U8-U19**



We have secured our year-round club home at Foxcroft School in Middleburg, VA!



FALL/SPRING/SUMMER



WINTER

Join us on Sept 20th for Indoor Tryouts

Full Indoor Schedule has been set!

U8-U10 No tryout required - secure your spot with registration

USE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION AND MORE INFO



New Lunch Program

The Hill School continues to prepare for the rollout of our new lunch program this fall. 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.

LOST & FOUND



**FYI: LOST & FOUND WILL BE CLEANED OUT EVERY SIX WEEKS.
PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING TO ENSURE IT MAKES IT BACK HOME.**

ALICE PORTER FINE ARTS & INSTRUCTION MIDDLEBURG, VA

EMAIL:
APORTERART@YAHOO.COM



Do you know someone who loves to draw, paint, capture photos, or build with wood? Book your spot for spring or summer art lessons! As a fully qualified teacher with a 4-year studio diploma from the SMFA at Tufts, a Master's in teaching from RISD, and 20 years of teaching experience, I provide strong foundation skills in fine arts and design for all ages. Private and semi-private sessions are available in Middleburg. Message me to reserve your block!

THE HILL SCHOOL
— CELEBRATING 100 YEARS —

Cathy Zimmerman: COMING HOME

AN ART EXHIBITION & SALE

A Celebration of Place, Beauty, and Belonging

For acclaimed Hunt Country artist Cathy Zimmerman, this journey began at The Hill School under the guidance of beloved art teacher Emily "Em" Sharpe. It was here that Cathy first discovered her love of painting and began developing the artistic talent that would become her life's work.

As The Hill School celebrates its Centennial, Cathy returns to campus for a special Art Exhibition & Sale featuring a remarkable collection of her celebrated watercolors and, for the first time ever, a collection of original oil paintings.



TRADITION
PEOPLE
PURPOSE
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW
1926
2026



**MEET THE ARTIST
RECEPTION**

Friday, October 23, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Join us for an evening reception with the artist. Enjoy refreshments and be among the first to view and purchase her newest collection.

ART EXHIBITION & SALE

Saturday, October 24, 2026
Sunday, October 25, 2026
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

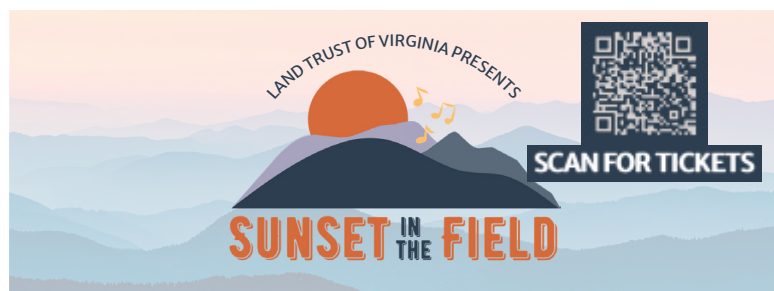
Meet Cathy throughout the weekend as she shares the inspiration behind her paintings of Virginia's Piedmont, Hunt Country, landscapes, gardens, horses, and historic farms.

— THE HILL SCHOOL —

SHEILA JOHNSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
130 S. MADISON STREET | MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA

ADMISSION IS FREE | Artwork available for purchase. | QUESTIONS: cathyzimmer@gmail.com
50% of proceeds from the exhibition and sale will directly support Arts & Athletics at The Hill School.

LAND TRUST OF VIRGINIA PRESENTS



**SUNSET
IN THE FIELD**

Sunday, October 11, 2026
3:30 PM – Sunset | Farmers Delight, Middleburg

**A FALL TRADITION FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY**

- LIVE BLUEGRASS BY THE SELDOM SCENE
- BARBECUE + LOCAL LIBATIONS
- FUN ACTIVITIES + PRIZES FOR KIDS