

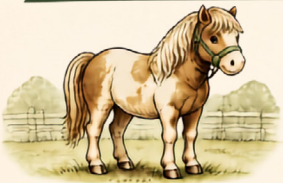


The Hill School
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www.thehillschool.org

September 24, 2026

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



WHEN

Wednesdays

AT SCHOOL

\$1 per treat

PREPAY

\$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.

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:

3: Friday, Sept. 25
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room

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

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

This includes
cough drops

Walking to Town

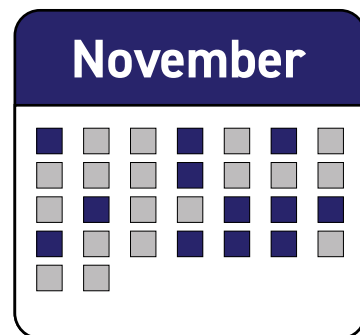
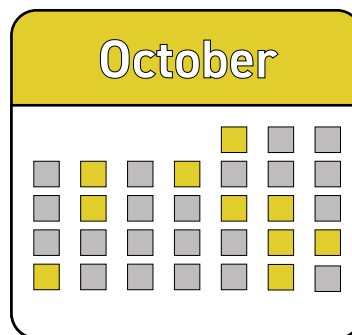
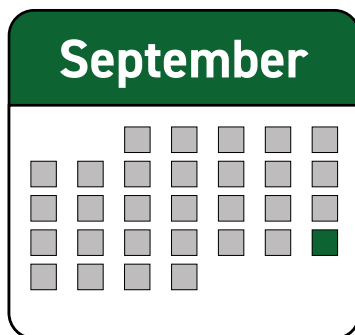
Students may not call home to request permission to walk to town after NOON on Fridays. Plans need to be coordinated before lunch.

Parents must always speak with an adult to give permission to walk to town.



UPCOMING @ Hill

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



- 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

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 HERE!
Click on Parents tab, then Forms.

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 29

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

Thursday, October 1

- JV Boys Soccer vs. Cornerstone @ Hill. Game at 2:45 p.m.
Regular dismissal at 4 p.m.



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**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](#)

Dornin Lab

Junior Kindergarten kicked off Dornin Labs with a look at the changes of the season. They started with a movement game called *Leaf Piles*. Students moved around the space listening for cues such as gentle breeze (walk), wind (jog), strong winds blowing (running), and leaf pile, where they gathered together in hula hoops. The next game had them slowing down, acting like turkeys in the woods. They needed to focus on the fox so as to not get eaten. To do this, they had to keep a tree between them and the fox. The final game was *Eagle Eye*, where students need to tag the eagle, and return to their safe zone. This game takes strategy, hiding before the eagle finishes counting, and judging distances. The wrap-up was to collect unique items that are a sign of fall to put into their collection bags.



Field Trip Report

The eighth grade class recently spent two days rock climbing and repelling at Elizabeth Furnace. Climbing asks students to step beyond what feels comfortable, trust the people around them, and discover that confidence is often built one small decision at a time.

Those lessons connect directly to Hill School's mission of building character and confidence while encouraging courageous learning, responsible independence, and empathetic relationships. Throughout the day, students cheered for one another, offered encouragement from below, celebrated successes, and supported classmates when a climb became difficult. The goal was never simply to reach the top, but to learn something about perseverance, trust, and one another along the way. At night, they ate Ms. Dornin's famous homemade chili, told campfire stories, and camped out under the stars.

Arthur Kearns, owner and climbing instructor with Seneca Rocks Climbing School, shared afterward: "Once again, what a great bunch of kids! I wish we were that kind and supportive of our classmates when I was younger. In today's world, it really gives one hope."

For our eighth graders, Elizabeth Furnace was more than a climbing trip. It was another opportunity to practice the kind of courage, kindness, and community we hope they carry with them well beyond Hill School.



THE CLASSIFIEDS

- Help Wanted. Current Hill family looking for afternoon childcare and help around the house. [Click here to learn more](#), or call France at 202-984-8823.
- Email [Take Note](#) to include your classified ad.

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](#).

A Guide to Raising Healthy,
Confident Eaters for Life

**FEED
THEM
WELL**

Jennifer Anderson, MSPH, RD
FOUNDER OF KIDS EAT IN COLOR

THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY READ

Feed Them Well offers practical, encouraging guidance to help families move beyond mealtime stress and raise healthy, confident eaters for life.

We look forward to using this book as a springboard for thoughtful conversations about nourishing our children, building positive relationships with food, and making family meals feel more connected.



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COMMUNITY
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OCTOBER 23 – 25, 2026

THE HILL SCHOOL
SHEILA JOHNSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
OPENING RECEPTION
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Meet the artist and
enjoy light refreshments.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
EXHIBITION & SALE
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

All are welcome.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
EXHIBITION & SALE
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

All are welcome.

Half of the proceeds from the sale will directly support Arts & Athletics at The Hill School.

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

CLICK FOR MORE INFO
OR TO REGISTER.

DRAMA CLUB IS BACK.

OCTOBER 7.

*Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
For students in Grades 5 through 8.*

JOIN MRS. HALLISSEY, AN
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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
FOR QUESTIONS



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



**SHADOW BEFORE
THE FLAME**
THE HINDENBURG
DISASTER AND THE
PRELUDE TO WAR
CATHERINE GRACE KATZ
AUTHOR OF THE DAUGHTERS OF YALTA

Catherine Grace Katz
at Greenhill Vineyards
Sunday, September 27th, 5pm



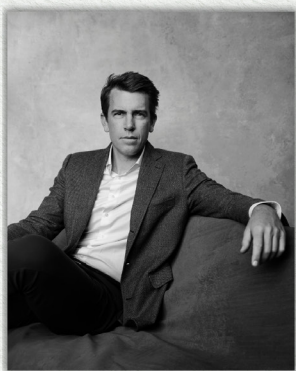
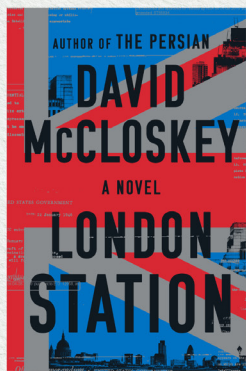
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Stage Adaptation by ERIC SCHAEFFER
By Special Arrangement with ARTHUR WHITELAW and RUBY PERSSON

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

Author David McCloskey
in Conversation with
Michael Morell



Friday October 2nd, 6:30pm
The Hill School



GRADES K - 8
ALL SKILL LEVELS

MONDAYS

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

10/12/26 - 12/14/26

No club meeting on school
closure or early dismissal days

TUITION: \$215
FOR 10 WEEKS



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KNIGHTS**
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THE HILL SCHOOL
CHESS CLUB

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