HILL
TAKE NOTE

The Hill School
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October 29, 2026

Picture Day (Take 2)

Make-up Picture Day is Wednesday, November 4. Students can stop by the theater lobby between 8:30 and 10 a.m.

If you need to order pictures, login to MyLifetouch and use the Portrait ID and Access Code on your student's picture proof. If your student missed picture day, you can order photos here.

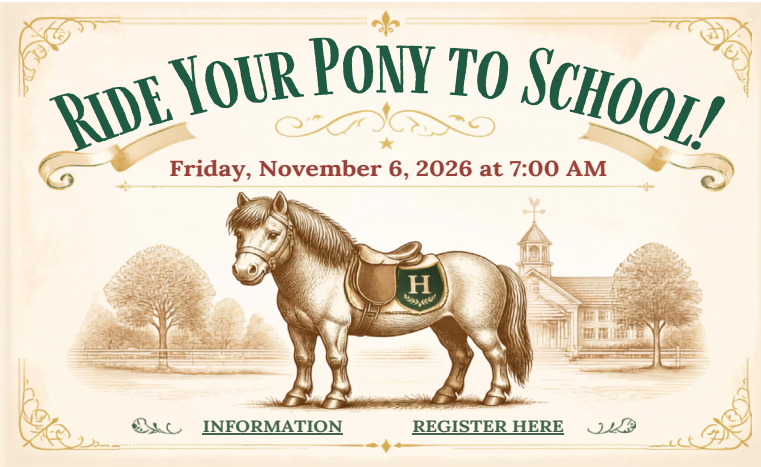
Ski Club 2027 Info Session



Join Treavor Lord, Alex Kirven, and Jill Hottel for an information session about Ski Club 2027. Come with questions and learn about this treasured Hill tradition.

The Ski Club Info Session will be held in the Alumni Room on Wednesday, November 4, at 8:30 a.m.

Ski Club registration for the 2027 season begins on Sunday, November 1. You will receive an email with info.



My View at Hill



Since moving to Virgina, October has been my favorite month—growing up in western Massachusetts probably has something to do with this. I love the crisp mornings, the bright, blue skies, and the beautiful foliage, particularly along our roadways and across campus.

October is a great time at school. The energy of the new school year is still strong but, by now, students and teachers have settled into their routines. Classes have found their rhythm, and the year is taking shape.

October also brings several great Hill traditions: the Alumni Golf Tournament, held earlier this month, brought many former students and friends of the school together on a picture-perfect day. Tomorrow's Grandparents' Luncheon brings together generations.

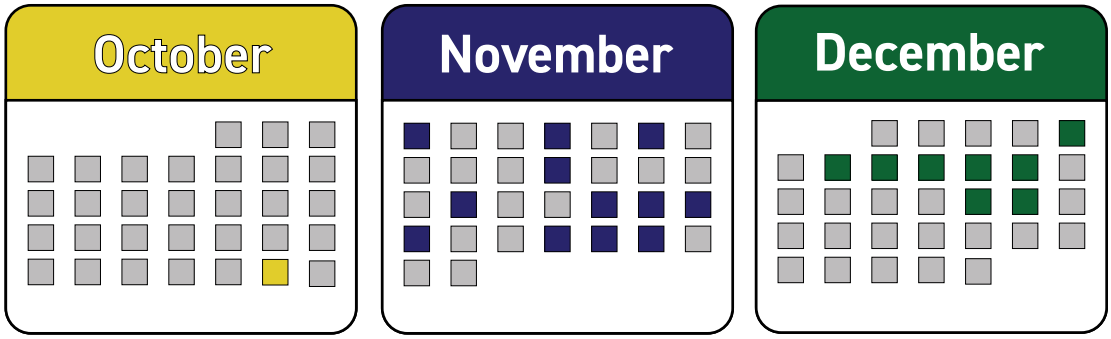
And I cannot forget the schoolwide celebration of Halloween, which is always full of fun and energy. The costumes, parties, and all-school assembly bring the month to a celebratory end, in addition to giving me an excuse to indulge in a guilty pleasure—hot dogs with mustard and onion (my own October tradition). What is better than that?

Halloween Candy Donations

Candy can be dropped off at the Front Desk through tomorrow, Friday, October 30. The candy will be distributed to Hill faculty and staff who live in town and open their doors to all children who flock to Middleburg to celebrate.

UPCOMING @ Hill

View the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar on the Hill School website.



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

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

1 Daylight Savings Ends

1 Ski Club Registration Begins
Check your email!

4 Make-Up Picture Day

4 Ski Club Info Session
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room

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

5 Christmas in Middleburg
JK-3 Parade Float

7 Fall Book Fair
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

8 Fall Book Fair
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

9 Fall Book Fair
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

10 Fall Book Fair
8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Theater Lobby

10 Ski Club Gear Swap
12 to 4:30 p.m., Theater Lobby

11 Ski Club Gear Swap
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Theater Lobby

11 LS Holiday Share

11 Ski Club Registration Ends

17 St. George & the Dragon

18 US Holiday Program

18 Winter Break Begins
Noon Dismissal

THE CLASSIFIEDS

- Need a babysitter? Ms. Brenda from Piedmont is available M-F after 6:30 p.m., and anytime on the weekend. She also provides pet sitting and house sitting services. Reach out to her at 540-322-8241.
- Interested in advertising or sharing community news in the Take Note? Email the Take Note for more information.
- Missing something? Check the Lost & Found, located in the theater lobby. Label everything to ensure it makes it home.

ATHLETICS @ Hill

The Fall Cross Country Meet will be Wednesday, November 4.

- All spectator parking will be at the Hill School Science Barn. Do not park on the Plains Road.
- Please do not arrive prior to 1 p.m.
- Viewing area: Field 2 between the fence and starting line (please stay off the pavement).

MEET SCHEDULE

1:30 Course Walk Through (Optional)
1:50 Opening Ceremony
2:00 9-10 Girls
2:15 9-10 Boys
2:30 11-12 Girls
2:45 11-12 Boys
3:00 13+ Girls
3:15 13+ Boys
3:30 Awards
4:00 Dismissal (from homeroom)





Lunch Program Update

The Hill School will roll out our new lunch program this fall. This is contingent on external factors, and the actual start date has yet to be determined. 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.





Dornin Lab

On October 23 the Sixth Grade Dornin Lab explored themes of stealth, strategy, and sportsmanship. Students began with a high-energy tagging game, *Tail Tag*, where they must guard their own tail while attempting to steal others', reinforcing awareness, quick movement, and fair play. They then transitioned to *Samurai Sword*, a focused stalking activity where "ninjas" move silently across leaf-strewn grass to steal a treasure from a blindfolded samurai without being struck by their pool noodle sword. This game challenges students to manage noise, emotions, and teamwork while learning how patience and precision can overcome pure speed. The final challenge, *Possum Hunt*, brings these skills into the forest environment in the Dornin Woods. Students act as possums hiding and stalking along a woodland trail, navigating natural cover, freezing when spotted, and sneaking to recover hidden "fruit." With Ms. Dornin playing the hunter, the game emphasizes camouflage, slow deliberate movement, and risk-reward decision-making. Together, the activities build confidence in both active chase dynamics and quiet stealth, helping students understand predator-prey relationships while practicing keen observation and self-control.










Dec. 10 & 11
Swap. Adventure. Repeat.
Ski Club Gear Swap
Donate your child's too-small gear. Pick up something new-to-them for Ski Club 2027.
1. Bring your CLEAN and FUNCTIONAL (no antiques) gear to the Front Office beginning Monday, November 2.
a. Gloves/mittens, hats, jackets, pants/bibs, scarves, goggles, neck gaiters/buffs.
b. Have Hill-branded merch you want to pass on? Bring it too!
2. December 10 & 11 swing by the theater lobby and check out all the cool stuff.
3. Take what you need and can put to good use.
4. All leftover items will be donated before the holidays.
Click here to Volunteer
Sorry, but we cannot accept ski helmets, used or otherwise.


we're having a
MERRY-MAKING
COCKTAIL-TOASTING
JINGLING-MINGLING
SPIRIT-LIFTING
party!
Join us for our Holiday Boutique Open House!
Celebrate the season with festive shopping, delicious refreshments, holiday cheer, and great company!
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
5:00 – 8:00 PM
Browse our thoughtfully curated Holiday Boutique featuring unique gifts, seasonal décor, gourmet treats, jewelry, accessories, and more—perfect for everyone on your holiday list.
Can't make it in person?
Shop the Holiday Boutique online all week.


Hill School Dads' Basketball
Wednesday nights: 7:30pm – 9pm, starting November 4th
Location: The Hill School Gym
All skill levels welcome!
Contact Mike Wipfler if interested:
Cell: (301) 801 -1478
Email: mikewipfler79@gmail.com


Join me, Emily Tyler, for a seasonal cooking workshop featuring two beautiful salads and a delicious soup - all designed to make ahead and bring to your holiday table
Etten's Eden
2340 Hulberts Lane
Middleburg VA
Time 5-7 PM
Date: Saturday, November 7th
Cost: $75 per guest
Click here to sign up!


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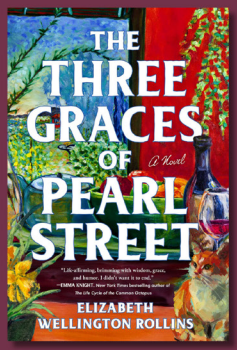

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MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER
8:30 AM
HILL SCHOOL ALUMNI ROOM
We look forward to seeing you!

An Evening with Author Elizabeth Wellington Rollins

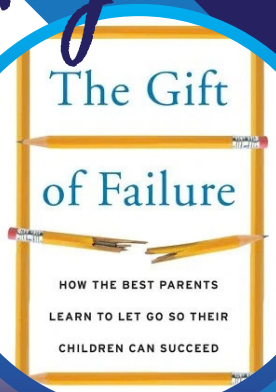




Monday November 2nd, 6:30pm
Middleburg Community Center

A NIGHT WITH
JESSICA LAHEY

NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF
THE GIFT OF FAILURE
VISITS POWHATAN SCHOOL



November 12, 2026
6:00-7:30 PM

Powhatan's Kelble Family Theater

Jessica's book focuses on the critical school years when parents must learn to allow their children to experience the disappointment and frustration that occur from life's inevitable problems so that they can grow up to be successful, resilient, and self-reliant adults.



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Friday, Nov. 6th 12-4pm
Saturday, Nov. 7th 10am-5pm

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