HILL
TAKE NOTE

The Hill School
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November 25, 2026

SHARE THE JOY OF THE SEASON WITH OUR COMMUNITY

PLEASE JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND SUPPORT THE HILL SCHOOL GIVING TREE PROGRAM

CLICK HERE: AMAZON WISH LIST

UNWRAPPED GIFTS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO:
THE HILL SCHOOL
130 SOUTH MADISON STREET
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA 20117

GIFTS WILL BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11
THANK YOU!

PLEASE EMAIL EMILY TYLER WITH QUESTIONS



Reach 90% parent participation by December 18 and unlock an additional $30,000.

CURRENT PARTICIPATION 45%

DAYS REMAINING 23

DONATE NOW

My View at Hill



Thanksgiving is a natural time for us to pause and take stock. While we have much to be grateful for at Hill, one thing in particular comes to mind this week.

This fall the school completed its once every 10 years reaccreditation process with the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS). The faculty and staff worked for the last 18 months preparing for this process, which culminated in October with a five-person team from VAIS visiting Hill for three days.

Preparation for the reaccreditation process includes a self-study—a thorough examination of what we consider our primary strengths and our opportunities for improvement—as well as reviewing, updating, and organizing literally hundreds of documents to ensure that we are aligned with VAIS requirements and best practices in the independent school world. Reaccreditation is more than a stamp of approval. It is a chance to see the school with fresh eyes and to set a course for the years ahead.

Ultimately, it takes a few months for the report of the Visiting Team to be finalized, but once that is complete it will inform Hill's next Strategic Plan, which we expect to launch in Fall 2027.

So this November, my thanks go to our Trustees for their care of the school, to the faculty and staff for their dedication and commitment to Hill, to the Visiting Team for their insights, and to all of you for being part of this community.

I wish you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving.

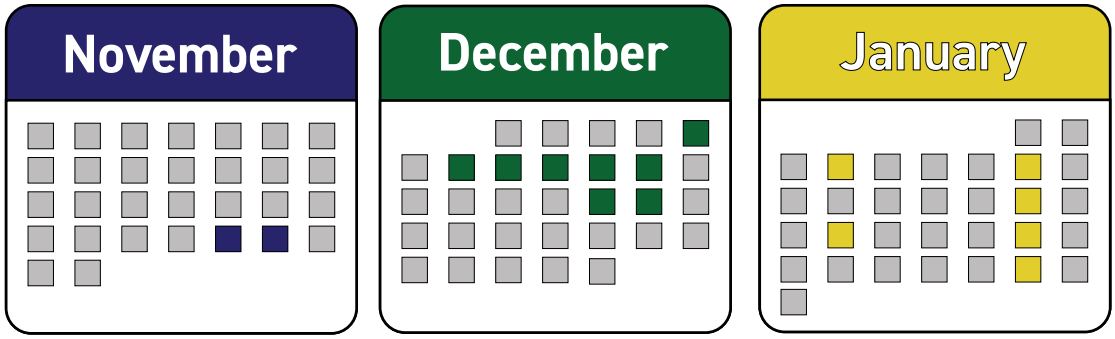
JK-3 HOLIDAY SHARE
DECEMBER 11 AT 9 A.M.

4-7 HOLIDAY PROGRAM
DECEMBER 18 AT 11 A.M.

SHEILA C. JOHNSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

UPCOMING @ Hill

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



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
9 a.m., Theater

11 Ski Club Registration Ends

17 St. George & the Dragon

18 US Holiday Program
11 a.m., Theater

18 Winter Break Begins
Noon Dismissal

4 School Resumes

8 Ski Friday
11:30 a.m. Dismissal

15 Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal

18 Professional Development Day, No School

22 Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal

29 Ski Friday
Noon Dismissal



Re-Enrollment

For Full Tuition Families

January 25: 2027-2028 contracts will be populated in your Ravenna portal.

February 5: 2027-2028 contracts are due back to ensure spots are held.

For Financial Aid Families

Now: Clarity (online application for financial aid) is open. Click here to begin.

January 25: Deadline to apply for financial aid.

January/February: Financial aid contracts will be populated in your Ravenna portal.

Contracts are due two weeks after they are issued. Questions regarding re-enrollment? Contact Kelly Johnson. Questions about financial aid or payment plans? Contact Sarah Schroder.

SKI CLUB 2027



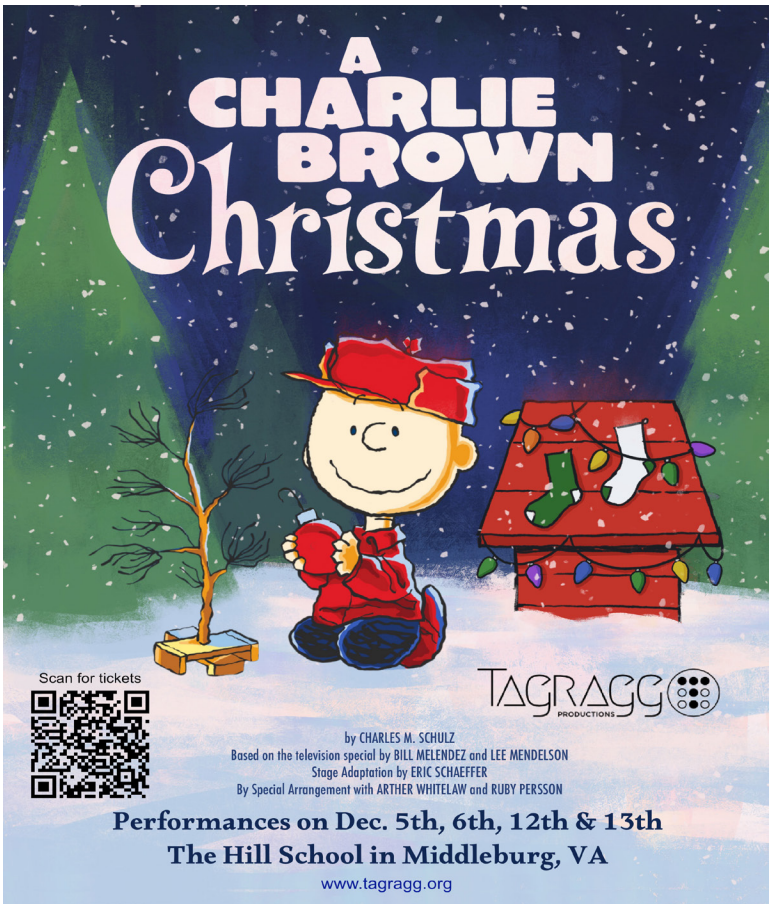
Register for the 2027 Ski Club season through the Ravenna portal.

In addition to registering:

- All families and adult participants must complete the Assumption of Risk and Participation Agreement.
- All participants renting equipment from Bryce Resort must complete the Equipment Rental Assumption of Risk Form.
- All forms must be submitted to Jill Hottel by Friday, December 11.

Check out this Ski Club FAQ.

For questions please contact Jill Hottel.



After School Programs

Lacrosse. On Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Boys and girls, Kindergarten through Grade 8. Session starts December 9 and runs through February 24. Read more and register here.

The Coder School. On Thursdays. Grades 1 and 2 at 3 p.m. Grades 3 through 5 at 4 p.m. NEW: Grades 5 through 8 Intro to Python at 5 p.m. Winter session beginning January 7 through March 11.

Kyle's Karate. On Thursdays. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 2 at 3 p.m. Grades 3 through 5 at 4 p.m. Winter session beginning January 14 through February 25. Click here to sign-up.



Questions about book fair? Email bookfair1@thehillschool.org

Questions about Ravenna? Email Jill Hottel

Fall Book Fair is Coming!
December 7-10
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-W
8 a.m.-11 a.m. Th.

BOOK FAIR



Sign-Up to Volunteer | DECEMBER 7-10 | Fill out permission slips



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INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

Parents will be notified of school delays and/or closings via three means:

- **The website.** A yellow banner across the top will be posted as soon as a decision is made. ***If, however, Hill is to remain open when a large number of surrounding school districts are closed, a green banner will be posted on the website indicating Hill is operating on normal hours.***
- **Phone Call via Parent Reach.** The call goes out at 6:30 a.m. It is voice-activated so please speak upon answering the call. You will only receive a call if there is a school closure or delay.
- **ParentSquare.** Notification will be sent via ParentSquare after the phone call.
- Questions should be directed to **Jill Hottel**.

