



The Parent Hill
Informed
Week of 9/4

Principal's Memo

Thank you to all of the parents that attending our first Coffee with Kavanaugh last Friday. We will be posting the notes of the meeting on our website later this week. One of things I value is accessibility to the families at Hill. This is the reason that I provide my personal cell phone number to all families. Middle school is an important time in your child's life and you have trusted us to take exceptional care of her/him. If you see us doing a great job, feel free to text or call me. I will share these celebrations with our staff and these celebrations are priceless. If we are falling short in meeting your expectations call or text me as well. We are here to serve your family and open/honest feedback is the only way we can do that. I hope to see everyone on Wednesday for Back to School Night at 5:00!

Sean Kavanaugh; Principal

At Hill, we strive to create a **joyful** and **academically robust** learning environment for **all** students that is **rooted in relationships**.

Monday, September 4

- **No School; Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 5

- **Boys Soccer Practice**; 3:00-4:45
- **Girls Softball Practice**; 3:00-4:45
- **Co-ed Tennis Practice**; 3:00-4:15
- **Advisory**: SOAR Goals & Grades

Wednesday, September 6

- **Boys Soccer Parent Meeting *If son made the team**; 4:30-5:00
- **Girls Softball Practice**; 3:00-4:45
- **Co-ed Cross Country Practice**; 3:05-4:15
- **Co-ed Tennis Practice**; 3:00-4:15
- **Boys Basketball Open Gym**; 3:00 – 5:00
- **Advisory**: Digital Citizenship Lesson 2
- **Back to School Night**; 5:00 – 8:00

Thursday, September 7

- **Girls Softball Practice**; 3:00-4:45
- **Advisory**: SOAR Goals & Grades
- **6th Grade Gifted & Talented Assessment**; Math Classes

Friday, September 8

- **Co-ed Cross Country Slavens Invitational**; Harvard Gulch Park 2:00-6:00
- **Co-ed Tennis Practice**; 3:00-4:15
- **Girls Softball Practice**; 3:00-4:00
- **Advisory**: Upstander Lesson 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11 – School Picture Day
September 27 – PTSA; 6:00-8:00

ON/OFF TRACK

Beginning September 14th, 2017, every three weeks your child will review their GPA, attendance percentage, and behavior data to determine whether they are on or off track. They will write an on track or off track letter to you that includes their goal(s) for either staying on track or getting back on track. Your child will share this letter with you by email or hard copy if you do not have an email address. To be considered on track, students will need to meet the following minimum requirements:

- 95% attendance
- 2.5 Grade Point Average
- No detentions or suspensions

As part of our commitment to ensuring all of our students are prepared for high school and beyond, the on track/off track system is designed for students and parents to monitor students' progress throughout middle school. If a student is off track, they can redeem "on track status" by attending school every day, trying their best in class, exhibiting S.O.A.R. characteristics of a positive learner, attending after school tutoring with City Year from 3 - 4pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, earning Hill Points, and completing community service. Students who are on track will receive quarterly incentives to reward them for their hard work.

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child will be missing school in observance of a religious holiday or your 8th grade child will be shadowing at a high school, please email Sean_Kavanaugh@dpsk12.org to ensure the absence is coded properly and does not count against her/his attendance.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

This Wednesday, parents will follow their child's schedule while visiting teachers in their classrooms. It is important that parents are present the entire time as this is not a drop-in event. We have a special presentation from the Ed Tech team to talk to families about Digital Safety and Citizenship. This is a parent only event and we will have Spanish translation available. We are working on getting some food and ice cream trucks at the event as well!

PARENT/TEACHER HOME VISIT KICK-OFF

The intent of this district-wide program is to build positive relationships with families and to partner together to support the educational success of students. Parents and teachers come together, in a unique setting at your home or other locations of your choice, to get to know one another and talk about your child's academic future. Your child is also part of this visit. Time is taken to share your hopes and dreams for your child, academic expectations, and school resources. This is not a parent/teacher conference. It is meant to help us all get to know each other and to build a viable relationship with one another for the academic benefit of your student. Email Sean_Kavanaugh@dpsk12.org and let our Principal know the days and times you are available for a home visit from September 2 through September 17. We will do our best to accommodate all families. If we can't make it happen in this window, we will schedule for a future date.