



The Hill Informed
Week of 1/29

Head Coach's Memo:

We spent the first two weeks back from the holiday break re-solidifying our routines and high expectations. That targeted focus includes a fast start that gets students engaged from the opening "bell". The focus also includes a consistent exit plan. You have identified your plan and now it is time execute with fervor. Don't underestimate the power of a smooth landing. Your ideal teacher and student behaviors at the end of class send a powerful message. Let's get that message right!

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, January 29

- **ILT**; 3:00-4:30 in Room 115
- **Signature Classes**
- **Boys Basketball Practice** 2:45-4:30

Tuesday, January 30

- **Dance Practice**; 3:00-4:30
- **Boys Basketball Practice**; 2:45-4:30
- **School Musical Rehearsal**; 3:00-4:15
- **5th Graders Shadow/Tour**
- **Small Group Instruction PDU for LA & Math Teachers**; 3:00-4:00 in Room 20

Wednesday, January 31

- **Dance Practice**; 3:00-4:30
- **Boys Basketball Practice** 2:45-4:30
- **Girls Basketball Study Hall**; 3:00-4:30
- **Girls Basketball Practice**; 4:30-6:00
- **SpEd Department Meeting**; 3:00-3:40 in 111
- **MTSS Meetings**; See Calendar Invites from MHT
- **School Musical Rehearsal**; 3:00-4:15

Thursday, February 1

- **Girls Basketball Study Hall**; 3:00-4:30
- **Girls Basketball Practice**; 4:30-6:00
- **Boys Basketball Practice**; 2:45-4:30
- **Art Club**; 2:45-3:45 in Room 120

Friday, February 2

- **Teal Day; NO STUDENTS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 1; Denver South High School Pack the House with basketball games starting at 5:30 & 7:00. Wear your Hill Gear!
- February 5; Co-ed Floor Hockey Tryouts in Gym. See Coach Askew in Room 102 or Coach Goodwin in 202 for more details
- March 15; March Sports Kickoff
 - Girls Soccer coached by Mr. Santambrogio and Mr. Niebauer
 - Boys Lacrosse coached by Mr. Magana and Mr. Jordan
 - Boys Baseball
 - Girls Lacrosse
 - Co-ed Tennis coached by Ms. Redmond

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- **Alissa Warren** represented Hill with her Schoology expertise by hosting a district-wide webinar. [Here](#) is a link to her webinar.
- Shout out to **Josh Dingeldein** for de-escalating a tough hallway situation. The best part was his walk-off line, "Now what would that do for your rep, picking on a 6th grader..." **BRILLIANT!**
- **Alissa Warren** and **Chelsea King** have been selected to present a session called "Making Your Classroom an Escape Room" at an upcoming national conference.

SPRING PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Spring Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on 2/22 and 2/27. Calendar invites have been sent that indicate which evening is scheduled and which evening is drop-in. If you would like to use the scheduled evening for parent/teacher home visits, **send me an email** so I can include that on the parent sign up form. We will use 2/20 as a comp day for all teachers, but support staff are required to work this day.

ANOTHER POPUP CLUB @ HILL

An Advance Spanish Club for 8 GRADE only will take place each Monday. Interested students can see Mr. Pablo in Room 223 to see if they are a good fit as this club is 100% in Spanish.

A Comics and Collecting Club will take place each Tuesday. This club is an extension of the same Signature Class, but anyone can join. Each week, students will share & talk about what they collect or read while creating a community of students interested in the universe of comics, sci-fi and collectibles.

TECH TIP OF THE WEEK

Here is a quick slide deck highlighting updates to Illuminate: <https://goo.gl/LJB5Bc>

WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING?

Former President Obama perfectly explains why he was so committed to reading during his presidency in a recent [New York Times interview](#): "At a time when events move so quickly and so much information is transmitted," he said, reading gave him the ability to occasionally "slow down and get perspective" and "the ability to get in somebody else's shoes." These two things, he added, "have been invaluable to me."

Did you know? Warren Buffett spends five to six hours per day reading five newspapers and 500 pages of corporate reports. Bill Gates reads 50 books per year. Mark Zuckerberg reads at least one book every two weeks. Elon Musk grew up reading two books a day, according to his brother. Mark Cuban reads more than 3 hours every day. Arthur Blank, co-founder of Home Depot, reads two hours a day.