



The Hill Informed
Week of 10/15

Principal's Memo:

My favorite tweet of the week is a quote from L.R. Knost. "Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you."

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

Monday, October 15

- Tennis Match @ McAuliffe *Weather Permitting
- XC Practice; 3:00-4:00
- Flag Football Practice; 3:00-4:00
- 7th/8th Volleyball Practice; 3:00-5:00

Tuesday, October 16

- 6th Grade Volleyball Practice; 3:00-4:00
- Flag Football Practice; 3:00-4:00
- 7th/8th Volleyball Practice; 3:00-4:30
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Parent/Teacher Scheduled Conferences; 4:00-8:00

Wednesday, October 17

- XC Practice; 3:00-4:00
- Flag Football vs Denver Discovery @ Hill; 4:00
- Volleyball vs Denver Discovery in Hawks Nest; 4:00
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Hill Gear Advisory Challenge

Thursday, October 18

- Flag Football vs McAuliffe @ Hill; 4:00
- Volleyball vs McAuliffe in Hawks Nest; 4:00
- Special Olympics Colorado and Denver Public Schools Bowling; 9:30-12:30
- Dance Students Field Trip; Newman Center for Performing Arts; 9:30-12:30
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Band Mentoring Program; 3:00-4:00 in Room 130
- Parent/Teacher Drop-in Conferences; 4:00-8:00

Friday, October 19

- **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/20 – Cross Country State Meet @ Fehringer Park
- 10/20 – 6th Grade Volleyball Tournament @ MLK JR Early College; 8:00-12:00
- 10/22 & 10/23 – No School for Students
- 10/29-11/2 – Homecoming Week
- 11/2 – Cirque D'Art Fundraiser @ Denver Tennis Club; 6:00-8:00pm
- 11/2 – A Mad Hatter's Tea Party School Dance; 6:00-8:00pm

ON-TRACK SYSTEM

In order to ensure our students are successful in middle school, graduate high school, and are career and college ready, we have a system in which we help our students monitor and set goals around improving and maintaining on-track attendance, behavior, and course performance. Countless studies show that students who have a 95% or above attendance, above a 2.5 GPA, and no suspensions from class/school are exponentially more prepared for success in high school and beyond than their peers who fall below these metrics; therefore, to be on track at Hill, a student must have 95% or above attendance (both excused and unexcused absences are factored into this percentage), above an average of 75% in their courses, and no in or out of school suspensions.

To help our students stay on track, students will check their grades, attendance, and behavior, then they will send you an email or a hard copy letter informing you whether they are on or off track. This process will happen every three weeks through advisory. Students will also have individual conferences with their advisors to set goals to get on track or stay on track. We will offer quarterly incentives for our on-track students. **STUDENTS SENT HOME LETTERS AND EMAILS THIS PAST WEEK;** so, if you did not receive an email or hard copy of your child's on track status, please email your child's advisor and speak to your child.

Students can earn redemption points towards their on-track status for grades and attendance by attending after school tutoring Monday through Thursday from 3 - 4 PM. One hour of tutoring counts as one percentage point for either average grades or attendance in our On-Track system. It is important to note that actual attendance percentage and GPA is not affected directly, but attending tutoring provides an opportunity for students to make up missed work and to improve their grades with small group tutoring. Monday is drop-in tutoring, located in the cafeteria, and Tuesday and Thursday tutoring can be scheduled with any City Year Corp Member. Students must have a permission slip for after school tutoring signed and returned to the main office to attend (see attached).

Suspensions can be redeemed by completing community restoration or by consistently accomplishing behavior goals determined the student, teachers, culture team, and the student's parents.

HOMECOMING WEEK

We have lots of fun events for students during Homecoming Week from October 29 through November 2. Student can purchase a Skyhawk VIP Wristband for \$25 that gets them entry into all sporting events and dances for the entire year! We are also selling a 3-pack of shirts for \$25 for the month of October only.