



The Hill Informed  
Week of 11/26

### Principal's Memo:

Our goal is that every student gets connected in their three years at Hill. For some, they will connect through teachers, peers, an instrument, a pen, etc. For others, they will connect through athletics. This week, our student-athletes on the football and volleyball teams will host playoff games. Please encourage your child to wear a blue Hill shirt/hoodie on Tuesday and a white Hill shirt/hoodie on Wednesday. We would also love to see our student section rocking for both games! Lastly, your child may connect through the stage. Please encourage your child to audition. Being part of the all-school musical is a great way to CONNECT!

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

Monday, November 26

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade DNA Day
- Flag Football Practice; 3:00
- Girls Basketball Mandatory Meeting; 3:00-4:00

Tuesday, November 27

- Boys & Girls Basketball Practice; 3:00-5:00
- Boys & Girls Basketball Parent Meeting; 5:00
- School Musical Auditions; 3:00
- Rainbow Alliance Club; 2:50-4:00
- Art Club; 3:00-4:00 in Room 133
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Flag Football Playoff Game vs Howell; 3:45 @ Hill

Wednesday, November 28

- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Stafford's Class Field Trip; 9:45 -11:00 @ Schlessman Family Branch Library
- School Musical Auditions; 3:00
- Girls Volleyball Playoff Game vs TBD; 4:00 @ The Hawks Nest

Thursday, November 29

- School Musical Audition Call Backs; 3:00
- PTSA; 6:30pm in Room 121
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Band Mentoring Program; 3:00-4:00 in Room 130
- Comic Book Club; 3:00-4:00 in Room 222
- Boys Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30

Friday, November 30

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/14 – Winter Dance

### ON-TRACK/OFF-TRACK EMAILS

On-Track/Off-track Emails will be sent home by students on Wednesday and Friday of this week. Students are on track if they have above a 75% average in all classes, above a 95% attendance, and no in-school or out-of-school suspensions. See details on the Hill website at <https://goo.gl/frfBg3> for more information. To earn redemption points for grades and attendance, students can attend after school tutoring OR sign up for Advisory Office Hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### CHARGING STATIONS IN ADVISORY

Students are now able to charge their Chromebooks during advisory if they have at least a 30% charge when they arrive at school. Students can use 5 Hill Points to purchase a charge through their advisor.

### RESOURCES ON CYBERBULLYING/SEXTING

Check out this [slide deck](#) for helpful tools and conversation starters to support your child in navigating these difficult issues.

### FINISHING TOUCHES TO GYM

Dream BIG Day Camp has donated \$1,000 to our fundraising efforts to purchase new bleachers in our gym. Do you own a business or work for a business that would like to support our students? We are offering forty \$1,000 corporate sponsorships that will earn a plaque on our gym wall. Secure a spot here: <https://www.gofundme.com/hill-gym-bleacher-fund>

### SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Auditions for James and the Giant Peach, the all-school musical, are this week after school. Students must prepare a 1-minute audition song from a musical and sign-up for an audition time slot outside of the Theatre Arts Room 132. Auditions will be held Nov. 27 and 28, with selected callbacks will take place on Nov. 29. Rehearsals will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays until 4:15 pm, and the performances will be in March. Contact [meghan\\_gates@dpsk12.org](mailto:meghan_gates@dpsk12.org) with any questions.

### EARLIER BUSES = BREAKFAST FOR MORE STUDENTS

Beginning this Thursday, all morning Hill routes are set to arrive to school

at 7:25am. The change will impact the bus arrival to each stop on every morning route by 10 min (i.e., bus will arrive 10 min earlier than it does currently).

### SIGNS OF SUICIDE

All 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving the Signs of Suicide presentations by the school social workers in their Language Arts classes the week of 11/26 and the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The SOS Signs of Suicide Prevention Program (SOS) is a universal, school-based depression awareness and suicide prevention program designed for middle-school (ages 11–13) or high-school (ages 13–17) students. DPS delivers this program to all 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the district. The goals are to 1) decrease suicide and suicide attempts by increasing student knowledge and adaptive attitudes about depression, 2) encourage personal help-seeking and/or help-seeking on behalf of a friend, 3) reduce the stigma of mental illness and acknowledge the importance of seeking help or treatment, 4) engage parents and school staff as partners in prevention through "gatekeeper" education, and 5) encourage schools to develop community-based partnerships to support student mental health.