

June 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Freshmen,

We are very excited that your child will be attending Hill-Murray School and we look forward to meeting your child on Orientation Day! Please note: Freshman Orientation is MANDATORY for ALL FRESHMEN, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ATTENDED HILL-MURRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL. We want Orientation Day to be focused on community and team building. As our Freshmen class continues to grow, we have expanded our orientation to include an all day retreat. This retreat is at no cost to you as a family. This will be planned by Link Leaders, a group of Hill-Murray juniors and seniors who are so excited to meet the freshmen and plan fun events with them all year! Below is some IMPORTANT information to let you know what your student can expect in advance of their first day of school.

**Orientation Retreat at Hidden Pines Ranch
Monday August 14th 7:30am-3:00pm.**

- 1) Please arrive at HM between 7:30-7:45am and then parents can pick up students at HM at 3:00pm. We will begin the day at Hill-Murray with a brief prayer service at 7:45am. We would like to have a parent or guardian accompany their student at the prayer service with a parent meeting to follow with Principal Kelly Harrington, while students head to Hidden Pines Ranch via bus.
- 2) Lunch is not provided, so we do ask that your student bring a lunch. However, a snack will be provided at the retreat center.
- 3) Please have your student wear clothes that they will be able to move in/comfortable. No flip-flops, they should wear tennis shoes. When we arrive at Hidden Pines Ranch, your students' cell phones will be stored in a secure place until the retreat is over and we ask them to not be on them during the retreat.
- 4) There is a **Release/Emergency Contact Form that must be signed and filled out and brought the day of the retreat. This is very important!**
 - a. [Release/Emergency Contact Form](#)

Orientation Day at Hill-Murray School

Thursday, August 24th

7:30 am-12:30pm with Computer Pick up until 1:30 pm.

- 1.) Please arrive between 7:30-7:45 at the Hill-Murray doors leading into the main entrance of the school. The day does NOT include lunch, but we will have some snacks throughout the day.
- 2.) Students do not need to bring books, supplies, or backpacks, but they will receive their locker number, and be able to pick up their computers at the end of the day.
- 3.) Due to the day being active, students may be sitting on the floors--Shorts or pants are best. **Freshmen MUST wear a Hill-Murray uniform polo shirt, as part of the day will include their school photos.**

We look forward to meeting your child and we are looking forward to a GREAT year! If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email me!

Sincerely, your Link Crew Advisor, Rebecca Fandrich rfandrich@hill-murray.org

9th Grade Retreat Information

Hidden Pines Ranch

Monday, August 14th - 7:30 am -3:00 pm

- Arrive at Hill-Murray Main Entrance by 7:30am
- Pick up at Hill-Murray parking lot by 3:00pm
- Prayer Service in Auditorium - 7:45am-8:15am
- We are taking a bus to Hidden Pines Ranch leaving at 8:30am
- At Hidden Pines Ranch from 9:00am-2:30pm
 - Lunch is not provided so please bring a Bag Lunch (a snack will be provided)
 - Bring Water Bottle, Sunscreen, and a Hat (if you would like)
 - Please wear comfortable/athletic clothes and tennis shoes—No Sandals
 - Please bring Emergency Contact form (Linked online, Print & bring form with you)

Orientation Day

Hill-Murray School

Thursday, August 24th - 7:30 am-12:30pm with Computer Pick up until 1:30 pm

- Arrive at the Main Entrance of Hill-Murray between 7:30am-7:45am
- Please bring all school paperwork to be handed in
 - Provided to you prior to the start of school.
- Students will be in small groups along with their Link Leaders for games and Icebreakers
- Students will also be given Locks and Lockers and a tour of the school
- Do NOT bring backpack and school supplies with you (Bring first day of school)
- NO Lunch is provided, but snacks will be provided throughout the day.
- Please wear a uniform polo shirt —as Lifetouch will be taking your school photo.
- Please also wear tennis shoes and comfortable/athletic pants or shorts.
- Computer pick up is between 12:30 PM-1:30 PM