



August

2022

# COMMUNITY NEWS



A note from the desks of your new  
Superintendent Adam Johnson &  
Principal Mandy Huusko



Hello,

I am Adam Johnson, the new Superintendent for Hill City Schools. I have been in the district for 11 years now, 8 years as a high school teacher, 3 years as principal, and have been involved in various sports and activities over the years, including head football coach.

There have been a number of changes at school, with a new superintendent, new principal, new counselor, and a new athletic director, along with new staff. All of us here at Hill City Schools are excited to meet you and your students and we welcome you to the open house on August 31st from 3:30 to 5:30. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at the school.

218-697-2394 or [ajohnson@isd002.org](mailto:ajohnson@isd002.org).

Hello,

I am Mandy Huusko, the new Principal! I am beyond excited to be part of this school and community! I graduated from UND in December of 2001 and started my teaching career. I obtained my Masters in Education from The College of St. Scholastica in 2011. In 2018 I decided to enroll in Principal classes and fell in love with being a leader! I completed my administration degree and immediately continued to get my superintendent license. I am a new inspiring leader, but can NOT be more excited to be a leader at the Hill City School. I live in Hibbing and will be commuting. I have one daughter who will be in her first year of college and I also have two dogs at home. Please feel free to come in and say hi or send me an email at [mhuusko@isd002.org](mailto:mhuusko@isd002.org). I am here to support the school and community and can't wait for the school year to begin.



# ISD #2 HILL CITY SCHOOL

|                           |          |     |
|---------------------------|----------|-----|
|                           |          | Ext |
| District Office           | 697-2394 | 100 |
| Transportation (Nor-tran) | 246-3434 |     |
| Maintenance               | 697-2394 | 108 |
| Community Education       | 697-2394 | 172 |
| Counselor                 | 697-2394 | 110 |
| Food & Nutrition          | 697-2394 | 112 |
| Athletic Director         | 697-2394 | 193 |
| Early Childhood Offices   | 697-2394 | 171 |
| Early Childhood Classroom | 697-2394 | 155 |
| Library                   | 697-2394 | 160 |
| Nurse                     | 697-2394 | 102 |

WEBSITE:

isd002.org

School Day Schedule:

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Start     | Dismiss   |
| 8:25 a.m. | 3:06 p.m. |

Graduation date: 5/26/2023

## 2022-2023 School Calendar

### August

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|          | Student Days | Teacher Days |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Qtr 1:   | 42           | 45           |
| Qtr 2:   | 42           | 45           |
| Qtr 3:   | 42/43        | 44           |
| Qtr 4:   | 45           | 46           |
| Elem:    | 171          | 180          |
| Mid/Sec: | 172          |              |

- First / Last Day of School
- Holiday / No School
- Teacher Workshop/No School
- Conference (Comp) Day/No School
- Board Meetings (2023 tentative)
- Elementary Conferences School in Session
- End of Quarter
- No school for Elementary Due to Conferences

**School Opens**

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8:25 a.m., students in grades 6-12 will begin their first day of classes. Students in grades K-5 will have scheduled parent conferences. Grades K-5 will **not** begin classes until Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

**School Closing/Emergency Information**

The safety and health of all students is our first concern. When an emergency occurs (fire, tornado, etc.) students and faculty will be retained at school until the emergency is over. Buses will not be dispatched unless authorized by the Superintendent because they might interfere with emergency vehicles. For this same reason, parents are requested **NOT TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENTS**. All safety precautions will be taken. During bad weather (ice, snow, etc.) the radio stations RADIO USA 99.9 FM, KOZY 1320 AM; WTBX 94 FM; and KMFY 97 FM will be notified the night before or in the morning before 6:30 a.m. and a message will be sent out on our **alert system**. If you do not receive the alerts, you may contact the school office at 697-2394, ext. 100. If school is closed during the school day, the radio stations are notified and announcements are made immediately. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL SCHOOL OFFICIALS OR THE RADIO STATIONS!**

Each student will be given a form to verify Emergency Information during the first week of school, **so please make sure you check the emergency information so we will have accurate information for the alert system.** This will give both the school and your child information as to where he/she should go if school is closed, or who to contact in the event of any type of emergency. Call the school office if you have any questions.

**Transportation**

If you are new to the area or have moved since the last school year, please contact the school office at 697-2394, ext. 100 to inform us of the change. Prior to school starting you will be contacted by your driver as to the scheduled pick up time for your student.

**School Hours**

8:25 a.m. to 3:06 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

**New Student/Parent Information**

If you are new to our school district, please come in any time in August from 8 - 3 to register your student(s) and fill out the necessary forms, to obtain transcripts, and take care of other items needed to start the school year or call the school office at (218) 697-2394 ext. 100. This is very important so your son or daughter is ready for the opening day of school.

**Lunch/Breakfast Application Form and Information**

Information and an application for our food service program is contained in this Newsletter, but can also be found on parent portal and the website: [isd002.org](http://isd002.org).

**LUNCH AND BREAKFAST  
WILL BE SERVED  
THE FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL.**

# General Information Continued...

## Students in Grades K-5

Students in grades K-5 should arrive at school no earlier than 8:15 a.m. unless they are planning to eat breakfast or need to go to the office. In that event, they can arrive at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Upon arrival at 8:15, they can go directly to their classroom, once the bell rings to release them. Students in grades EC-5 will have individual conferences scheduled with their teacher on September 6th. **Please do not send your child(ren) in grades K-5 to school on the bus the first day of school.** We look forward to meeting students, along with their parents, at their conference. If you have any questions, please call us at (218) 697-2394.

Breakfast and lunch will be served on the first day of school. Parents, please enclose your child's lunch/breakfast money in an envelope, clearly marked with the child's name, grade and what the money is for. Complete information on the food service program is contained in this Newsletter.

### School Visitors Policy

You have an "open invitation" to visit our school at any time. We ask that you "sign in" at the main office as you arrive, as state and district policy require. Visitors will then be given a visitors identification pass, and assisted in finding their destination. Come and visit us whenever possible. We welcome you and encourage your support and involvement.

### Lockers and Locks

Lockers will be assigned the first day of school to students in grades 3-12. All students in grades 6-12 will be given a lock to use on their locker and we encourage them to use them, as school and personal materials and belongings in a student's locker are the responsibility of the student. Locks from home are **not** permitted on school lockers. There is a charge of \$6.95 for all misplaced locks.

### Calendars

A school calendar for this year is contained in this Newsletter. Please **save** for future reference.

### Student/Parent Handbooks

Handbooks are available for all students and families. Please review this with your student. Additional copies are available in the office.

### K-12 Breakfast/Lunch

Hill City School will be offering breakfast to all students in Grades K-12. Students may eat breakfast when arriving at school or getting off the bus. Breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 a.m. until 8:25 a.m. Prices for breakfast for this school year are contained in this newsletter.

**There will be "NO" charging of food, so please make sure your child(ren) have money for breakfast and/or lunch on the first day of school.**

If you have any questions concerning food service, please contact Shawn Kingsley at 697-2394, ext. 112.

### IMPORTANT

**Independent School District No.2 encourages ALL families, regardless of income, to fill out the Application for Educational Benefits form which is included in this newsletter or can be found on parent portal. The school district receives additional educational funds and discounts which reinforces programs such as Title One (help with math and reading) just for filling it out. The information you provide is completely private and confidential. Please contact Shawn Kingsley at ext. 112, if you have questions.**

# BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM 2022-2023

The Hill City Board of Education set lunch and breakfast prices for the 2022-2023 school year. Prices will be as follows:

| BREAKFAST: |        | LUNCH:  |        |
|------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Reduced    | \$0.00 | Reduced | \$0.00 |
| K          | \$0.00 | K       | \$2.60 |
| 1-5        | \$2.05 | 1-5     | \$2.60 |
| 6-12       | \$2.15 | 6-12    | \$2.80 |
| Adults     | \$2.80 | Adults  | \$4.15 |

**IMPORTANT: Lactose-reduced milk will be provided upon written request of a parent and/or physician.**

For those families whose income falls within the guidelines set by the Federal Lunch Program and Breakfast program, an application form and informational letter is included with this Newsletter or you can use the on-line application on Parent Portal by going to the School's Website at: [isd002.org](http://isd002.org)

The Hill City School currently uses Campus Food Service System. This system is integrated with our current Campus Student Software.

### Food Service Account Info

1. Each student is assigned a PIN number.
2. There is **individual** student accounts instead of family accounts.
3. Parents are able to view account balances on line via Parent Portal.
4. Students may make deposits to their account in the school cafeteria or pay on-line on parent portal.
5. Every deposit **must** have the students name and account number on it.
6. Families with more than one child in the district only need to send one check per family and it will be divided evenly between the number of student accounts you have unless you note otherwise.
7. Families are encouraged to bring enough money for a weeks worth of meals and in the elementary, also include money needed for milk breaks that are offered daily.
8. Each time a student has a meal, the food service program will deduct the amount of the meal directly from their account.
9. Students enter their PIN# each meal and also when they purchase ala carte items.
10. Parents will be able to limit the number of ala cart items their child can purchase per day. A student will not be allowed to purchase ala carte items if they have a negative balance.
11. There is **NO** charging of food within the food service department.
12. All existing balances will transfer to the next school year.
13. Low balance notices will be mailed to you.
14. Credit cards are not accepted at this time.
15. This system will give us better ease to note students with food allergies.

**NOTE: A special milk program will be available for KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY for milk break.** One carton of milk per day will be available to kindergarten students for milk break at a reduced rate. There is a fee for this year-long program. Please send this payment with your Kindergarten student on the **first day** of school and **please also keep this payment separate from any lunch/breakfast money.**

Although we encourage students to eat the entire lunch being served, Hill City School has adopted the "Offer vs. Serve" policy for students in grades K-12, which allows a child to refuse one or two items which would not be eaten and which would end up in the garbage can. Parents, you can help by encouraging your child to try a small portion of a new or unfamiliar food, and by going over the menu with your child to help him/her decide what to eat each day.

Juice is offered for sale each day, and other items will be added after the opening of school.

Please complete the application form found in this Newsletter and return it to the school as soon as possible or use the on-line application on Parent Portal. This will enable us to have your child's meal account prepared on the first day of school. If you have any questions regarding the lunch or breakfast programs, please call Shawn Kingsley at the Hill City School, 697-2394 ext. 112.



The Monthly Lunch Menu is on our website: [isd002.org](http://isd002.org)



# Independent School District No. 2

*Serving Hill City, Jacobson and Swatara*

500 Ione Avenue  
Hill City, MN 55748  
Phone: (218) 697-2394  
Fax: (218) 697-2594

*Adam Johnson, Superintendent/Business Manager  
Mandy Huusko, Principal*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs are free for grades K, \$2.05 for grades 1-5 and \$2.15 for grades 6-12; lunch costs \$2.60 for grades K-5 and \$2.80 for grades 6-12.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions or log on to Parent Portal, go to [isd002.org](http://isd002.org), click on the Quick Link "Parent Portal". A new application must be submitted each year. At public schools, your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for kindergarten students, so all participating kindergarten students receive breakfast at no charge.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to: Attn: Shawn Kingsley, ISD #2, 500 Ione Avenue, Hill City, MN 55748.

Who can get free meals? Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Or children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free school meals? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance may be eligible for free school meals. Please fill out an application.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

How will the information be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. For more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP, or FDPIR benefits.

Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, call (218) 697-2394 or (800) 232-2394.

A community partnership proud to be unique and personal; dedicated to life-long learning and educational excellence.

Sincerely,

Adam Johnson  
Superintendent  
500 Lone Avenue  
Hill City, MN 55748  
(218) 697-2394

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2022-23 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or
- The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child) or
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (**gross earnings before deductions**, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

### Maximum Total Income

| Household size                 | \$ Per Year | \$ Per Month | \$ Twice Per Month | \$ Per 2 Weeks | \$ Per Week |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1                              | 25,142      | 2,096        | 1,048              | 967            | 484         |
| 2                              | 33,874      | 2,823        | 1,412              | 1,303          | 652         |
| 3                              | 42,606      | 3,551        | 1,776              | 1,639          | 820         |
| 4                              | 51,338      | 4,279        | 2,140              | 1,975          | 988         |
| 5                              | 60,070      | 5,006        | 2,503              | 2,311          | 1,156       |
| 6                              | 68,802      | 5,734        | 2,867              | 2,647          | 1,324       |
| 7                              | 77,534      | 6,462        | 3,231              | 2,983          | 1,492       |
| 8                              | 86,266      | 7,189        | 3,595              | 3,318          | 1,659       |
| Add for each additional person | 8,732       | 728          | 364                | 336            | 168         |

### Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their school and grade if applicable, and birthdate. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Check the box if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).

### Step 2: Case Number

If any household member currently participates in SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR, write in the case number and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3.

### Step 3: Adult and Child Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- **Social Security Number/Total Household Members.** An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number. Report the total number of household members and ensure all household members are listed individually on the application in the child or adult section as applicable.
- **Child Income.** If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children, and check the box for the frequency: weekly, bi-weekly, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.
- **Adult income.** Report the names of adult household members and income earned in this section.
  - List all adults living in the household not listed in Step 1, whether related or not, such as grandparents, relatives, or friends.
  - **Gross Earnings from Work.** This is usually the money received from working at jobs where a paycheck is received. For each income, check the box to show how often the income is received: weekly, bi-weekly, twice per month, or monthly.
  - List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.
  - **Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?** List the net income per month or year after business expenses. Do not list the same income twice on the application. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
  - **Any Other Gross Income.** List gross incomes before deductions from all other sources, such as SSI, unemployment, child support, public assistance, social security, rental income or annuities.

**Step 4: Signature and Contact Information** An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Don't share" box in Step 4.

**Optional:** Please provide the information on ethnicity and race that is requested on the second page of the form. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to ensure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.



# 2022-23 Application for Educational Benefits

Complete one application per household for all children. Please use pen (not a pencil). Mail or return completed form to: School/District Information

**STEP 1:** List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

**Definition:** A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Children in Foster care are eligible for free meals. Read *How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits* for more information. Adults over grade 12 living in the same household should be reported in Step 3. If your children attend different districts or charter/nonpublic schools, return an application at each one.

| Child's First Name (list all children in household) | MI | Child's Last Name | School | Grade | Birthdate | Foster Child (v)         |
|---|----|-------------------|--------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|
|   |    |                   |        |       |           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |    |                   |        |       |           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |    |                   |        |       |           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |    |                   |        |       |           | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**STEP 2:** Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MFIP or FDIPIR? Medical assistance does not qualify. If NO > Go to STEP 3. If YES > Enter SNAP, MFIP or FDIPIR Case Number (between 4-9 digits, do not report EBT card number) \_\_\_\_\_ then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

**STEP 3:** Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

- A. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Adult Household Member:  XXX-XX- Or Check if Adult has No SSN:  Total Number of All Household Members (Children + Adults)
- B. Child Income. Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income, such as from a part time job or SSI. Please include the TOTAL income received by all children listed in STEP 1. Do not include income received by adults in the box to the right.

| Total Income Received by All Children | Weekly                   | Bi-weekly                | 2x Month                 | Monthly                  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| \$                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**C. All Adult Household Members (including yourself).** For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0' or leave any fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Not sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income" for information. "Sources of Income" will help you with the Child Income section and All Adult Household Members section.

| Names of All Adult Household Members (First and Last) | Gross Earnings from Working at Jobs |                          |                          |                          | Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?                                    |                          | Any Other Gross Income   |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|   | Weekly                              | Bi-weekly                | 2x Month                 | Monthly                  | Report income before deductions or taxes in whole dollars (no cents). | Yearly                   | Net income from Farm or Self-Employment. Do not duplicate elsewhere. | Monthly                  | Bi-weekly                | 2x Month                 | Monthly                  | SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on Page 2 |
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**STEP 4:** Contact information and adult signature. "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is give in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."  I have checked this box if I do not want my information shared with Minnesota Health Care Program as allowed by state law.

Printed name of adult signing form \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (if available) Apt# City Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

| Do Not Fill Out: For School Office Use |                 | Household Size: |                        | Date:               |                       |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Conversions to Annualize All Income:   | Household Size: | Annualize       | Reduced After Verified | Free After Verified | Denied After Verified |
| X1                                     | Household Size: | Monthly         | Free                   | Free                | Reduced               |
| X2                                     | Household Size: | 2x Month        | Free                   | Free                | Reduced               |
| X4                                     | Household Size: | Bi-weekly       | Free                   | Free                | Reduced               |
| X6                                     | Household Size: | Weekly          | Free                   | Free                | Reduced               |
| X12                                    | Household Size: |                 |                        |                     |                       |

See Page 2 for Additional Information. Return completed form to the school at the address listed at the top of the form. Do not mail to the Minnesota Department of Education or United States Department of Agriculture.



**OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities**

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. Respond to both Step One, *Ethnicity* and Step Two, *Race*.

Step One: Ethnicity (check one):  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

Step Two: Race (check one or more):  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White

**INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income**

| Sources of Income for Children  |  | Sources of Income for Adults  |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Sources of Child Income   | Examples   | Earnings from Work  | Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earnings from work</li> <li>Social Security                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Disability Payments</li> <li>b. Survivor's Benefits</li> </ul> </li> <li>Income from person outside the household</li> <li>Income from any other source</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages</li> <li>A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security</li> <li>A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits</li> <li>A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money</li> <li>A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes)</li> <li>Net income from self-employment (farm or business)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)</li> <li>b. Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash Assistance from State or local government</li> <li>Supplemental Security Income</li> <li>Unemployment benefits</li> <li>Worker's compensation</li> <li>Alimony payments</li> <li>Child support payments</li> <li>Veteran's benefits</li> <li>Strike benefits</li> </ul>  |
|   |  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Other Income                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Security</li> <li>Disability benefits</li> <li>Regular income from trusts or estates</li> <li>Annuities</li> <li>Investment income</li> <li>Rental income</li> <li>Regular cash payments from outside household</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to MDE as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

**Nondiscrimination statement:** In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or (2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Wednesdays

Will be  
**NORMAL SCHOOL  
HOURS**  
this year.  
**NO LATE START or  
EARLY RELEASE**

**Welcome Back!**



There are a lot of new faces around the school this year!!!  
Exciting things happening at Hill City School!

Let's welcome:  
**Miss Huusko (Principal)**  
Mrs. Erickson (School Counselor)  
Mr. Schliauter (Phy Ed. Teacher)  
*Mrs. Jubbs (Special Education)*

Along with different staff in new roles!

## Newsletter

The Newsletter will not be going out in the mail every month again this year. (Except for this one)  
It can be found on the school's website:  
[isd002.org](http://isd002.org)

If you have any questions on where to find it - or you would like something published, contact Jessica  
218-697-2394 Ext. 101  
[jboatman@isd002.org](mailto:jboatman@isd002.org)

## rSchools

Check our Sports Schedules and SO MUCH MORE Here!!!

Pretty much anything that happens here @ school:

Field Trips, Concerts, Programs, Events, etc.

Log onto our website:  
[isd002.org](http://isd002.org)

Click "Activities Calendar" if you want to be updated with any sport and the changes - Click "Notify Me" to sign up. Chose the sport and it will email or text you with all changes!

Click "School Calendar" and you will find what's happening in the school! Or if you would like to reserve a space in the school for any reason contact Jessica.

218-697-2394 Ext. 101 [jboatman@isd002.org](mailto:jboatman@isd002.org)

Also she's your contact for any questions! :)

# Parents of KINDERGARTEN Students

Hill City School is pleased to offer summer transition sessions for your child entering kindergarten this fall. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to become familiar with, and feel comfortable in the kindergarten classroom. Kindergarten Transition Sessions will be held August 18th, in the Kindergarten Room. Letters regarding these sessions will be sent out to each family as to the specific dates and times. If you do not receive a letter and you have a student that will be entering kindergarten, please call the school office at 218-697-2394, ext. 100.

We have found that children who attend these kindergarten transition sessions are far more comfortable the first days of school because they are familiar with the environment, the teacher, and the routines. We strongly recommend your child attend one or both of these sessions.

## Kindergarten Information

Hill City Kindergarten students will once again attend school every day for full days. Parents are reminded to furnish their child's birth certificate and immunization record if they have not already done so.

Students in Kindergarten have an opportunity to participate in a special milk program designed for students in Kindergarten. There is a one time fee for the year-long milk program. The School District requests that parents/guardians pay that **separate** from their lunch/breakfast money as this is a different program. Please label your envelope "Kindergarten Milk" and send to school with your child on the first day of school.

If you have any questions regarding this milk program, please call Shawn Kingsley at (218) 697-2394 ext. 112.



## School Supplies

There is a school supply list on the school website at **isd002.org**, and on the left side column you will find "Class Supply List 2022-2023". Then look at the column for the grade of your child(ren) for those supplies that are marked as required.

## Middle School and Secondary School Supplies

There will be some school supplies at the school on the first day of school that will be available for students to take, due to donations to the school.

- Tennis shoes for gym (Grades 6-12)
- Paper
- Pencils and Pens
- Ruler
- Folders for papers, assignments, etc.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students should look on the school website at **isd002.org**, and on the left column you will find "Class Supply List 2022-2023". There is a list of supplies needed on the far right. Other individual teachers may have specific supply requests for their classes, and will notify the students of those requirements during the first days of school.

# High School Students

All students in Grades 6-12 will meet in the gymnasium at 8:25 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, for a general meeting. Following that, Grades 6-12 will meet with their own classes and advisors in class meetings. Policies and procedures will be explained and other necessary items taken care of at the beginning of the new school year.

## Athletic Calendar

Please visit our school's website to utilize the Athletic/Events Calendar (**rSchools**). Our website is: **isd002.org**. Once you have accessed the website, on the left side column under Quick Links, click on Activities Calendar. This will reveal all of the sports activities. Once you have entered the Calendar, you will see on the right hand side in the column "Notify Me". If you click on this and follow the steps to set yourself up with whatever sports or activities you would like to keep track of, this will notify you of any changes, additions or subtractions. This Calendar is kept as up to date as possible.

## Athletic Physicals

All students are required to have physicals before they can participate in sports at Hill City High School. Forms are on the School's website or in the office. They will also be available on Parent Meeting night. You can check on parent portal to see the date of your last physical on file.

## Volleyball Season Begins

Attention all students interested in participating in volleyball for the 2022-2023 season, the first day of volleyball practice is August 15th

## Cross Country Season Begins

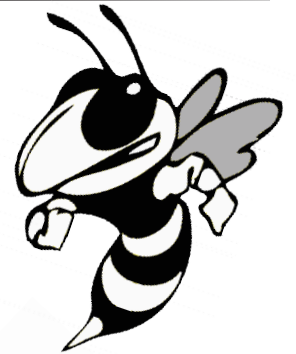
Attention all students interested in participating in Cross Country for the 2022-2023 season, the first day of practice is August 15th

## Parent/Student Meeting

There will be **important** parent/student meeting, for all those playing Volleyball, Football and Cross Country will be August 8 at 6:00 p.m. Collection of paperwork and fees will be done at this time for **Hill City** Students. The Activity Handbook and sports forms can also be printed off of the school website at: **isd002.org** or you can stop into the school office to pick them up. Forms and Physicals will need to be filled out and completed in order to participate in practice.

## Football Season Begins

Practice will begin on Monday August, 15th. Bus leaves Hill City School at 5:00 for Varsity Players. Practice will be at Northland. Players must ride the bus to practices. Practice for Junior High will start at a later date. Check Activity Calendar (rSchools) on our website **isd002.org** for the Practice and Games Schedules.



Fall sports have begun. Individuals participating in sports should read the following policy governing athletic fees and equipment protection deposit. In addition, all athletes are required to have a sport physical every three years. Please use rSchools or check Parent Portal to verify sport physical dates.

### **Policy Governing Athletic Fee and Equipment Protection**

Fees will be required for participation in the following athletics:

|                  |                  |              |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Boys Football    | Girls Basketball | One Act Play |
| Girls Volleyball | Boys Baseball    | Speech       |
| Boys Basketball  | Girls Softball   |              |
| Cross Country    |                  |              |

\*NO athlete may participate in practice or contest until all Paperwork is complete and Physicals are up to date .

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6th-8th grade - \$35.00 per sport

6th-8th grade - equipment down payment (to be reimbursed when all equipment is handed in )  
\$25.00

**\*Please write *SEPARATE* checks for the sport fee and the equipment deposit.**

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9th - 12th grade - \$55.00 per sport

9th - 12th grade - equipment down payment (to be reimbursed when all equipment is handed in)  
\$100.00

**\*Please write *SEPARATE* checks for the sport fee and the equipment deposit.**

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\* Participation fee payments will have a family cap of \$150.00/year.

\* All checks for equipment down payment would not be cashed unless a student destroys their uniform or the uniform is lost/stolen.

\*\* (No family cap on equipment)

\* Equipment down payment checks will be returned to the athlete if all materials are handed in. **If the athletes' materials are not washed a \$10.00 fee will be assessed.**

\* *Please Note:* If the cost of the damaged or lost/stolen uniform/equipment exceeds the uniform down payment, the athlete and the parent/guardian will be responsible for any additional payments needed to replace it.

\* ISD #002 administration will follow the policy governing student fee collection in the event of lost, stolen or abuse fine that are not paid in full.

# Open House

August 31



3:30 pm  
to  
5:30 pm

See your Teachers!!

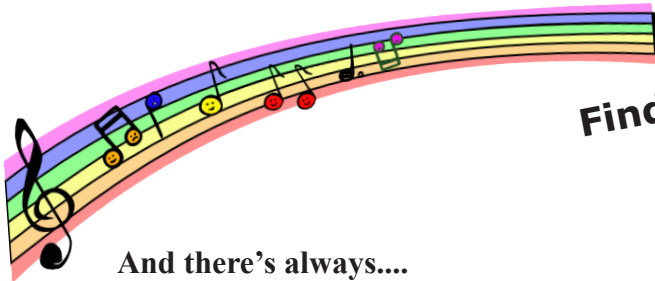
Meet the New Faces of  
~The Gem of the North~

Pick up a few School  
Supplies



Pick up your Class Schedule

Find your Locker and practice  
that new lock!



And there's always....  
Superintendent  
**Johnson**



Meet with the New  
Counselor Mrs. Erickson  
for Schedule Questions

Meet with the New  
Principal,  
Miss Huusko

*Let's have a BBQ!!!  
Join us for Chips and Hot Dogs!*



BACK TO SCHOOL





## **Senior Class of 2023**



Independent School District No. 2  
500 Ione Avenue  
Hill City, MN 55748

Hill City, MN 55748  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 3  
ECRWSS

**Local Boxholder**  
**Hill City, MN 55748**



Transportation is still  
being provided by

**Nor-Tran Inc.**  
(218) 246-3434

We will be routing a bus a few more miles North  
this year; call about details!

You should be contacted about your student's  
Bus Time Pick-Up and Drop-Off  
by the First day of school.  
If you are not, please feel free to give the office  
a call to assist you.  
218-697-2394

**Sports  
Ticket Prices**



Yearly passes for athletic events may be  
purchased in the school office. Prices for  
the 202-2023 school year are as follows:

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Family Pass               | \$60.00 |
| College Student Pass      | \$25.00 |
| Adult Pass (up to age 62) | \$35.00 |
| Senior Citizen Couple     | \$25.00 |
| Senior Citizen (age 62+)  | \$15.00 |
| Veteran Pass              | \$15.00 |

**Single Ticket Prices**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Adult (up to age 62)     | \$ 5.00 |
| Senior Citizen (age 62+) | \$ 3.00 |
| College Student          | \$ 3.00 |
| Veteran                  | \$ 3.00 |