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# COMMUNITY NEWS



A note from the desk of your  
Superintendent Rendle and Principal Johnson



## CHANGE

The experts say the one constant in our lives is “change”. In education, experts say helping students deal with change should be one of our top priorities. For the 2019-20 school year, at the “Gem of the North”, change will be evident right away the first day of school. As students depart the bus, they will be greeted by our new building Principal, Mr. Adam Johnson.

Next, they will see the familiar face of Kay Koerber returning to the office as building counselor. In addition to these changes, there will be other new staff and current staff in new positions. I strongly encourage you come to the Open House on **Wednesday, August 28th 2019 from 4:30-6:30pm**. You can meet the new staff, say “Hi” to your former teachers, get a copy of your schedule and visit some of your friends. (Be on the lookout for days agenda in August)

Finally, it’s my honor to be serving as ISD 002 Superintendent for the fourth year. This is a special community filled with great kids, who receive strong support and are educated by wonderful professionals. I am looking forward to a fantastic year.

Pat Rendle  
Superintendent  
ISD 002



Hello,

I am Adam Johnson and I am the new principal for the Hill City School District. I am excited for the new transition into principal. I am getting to work even more with both the staff and students across all grade levels for ISD #2.

I am grateful for this opportunity for this new position and look forward to continuing to help Hill City Schools be one of the best schools in the state. We have a great school here in Hill City and I hope to help it continue to grow.

I am looking forward to the upcoming school year and getting to know and work with all the students even more.



# 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	180
Early Childhood Offices	697-2394	171
Early Childhood Classroom	697-2394	177
Library	697-2394	160
Nurse	697-2394	102

WEBSITE:

[isd002.org](http://isd002.org)

**School Day Schedule:**

**Start**                      **Dismiss**  
8:25 AM                      3:06 PM

## 2019-2020 School Calendar

### August

M	T	W	T	F
			1	3
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Q1=0/3

### September

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

Q1=20/20

9/2 Labor Day

### October

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Q1=20/21

10/17 & 18 Fall Holiday 10/22 MDD

### November

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Q1=6/7

Q2=11/11

11/19 & 21 Evening Conferences

### December

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Q2=15/15

12/20 thru 1/1/19 Winter Holiday

### January

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

Q2=14/15

Q3=4/4

1/20 MLK Day

### February

M	T	W	T	F
				7
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Q3=19/19

2/7 Elementary Conferences

### March

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Q3=19/20

Q4=2/2

2/17 Presidents' Day

### April

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

Q4=20/20

4/10 & 4/13 Spring Holiday

### June

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	11	12	13	14
15	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Q4=2/3

\*Teacher

	Student Days	Days
Qtr 1:	46	51
Qtr 2:	40	41
Qtr 3:	42	43
Qtr 4:	44	45
	172	180

- First / Last Day of School
- Holiday / No School
- End of Quarter
- Teacher Workshop/No School
- Conf (Comp) Day/No School

No school for elementary on Feb. 7 due to conferences during the day

Graduation Date: 05/29/20

**School Opens**

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 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 4, 2019.

**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 Lynn Major at 697-2394, ext. 104. 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 able to check Parent Portal as to bus pick up time.

**School Hours**

8:25 a.m. to 3:06 p.m. &  
Wednesdays  
8:55 a.m. to 3:06 p.m.

**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**.

**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. Students in grades K-5 will have individual conferences scheduled with their teacher on September 3rd. **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.

### 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 will be given out one per family, the first day of school. 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 8:26 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. If you qualify, the school district receives additional educational funds and discounts which reinforces programs such as Title One (help with math and reading). The information you provide is completely private and confidential. Please contact Shawn Kingsley at ext. 112, if you have questions.

# BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM 2019-2020

The Hill City Board of Education set lunch and breakfast prices for the 2019-2020 school year. Prices will be as follows:

BREAKFAST:		LUNCH:	
Reduced	\$0.00	Reduced	\$0.00
K	\$0.00	K	\$2.40
1-5	\$1.85	1-5	\$2.40
6-12	\$1.95	6-12	\$2.60
Adults	\$2.35	Adults	\$3.95
Extra Serving	\$1.85	Extra Serving	\$2.50
Extra Milk	\$0.55	Extra Milk	\$0.55

**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.

Students in grades K-5 will again have a milk break each day. If you wish to have your child participate in this break, or be able to have an extra milk with his/her lunch at noon, please be sure to send \$5.50 for 10 milks, or \$.55 per day. One milk is provided for with lunch, but any extra milk must be paid for. Lactose-reduced milk will be provided upon written request of a parent and/or physician. Send these requests to Shawn Kingsley, Food Service at Hill City School.

**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. The fee for this year-long program is \$\_\_\_\_. 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.

## Independent School District No. 2

*Serving Hill City, Jacobson and Swatara*

500 lone Avenue

Hill City, MN 55748

Phone: (218) 697-2394

Fax: (218) 697-2594

*Patrick Rendle, Superintendent/Principal*

*Andrew Dokken, Assistant Principal*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs \$0 for KINDERGARTEN, \$1.85 FOR 1-5, \$1.95 FOR 6-12; lunch costs \$2.40 for K-5 and \$2.60 for 6-12. Adult Breakfast is \$2.35 and Adult Lunch is \$3.95.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. 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 breakfasts at no charge.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to:

500 lone Ave, Hill City, MN 55748

**Who can get free school meals?** Children in households participating in the 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.

To apply for full school meals, please complete The Application for Educational Benefits form.

**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 the 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 U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price school 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, and we may also 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 697-2394.

Sincerely, Shawn Kingsley, Foodservice Supervisor

## How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2019-20 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 Prioritized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Maximum Total Income

Household size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	23,107	1,926	963	881	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
Add for each additional person	8,177	682	341	315	158

### Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their birthdate and, if applicable, their grade and school. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Fill in the circle 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 the Special Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), write in your 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: Adults / Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- 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 house hold not listed in Step 1, whether related or not, such as grandparents, relatives, or friends.
  - Gross Earnings from Work.** 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.
  - Self-employment or Farm Income.** List the net income per month or year after business expenses. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
  - All Other Gross Income.** List gross incomes before deductions from any other sources, such as SSI, unemployment, child support, public assistance, social security, rental income or annuities.
- 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. The total household member is reported.

**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 make sure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.



## 2019-20 Application for Educational Benefits

Complete one application per household. Please use pen (not a pencil).

**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.

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last name	Birthdate	Grade	Foster Child
					<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 FDPIR? Medical assistance **does not** qualify.

if **YES** >Enter SNAP, MFIP, or FDPIR Case Number \_\_\_\_\_ then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3) If **NO** > Go to STEP 3.

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

**A. Child Income**

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1.

Child Income	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B. 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.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work					Net income from Self-Employment	All Other Income such as SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on page two	All Other Income								
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Yearly			Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**C. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN)** of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_ Check if no SSN:  **Total Household Members (Children and Adults)** \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 4:** Contact information and adult signature. Mail Completed Form To: (School/District Information) \_\_\_\_\_  
 "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given 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 Programs as allowed by state law.

Printed name of adult signing form \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of adult \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income**

**Sources of Income for Children**

Sources of Child Income	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earnings from work</li> <li>Social Security                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disability Payments</li> <li>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>

**Sources of Income for Adults**

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
<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)</li> <li>If you are in the U.S. Military:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, ESSA or privatized housing allowances)</li> <li>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>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>

**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. **Ethnicity (check one):**  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

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

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.

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

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Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annualized	Household Size	Categorical Eligibility	Free	Reduced	Denied
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Determining Official's Signature

Date

Confirming Official's Signature

Date

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mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410  
fax: (202) 690-7442; or  
email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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# 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 later in August in the Kindergarten Room. Letters regarding these sessions will be sent out to each family as to the specific dates and times, so if you do not receive a letter during the second week of August 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 2018-2019". 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 2019-2020". 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 3, 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, and other events happening in our school. 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. If you have any questions please call Jessica at 697-2394 ext. 101.

### 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. Check with your coaches if you have any questions or concerns.

### Volleyball Season Begins

Attention all students in grades 9-12 interested in participating in volleyball for the 2019-2020 season, the first day of volleyball practice is August 12th for grades 9-12 at 9:00 a.m. and grades 6-8 will start the following week at 3:30 p.m.

### Parent/Student Meeting

There will be **important** parent/student meeting, for all those playing Volleyball and Football will be August 8th 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 be printed off of the school website at: **isd002.org** or you can stop into the school office to pick them up.

### Football Season Begins

Practice will begin on Monday August, 12th at 5:00 p.m. in Remer. Bus leaves Hill City School at 4:20 for Varsity Players. 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 will begin soon. 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 call the school 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
Girls Volleyball	Boys Baseball
Boys Basketball	Girls Softball

\*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 - \$50.00 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.

\* *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.

Adopted by the Board of Education July 23, 2001.



# THE SEASON STARTS HERE

## FREE SPORTS PHYSICAL NIGHTS

August 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

5:00 - 7:00 pm

School & College Athlete Appointments Available  
Free sports physicals are offered on a first come, first serve basis  
Call 218.326.7344 to schedule an appointment



## Preschool Registration BBQ

August 7th, 2019  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Hill City Elementary

We plan on being outside if the weather cooperates. If not, we will move things inside to the old community room and preschool classrooms.

This time will be filled with fun for the kids, an opportunity to meet your teacher, and fill out the remaining paperwork while enjoying some food fresh off the grill.

We look forward to seeing you on August 7th!



# Open House

August 28<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm

to

6:30 pm



See your Teachers

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



Pick up a few School  
Supplies and  
a Backpack

Pick up your Class  
Schedule

Find your Locker and  
practice that new lock!



and of course...

Sing and

Dance along

with Mr. Rendle

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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
HILL CITY COMMUNITY POTLUCK  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 2019**

**4:30 –7:00 CHAMBER PAVILION**



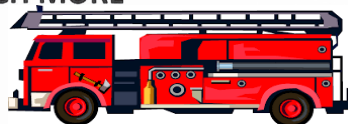
**BRING A CHAIR AND A DISH TO SHARE**

**COME AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS**

**FIRE DEPT. RIDES and DEMONSTRATIONS**



**KIDS GAMES  
AND MUCH MORE**



**BURGER and HOT DOGS  
PROVIDED BY LOCAL SERVICE GROUPS**

## Sports Ticket Prices



Yearly passes for athletic events may be purchased in the school office. Prices for the 2019-2020 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
Student	Free