



August ~
September
2023

COMMUNITY NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



A note from the desks of your new
Superintendent Adam Johnson &
Principal Zac Erickson



Welcome back Hill City Students! We are excited for the 2023-24 school year. The school will have a new principal, Zac Erickson, that is jumping in with both feet to learn about our school. We have new staff throughout the building that will be introduced in the next few weeks. Please follow our Facebook page to see the new names and faces around the school.

We have some new offerings this year. Our new math teacher will be offering a personal finance class.

Mr. Gallagher is offering a work place seminar and experience class, where students will be able to work at different places in the community, gain experience, and earn credit. We are working on Spanish for younger students with Mrs. Vanderschaaf. Our new tech coordinator will be teaching a computer science course. Mrs. Cannella has expanded STEAM time for K-12. Ms. Vanderport will be offering a yearbook class for students. Lot's of new things around the building that we are excited about.

On the extra-curricular side, we have some expanded offerings as well. We have added track and field for this spring to be paired with Deer River/Northland, along with MSHSL trap shooting in the spring as a co-op with Northland. This goes along with what we already offer: football, volleyball, cross country, boys and girls basketball, robotics, one act play, speech, baseball, and softball to name a few.

Bus routes are coming out soon, we are continuing working with Nor-Tran for transportation. If you are interested in being a bus driver, please reach out to Nor-Tran by calling 218-246-3434.

There is an open house for all students and families on August 30th, from 3:30 to 5:30, where students will be able to meet their teachers. We will also have school supplies for all students, along with hot dogs, chips, and water. Come on out and see the school.

The graduating class of 2024 will be the 40th graduating class in the current building. We are planning on celebrating 40 years at a celebration during the winter, please watch the Facebook page and newsletter for more information. We are hoping to make this a fun event for everyone.

Before the first day of school, we have home volleyball games on August 25th and 29th, along with a home football game on September 1st. There is also an open house on August 30th. Plenty of exciting things going on before students show up for their first day on September 5th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the school and we can help answer any

Hello!

I am thrilled to be the new Principal at Hill City School. My professional background is in the elementary setting as I taught kindergarten in Park Rapids, MN and Colorado Springs, CO. I then taught 5th grade for several years at Cohasset Elementary. I am excited to jump into the leadership role and support the staff, students, and families of Hill City School!

On a personal note, my wife Lindsey, is the counselor here at the school. We recently welcomed our first child, Bowen and we are excited to be parents.

Our family loves to spend time at our cabin.

I look forward to a great year ahead and feel priviledged to serve you as School Principal.



ISD #2 HILL CITY SCHOOL

	Ext	
District Office	697-2354	30100
Transportation (See-tran)	246-3434	
Maintenance	697-2354	30105
Community Education	697-2354	30172
Counselor	697-2354	30110
Food & Nutrition	697-2354	30112
Athletic Director	697-2354	30143
Early Childhood Offices	697-2354	30171
Early Childhood Classrooms	697-2354	30155
Library	697-2354	30160
Nurse	697-2354	30102

WEBSITE:

isc2002.org

School Day Schedule:

Start: 8:25 a.m.
Dismiss: 3:05 p.m.

Graduation date: 5/24/2024

2023-2024 School Calendar

August					September				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4					1
7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	31	25	26	27	28	29	

October					November				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3
9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10
16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17
23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24
30	31	27	28	29	30				

December					January				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
				1	1	2	3	4	5
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11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19
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February					March				
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12	13	14	15	16	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	

April					May				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3
8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10
15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17
22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24
29	30	27	28	29	30	31			

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

Month	Days	Teacher Days
Mr-1:	42	46
Mr-2:	42	48
Mr-3:	4302	44
Mr-4:	48	48
Elem:	171	188

Number: 172

- First / Last Day of School
- Holiday / No School
- Teacher Workshop/No School
- Conference (Camp) Day/No School
- E-Learning Days/PLC
- Graduation at 7:00pm
- Board Meetings (2023 tentative)
- Evening Conferences/School in Session
- End of Quarter
- No school for Elem. Due to Conferences

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School Opens

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 8:25 a.m., students in grades K-12 will begin their first day of classes. Early Childhood will begin September 7, 2023.

Graduation 2024



May 24, 2024 7:00 pm

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. 10100. 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. 10100 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 7 - 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. 10100. This is very important so your student is ready for the opening day of school.

Application for Education Benefits

Information and an application 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 a suggested 8:10 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 8:20, they can go directly to their classroom, once the bell rings to release them. If you have any questions, please call us at (218) 697-2394.

Breakfast and lunch will be served on the first day of school. Please take the time to fill out the Application for Educational Benefits. This application is not for lunch purposes only, as it is used for many benefits for the school.

<p style="text-align: center;">School Visitors Policy</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lockers and Locks</p> <p>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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Calendars</p> <p>A District Calendar for this year is contained in this Newsletter. Please save for future reference. Activity and Facilities Calendars are on our website: isd002.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student/Parent Handbooks</p> <p>Handbooks are available for all students and families. Please review this with your student. Additional copies are available in the office.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance</p> <p>If your student is absent please call the school office @ 218-697-2394 Ext. 10100 before 9:15 am or you will receive an automated call noting this absence.</p> <p>If you know your student will be absent please feel free to call in any time and they will be given an Advanced Make-Up slip to ensure that they may have the Homework required for the day(s) of their absence.</p> <p>If your student is absent for a Medical reason, a Doctor’s note <i>may</i> be brought in to <i>Exempt</i> the absence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT</p> <p>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. 10112, if you have questions.</p>

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM 2023-2024

The Hill City Board of Education set lunch and breakfast prices for the 2023-2024 school year. Prices will be as follows:

BREAKFAST:		LUNCH:	
K	\$0.00	K	\$0.00
Second Meal	\$4.95	Second Meal	\$4.95
1-5	\$0.00	1-5	\$0.00
Second Meal	\$4.95	Second Meal	\$4.95
6-12	\$0.00	6-12	\$0.00
Second Meal	\$4.95	Second Meal	\$4.95
Adults	\$4.95	Adults	\$4.95

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

For ALL families, 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

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

Food Service Account Info

- Each student is assigned a PIN number.
- There is **individual** student accounts instead of family accounts.
- Parents are able to view account balances on line via Parent Portal.
- Students may make deposits to their account in the school cafeteria or pay on-line on parent portal.
- Every deposit **must** have the students name and account number on it.
- 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.
- Families are encouraged to bring enough money for a weeks worth of second meals or ala crate and in the elementary, also include money needed for milk breaks that are offered daily.
- Each time a student has a second meal or ala carte, the food service program will deduct the amount of the meal directly from their account.
- Students enter their PIN# each meal and also when they purchase ala carte items.
- 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.
- There is **NO** charging of food within the food service department.
- All existing balances will transfer to the next school year.
- Low balance notices will be mailed to you and an automated message will be sent through Parent Portal.
- Credit cards are not accepted at this time except through the Parent Portal.
- 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 of **\$30.78**. 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.

There will be "NO" charging of food, so please make sure your child(ren) have money in their account for second meal and ala carte.

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. 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

*Adam Johnson, Superintendent/Business Manager
Zachary Erickson, Principal*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school offers healthy meals each day. Starting school year 2023-24, we are joining Minnesota's Free School Meals Program. All students can get one breakfast and one lunch free of charge each day at school. Although no application is required to receive this free meal benefit, filling out the Application for Educational Benefits is still important! Your child(ren) may qualify for other benefits like reduced fees at school. Your application may also help the school qualify for education funds, discounts, and other meal programs.

To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits and return it to:

Attn: Shawn Kingsley, ISD #2, 500 lone Avenue, Hill City, MN 55748.

Who should complete this application? 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 qualify without reporting household income. Alternatively, children can qualify if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

COMMON QUESTIONS:

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children qualify? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance do not automatically qualify. Children may be eligible depending on other household financial information. 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 you to complete an application.

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 income information or case number I give be checked? It may be. 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, 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.

Sincerely,

Adam Johnson
Superintendent
500 lone Avenue
Hill City, MN 55748

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

How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2023-24 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Maximum Total Income

Household size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
Add for each additional person	9,509	793	397	366	183

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.



2023-24 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." 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 (✓)
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<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, MIFIP or FDIPIR? Medical assistance does not qualify. If NO > Go to STEP 3. If YES > Enter SNAP, MIFIP 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	2x Month	Monthly	Report income before deductions or taxes in whole dollars (no cents).	Monthly	Yearly	Net income from Farm or Self-Employment. Do not duplicate elsewhere.	Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. Include children who are temporarily away at school or in college.	<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"/>	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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 _____

Signature of Household Adult _____ Date _____

Determining Official Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official Signature: _____ Date: _____

Do Not Fill Out: For School Office Use	Conversions to Annualize All Income:				Household Size:	Categorical Eligibility	Free After Verified	Reduced After Verified	Denied After Verified	
	X52	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month						X24
All Total Income (Include child and adult income)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annualize	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Free	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Verified? Attach Tracker		<input type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	Free After Verified	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduced After Verified	<input type="checkbox"/>	Denied After Verified	<input type="checkbox"/>
Household Size:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	2x Month	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Household Eligibility		<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	2x Month	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Household Size:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	2x Month	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Household Size:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	2x Month	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>

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. 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 Child Income	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earnings from work Social Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Disability Payments b. Survivor's Benefits Income from person outside the household Income from any other source 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes) Net income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) b. Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash Assistance from State or local government Supplemental Security Income Unemployment benefits Worker's compensation Alimony payments Child support payments Veteran's benefits Strike benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security Disability benefits Regular income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Rental income Regular cash payments from outside household

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/ad-3027.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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Welcome Back!



Wednesdays

Will again be
**NORMAL SCHOOL
HOURS**

this year.
**NO LATE START or
EARLY RELEASE**

Just a little different schedule
within the school day.

There are a lot of new faces around the
school this year!!!

Let's welcome:

Zachary Erickson (Principal)

GREG BULLOCK

(DISTRICT COMPUTER TECHNICIAN)

Caitlin Smith

(2nd Grade Teacher)

Kimberlee Mueske (School Nurse)

Haley Locken (Assistant Cook)

CATHERINE JONES (COOK'S HELPER)

Allan White (Math Teacher)

School Calendar

Events taking place with your
students - ie.

Concerts, Field Trips, Book
Fair, Practice Schedules,
Guest Speakers, and so much
more... will be on

the School Calendar

You may access this calendar on the
school's website --> Quick link
"Facilities (School) Calendar"
(This is kept up as well as possible)

Or if you would like to reserve a
space in the school for any
reason contact Jessica.

218-697-2394 Ext. 10101

jboatman@isd002.org

rSchools

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

Log onto our website:
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!
Or just check out when and where
the games are!

Click "School Calendar" and you will
find Practice Schedules as up to date
as possible.

218-697-2394 Ext. 10193

jschliauter@isd002.org or

218-697-2394 Ext. 10101

jboatman@isd002.org

For any Questions!

Watch the District
Calendar for
E-Learning Days and as
always Workshop Days
and Holidays!



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 28th, in the Kindergarten Room from 9:00-11:30 am. They will meet the teacher, do activities with their parent(s), and explore the room. If you have any questions or have a new student to register that will be entering kindergarten, please call the school office at 218-697-2394, ext. 10100.

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 a copy of 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 of **\$30.78**. 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. 10112.



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 2023-2024". Then look at the column for the grade(s) 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 2023-2024". 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 5, 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 in grades 9-12 interested in participating in volleyball for the 2023-2024 season, the first day of volleyball practice is August 14th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Watch for announcements for grades 6-8 starting at a later date.

Cross Country Season Begins

Attention all students grades 6-12 interested in participating in Cross Country for the 2023-2024 season. The first day of practice is August 14th from 9:00-11:00.

Parent/Student Meeting

There was a parent/student meeting, for all those playing Volleyball, Football and Cross Country on August 8th. A collection of paperwork and fees was done at that time for **Hill City** Students, if you didn't please get them in as soon as possible. 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, 14th. 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	Trap Shooting
Cross Country		Track and Field

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

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.**

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.**

* 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 fines that are not paid in full.

~Parent Involvement Meeting~

August 30



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!

Meet with the Counselor
Mrs. Erickson
for Schedule Questions

And there's always....
Superintendent
Johnson

Meet with the New
Principal,
Mr. Erickson

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



BACK TO SCHOOL



HILL CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Fourth Quarter 2022-2023

Grade 12

A

Tyra Eckelman
Emma Finke
Kyle Grimsbo
Tanner Harcey
Riley Holm
Raven Miranda
Michelle Smith
Torie Thompson-Nau
Ally Zapzalka

B

Qunitarian Borders
Adrianna Foix
Zach Hamilton
Kira Schuety
Niyelle Solie
Andrew St. Martin

Grade 8

A

Savannah Blaisdell
Taylor Washburn

B

Christen Boleman
DaNayah Cook Stately
Gage Dorn
Franklin Goodrich
Dani Hannula
Coltyn Harcey
Emma Leach
Paycen Martin
Lilly Woolley

Grade 11

A

Taleigha Cook
Brooklyn Harcey
Camyrn Hunt
Easton Kingsley
Adrianna Leverty-Taylor
Shaley Pearson
Hayden Schafer
Annika Spangler
Lainee Spangler

B

Emmett Bray

Grade 7

A

Haley Barnes
Hannah Barnes
Kyleah Kaslow
Vannessa Kingsley
Artemis Mercado
Tyler Pearson
Kayleigh Richards

B

Avery Bailey
Kendel Humphrey
Reid Johnson
Mason Kingsley
Chloe Marinaro
Martin Sersha

Grade 10

A

Bellona Dunham
Adrianna Harcey
Destiny Hobson
Trevor Kingsley
Kaija Neary
Brielle Olson
Abby Zapzalka

B

Dylan Blaisdell
Matthew Washburn

Grade 6

A

Benjamin Jurvelin

B

Pearl Johnson
Juniper Mercado
Jace Zapzalka



Congratulations!

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Transportation is still
being provided by

Nor-Tran Inc.
(218) 246-3434

We will be routing a bus even a few more miles
North this year!! All the way to Super One Foods
in Grand Rapids!

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 2023-2024 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