



Hill-Murray School

The Catholic Benedictine Prep School

Dear Parents and Guardians of Hill-Murray Freshmen,

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

Orientation Retreat at Hidden Pines Ranch Monday, August 12th, 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM.

- 1) Please arrive at H-M around 7:45 AM. Parents can pick up students at H-M at 3:00 PM. We will begin the day at Hill-Murray with a brief prayer service at 8:00 AM. We would like to have a parent or guardian accompany their student at the prayer service with a parent meeting to follow from 8:30-9:00 am with Principal Elizabeth Marin while students head to Hidden Pines Ranch via bus.
- 2) Lunch is not provided, so we do ask that your student bring a lunch. A snack will be provided at the retreat center.
- 3) Please have your student wear comfortable clothes that they will be able to move in. Please dress appropriately for the weather (rain or shine). Students should wear tennis shoes, or other closed-toe shoes; no flip-flops or sandals. When we arrive at Hidden Pines Ranch, your student's cell phone will be stored in a secure place until the retreat is over and we ask them to not be on their phones during the retreat. Students should bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and a hat (optional)
- 4) There is a **Release/Emergency Contact Form that must be signed and filled out and brought on the day of the retreat. This is very important!**
[Release/Emergency Contact Form](#)

Orientation Day at Hill-Murray School
Thursday, August 22nd, 7:45 AM - 12:30 PM
Computer pick up from 12:30 until 1:30 PM

- 1.) Please arrive by 7:45 AM at the Hill-Murray doors leading into the main entrance of the school. The day does **NOT** include lunch, but we will have some snacks throughout the day.
- 2.) Students do not need to bring books, supplies, or backpacks, but they will receive their locker number, and be able to pick up their computers at the end of the day.
- 3.) Due to the day being active, students may be sitting on the floors--Shorts or pants are Best, as well as tennis shoes. **Freshmen MUST wear a Hill-Murray uniform polo shirt, as part of the day will include their school photos.**
- 4.) Students will be in small groups along with their Link Leaders (Junior and Senior students) where they will be playing games and icebreakers. We will also have some large group activities in the Varsity gym, while also meeting some teachers!

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

Sincerely,

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