



## Hillside Herald - October 2022

Hillside Middle School

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## From the Desk of Mrs. Rodriguez

Hillside Families,

September has come and gone but it brought us numerous enriching events and activities. We closed the month with Parent Teacher Conferences and Red Ribbon Connections week, events that benefit students and staff alike. Both events were supported – or in the case of Red Ribbons week, hosted – by the PTA, and we cannot thank them enough for their continuous support. PTA provided dinner for our teachers and staff during both the long conference nights; they also made Connections Week meaningful by planning a week of lunchtime activities and themed days. September also brought the initial phase of our school musical, *Aladdin*, with a packed parent meeting. Our first sport of the school season – soccer – is in full swing and I have to say, both of our teams are looking amazing!

As October begins, we want to remind you of the many important and exciting upcoming activities for our school. First, picture make-up day is on October 5th for anyone who missed picture day or needs a retake. In addition, the Student Body Officers are in the planning stages of Haunted Hallways. This is a community event for which a lot of time and effort is expended in planning and decorating. Please plan on supporting the SBOs on October 27th from 7:00-8:30 pm for a *spooktacular time*; more details, a reminder of behavioral expectations, and ticket prices will be sent out soon. Lastly, we will have our fall break, October 13th & 14th. Thank for your helping keep kids in school and using long weekends and breaks for family vacations.

In our day-to-day activities, students are doing amazing with keeping their cellphones off and away. They are engaging in outside activities during lunch, having fun, and including others. It is great to see a lot of smiles and hear laughter instead of the tops of their heads as they stare downward. Incidents of vandalism have remained at a minimum and we appreciate that students are respecting community property and have school pride.

The after-school program is getting up and going, thanks to our generous teachers who are willing to share their time and talents. Watch for more information on how to participate and sessions offered. We do have an after-school bus which runs at 5:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and 6:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The after-school bus drops students off to our feeder elementary schools; students can walk or get a ride from there. Please also remember that students have a free public bus pass; information for public bus routes can be found at [rideuta.com](http://rideuta.com).

Lastly, if you and your child have not downloaded the SafeUT app yet, please considering downloading it. It is a great tool for students and families to anonymously report incidents to school administration and/or use features to access a licensed state counselor.

Thank you for all your support!  
Principal Rodriguez

**Important Dates for October**

Wednesday, October 5th: Picture Retake Day

Monday, Oct. 3rd-Thursday, Oct. 6th: Aladdin auditions from 2:45-6pm

Tuesday, October 11th: SCC @ 7am / PTA @ 1:30pm

Thursday, Oct. 13th-Friday, Oct. 14th: Fall Break

Tuesday, October 18th: 7th Grade CCR Conf. in Ms. Freedman's class

Thursday, October 20th: 7th Grade CCR Conf. in Mr. Gilvarry's class

Tuesday, October 25th: Fall Music Concert @ 7pm

Thursday, October 27th: Haunted Hallways 7-8:30pm



## Orchestra News

### Orchestra News

The orchestra classes have been very busy learning new skills and reinforcing what we already know. The most important role a parent can play is to make sure your child is practicing at home. Home practice is essential to learning any instrument. You can also find information about private lessons on my web page <https://hillsideorchestra.weebly.com/>

The Orchestra II class will have their first performance at Hillside on **October 25th at 7:00 pm**. We will be having a Fall Concert including the Advanced Choir and Band II classes. Students need to be at Hillside by 6:30 pm for tuning and warm up. This will be an exciting first concert, so please make sure this date is on your calendar. **All Orchestra II students are expected to attend.**

**Both Orchestra classes will perform in our Winter Concert on December 15th at Highland High at 7:00 pm. Make sure this date is on your calendar!**

**Orchestra T-shirts** can be ordered by October 7th. They are \$8.00 and can be paid on My School Fees or by cash or check in the office. Please let Mrs. Misco know if you have any questions! Thank you for your continued support!

## Aladdin Musical!

### Aladdin

Hey Everybody! If you missed the parent meeting for Aladdin, the website for all the audition and production information is listed below. Also listed below is a qr code for Aladdin's wish list. This list includes many items and supplies that are needed, and will be used for, the show. Please consider donating to the cause and feel free to send this wish list link to anyone and everyone you know! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Nate at [nathan.holcomb@slcschools.org](mailto:nathan.holcomb@slcschools.org).

Aladdin Link

[hillsidealaddin.weebly.com](http://hillsidealaddin.weebly.com)



**7th Grade College and Career Readiness Conferences****“Plan for College and Career Readiness Conferences” are coming up soon.**

These conferences are an opportunity to speak with a school counselor and get information to assist your child in preparing for their future.

College and Career Planning helps students:

- explore possibilities and learn about opportunities
- plan for both education and future career goals
- review progress toward achieving those goals
- learn about important career and/or college readiness skills, and make connections between work, school and post-secondary training

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS GROUP CONFERENCE INFORMATION (classroom presentation):**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade College and Career Readiness Planning Conference** invitation letters were sent home with your child on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade conference is a group session that will occur during your child's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science class. The dates for the conferences will be on **October 18<sup>th</sup>** (Ms. Freedman's students) and **October 20<sup>th</sup>** (Mr. Gilvarry's students). A specific time will be on the letter.

Materials will be sent home with students for parents to review if parents are unable to attend the conference.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION (individual meeting with a counselor):**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade conference is an opportunity to review and obtain important information to assist students in transitioning to high school. We would love to meet with all of our parents and students.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade College & Career Readiness Individual Conferences** will begin November 1<sup>st</sup> and go through January.

Parents will receive an invitation letter with details about using an online scheduler to create your own appointment. If you are unable to use the online scheduler, you can also call Katie Smith, 801-481-4828 x 1017. Also, please feel free to contact us if the online appointments will not work within your schedule. We will try to build an appointment time that will work for you.

**Hillside Haunted Hallways!**

## Hillside's Haunted Hallways Are Back

Date: October 27th

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

\$5.00 for unlimited pass

Or

\$2.00 for one time through

TREATS/DRINKS RANGING FROM \$1-\$5 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE  
EVENT

CASH OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED

All ages are welcome to attend

***All proceeds go to our own Hillside families in need***

HALLOWEEN COSTUME MASKS, WEAPONS, PRETEND WEAPONS, AND  
LOOSE ACCESSORIES WILL

**NOT BE ALLOWED**

***BE READY FOR A FRIGHTFULLY GOOD TIME***

ENTRY IS AT THE FRONT DOORS

\*HAUNTED HALLWAYS IS THE HILLSIDE VERSION OF A SPOOK ALLEY

## Hillside Basketball Tryouts!

# HILLSIDE BASKETBALL TRYOUTS AND SEASON INFORMATION

For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, male and female (Teams are coed).

2.0 GPA Expected.

**When:** Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

***Must be present BOTH DAYS to be considered.***

*If you have injuries, are sick, or not around during any of these days,  
you must talk with Coach Edwards prior to tryouts.*

**Time:** 2:45-4:45pm both days

**Where:** Hillside's Gym

## Season Schedule

January 23<sup>rd</sup>-March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Practice Mon-Thurs 2:45-5:00pm -*until Games begin*

Practice Mon/Wed 2:45-5:00pm -*after games have begun*

JV games Tuesdays, Varsity games Thursdays 2:45-5:30pm

**ALL INFO ON THIS FLYER IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Common Questions

Q: Can I be in Aladdin and on the team?

A: No. The two conflict too much to be in both.

Q: I am on a club team outside of school. Can I still tryout?

A: YES. Talk to Coach Edwards before tryouts if you are worried about scheduling conflicts. We can usually find a way to work it out to where the student athlete can do both.

Q: Who do we play?

A: Nibley Park, Glendale, Bryant, Clayton, Open Classrooms, and Northwest. There will be a championship played at the end of the season for the two top teams.

Q: How does transportation work?

A: Transportation for practice and games



If you have any further questions email coach Edwards at [jared.edwards@slcschools.org](mailto:jared.edwards@slcschools.org)

## Hillside Volleyball Tryouts!

# HILLSIDE VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS AND SEASON INFORMATION

For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, male and female- Teams are coed.  
2.0 GPA Expected

**When:** Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

***Must be present BOTH DAYS to be considered.***

*If you have injuries, are sick, or not around during any of these days,  
you must talk with Coach Edwards prior to tryouts.*

**Time:** 2:45-4:45 pm both days

**Where:** Hillside's Gym

## Season Schedule

November 9<sup>th</sup> -January 19<sup>th</sup>

Practice Mon-Thurs 2:45-5:00pm -*until Games begin*

We'll update with game times when announced.

**The Info on this flyer is subject to change**

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**A:** Transportation provided for practice and games



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## Stress Management

Dear Hillside parents and caregivers:

A stress management group will be offered for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who would benefit from added support in any of the following areas:

- Managing emotions
- Healthy relationships with friends and family
- Coping with life stressors
- Impulse control
- Difficulty focusing

This 10-week group will begin on Monday, October 17, and will meet on a rotating basis to ensure the least amount of missed academic time.

If you think your student would benefit from this group, please call or email me!

Sophia-Liebenson-Morse, District Social Worker

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Dear Caregivers,

Does your student struggle with managing their emotions?

Does your student struggle with focused attention?

Have you noticed impulsive behavior?

Have you noticed conflict with relationships?

If you answered yes to any of the questions, consider having your student join the stress management group. This group aims to identify and change negative thinking patterns and encourages positive behavioral changes.