



May 2011

Welcome to Greenhills!

We are grateful that you have chosen to join the Greenhills community and entrusted your children's education to us. This is a very exciting time of year, but also a poignant one. We welcome you, our new families, to this community but we also graduate our seniors and experience a real sense of loss. So as final exams and graduation loom large for us, we also need to move forward and begin the process of making Greenhills your school.

Some nuts and bolts:

- Course selection for 2011-2012 is one matter which will require your immediate attention. The course selection sheet must be returned to the admission office by Thursday, June 2, 2011. We encourage you to consult the Greenhills website <http://www.greenhillsschool.org/> for online course descriptions. In addition, you may email any schedule questions to our scheduler, Jim Blow at [jblow@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:jblow@greenhillsschool.org), (and please label the email "Schedule Requests").
- It is important to note that both the mathematics and foreign language departments require a placement conference and/or exam for all students who want to schedule any course beyond our entry level offerings in these subjects.
- There will be opportunities to have your specific questions answered at the New Family Picnic on Thursday, June 2 at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please feel free to contact the admission office should you have any questions. The next major mailing from Greenhills should arrive in early August, and the first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

Best,

Betsy Ellsworth  
Director of Admission and Financial Aid

# Greenhills School Calendar for 2011-12

EVENT	DATE
Faculty Meetings	M-Th, Aug. 29 (New), 30-Sept. 1(All)
<b>Labor Day Weekend (No School)</b>	F-M, Sept. 2-5
<b>Opening Day for All Students</b>	Tu, Sept. 6
Parents Back-to-School Night, Grades 9-12	Th, Sept. 15
Parents Back-to-School Night, Grades 6-8	Tu, Sept. 20
Upper and Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences <b>(No School for Students on Friday, Oct. 7th)</b>	Th, Oct. 6 (3:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.) F, Oct. 7 (8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
Admission Open House - 2-4 p.m.	Su, Oct. 16
<b>Comment Writing Day (No School for Students)</b>	M, Oct. 24
Professional Day (No School for Students)	F, Nov. 4
Admission Open House - 7-9 p.m.	W, Nov. 16
<b>Thanksgiving Break (No School)</b>	W-Su, Nov. 23-27
Semester I Exams	F, Dec. 16 & M-W Dec. 19-21
<b>Holiday Break (No School)</b>	Dec. 23 - Jan. 8
Classes Resume	M, Jan. 9
<b>Martin Luther King Day (No School)</b>	M, Jan. 16
Admission Open House - 2-4 p.m.	Su, Jan. 22
<b>Mid-Winter Break (No School)</b>	Feb. 20-24
Auction for Excellence	Sa, Mar. 10
Spring Musical ( <i>actual days to be confirmed</i> )	Th-Sa, Mar. 22-24
Spring Vacation	F, Mar. 30 - M, Apr. 9
Classes Resume	Tu, Apr. 10
Advanced Placement Exams	M-F, May 7-11 & May 14-18
Professional Day (No School for Students)	M, May 7
Senior Projects - 5-9 p.m.	Th, May 24
<b>Memorial Day (No School)</b>	M, May 28
<b>Final Exam Study Day (No School for Students)</b>	F, June 1
8th Grade Recognition - 5-6 p.m.	Th, June 7
Commencement - 3 p.m.	Su, June 3
Final Exam Week	June 4-8

# NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

We hope this checklist helps you to remember to complete the actions required before the opening of school for 2011-12. Early completion of these items will help ensure a smooth transition to Greenhills for your child(ren).

<b>Item/Action</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Course Selection Sheet</b>	Thursday, June 2, 2011
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Family Picnic</b>	Thursday, June 2, 2011
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Math Placement Conference</b>	By June 2, 2011 (if required)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Foreign Language Interview or Placement Test (if required)</b>	As soon as possible
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Official High School Transcript</b>	Mail request form to current school (entering grades 10-12 only) as soon as possible (many schools close or have reduced staff in summer months)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Physical Exam</b>	Monday, July 25, 2011
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Immunization Card</b>	Monday, July 25, 2011 (Be sure to complete all immunization dates before returning the form)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>First Day of School</b>	Tuesday, September 6, 2011

## GUIDELINES FOR ATTIRE

These guidelines are intended to help you decide what your child should wear to Greenhills.

The general policy for dress and grooming is simply that **students are expected to be clean, neat, and tasteful. Specifically: Torn, dirty, tattered, frayed, or see-through clothing is unacceptable.** *There is to be no offensive writing or offensive pictures on clothing* (i.e., no reference to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, nudity, obscenity, and violence). *Tank tops and short shorts are not permitted.* The midriff is to be covered at all times and shoes must be worn at all times. Athletic attire, including athletic shorts, boxer shorts, lycra spandex and sweats, is reserved for use in the gym or on the playing fields and may not be worn elsewhere at school.

### Special Dress Days

Boys are required to wear jackets, shirt and tie, or sweater, shirt and tie, and slacks/trousers (**no denim clothing, no t-shirts**).

Girls should wear a skirt or dress slacks, blouse or sweater, or dress (**no denim clothing, no t-shirts**).

## TRANSPORTATION

For a fee, Greenhills School will provide before school transportation for families in the Western Wayne and Southern Oakland Counties (Plymouth, Canton, Northville etc.). The bus route and fee will be contingent on the location of families and the number of riders.

For families living in the Ann Arbor Public School District (AAPS), their morning buses serve our School. The AAPS bus schedule will be released on their website in late August. If you have questions about the AAPS bus service, please contact their transportation department at 734.994.2330.

Greenhills does not provide after school transportation and due to differing schedules, the AAPS can not provide their service either.

Finally, for families who live outside of these two areas, the Admission Office will try to help you arrange car pooling with other families.

Greenhills does not provide transportation to or from school. The Ann Arbor Public School busses do drop off here. The Admission Office will try to help you arrange car pooling if you live out of town. Student directories will be available in September. The AAPS bus schedule for next year will be printed in the Ann Arbor News in August. If you have questions in this area, you may call:

# WELCOME GREENHILLS PARENTS



## SUPPORTING STUDENT ACTIVITIES AT GREENHILLS HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!

**With our Grocery Card Scrip Program you can contribute to the school with minimal time and energy, and best of all without having to purchase things you don't really need.**

**No wrapping paper – no cookie dough – no extra dollars out of pocket!**

**Here is how it works.**

**Participating stores offer the school 3-5% of every dollar you spend when you register with them, or use a Greenhills linked Grocery Card. Each store has their own process, so find your favorite places to shop on our list, and see how easy it is to get started!**

**It may seem that it will not add up to much, but for this school year alone (our first year school wide) this program has generated almost \$7,000.00**

**Our potential is much greater, and it is all up to YOU!**

**We need 100% participation!**

**All we are asking is for a moment of time to set yourself up with our program, and then you will be contributing to your child's school without spending an extra penny!**



**Kroger** – Link your Kroger Plus card to Greenhills by going to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Follow the instructions and enter our organization #82731, it will only take moment and you will be linked for a year. (Renewable every April) Every time you use your Kroger Plus card you will be earning money for the school.



**Busch's** – Obtain a rechargeable gift card from Greenhills main office or a parent representative. Sign up for Busch's MyWay program registering the number on the back of your card. The cashier will show you how to load and use your card to pay for your groceries.



**Hilliers** – Obtain a rechargeable gift card from Greenhills main office or a parent representative, and load it at the stores customer service counter before you shop. Then use your gift card to pay for your groceries. It is one extra step, but worth \$'s for the school.



**Plum Market** – Link your Plum Market Rewards card to Greenhills school by calling 248 487-7007. Give your name, school, and reward card number (on back of card) and that's it! Every time you shop you will be earning cash for the school.



**Whole Foods Market & Holiday Market Canton**

-Gift cards are not currently rechargeable at these stores so we will have the cards available for purchase at Greenhills main office. If you require a large amount (over \$300) you can e-mail [wishnousky@comcast.net](mailto:wishnousky@comcast.net) and place an order. Your order will be available for pick-up at the office within a few days.



**Arbor Farms** – Purchase your rechargeable gift card at the office for \$20. (Arbor Farm cards are loaded with \$20) Cards are rechargeable at the customer service desk.



**Target** – If you have or acquire a Target REDcard then you can link your card to Greenhills by calling 1 800 316-6142. 1% of your purchases will go in support of Greenhills students!

Need more information contact:

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**School Entry Immunization Documentation Requirements for the 2011-2012 school year**

Since 1978 Michigan Law requires that each student upon entry into kindergarten or into a new school district involving grades 1-12 possess a certificate of immunization at the time of registration and no later than the first day of school. Additionally, an immunization assessment must be completed for each sixth grade student. These laws were implemented to ensure that children are adequately immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases prior to achieving adolescence.

Prior to a child entering or attending school, parents or guardians are required to produce documentation confirming their child has received all required immunizations, or in the alternative, their child has received at least one dose of each required immunization and is awaiting receipt of subsequent doses to be administered at appropriate intervals. There are also provisions to waive vaccines under certain circumstances.

Please refer to the chart below when you have questions regarding the required immunizations for your student. If you have a *kindergarten student, a sixth grade student, or are enrolling a student who is new to the school district or new to a private school* you must present immunization documentation to your school at the time you register that student or not later than the first day of school.

*Required Childhood Immunizations for Michigan School Settings*

Entry Requirements for All Public & Non-Public Schools		
Age → Vaccine** ↓	4 years through 6 years	7 years through 18 years including all 6th grade students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	4 doses DTP or DTaP, one dose must be on or after 4 years of age	4 doses D and T OR 3 doses Td if #1 given on or after 7 years of age. 1 dose of Tdap for children 11 through 18 years IF 5 years since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine.
Polio	4 doses, if dose 3 administered on or after 4 years of age, only 3 doses are required	3 doses
Measles,* Mumps,* Rubella*	2 doses on or after 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B*	3 doses	
Meningococcal	None	1 dose for children 11-18 years of age
Varicella* (Chickenpox)	2 doses of varicella vaccine at or after 12 months of age OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease	

\* Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen.

For more information, please refer to [www.michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize)

\*\* All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.

**Administration of Medications by School Personnel  
2011/12**

Michigan law requires a physician's written order along with the parent/guardian signature of authorization for administration of all prescribed medications. Only parent/guardian signature of authorization is required for non-prescription drugs used on an occasional basis.

**Authorization Form**

Signature of physician and parent/guardian required for all prescribed medications; parent/guardian signature required for all over-the-counter (OTC) medications.

**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Drug:</b>	<b>1.</b>	<b>2.</b>	<b>3.</b>
<b>Dosage:</b>			
<b>Time(s) of Administration:</b>			
<b>Route of Administration:</b>			
<b>Possible Side Effects:</b>			
<b>Special Instructions and/or Comments:</b>			

**Physician's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorization of Parent/Guardian  
Concerning the Administration of All Above Medications by School Personnel**

1. No prescription medications will be given without a physician's order, signed by the physician.
2. All prescription bottles must be labeled by the pharmacy with a current date, the name of the student, name of medication and strength of medication.
3. OTC medications must be contained in a labeled, original container.
4. The medication in any bottle must be the same medication as stated on the label.
5. No OTC medications will be given without a parent/guardian signature.
6. Any change in prescription medication including a change in dosage or the discontinuation of the medication must be accompanied by a physician's order.

I hereby permit school personnel to administer medications as directed by the physician and/or myself to the above named student and will not hold Greenhills School or its staff/faculty responsible for complications related to the medication pursuant to P.A. 451 of 1976-S1178.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# **GREENHILLS SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES**

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages welcomes you to Greenhills! As you know, all of our students will begin learning French, Spanish, Chinese or Latin in September. We firmly stand behind the benefits of studying any one of these four languages, and we are excited about what we do in each. We believe that whichever language a student chooses, important skills that are vital to one's general education will be learned. Such skills include listening and understanding, reading and writing, asking and responding to questions in a foreign language, and appreciating and learning about a different culture.

While they are acquiring a firm foundation of vocabulary and structures, our students can have fun and feel successful. All teachers use songs, skits, dialogues, music, films, videos, food, puzzles, field trips and other resources to teach and reinforce the language. Our intention is to inspire our students to become life-long language learners.

After three years of language study in our Middle School, students in Upper School have three choices. They may choose to continue the language they have begun and enroll in Level II (Grades 6, 7, and 8 are in total equivalent to Level I). Students may also choose to add a second foreign language -- an option we strongly encourage. Or, finally, they may begin a new language. French, Spanish, Chinese and Latin all continue through Level V.

If you have any further questions about sign ups or the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, please contact our Chair, Jeff Allen ([jallen@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:jallen@greenhillsschool.org)).

Again, welcome to Greenhills. We look forward to having you in class.

## **Sixth Grade Information**

Our primary objective in placing your children in our 6th grade language classes is to balance your family's preferences with maintaining a strong language program overall in French, Spanish, Chinese and Latin. We believe these languages are excellent choices for a school of our size and that we do an excellent job teaching them. It is our view that in a Middle School language program, the skills learned in each of the four languages are as important as the particular language being studied. We encourage our students to pick up additional languages after they leave our Middle School program. Please return the enclosed language course selection sheet in a timely fashion.

## **Seventh Grade Information**

This year we are offering a beginning language section in Latin to new students entering in the seventh grade with little or no language experience. The program will combine the material of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade language so that the students may join their classmates the following year in that same 8<sup>th</sup> grade language. However, if your child has had previous significant language experience in one of the other department languages and would like to continue to study this language, please contact Jeff Allen ([jallen@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:jallen@greenhillsschool.org)) to arrange for a placement test and interview. It's best to call early -- during the week of June 1.

## **Eighth Grade Information**

New eighth grade students with little or no previous language experience are encouraged to enroll in a beginning section that is designed to cover the material of both 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade language in one year. This class will prepare 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to enroll in Upper School Level I language in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, which is fast-paced and designed to cover in one year what is taught in the Middle School in three years. For those new 8th graders who are motivated and willing to step up to the challenge and additional homework of Upper school language upon entering Greenhills, and who demonstrate this at an interview, we will offer the possibility of enrolling in Level I Upper School language, either Spanish, French, Latin, or Chinese. Upper School Level I language courses are intensive, designed to cover in one year what is taught in the Middle School over the course of three years. Eighth graders in Level I courses will be monitored carefully to make sure that they are meeting the demands of these

courses. We want all our eighth graders to experience a successful year in their language study and to acquire a very firm foundation in language, enabling them to continue strongly in our language program for many years.

If your child has had previous significant language experience in one of the department languages, and would like to continue to study this language, please contact Jeff Allen ([jallen@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:jallen@greenhillsschool.org)) to arrange for a placement test and interview. It's best to call early – during the week of June 1.

### **Chinese**

Learning Chinese is a unique, enjoyable opportunity at Greenhills. The Chinese classes offer your children more than the classic language skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students in Chinese classes enjoy learning from various perspectives, immersed into Chinese cultural events with activities such as calligraphy, Chinese cuisine appreciation and cooking, learning about zodiacs, playing majiang (mahjong) games, celebrating lunar new year, and many more. Chinese classes are designed to prepare the students for understanding 20% of the world's population as well as a civilization with millennia of tradition and richness. There are abundant opportunities for Chinese students in personal growth and enjoyment as well as government and business careers. In addition, scientific, scholarly, and cultural exchanges await the student of Chinese. Chinese will be one of the most important languages for years to come in the U.S.

### **French**

French class is not just a language class. Throughout the seven year program students study art, history, literature, politics, cuisine, French songs, cinema, and French folk dances, just to name some of the activities that are incorporated in class. Guest speakers come periodically to class, and students have the opportunity to travel to Montréal, Québec, and France. A trip to Quebec for middle schoolers and a trip to France for high schoolers are offered every two years. Field trips to art museums, French restaurants, having a French meal catered or prepared by the students themselves, and a French table once a week during High School lunch are also an integral part of the program. An exchange program with a school in France is under consideration.

By the time a student reaches the highest level of our course of study, they are close to fluency, and are reading a wide variety of texts, viewing and discussing French films, discussing French society, and French influence in the world, and reading French literature in its original form.

The Greenhills French program is extended past the level V course to the very unique and challenging course of French V-AP Literature. It, along with French IV-AP, are considered college level courses. Here are some facts about the importance of French:

### **Spanish**

Learning Spanish at Greenhills is about more than just taking another language class because our students study the language **in the language**. From the first day a student steps into one of our Spanish classes, everything is conducted in Spanish. Our students learn by doing. They actively participate in activities that teach Spanish culture, art, history, literature, cuisine, music, film and art. Our students learn Spanish grammar and vocabulary by communicating. Travel to Spanish-speaking countries-Spain, Mexico and Costa Rica- enriches our classroom experiences. Students also have the opportunity to go on field trips to performances or to have guest speakers and special events in their classes.

By the time our students of Spanish reach the highest level of our course of study, they are fluent or close to being fluent. They are able to read a variety of texts in Spanish and they can effectively communicate in the language. They are able to watch films in Spanish and to read works written by authors such as Cervantes, Gabriel García Marquez or Isabel Allende in the vernacular.

Our Spanish program at Greenhills extends to the level V course where the students read Hispanic literature. This course, along with Spanish IV-AP, is considered a college level course.

### **Latin**

When you learn Latin, you will learn a fascinating new language and read poems, speeches, histories, plays and inscriptions that have been handed down through the millennia. And you will also increase your sensitivity to the English language and you will strengthen your English skills. Latin was the language of educated people all the way through medieval and renaissance Europe: you can't really understand history, literature, or art without knowing Latin. Many students who major in these areas in college are required to study Latin. Latin students at Greenhills can attend field trips to museums or participate in programs at nearby universities and even go on trips to Rome and Roman Britain. Latin students are poised to score high on the verbal portion of the SAT.

Not only will you learn Latin in class, but you will also learn about Roman history and culture as well as Greek and Roman mythology. The Ancient Greek alphabet is also introduced through the spelling of mythological and historical names.

Latin is a great help in learning terminology in the fields of science and law. There are many legal phrases that are Latin and almost all medical terminology is Latin or Greek. Knowing Latin helps you learn and appreciate French and Spanish, two languages offered at Greenhills, as well as Italian, Portuguese and other Romance languages.

**Greenhills School**  
**Department of Modern and Classical Languages**  
**Middle School Language Study**

**Introduction**

Our Middle School Language Program is a three-year sequence of study that starts with beginning level courses in the Sixth Grade. Our students begin with one language in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and follow it through to the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Throughout the entire Middle School program our students meet regularly, exactly as any other academic subject at any level.

What distinguishes our Middle School Language program from many others is that we are able to teach, even from the very beginning of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, using the target language. For French, Spanish, and Chinese classes, French, Spanish, and Chinese are used as the primary means of instruction and communication right from the start, and in Latin classes, emphasis is placed on Latin as a means of historical communication. This dedication to a communicative approach allows our students to attain a very high degree of competence and sophistication in their language skills.

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**Departmental Philosophy**

Our Department of Modern and Classical Languages philosophy is derived from three basic beliefs: (1) that learning a foreign language is a life-long process, (2) that the knowledge of more than one language contributes to being a truly educated person, and (3) that language and communication are at the heart of the human experience.

Throughout the program, we provide our students with an encouraging, nurturing, inclusive and supportive classroom atmosphere in which risk-taking is welcome. We encourage all of our students to experiment with their foreign language so they can truly progress and reach their potential. Placed in a communicative framework, our students are active learners every day as they strive for excellence and develop strategies for life-long language learning. Our program is designed to satisfy the many different ways in which our students might use foreign languages in the future, be it for academic or personal goals. Therefore, our classes combine a rigorous, scholarly approach with a broad understanding of and appreciation for the ways in which language is used on a daily basis. Finally, by studying classical and modern languages and interacting with ancient and modern civilizations, our students gain valuable insights into language development and the human experience. The traditional linguistic skills - reading, writing, speaking, and listening - are embedded in a creative, motivating and cultural context that maintains an awareness of the goals outlined as National Standards (communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities) and accordingly always connect the students with the larger aspects of the language they are learning. Through their direct interactions with traditions, history, literature, politics, music and art, our students experience the richness of the world's diversity.

It is difficult to imagine any future profession, career, or leisure activity that will not be enhanced by the ability to communicate efficiently and sensitively with others, both in English and other languages. Though we cannot foresee exactly which world language will be the most useful later in life for each of our students, those who have gone through the entire process of learning a second or third language will have gained skills and an openness that will make the learning of any future languages easier. Therefore, we encourage our students to stay with their languages for as long as they can.

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**Placement and Points of Importance**

1. Upon entering Greenhills Middle School, each student is required to state **two realistic preferences for language from (French, Latin, Spanish, or Chinese)**, knowing that one of these will be the language studied for three years. Information that helps families decide on their preferences is provided at a New Parent Night in May.
2. Sixth grade French, Spanish, and Chinese classes focus primarily on the acquisition of oral and listening skills. Writing skills are developed more intensively starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
3. Students entering our Middle School Program who have had significant previous language experience in French, Spanish, Latin or Chinese and who wish to advance will be interviewed and tested to determine their best placement.
4. At the seventh and eighth grade levels, for those new students with little or no previous language experience, we offer a special beginning language course in either French or Latin which will cover in one year the material normally covered in two years (French A or Latin A). The 7<sup>th</sup> graders in this group will be able to join other 8<sup>th</sup> graders in language 8 the following year and they will be prepared to do this. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the group will be prepared to enroll in upper school level 1 language, which is fast-paced and intensive, designed to cover in one year what is taught in the middle school in three years. New 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are motivated and willing to step up to the challenge and additional homework of upper school language upon entering Greenhills and who demonstrate this at an interview will be offered the possibility of enrolling in Level 1 upper school Spanish, French, Latin, or Chinese.
5. We encourage and facilitate the building of tutoring relationships between older and younger students. Advanced students receive community service hours for their participation.
6. The Foreign Language Department organizes a special Foreign Language Week every year that celebrates languages and language learning and offers many special activities.

7. Opportunities to participate in national language competitions are offered for middle school students.
8. Field trips, trips to other countries and many other special cultural activities enhance our daily foreign language classes.

**Greenhills School**  
**Foreign Language Study in the Middle School**  
**Languages Offered: French, Spanish, Latin, Chinese**  
**Grades 6, 7, 8**

### **Grade 6**

- ◆ Later in the admissions process, you will have the opportunity to state two preferences for foreign language, knowing that one will be the language you study for three years.

### **New Grade 7 Students**

- ◆ A specially designed introductory course for new seventh grade students will be offered in either French or Latin.
- ◆ All new seventh graders are expected to enroll in this course, unless they have had previous significant language experience.
- ◆ Upon completion of this special A course, these seventh graders will join their classmates in the appropriate eighth grade language course.
- ◆ Students with previous significant experience will be interviewed and tested to determine language placement.

### **New Grade 8 Students**

- ◆ A specially designed introductory course for new eighth grade students will be offered in either French or Latin.
- ◆ All new eighth graders are expected to enroll in this course, unless they have had previous significant language experience.
- ◆ New eighth grade students with previous significant experience will be interviewed and tested to determine language placement.
- ◆ New eighth grade students who are motivated and willing to work very hard and demonstrate this at an interview may sign up for French I, Latin I, Spanish I, or Chinese I.
- ◆ These courses are high school courses and students will be meeting with high school students from all grades.

### **Contact Information**

- ◆ For questions and further information:  
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## Greenhills English Department: Mission Statement

The English Department challenges students to develop vigorously and with pleasure their ability to read, think, speak and write. Students explore works representing a variety of genres, media and cultures. Instruction emphasizes 1) close reading focused on structure, rhetoric and figurative language, 2) critical, creative, moral, emotional, and historical thinking, and 3) effective writing. Reading and writing assignments increase in complexity both within a given year and throughout the seven years of instruction. Grammar and usage are taught formally in the Middle School and reviewed as needed and integrated with writing instruction in the Upper School. A similar approach is used with the study of vocabulary. This thorough study of language and literature reinforces the school's mission of encouraging students to develop their full potential as thoughtful, articulate, creative, curious and responsible citizens whose lives have balance and a capacity for self-renewal.

### Course Guide: Middle School

#### English 6

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In this course, students read, analyze, and discuss novels, short stories, essays, and poems. Professional works serve as model texts that help students enhance their critical reading skills and gather more confidence in their writing. In writing workshop, students draft creative and expository pieces. While discussing class texts, students examine genre, style, emotional themes, and societal issues. Throughout the year, students begin to grapple with the differences between writing for the page and writing for oral performance. The class uses *Rules of the Game: Grammar Through Discovery* as a jumping off point for grammar lessons, which focus on spelling, usage, mechanics, parts of speech, and word order. Vocabulary is taught within the context of literary texts. Reading for the course includes short stories by Grace Paley, Naomi Shihab Nye, Gish Jen, Michael Wallace, and Langston Hughes. In past years, students have read *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Rodman Philbrick, *Red Scarf Girl* by Ji-Li Jiang, *Over Sea, Under Stone* by Susan Cooper, *The View from Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg, selections from *Mousetrap and Other Plays* by Agatha Christie, and poems in *A Child's Anthology of Poetry* edited by Elizabeth Hauge Sword. The book list may change from year to year.

Grade: 6    Credit: 1    Term: All Year

#### English 7

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Using the concept of Decisions as a touchstone, English 7 focuses on skill development in reading, writing, and speaking. Students explore a variety of genres and begin to consider writing as an intentional act that can be examined, questioned, and discussed. Particular emphasis is placed on the learning process, and students are given specific steps and tasks to help them read closely, write purposefully, and speak clearly and confidently. Vocabulary is taught in context, and grammar is taught both through direct instruction and within the context of student writing. Core texts include S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*, Karen Hesse's *Witness*, and William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Over the course of the

year, students demonstrate understanding through analytical and creative writing, tests and quizzes, full class and small group discussion, formal presentations, artwork, and skits.

Grade: 7    Credit: 1    Term: All Year

## **English 8**

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Through the examination of multiple genres, including realistic fiction, poetry, and drama, students explore the role of the individual in society. In the 8th grade, students move away from simply noticing characters and events in a text toward analyzing these characters and events within the larger context of their own lives. This exploration transitions students from the concrete world of adolescent fiction into the abstract, analytical realm of classical literature. In the same way that students are asked to make connections between the fiction they read and their own life experiences, they are encouraged, through a year-long memoir project, to recognize the overlap between analytical and creative writing. Core texts often include Sandra Cisneros' *House on Mango Street*, a Shakespeare play, and Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird*. This course challenges students to hone their reading, speaking, listening and writing skills, as well as their abilities to think critically about a text.

Grade: 8    Credit: 1    Term: All Year

# MATH PLACEMENT FOR NEW STUDENTS

## GRADES 6-8

### Sixth Grade

1. Sixth grade students will be enrolled in either Math 6 or Pre-Algebra 6. Math 6 covers a variety of topics required for success in Pre-Algebra which those students will then take in seventh grade. Pre-Algebra 6 moves at a quick pace to cover a variety of algebraic topics which prepare students for success in Algebra.
2. **Sixth grade math placement will be determined by a math placement test.** We intend to test all incoming sixth graders and the math classes will be set this summer. If you strongly feel that your child is not interested in being considered for the accelerated math course, then you can let us know and your child will not have to take the test. **We will not be giving the placement test again in the fall and so it is important that we test everyone, this spring, who might benefit from the opportunity to go into the accelerated course.**
3. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Placement Test will be offered at these three times:
  - Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
  - Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
  - Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
  - Students are asked to bring a book to read or another quiet activity for when they finish the exam.
  - Schedule your placement test by emailing Jill Johnson ([jjohnson@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:jjohnson@greenhillsschool.org))
4. Placement into Math 6 does not preclude a student from moving into accelerated math in subsequent years.

### Seventh Grade

Seventh grade students will be enrolled in either Pre-Algebra 7 Algebra Honors 7 or Algebra Accelerated 7. Algebra Accelerated 7 will complete the Algebra book in the seventh grade year. Algebra Honors 7 is an honors course and it is the first half of a two-year sequence. This first year of the honors sequence covers much of what a first year algebra course would contain but the topics are extended to include more theoretical material. Students in Pre-Algebra 7 with consistently high grades may request to be considered for Accelerated Algebra 8 the following year. Parents of new seventh grade students will be contacted by Kelly Ostrander ([kostrander@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:kostrander@greenhillsschool.org)) to discuss placement.

### Eighth Grade

1. Eighth grade students will be enrolled in either Algebra 8 or Algebra 8 Honors Geometry 8. These courses are taught as high school level algebra courses, and they are followed by either Geometry, Geometry Honors or Algebra 2 respectively in ninth grade. Students who complete the regular Algebra 8 with consistently high grades may request to be considered for Geometry Honors.
2. New eighth grade students will be contacted by Kelly Ostrander ([kostrander@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:kostrander@greenhillsschool.org)) to discuss placement. Eighth grade math course placement will be determined by considering the level of difficulty of previous math courses, grades in previous math courses, teacher recommendations, and possibly a short placement test at Greenhills.
3. Please refer to the online course guide for detailed descriptions of each math course in both the middle and high school. Questions about the sequencing of courses should be directed to Ms. Hall.

## CALCULATOR USE AT GREENHILLS

The math classes at Greenhills School all make extensive use of the capabilities of Texas Instruments graphing calculators. However, for students in grades 6 and 7, their calculator needs are well-served by a less expensive scientific calculator; classroom sets of the TI graphing calculators are available in these classes when teachers feel that their use is appropriate. The students in *all other math classes* should own their own graphing calculator. In these classes, the graphing calculator will be used on a regular basis, both in class and for homework assignments.

The math department requests that all students enrolled in a math course other than 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade math obtain a TI-83/83+ or TI-84 for their own personal use. Because other calculator models such as the TI-82, TI-85, TI-86, TI-89, TI-92 or other brands do not perform some functions that we require in our classes, we do require that students have the TI-83/83+ or TI-84 for classroom use.

Please realize that as the technology becomes increasingly sophisticated, new models of calculators come out each year; we cannot guarantee that this calculator purchase is the last one that your son or daughter will ever need to make.

**The math department's recommendations for calculator purchase are:**

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade: TI-30XII (either battery- or solar-powered)**
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade: TI-30XA, TI-83/83+, TI-84 or other scientific calculator**
- **All other grade levels: TI-83/83+ or TI-84**

If you purchase a new graphing calculator, the math department requests that you save the "Proof of Purchase" from the carton. With sufficient numbers of proofs of purchase, the school may obtain free calculators and/or overhead display calculators. Please send the proof of purchase to the school's math department or send it with your child when school begins. Be sure that your child's calculator is easily identifiable with his or her name. If desired, we will make an engraver tool available to students.

If you have any questions about calculator use, please contact the Math Placement Coordinator, Kathy Hall ([khall@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:khall@greenhillsschool.org)). If purchasing the required calculator is a financial concern, please contact Ms. Hall or Betsy Ellsworth, Director of Admission & Financial Aid ([bellsworth@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:bellsworth@greenhillsschool.org)).

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS SEQUENCES

The Greenhills School Middle School Mathematics curriculum is structured in such a way to promote the development of solid mathematical skills, abstract reasoning, and an appreciation for the relevance of mathematics in the greater world while preparing students for college preparatory coursework in the Upper School. The curriculum has a great deal of flexibility built into it. Transitions between different levels are possible at various points, though some require extra summer work in order to be prepared for the next class. Any such transitions are approved in special cases only after consultation between the student, teacher, parents, and placement coordinator.

For more information, please contact Department Chair Barbara Rocci ([brocci@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:brocci@greenhillsschool.org)) or Placement Coordinator Kathy Hall ([khall@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:khall@greenhillsschool.org))

### 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE COURSES

**Math 6:** In this 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, the focus is on an investigative curriculum that stresses the learning of mathematical skills, problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication of ideas, connections between ideas, and representation of ideas in a variety of ways. The class builds a solid foundation for continuing studies in mathematics.

**Pre-Algebra 6:** Students with greater interest and ability in the subject, along with a strong independent work ethic may be placed into the Pre-Algebra 6 class. The focus of this class is on developing an understanding of ratios and proportions, variables, linear and quadratic equations, and exponents. Following this course, students are prepared for the study of Algebra. Placement into Pre-Algebra 6 is based on a placement test and teacher recommendation.

### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE COURSES

**Pre-Algebra 7:** This course builds on the skills and concepts developed in the Math 6 curriculum. Students will develop algebraic thinking skills while reinforcing basic math skills. Following this course, students will be ready for our year-long Algebra 8 class.

**Honors Algebra 7:** This course builds on the skills and concepts covered in the Pre-Algebra 6 class. This is the first half of a fast-paced two year sequence that includes advanced theoretical topics and enrichment opportunities. Standard first year algebra topics are introduced, as well as numerous extensions into other mathematical concepts. The second course in the sequence is Honors Algebra 8. Students who complete the two-year sequence are prepared to enter Honors Geometry in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Placement into Honors Algebra 7 is based on teacher recommendation from 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Accelerated Algebra 7:** This is an accelerated full-year course in theoretical first year Algebra. The course is designed for highly motivated independent learners with a thorough understanding of pre-algebra topics. Students will develop a theoretical understanding of algebra topics including linear and quadratic equations, systems of equations, polynomials, and algebraic fractions. Emphasis is placed on abstract thinking and theoretical work. Students wishing to take Accelerated Algebra 7 must demonstrate interest and ability in theoretical mathematics, as well as an ability to work independently. Students who successfully complete this course can enter Honors Geometry 8 in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Placement into Accelerated Algebra 7 is based on teacher recommendation from 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE COURSES

**Algebra 8:** This is a full-year course in standard first year Algebra. Students will develop an understanding of algebra topics including linear and quadratic equations, systems of equations, polynomials, and algebraic fractions. Placement into Algebra 8 is based on successful completion of Pre-Algebra 7. Students who successfully complete this course are eligible for Geometry in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Exceptionally strong students in Algebra 8 may consider placement into Honors Geometry in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, subject to teacher approval.

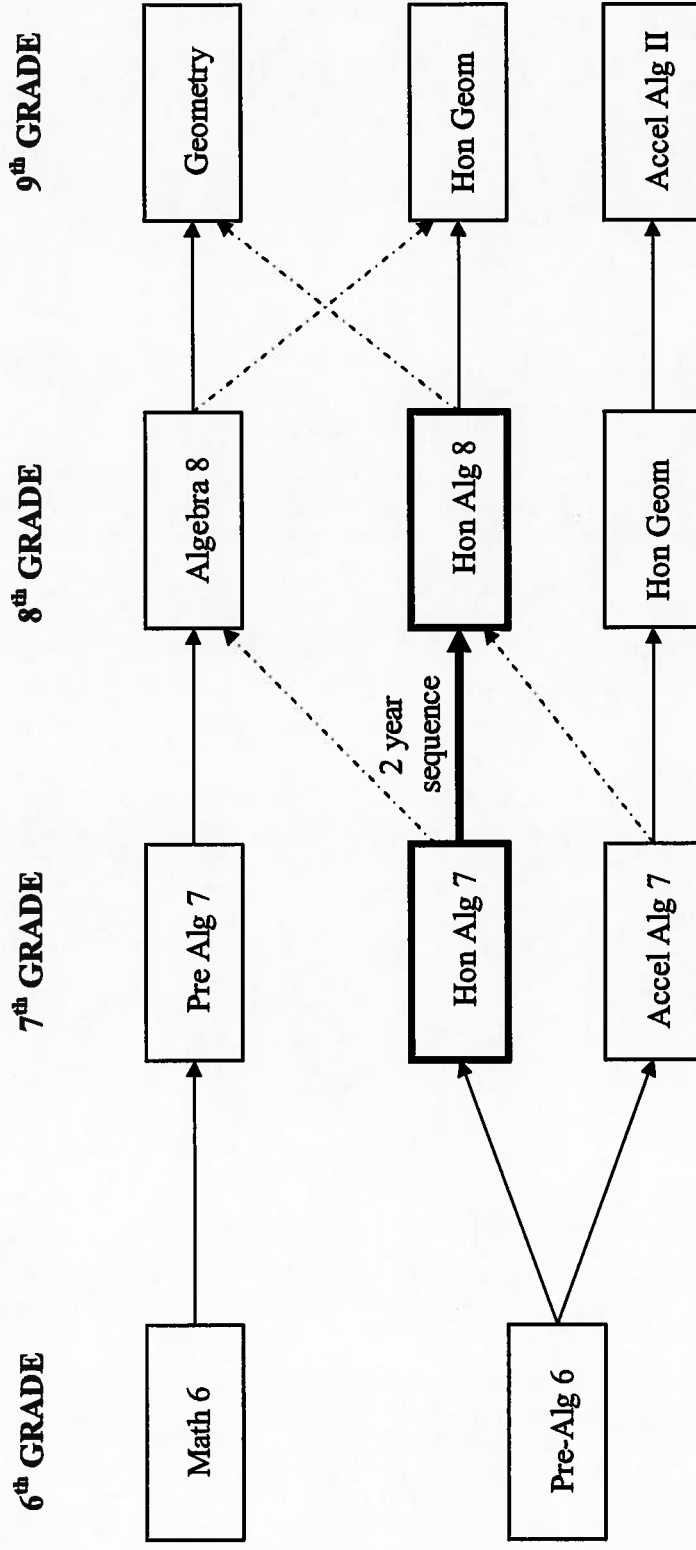
**Honors Algebra 8:** This is the second half of our two-year Algebra course with extensions. Students receive a solid grounding in theoretical Algebra topics, in addition to enrichment topics in other areas of mathematics. Placement into Honors Algebra 8 is based on teacher recommendation from 7<sup>th</sup> grade and completion of Hon Alg 7. Students who successfully complete this course are eligible for Honors Geometry in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Honors Geometry 8:** This is a fast-paced and theoretical course in Euclidean Geometry, including the study of plane and 3-dimensional geometry. The course is designed for highly motivated independent learners with a thorough understanding of algebra. Emphasis is placed on developing the ability to reason logically, through written formal proofs. Strong algebra and abstract thinking skills are assumed and used throughout the course. Successful completion of this course prepares students for Accelerated Algebra II in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Placement into Honors Geometry 8 is based on successful completion of Accelerated Algebra 7 and teacher recommendation from 7<sup>th</sup> grade. **NOTE:** The Honors Algebra 7 course does **not** cover a full year of algebra by itself and thus is not sufficient preparation for Honors Geometry 8.

## GREENHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS SEQUENCES

This chart shows typical course sequences followed by our middle school students. These paths are by no means static. Dashed lines indicate the more common transitions. We have a flexible curriculum, and other transitions are possible throughout, but may require additional work outside of school. Any such transitions are approved in special cases and only after consultation between the student, teacher, parents, and department chair. **NOTE:** Honors Algebra 7 – Honors Algebra 8 is a two-year sequence.

For more information, please contact Department Chair Barbara Rocci ([brocci@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:brocci@greenhillsschool.org)) or Placement Coordinator Kathy Hall ([khall@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:khall@greenhillsschool.org))



# GREENHILLS SCHOOL

## DEPARTMENT OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

### *Middle School & Upper School Arts Overview*

#### Middle School Fine and Performing Arts

Greenhills Middle School arts program offers myriad opportunities for students to experience the arts first-hand. At the Middle School level, the Fine and Performing Arts includes: visuals arts, speech, drama, and music. Students participate in all of these offerings throughout the year. One semester of visual arts class introduces students to a variety of arts media. Speech and drama workshop is taught during the other semester. All students study and perform music all year as members of the band, orchestra, or choir. We encourage eager, open, and curious students to discover their artistic, dramatic, and musical potential. Students grow artistically and musically through study creation, and performance.

The mission of the Greenhills middle school arts program is to offer a wide variety of artistic experiences to all of our students, allowing all students to explore their artistic, musical, and dramatic talents.

To view a detailed description of course offerings please go to the main Greenhills website.

<http://www.greenhillsschool.org/programs/courseguide.php>

Specific offerings include:

#### Visual Arts

##### Curricular offerings for academic credit

Art 6: Meets daily for 5 two-week sessions per year.

Art 7 & 8: Meets every other school day for one semester in both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Projects Include: Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Fiber Arts, Metal Working, and Ceramics.

##### Extra-Curricular Offerings

Open Art Studio-After school

Individual and class exhibits

#### Dramatic Arts:

##### Curricular offerings for academic credit

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Drama: speech, improvisation, movement, stage presence.

Drama 7/8: One semester each year, including work in speech, short plays, movement, staging. Meets every other school day for one semester in both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



### **Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular offerings and performances**

Forensics-public speaking competition

Middle School Play

McDowell Awards Presentations (Production of student-written plays)

Annual Halloween Concert

## **M**usical Arts

### **Curricular offerings for academic credit**

\*Orchestra: string players work on a variety of string literature and techniques.

\*Band-wind: brass, and percussion players study band literature.

\*Chorus: vocal development through study of a variety of choral works.

Orchestra, Band, and Chorus are divided into two sections by grade. These courses meet every other school day for the entire school year.

### **Extra-Curricular offerings and performances**

\*Solo and Ensemble Festival-open to instrumentalists in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades who are members of the band or orchestra.

\*Band and Orchestra Festival-MS band and orchestra competition in the spring Evening and all school performances

## **Upper School Fine and Performing Arts**

**Greenhills Upper School arts program offers numerous opportunities for students to experience the arts first-hand. Visual arts classes give students the experiences of working in ceramics, painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, and art photography. Performing arts opportunities are considerable, with musical groups from chamber music to full orchestra and choir. Students can perform dramatically in offerings ranging from class work and technical study to acting in plays and special events. Our mission is to offer a wide variety of artistic experiences to all of our students, with the aim of including everyone interested in exploring their artistic, musical, and dramatic talents.**

To view a detailed description of course offerings please go to the main Greenhills website.

<http://www.greenhillsschool.org/programs/courseguide.php>

**Specific offerings include:**

## Visual Arts

### Curricular offerings for academic credit

Printmaking

Painting

Introduction to Art

2D/3D Design

Art Photography

Advanced Art Photography

Ceramics (I, II, III)

To view student work samples please go to the main Greenhills Website Art Gallery:

<http://www.greenhillsschool.org/gallery/?id=1>

### Extra-Curricular Offerings

Open Art Studio-After school

Individual and class exhibits in the Greenhills Gallery space

Art competitions in and around Ann Arbor: Ann Arbor Art Center, Congressional District Show, Washtenaw Area Teens for Tomorrow, and Neutral Zone

## Dramatic Arts:

### Curricular offerings for academic credit

Acting and Directing

Technical Theatre

Senior Shakespeare production

### Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular offerings and performances

Forensics

Fall Play

Spring Musical

Voodoo Theatre Company (Student run theatre company)

Activate the Cure (Breast Cancer fund raiser: Student run)

McDowell Awards Presentations (Production of student-written plays)

## Musical Arts

### Curricular offerings for academic credit

Orchestra

Wind Ensemble

Chamber Orchestra (advanced string players)

Chorus

Chamber Singers (advanced vocalists)

Jazz Lab, Studio Jazz

### Extra-Curricular offerings and performances

Solo and Ensemble Festivals for instrumentalists and vocalists  
Orchestra Festival  
Chamber Music Festivals/competitions  
Community Performances  
Jazz "gigs"  
Classical Concerts /assemblies  
Pops Concert  
Halloween Concert  
State Honors Orchestra/Band/Chorus

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**We welcome eager, open, and curious students to discover their artistic, dramatic, and musical potential. We endeavor to find an appropriate place for each student to grow artistically. We hope you will make the arts an important part of your Upper School experience.**

For more information about specific arts offerings please contact us:

**Robert Kinnaird** [rgkphoto@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:rgkphoto@greenhillsschool.org)

Department Chair, Art Photography, Ceramics, 2/d 3/d Design, Intro to Art

**Neil Donato** [ndonato@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:ndonato@greenhillsschool.org)

Middle School Bands, US Jazz Lab & Studio Jazz

**Benjamin Cohen** [bcohen@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:bcohen@greenhillsschool.org)

MS Choir, US Choir, Chamber Singers, Music Director for Spring Musical

**William McClain** [wmcclain@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:wmcclain@greenhillsschool.org)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra, 7<sup>th</sup>&8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra, US Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Wind Ensemble

**Emily Wilson-Tobin** [ewilsontobin@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:ewilsontobin@greenhillsschool.org)

Theatre Director, MS Drama, Acting Directing, Spring Musical Director

**David Early** [dearly@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:dearly@greenhillsschool.org)

Theater Manager, Technical Theatre

**Nicole Burroughs** [nburroughs@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:nburroughs@greenhillsschool.org)

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Visual art, and Printmaking, Painting in the Upper School. – This email will not be active until fall 2010

**Barb Ebeling** [bebeling@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:bebeling@greenhillsschool.org)

MS/US Forensics, & 6<sup>th</sup> grade drama

**Nancy Heusel** [nheusel@standrewsaa.org](mailto:nheusel@standrewsaa.org)

Upper School Fall Play

**TO: 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MUSICIANS**  
**FROM: GREENHILLS SCHOOL MUSIC FACULTY**  
**RE: 2011-2012 MUSIC AT GREENHILLS**

Welcome Class of 2018 to music at Greenhills School! As a student in the Middle School, you are required to select from one of three musical ensembles: Band, Choir, or String Orchestra. You are not required to have previous experience; however, it would be helpful to us to indicate your preference and any previous experience. We're glad to answer questions and help you find the right group. A music selection sheet is attached for you to fill out and return by June 2, 2011.

In the meantime, here are some FAQ's:

- **I play the piano. What do I do?**

*Pianists have great musical experiences in any performing ensemble. They find a great musical outlet in choir, where musicianship of all levels is taught and fostered. Piano also provides an excellent springboard for exploring a new instrument in band or orchestra.*

- **What if I don't have an instrument yet?**

*Several options for instrument rental and purchase will be available online as soon as your Greenhouse account is activated or by contacting your specific teacher.*

- **What if I'm a beginner on my instrument?**

*We'll want to talk with you to make sure you're making the right instrument choice. Since the ensembles at Greenhills have quite a few continuing players, new players will be required to take private lessons at least through the holiday break to get caught up. Although you may feel a little lost at first, with the right kind of help and some practice, you can catch up pretty quickly. \*\*Percussion players must have prior experience!\*\**

- **Where do I go to get lessons?**

*Your teacher will have specific recommendations for area teachers will be available online as soon as your Greenhouse account is activated or by contacting your specific teacher.*

We're looking forward to meeting all of you soon, answering your questions and having a great year of music at Greenhills! If you have questions, please be in touch!

Neil Donato	Band	<a href="mailto:ndonato@greenhillsschool.org">ndonato@greenhillsschool.org</a>
Ben Cohen	Choir	<a href="mailto:bcohen@greenhillsschool.org">bcohen@greenhillsschool.org</a>
William McClain	Orchestra	<a href="mailto:wmcclain@greenhillsschool.org">wmcclain@greenhillsschool.org</a>

**TO: 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MUSICIANS**  
**FROM: GREENHILLS SCHOOL MUSIC FACULTY**  
**RE: 2011-2012 MUSIC SELECTION FORM**

Please make your choice from the following three selections. This will be your music selection for the 2011-2012 school year. The next opportunity to switch music groups will be during course registration for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please take the time to ask questions so you can feel comfortable making your selection for the year. Don't be afraid to ask – we're here to help!

\_\_\_ Band (woodwinds, brass, percussion)

\_\_\_ Choir

\_\_\_ String Orchestra (violin, viola, cello, bass)

Have you played in a musical ensemble before?    Yes    No

If yes, for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken private lessons in the past?            Yes    No

If yes, for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

What instrument do you play? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY JUNE 2, 2011**

All questions are welcome. Please feel free to ask anything while making your decision. We're all looking forward to a very musical 6<sup>th</sup> grade year at Greenhills!

Neil Donato	Band	<a href="mailto:ndonato@greenhillsschool.org">ndonato@greenhillsschool.org</a>
Ben Cohen	Choir	<a href="mailto:bcohen@greenhillsschool.org">bcohen@greenhillsschool.org</a>
William McClain	Orchestra	<a href="mailto:wmccclain@greenhillsschool.org">wmccclain@greenhillsschool.org</a>

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**GREENHILLS SCHOOL**  
**Sixth Grade Course Selection Sheet**  
**2011-12**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rationale:**

Our Middle School Language Program is a three-year sequence of study that starts with beginning level courses in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our students begin with one language in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and follow it through to the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. At Greenhills School we believe that the skills learned in each of the four languages are as important as the languages themselves, any one of which will be beneficial in the future. The first stage of the placement process will take place when you complete this preference form. On this form, you will have the opportunity to indicate **two preferences** for language from French, Latin, Spanish, or Chinese, knowing that one of these will be the language studied for three years.

1. Please list two languages your child would enjoy studying for three years in our middle school language program. (Two languages *must* be listed.)

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

2. If your child is open to taking any of the languages we offer here, please check here.

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3. If you have any further comments to make in regard to your preferences, please feel free to write them here.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY JUNE 2, 2011**

**\*\*We cannot guarantee that either of your preferences will be met if you hand in your form after June 2, 2011.**

**\*\*Please contact Department of Modern and Classical Languages Chair Jeff Allen [jallen@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:jallen@greenhillsschool.org) if you have questions.**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students,

Welcome! In this letter, you'll find information about this year's summer reading book.

Over the summer, each student is required to read *The View from Saturday*, by E.L. Konigsburg:

***The View from Saturday***

**E.L. Konigsburg**

Admirable acts, challenging ideas, and grace notes positively festoon this superb tale of four sixth graders and a paraplegic teacher forming a junior high Academic Bowl team that sweeps away the competition. The plot is composed of interwoven puzzles. What prompts Mrs. Olinski to choose Noah, Nadia, Ethan, and Julian for the team over the usual overachievers and honor students in her class? What do they know about her, themselves, and each other that puts them so precisely on the same wavelength and gives them such complementary knowledge and experience? Each has a tale to tell, in the course of which all four witness acts of kindness and respect that teach them to find those feelings in themselves and others. In wry prose filled with vivid imagery, information, and often oblique clues, Konigsburg takes her team through bonding, drills, and a series of contests as suspenseful as any in sports fiction; the children and Mrs. Olinski's public triumph mirror inner epiphanies of rare depth and richness. The large cast, looping plot line, and embedded stories with different narrators require careful sorting, but the effort is eminently worthwhile, and Konigsburg kindly provides answers at the end. (Fiction. 11-13) -- Copyright ©1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.\*

\* [http://www.amazon.com/View-Saturday-L-Konigsburg/dp/product-description/0689817215/ref=dp\\_proddesc\\_0?ie=UTF8&n=283155&s=books](http://www.amazon.com/View-Saturday-L-Konigsburg/dp/product-description/0689817215/ref=dp_proddesc_0?ie=UTF8&n=283155&s=books)

Even though students will not have to complete any formal assignments over the summer, in the fall they will be expected to participate in class discussions, activities, and quizzes that relate to this text. **All students will need to bring a copy of *The View from Saturday* to school.** In the past, some students have found it helpful to read their summer reading book toward the end of the summer, or to review it at this time, as doing so has kept the narrative fresh in their minds throughout our early work together.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year of reading and writing!

Sincerely,

Mr. Schwartz

Jonathan Schwartz  
jschwartz@greenhillsschool.org

# GREENHILLS SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Greenhills offers an interscholastic athletic program for grades six through twelve. The program is dedicated to providing an exemplary athletic experience that challenges and develops students' skills to their fullest while promoting sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. At the high school level (grades nine through twelve) the program is a member in good standing in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (MIAC).

The program offers twenty-one varsity sports in high school – eleven for girls and ten for boys. Some of these sports also carry a junior varsity team. The middle school offers seventeen sports, often times fielding two teams in one sport when numbers dictate. These sports are divided into three separate seasons: fall, winter and spring. Conference sports are in **bold**.

A list of sports, by season follows:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
<u>Fall</u>	<b>Cross Country</b> (MS, JV, V) <b>Tennis</b> (MS, JV, V) <b>Equestrian</b> (V) HS only <b>Soccer</b> (MS, JV, V)	<b>Volleyball</b> (MS*, JV, V) <b>Cross Country</b> (MS, JV, V) <b>Equestrian</b> (V) HS only <b>Field Hockey</b> (MS, JV, V) <b>Golf</b> (V) - High School only

*Fall High School seasons begin Wednesday, August 10th*

*Fall Middle School seasons begin after Labor Day*

*\*(Girls middle school volleyball begins in late October)*

<u>Winter</u>	<b>Basketball</b> (MS, JV, V) <b>Swimming</b> (MS, V – Coed)	<b>Basketball</b> (MS, JV, V) <b>Swimming</b> (MS, V – Coed)
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*Winter High School seasons begin in November*

*Winter Middle School Basketball begins in January*

<u>Spring</u>	<b>Baseball</b> (MS, V) <b>Golf</b> (JV, V) – High School only <b>Track</b> (MS, V) <b>Lacrosse</b> (MS, V)	<b>Soccer</b> (MS, JV, V) <b>Softball</b> (MS, V) <b>Track</b> (MS, V) <b>Tennis</b> (MS, JV, V)
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*Spring High School seasons begins March 12th*

*Spring Middle School seasons begin after spring break, April 10th*

## MHSAA – Physical Examination Policy

Every student athlete must have a current physical examination form on file in the athletic office. The M.D., D.O., Physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner that administers the physical examination must sign this form. A current physical is defined as any examination given on or after April 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous school year.

No student may practice or compete with a Greenhills athletic team, or be issued uniforms or equipment until a completed physical is on file. If a physical has been submitted for other purposes, a photocopy of that document is satisfactory. Although Greenhills does provide a blank form for the evaluation, any properly completed form (e.g. from a summer camp, from another school) will meet the requirement.

Please note that the MHSAA penalty to the school for allowing a student to participate in a contest without having a current, signed physical on file is a forfeit. But of far greater concern is the risk to a student if they have not been cleared for physical activity.



## Fall Athletic Preseason Information 2011

All athletes must have a completed physical form on file before they can participate in any sport. We recommend making an appointment as soon as possible to avoid any delays in participation. Forms can be downloaded from the Greenhouse site or from the Greenhills website under Athletics: [www.greenhillsschool.org](http://www.greenhillsschool.org)

### High School:

High School fall practices begin Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Tentative schedules can be accessed at the Greenhills website under Athletic Schedules or you can go to [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) and navigate to Greenhills and choose the sport.

A High School Athletic Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the West Gym for all high school fall sport athletes and their parents. Coaches will address participants and schedules will be handed out.

While it is expected that athletes will be at all practices, we understand there are situations that may not allow this. Please know that your son or daughter may fall behind if absent from these preseason practices, making it difficult but not impossible, to make a varsity team. Please contact the varsity head coach of your sport before August 10<sup>th</sup>, should you have further questions or to discuss your schedule. Please be aware that many high school fall sports teams have 2-a-day practices in August.

### High School Coaches

Boy's Soccer	Lucian Popescu	734-674-1488	<a href="mailto:lpopescu@ford.com">lpopescu@ford.com</a>
	Bob Ause	734-780-1097	<a href="mailto:rause@greenhillsschool.org">rause@greenhillsschool.org</a>
	Alex Popescu	734-560-0517	<a href="mailto:alexpopescu04@gmail.com">alexpopescu04@gmail.com</a>
Girl's Field Hockey	Tom Weinfurther	734-971-8379	<a href="mailto:sunsurfer@comcast.net">sunsurfer@comcast.net</a>
	Erin Maturo	734-223-7711	<a href="mailto:e2maturo@aol.com">e2maturo@aol.com</a>
	Sujin Seo	716-982-8095	<a href="mailto:sseo@greenhillsschool.org">sseo@greenhillsschool.org</a>
Girl's Volleyball	Tiffany Willard	734-730-0990	<a href="mailto:36.twillard@heritageacademies.com">36.twillard@heritageacademies.com</a>
	Kristie Drinkhahn	734-644-6591	<a href="mailto:kristiedrinkhahn@hotmail.com">kristiedrinkhahn@hotmail.com</a>
Boy's Tennis	Eric Gajar	734-663-9874	<a href="mailto:gajar@greenhillsschool.org">gajar@greenhillsschool.org</a>
	Mark Randolph	734-665-2329	<a href="mailto:mrandolph@greenhillsschool.org">mrandolph@greenhillsschool.org</a>
	Bob Newton	734-320-6399	<a href="mailto:rnewton4311@comcast.net">rnewton4311@comcast.net</a>
Girl's Golf	Bill Ammerman	734-604-6024	<a href="mailto:billammerman@comcast.net">billammerman@comcast.net</a>
Coed Cross Country	Jim Hare	734-604-7775	<a href="mailto:jhare@rhetech.com">jhare@rhetech.com</a>
	Jill Johnson	954-802-3505	<a href="mailto:jjohnson@greenhillsschool.org">jjohnson@greenhillsschool.org</a>
Coed Equestrian	Willis Lillard	734-747-6442	<a href="mailto:willard@sbcglobal.net">willard@sbcglobal.net</a>
	Nicole Burroughs	734-395-5813	<a href="mailto:nburroughs@greenhillsschool.org">nburroughs@greenhillsschool.org</a>

### Tentative High School Preseason practice schedules:

Boy's Soccer	M-F	9:30am-11am, 5:30pm-7:00pm	Soccer Field
Girl's Field Hockey	M-F	8:00am-10:15am, and 4:00-6:30pm	Hockey Field
Girl's Volleyball	M-F	9:00am-12:00pm	Both Gyms (optional indiv. workouts 1-2:30pm)
Boy's Tennis	M-Sat	9:00am-12:00pm	Tennis Courts
Girl's Golf	W8/10	10:30am	Leslie Golf Course
Coed Cross Country	M-F	8:00am	Athletic Entrance
Coed Equestrian	F 8/5	6:00pm	Contact Coach: <a href="mailto:willard@sbcglobal.net">willard@sbcglobal.net</a>

### **Middle School:**

All middle school sports practices will begin after Labor Day. An open house for all middle school fall sport athletes and their parents will be held on **September 6th at 7:00pm in the West Gym**. Middle school sports schedules can be accessed at [www.greenhillsschool.org](http://www.greenhillsschool.org)

### **MHSAA Out-of Season Regulations**

**Summer 2011 Dead Period** for Greenhills School will be Friday, July 1st through Thursday, July 7th. During the dead period, Greenhills coaches shall not provide coaching to any students from Greenhills in any setting including camps, clinics, open gyms, conditioning programs or weight training.

**Preseason Down Time** for the Fall season runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the first day of practice. No open gyms or competitions with groups that resemble school teams shall occur at the school or elsewhere by the school with any school personnel present. The preseason down time distinguishes the preseason activity from the actual start of tryouts or practices. Non-sport specific conditioning is permitted and individual skill development work with no more than three players is permitted during this time provided they are not mandatory either directly or indirectly, not part of team selection and do not use school funds, uniforms or transportation.

### **Athletic Dates: 2011-2012**

Athletic Physicals Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:00pm – Athletic Training Room

Athletic Physicals Monday, August 8th 3:30-5:00pm – Athletic Training Room

Upper School Sport Open House 7PM on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

**First day of High School Fall Sports Wednesday, August 10th**

Varsity Captain's Forum 3-6:30pm on Wednesday, August 17th

Coaches Academy 6-9pm on Wednesday, August 17th

Middle School Sport Open House 7PM on Tuesday, September 6th

Spirit Week February 6-10th

### **Sport Physicals!**

Dr. Dean Schueller is again offering a sports physical clinic at Greenhills School on **Monday, August 8th beginning at 3:30-5:00PM in the Athletic Training Room.**

Suggested donation is \$25.00 and proceeds go to the Greenhills Booster Club.

### **Accessing Information**

*There are several sources available to help you gain valuable information regarding your athlete's game and practice schedules, directions to away games, and daily revisions or weather updates.*

1. Access current sports schedules at [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) Navigate to Michigan> Greenhills then choose the sport and level you would like to view.
2. Access the Greenhills website at [www.greenhillsschool.org](http://www.greenhillsschool.org) and click on athletics. This site contains game schedules and a physical form in PDF format.
3. Greenhouse networking page is [my.greenhillsschool.org](http://my.greenhillsschool.org) Pages have been created for each team and will be administered by coaches.
4. The Whiteboard outside the Athletic Office lists daily contests and practices.
5. Coaches will make practice and games schedules available to athletes.
6. Team parents may put together and distribute packets for each athlete's family. This packet will contain game schedules, maps to away games, a snack list, and a roster of players.
7. You may call the athletic office directly at (734) 205-4022, or the school office at (734) 769-4010.

## *Sports Physicals*

June 9, 2011                      August 8, 2011  
• 4-5:00 p.m.                      &    3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

\$25.00 fee

Dr. Dean Schueller will be offering physicals to Greenhills students. Physicals will take place at Greenhills, and all proceeds will benefit the Athletic Booster Club.

Physical forms will be available at the clinic, or you can pick one up in the main office. Parent signature is required on the form before it is valid. Students must have a physical on or after April 15, 2011 to participate in sports during the 2011/12 school year.

Please contact Pam Sergent ([psergent@greenhillsschool.org](mailto:psergent@greenhillsschool.org)) or at (734) 769-4010, to let her know if your child will be attending the clinic.

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for Middle School Students every  
school day from:

**3:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

Snacks and Drinks provided to  
signed-in students (students  
must sign-in at 3:30 p.m.)

Socialize, quiet time, listen to  
music, watch videos, work on  
homework, play games, outside  
activities

All activities are supervised by Greenhills employees.

ASG runs after every school day and costs \$6 per day. This flat  
fee covers the entire 2½ hours after school. This fee is not  
prorated for less time.

**Late pick-up fees will be assessed after 6:00 p.m.**

Questions? Please call or e-mail Kris Topper (205.4072 or  
ktopper@greenhillsschool.org)