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BULLDOG LACROSSE NEWSLETTER

Praised for its welcoming and inclusive environment, Hillside boasts excellent academic programs, dedicated and supportive faculty, and an emphasis on character development. Students are encouraged to explore their passions, develop critical thinking skills, and become responsible global citizens as they continue their academic journey in secondary school and beyond.

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ACADEMICS

Class size: 10 and Student to faculty ratio is 4:1

BROTHERHOOD

A community of comradery and compassion for all fellow students

ENROLLMENT

105 Students with 60% Boarding / 40% Day
14 states and 13 foreign countries

20 ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

Including soccer, basketball, tennis, lacrosse, baseball, and hockey

Hillside is a proud member of **NAIS**, **AISNE**, and **TABS**

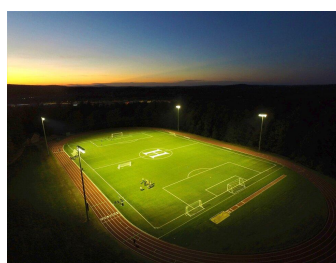
A school established to maximize the potential in each and every student

Since its founding, Hillside School has committed to offering the best educational experience in a structured, supportive environment. Our boarding and day program for boys in grades four through nine is unique in its ability to meet each student at his learning threshold and then truly maximize his potential. Hillside parents frequently give us credit for providing what is a transformative experience for their sons.

Hillside School was founded in 1901, when two sisters established a self-sustaining school for boys. Practicality and compassion drove the genesis, along with a commitment to providing a structured, supportive, and challenging academic environment.



Isabelle '18 looks to improve on a freshman season with Roanoke. As he continues his journey at Canisius College.



This year Hillside will host the first ever "blackout" taking on St. Johns Shrewsbury under the lights on Acker Field.

THE HISTORY OF LACROSSE AT JUNIOR BOARDING SCHOOLS IS STORIED, OUR IS JUST BEGINNING.

The first lacrosse squad at Hillside School was established in 1997 which coincided with Hillside first ever graduating 9th grade class. Faculty member and Governor's Academy graduate, Henry Lapham, was the head coach of the team taking the inaugural varsity squad to a 7 - 2 record. This former Governor was assisted by **Tommy Tounge, a prior lacrosse player for the Generals of Washington and Lee.** Thus, the history of lacrosse at Hillside School began on a strong note.

Within the last decade, the Bulldog varsity lacrosse program has gained regional recognition under Coach Church. Having led the Hillside team to victories in the ***Independent & Boarding Prep School Championship Tournament*** over the past seven years against Fessenden, Fay, Fenn, Rectory, Indian Mountain School, and Eaglebrook, all while boasting 42-17 record over the same period of time.



Coach Church and his coaching staff have developed a program considered to be one of the most competitive in junior boarding school lacrosse by secondary school coaches across the region.

With two separate levels from the Beginner, who participate in the Junior Varsity level, and our Varsity program that develops and hone skill needed to compete at the next level. There is a place for each boy who wishes to participate in this challenging and rewarding sport. The focus of the lower levels remains on instruction and conveying sound fundamentals. As one progresses to the higher levels there is far greater competition and emphasis on maintaining a position of visibility in the boys' junior boarding school lacrosse world.

Hillside lacrosse has developed into a prominent program with graduates going on to some of the region's best secondary schools. As of fall 2022, several Hillside graduates have received ***All-America*** status and league honors both at the secondary school level and while playing at the collegiate level as well.

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A game given to the people by the creator, a game played to heal the sick, make peace among nations, and have fun. -Jeremy Thompson



Hillside Alum D. Thomas reflects on his final season as a Warrior

Dom was one half of **Team Thomas** in the Merrimack lacrosse program with younger brother Christian who finished his career in Andover this past season.

The tandem from Wrentham, MA were teammates for eight seasons, with the duo also on the field at the New Hampton School, a prep school, for three seasons, and two more at Hillside (Marlborough) a junior boarding school.

Thomas built himself an illustrious career during his days in Andover. The Warriors contended for the NCAA Division II National Championship for three successive seasons, winning titles in 2018 and again in 2019. Through his four seasons in representing Merrimack, Thomas and the Warriors compiled a 51-13 record.

"It's been a great career, I couldn't have asked for anything better," Dom said. "We're both good athletes, we like to compete. It's been unbelievable to have been able to have my brother on the team all these years. I didn't think about it much until the season ended in 2020, it was taken away so quickly."

The Sun Chronicle June 2020

Freelove '20 commits to play D1 Lacrosse for Coach Polley at BU

Following his graduation from Hillside, Kaden Freelove '20, took his skill to New Hampshire where he joined the Holderness Varsity lacrosse team as a freshman LSM.



A two sport varsity athlete, Freelove was a member of Holderness' Hockey and lacrosse programs.

After an incredible Freshman season, Freelove took a large leap in his Sophomore campaign. Highly recruited by division one schools across the country, Freelove set his sights on Coach Polley's Boston University Terriers.

Boston University is set to begin its 2023 season, and is currently ranked on the AP D1 lacrosse top 20(18).



Coach Fiore brings competitive advantage to Hillside, working with elite club program during the offseason

Coach Fiore, entering his fifth year with the program looks to expand Hillside players into the national club scene. After playing Lacrosse at Lake Forest College, Coach Fiore began coaching prep lacrosse as an intern at Vermont Academy before joining the Hillside Faculty as a History Teacher in 2018. Coach Fiore is currently the Head of the Hillside History Department and serves as a dorm parent on campus.

With a keen eye for defensive strategy and a team first mentality Coach Fiore has solidified the bulldogs defense adapting to changes in the roster and competition. Working with the defense exclusively over the past two season Coach Fiore developed a strong defense predicated on communication and support.

During the offseason Coach Fiore is a member of the Penguin Select Lacrosse Club coaching staff, working specifically with its 2028 team. At the core of Penguins Select is a relentless focus on player development. The program is comprised of student athletes who strive to be the best possible version of themselves in the classroom, on the field, and in the community.



The focus of athletics at Hillside is not just to win but to use athletics to reinforce the school's core values of respect, honesty, determination, compassion, and fun. We do all of this in an effort to produce coachable and skilled athletes who can take their abilities and character to the next level.

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