At Smart’s Mill we are really looking forward to welcoming your current 5th grade students and their families as they transition to becoming Mavericks for the 2022-2023 school year. We have a number of activities and meetings planned in order to provide information and ease the transition from your school to ours. Below is a listing of the events currently planned. If you have any questions, please contact Will Waldman (Principal), Bret Spencer (Dean), Taryn Zeidman (Counselor).

**January 4, 2022:** 7:00PM. Chorus information night via Google Meet [LINK HERE]

**January 5, 2022:** 7:00PM. Band information night via Google Meet [LINK HERE]

**January 6, 2022:** 7:00PM. Orchestra information night via Google Meet [LINK HERE]

**January 14, 2022:** 9:30-10:30AM. Elementary principals/counselors meet with the administrators and counselors at Smart’s Mill to discuss specifics about rising 6th grade visits, the course selection process, and general scheduling information for the 2022-2023 school year. We will also be scheduling times for our counselor (Mrs. Zeidman) and dean (Mr. Spencer) to visit each feeder school.

**January 19, 2022:** 6:30 PM. Rising 6th grade parent information night. (Snow day, February 2nd at 6:30 pm). Parent information night will take place in the Smart’s Mill auditorium. Parents of rising 6th graders can visit the school, hear information about programs and initiatives at Smart’s Mill, discuss the transition to the middle school, and meet with administrators, counselors, and teachers.

**January 3, 2022:** Parent selection for Music will open in Phoenix

**January 24, 2022:** 6:00-8:00PM. **Instrument “Test Drive” Night** at Smart’s Mill. ([SIGN UP HERE])

**January 31, 2022:** During the day (9:00am – 4:00pm). **Instrument “Test Drive”** at Smart’s Mill. ([SIGN UP HERE])

**February 3, 2022:** 4:00-6:00 PM. **Instrument “Test Drive” Night** at Smart’s Mill. ([SIGN UP HERE])

**February 23, 2022:** Deadline for parents to make Music selections in ParentVUE/StudentVUE

**February 25, 2022:** Course selection/Teacher recommendation uploads from DDI into ParentVUE.

**March 2, 2022:** 9:30 AM -12:30 PM. **Catoctin/Lucketts/Leesburg/Culbert/Evergreen Mill Elementary** schools visit Smart’s Mill. The students will tour the school, eat lunch in the cafeteria, and learn about the wonderful things we do at middle school. Any student who does not have money on his/her account will need to bring a lunch or money to purchase a lunch. Snow date is March 23

**March 3, 2022:** 9:30 AM -12:30 PM. **Francis Hazel Reid/Balls Bluff Elementary** schools visit Smart’s Mill. The students will tour the school, eat lunch in the cafeteria, and learn about the wonderful things we do at middle school. Any student who does not have money on his/her account will need to bring a lunch or money to purchase a lunch. Snow date is March 25.
April/May/June 2022: Ms. Zeidman and Mr. Spencer will visit each feeder school to meet with students, teachers, and counselors to present information about VISTA.

August 1-5, 2022: 9-12:30pm. VISTA early back program. Details to follow.

August 5, 2022: 12-3pm. Welcome to Smart’s Mill picnic.

August 24, 2022: 2-4pm “Open House”. Students will be able to enter the school, tour the school, and open/set up their lockers.

June 17, 2022: is the deadline for course changes.