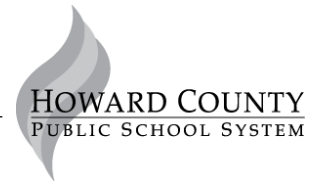


# THOMAS VIADUCT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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May 5, 2016

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Guardian:

It is difficult to believe we are nearing the end of your student's eighth grade year! Highlighted below is a list of activities in which your 8<sup>th</sup> grader will participate. Not only are these activities a wonderful privilege, they are educationally rich and provide an opportunity for students to share experiences with their peers in a variety of environments. The attached documents include information with regard to each activity.


Event	Date	Location/Time	Cost to Student	Attire
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cruise	6/5	Baltimore Inner Harbor, MD School Day	\$46	Business Casual
HS Visitation	6/7	Hammond or Long Reach HS School Day	Free	Regular school dress code
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell	6/8	Long Reach HS 6:30 pm	Free	Business Casual

Our eighth graders have done a great job of demonstrating TVMS PRIDE, and we look forward to continuing to enjoy their solid demonstration of citizenship. Although we do not anticipate any problems, we do want to take this opportunity to remind students of our expectations for their behavior in order to continue to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our students. **Participation in each of the planned events is a privilege, and as such, students and parents/guardians should be aware that failure to comply with TVMS school policies and behavioral expectations might result in a loss of the ability for a student to fully participate in the events detailed above.** Any concerns with student behavior and/or the lack of demonstration of TVMS PRIDE, may result in a parent/guardian being required to attend the event with their student and/or a loss of the privilege to attend one or more of the planned activities. For a detailed list of our school expectations and policies, please refer to the TVMS Student Planner as well as the HCPSS Student Code of Conduct.

The remainder of the 2016-2017 school year promises to offer many enriching events that are great fun, and it is our hope that each student will be ready to fully participate in a responsible, respectful, and reliable way. Your support is key to maintaining these great experiences! Please take time to discuss your expectations for how your student should conduct themselves during the last part of their middle school career as they transition from eighth grade to high school.

Please sign and return the bottom portion of this letter to Ms. Ache by Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Failure to return this signed letter does not absolve the student from being held to the expectations explained. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
TVMS Eighth Grade Team

 Cut, Sign and Return

I have read and understand the letter detailing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-year behavior expectations and consequences and have discussed it with my student.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Ceremony

With mixed emotion, we look forward to celebrating the successful conclusion of the middle school experience with our eighth grade class. The **Farewell Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at Long Reach High School.** Students should arrive no later than 6:10 pm. Below is additional information we'd like share with you in regards to tickets, dress, and attendance.

**Tickets:** Tickets and a program will be sent home with your student on *Wednesday, June 7th*. Please be sure to ask your student for these documents. The auditorium seats 721, and we must ensure that we comply with regulations set by the Office of the Fire Marshall. Therefore, each student will receive **two tickets** for their family members to attend.

**Student Attire:** Attire is 'Business Casual.' Although these are social activities, we still regard them as teaching and learning experiences. We want our students to recognize the following: fashions that are 'in' may not always be appropriate. Appropriate attire is determined by the occasion and the time of day it occurs.

Please understand that the [HCPSS Dress Code](#) (pg. 7 of the Student Handbook) is enforced at all school events.

Examples of Business Casual include:

- A dress, dress slacks, or khakis that may be worn to a house of worship, a nice restaurant, or a special occasion is suitable.
- Shirts can be button-down, open-collar, or polo styles.
- Jacket and/or tie are optional.
- Dresses may have long or short sleeves. You may wear a cardigan or jacket with dresses that have spaghetti straps or are sleeveless.

### **Attendance:**

The following policy applies to all events during and after school hours.

HCPSS policy PR-2050 defines absences as:

**a. Full Day Absent:** A student is counted absent for a full day if the student is present for less than one hour of the school day.

**b. Full Day Present:** A student is counted present for a full day if the student is absent for less than one hour of the school day.

**c. Half Day Present:** A student will be credited with a half-day present if the student attends an hour or more of the school day and/or is absent an hour or more of the school day.

In order for students to attend the Farewell Ceremony, they must be marked as present for the school day.

**Please note these guidelines will be enforced during all end of year activities for the 8th grade.**