

WOLF PRIDE

[HTTP://TVMS.hcpss.org](http://TVMS.hcpss.org)

Dear Families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer with family and friends. A few weeks remain before we open the doors of Thomas Viaduct Middle School for our fourth year. We are looking forward to hearing the halls filled with the sound of our students ready to connect, collaborate, and create. We have been busy planning and preparing for your children. The building looks amazing, and our staff members are eager to meet and teach our young timber wolves.

Our incredible PTSA will be collaborating with us to host our 4th Annual Wolf Pack Rally at TVMS on Thursday, August 31st, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Students, parents, staff, and community members are invited to attend an afternoon of fun and games, where we can get to know each other and continue building relationships with each other.

Teaching and learning at TVMS is an awesome privilege and responsibility for all of us. Together, we can make TVMS the best place for middle school students to learn and develop their talents. We cannot wait to open our doors and welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 school year at Thomas Viaduct Middle School.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John, Principal



CONNECT ■ COLLABORATE ■ CREATE

Thomas Viaduct Middle School is a true 21st century learning facility. TVMS is a vibrant educational environment that heralds a new era for middle school education in Howard County.

Three TVMS “touchstones” infuse every aspect of this innovative learning environment and involve every member of the school community. We will provide opportunities for our students to connect, collaborate, and create as we inspire learning across the curriculum.

Four innovative signature programs will engage every TVMS student in learning and inspire their personal growth. These initiatives offer excellent potential to enhance teaching and learning at middle schools throughout the county. The programs include innovative practices in World Language instruction, career exploration through Naviance, classroom instruction enhanced by instructional technology (Bring Your Own Device-BYOD), and alignment of skills and standards through AP Vertical Articulation.

STUDENT SCHEDULES and LOCKERS

- Schedules will be issued on the first day of school in homerooms.
- Sixth grade students will receive their schedules during orientation on Thursday, August 31st



SAVE THE DATE...

August 31st

Sixth Grade Student
Orientation
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Orientation for New
Students to 7/8th Grades
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

TVMS Wolf Pack Rally
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

September 4th

Labor Day
Schools and Offices
Closed

September 5th

First Day of School for
Students
Doors Open - 8:00 a.m.
End of Day - 2:55 p.m.
(Students will report to
homeroom on the first
day of school - homeroom
assignments will be
posted at entry doors.)

September 14th

TVMS Back to School
Night for all Grades
6:30 p.m.

September 21st

Rosh Hashanah
Schools and Offices
Closed



GETTING TO SCHOOL

Most of our students will be bus riders. In an attempt to make sure our students arrive and depart safely, any student drop-off will occur at the designated parent drop-off at our front entrance.

BUS INFORMATION

Bus schedules will be posted on the HCPSS website (<http://www.hcpss.org>) in mid-August and published in local newspapers during the week of August 28th. Please consult these resources for information regarding anticipated bus pick-up and drop-off times. In order to ensure your student catches the bus on the first day, we recommend they arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Each year, it takes about a week or two for these times to be completely adjusted. Please bear with the Department of Transportation as they make these changes and refine the schedule. Questions or concerns about transportation can be directed to that office by calling 410-313-6727 or by visiting the HCPSS Transportation webpage at <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/>

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

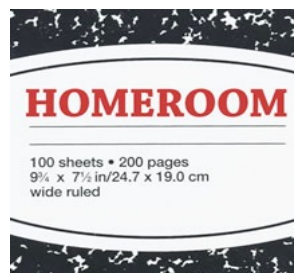
In order to ensure the safety of all students and staff, we require that all parents and visitors check in with the front office staff immediately upon entering the building. We will be very happy to help you with all your needs and to direct you to the resources you require after you have signed in and received a visitor's badge. Thank you for your support in helping make TVMS a safe environment for your children.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents can update their emergency information through HCPSS Connect at <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>. This is the website where you will view your child's grades. As you prepare for the start of school, please take a moment to visit our website at <http://tvms.hcpss.org>.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school for all students is September 5, 2017. Doors will open for student entry at 8:00 am. Homeroom den lists will be posted at each entry door and staff will be available to assist all students when they enter the building.



WOLF DEN HOMEROOMS

All students will report to their Wolf Den 'Homeroom' during any extended homeroom times and/or special adjustments to the normal schedule. Students will be notified when they need to attend their Wolf Den homeroom for these special circumstances. Attendance on a regular school day schedule will be taken during Wolf Den.

STUDENT SERVICES

Our Student Services department consists of a School Psychologist, Hispanic Achievement Liaison, Pupil Personnel Worker, Data Clerk, Secretary, and two Counselors.

Counselors:	Ashley Harig (Last Names A-K) Nicole Raines (Last Names L-Z)
School Psychologist:	Alesia Blosser
Pupil Personnel Worker:	Lucy Hollis
Hispanic Achievement Liaison:	Jose de la Mar
Secretary:	Nicole Nicholson
Data Clerk:	Katelyn Trinite

SCHOOL MEALS

School lunches are available for \$3.25 per meal. Milk may be purchased separately for \$.50. Breakfast will also be offered to any interested student this year from 7:45-8:00 a.m. A full breakfast is \$2.00). Items will also be sold a la carte.

The Food & Nutrition Services Department is very pleased to announce that they will continue to offer an Online Processing System for Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications, which may be found at <https://www.applyforlunch.com/Home/PickDistrict> This will allow parents privacy in completing the application and receiving notification of status.

The school system will continue to distribute paper applications, which parents can fill out and submit as desired.

If your student received Free or Reduced Meals during the 2016-2017 school year, you will still need to complete a new application for the year. For more information about school meals and programs, please visit the HCPSS website at: <http://www.hcpss.org/food-services/>

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