

TVMS Newsletter

November 3, 2016

Important Dates

Nov. 7	No School for Students
Nov. 8	School and Offices Closed
Nov. 11	Spirit Day: College Day
Nov. 14 – 18	American Education Week
Nov. 14	Fall Picture Make-Up Day
Nov. 15	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 15	Flu Shot Clinic
Nov. 21 – 23	Parent / Teacher Conferences
Nov. 24 – 25	Thanksgiving Break

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 21st through 23rd. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with your student's teachers one-on-one, allowing you to further assist your student in celebrating their progress and setting academic goals. Additional information on scheduling your student's Parent/Teacher conferences is below.

TVMS hosted its first Hispanic College and Career Presentation on Thursday, October 27th. Elisa Montalvo, Hispanic Achievement Program Specialist, and Jose de la Mar, Hispanic Achievement Liaison, conducted the informative session. Claudia Massey and Becky McKirahan spoke on behalf of the TVMS PTSA. We are thankful for the support and collaboration of our PTSA.

Students and staff enjoyed the first quarter Wolf Pride Celebration on Friday, October 28th, with fun-filled activities. Students and staff flooded the hallways in a sea of pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness month. October has truly been a month filled with TVMS Pride.

Regards,

Shiney Ann John, Principal

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We look forward to seeing many of you during the Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for November 21st – 23rd. When you enter the building, we will have a table set up with schedules for your conferences. The staff member on duty will be glad to assist you and provide a map of our building. Instructions to sign up for conferences can be found [here](#).

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American Education Week

Howard County Public Schools celebrate American Education Week, November 14 through 18. TVMS invites parents and guardians to attend any of their student's classes during the week to experience a day in the life of a middle schooler. Please bring your I.D. with you to sign in using LobbyGuard in the front office.

We look forward to your visit during American Education Week!

Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms

Federal Impact Aid Survey forms went home with student on Tuesday, November 1. HCPSS will receive funds from the federal government to operate and maintain our schools and enrich our school programs for students enrolled in the HCPSS prior to the deadline and parents are employed on federally owned property in the State of Maryland or are an active duty member of the military anywhere in the world. If these criteria apply to your family, please complete the form and have your student return no later than November 18th.

TVMS Spirit Raising: Thankful Food Drive

TVMS is having its first TVMS Spirit Raising: Thankful Food Drive. The food drive started on October 17th and will continue through November 22nd. Students have the opportunity to give back to their very own community by donating non-perishable foods. Each student that brings in an item to donate will receive a "thankful paw print" for each item donated. The paw print will be displayed at TVMS for all staff and students to see. TVMS is creating a temporary thankful mural that will match our thankful and giving spirit to the amount of donated items to Grassroots and families in our community. Help support your student and our community!

Student Leadership and Service Opportunity

HCASC invites middle and high school students interested in student leadership and service opportunities to attend the Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings the 2nd Wednesday of every month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Homewood Cafeteria, 10914 MD 108, Columbia, MD 21042.

- Sharing the Student Voice on School Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 9th. For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org.

Community News

Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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Alpha Staff

Is there a TVMS staff member who is making a difference in your student's life? Please nominate them for Alpha Staff. Eligible to be nominated are teachers, counselors, office, custodial, and administrative staff. Staff can be nominated in the classroom and/or school community. Forms may be picked up in the Front Office, requested via email at michelle_mackall@hcpss.org, or found online at the TVMS website, <http://tvms.hcpss.org/about/staff-award>.

PTA's Reflections Arts Program

Thomas Viaduct Middle School and the TVMS PTSA are Excited to Participate!

This year's theme is "What Is Your Story?"

October is National Arts & Humanities Month, and we want to encourage your child to unleash their inner artist through the PTA's Reflections Arts Program!

Support your child's participation and increase their confidence. This year's theme, "**What Is Your Story?**", encourages students to think about who they are and what they want others to know about them.

Reflections Activity For Students

With your child/group of students, write a list of words and draw pictures of as many things that you think of that relate to one or more of the prompts below. Remember, there are no wrong answers. After five minutes, admire the list or pictures that you've created together, and use this as inspiration for your Reflections submission.

- Imagine you are having dinner with your favorite person of all time. What are all the things that you would want to share with this person about your life?
- Think about your first day of school. What did you tell your new classmates about yourself, or what didn't you tell them but wish they knew?
- Think about the most important day in your life. What does that day look like, sound like, smell like, feel like?

Looking for more information or need help getting started?

- For more info on how to participate, visit our new age <http://www.tvmsptsa.org/reflections/>.
- Contact Stephanie Cascone at tvmsptsa.vpi@gmail.com.
- Submission Due Date: **November 30, 2016**, in the TVMS Media Center.

Career Academies Information Sessions

Learn how the Career Academies provide high school students with opportunities to earn college credit, scholarships and industry certifications, participate in worksite and mentorship experiences, and become creative problem solvers by participating in hands-on project based learning. Career Academies invite middle/high school students and their families to information sessions on November 9, 2016, or January 5, 2017, from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. For more information, please see the [flyer](#).

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