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Important Dates

- **3/14** PTSA Quarter Auction
- **3/16** PARCC Assessment for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders
- **3/19** Coffee & Conversation
- **3/19** Howard County Military Information Night
- **3/25** Spring Picture Day
- **3/25** Deadline for Spirit Wear Orders
- **3/23-3/27** TVMS Pride Spirit Week
- **3/27** School Closes 3 hours early
- **3/30-4/6** Spring Break
- **4/25** *Cinderella* presented by TVMS Beyond The Wolf Students

A Note from the Principal

Dear TVMS Families,

March is proving to be a busy month for TVMS. Students and staff have done a remarkable job navigating the new PARCC assessment. I am proud of the perseverance and dedication students and staff have shown during administration and completion of the test. Thank you for sending your child on time and prepared for the assessment. The success of each child is truly a collaborative effort.

We are appreciative of your support and dedication to the TVMS family.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal





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PARCC Testing Update

Monday, March 16th, all grades will complete PARCC testing. We ask that you not schedule appointments, out of school visits, or other conflicts on testing days, so as to limit the time your child misses classes to make up the assessment(s).

Please help your child receive a good breakfast on the days of the test as well as a good night's sleep before the test day. Also, if your child wears eyeglasses or hearing aids, be sure that he/she comes to school with them during the days of testing. We have asked all students to not bring electronic devices to the testing rooms. Encourage your child to feel relaxed and confident during the test.

Howard County Military Information Night

The Howard County Military Information Night will be held on Thursday, March 19 at River Hill High School from 6 to 9 p.m. Below is the list of confirmed institutions. There will be presentations by the 5 Military Academies and a representative from Congressman Cummings' office in the Media Center. Tables will be set up in our cafeteria similar to a college fair.

- United States Military Academy
- United States Coast Guard Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Merchant Marine Academy
- Congressman Cummings' Office
- Army ROTC-U. of Maryland
- Maryland National Guard
- The Citadel
- Marines Recruiter
- Air Force Recruiter
- Oakland Mills High School JROTC
- Atholton High School JROTC
- Howard High School JROTC

Girls on Track

You may register for Girls on Track at www.gotrcentralmd.org. The 2015 Spring Season will begin the week of March 16th and will end with our culminating 5k event on May 30th, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. We will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Students should see Ms. McNeill (in the Media Center) if they have any questions about cost, transportation, and/or scholarships.

Policy Corner

Sexual Harassment (Policy 1020) The Board of Education of Howard County is committed to providing an educational and work environment that is free from sexual harassment. To that end, the Board of Education prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in its educational program, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and in the workplace, as required by law.

Employees and third parties share responsibility for the health, safety and general welfare of students; for contributing to a school environment free from sexual harassment; and for maintaining appropriate relationships with students. Employees, students, and third parties may be subject to disciplinary action or consequences for inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature, even when the behavior does not rise to the level of sexual harassment as defined by prevailing federal and state laws.

It is a violation of this policy for any student, employee, or third party to engage in sexual harassment or to engage in retaliation with regard to complaints of sexual harassment.

For a complete description of the policy, please refer to the Student & Parent Handbook 2014-15.



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Tips for School Success

Importance of not comparing!

Teach students the importance of not comparing themselves with others. Don't allow the classes other students take, grades other students get, or friends other students have to determine your student's happiness. Every student is on a different path, and none of them is completely right or wrong. For more tips, please visit http://opportunity.org/learn/lists/16-ways-to-set-up-your-student-for-success-this-year?gclid=CKyn5KXWoMOCFUYjgQodFoAAng#.VQBm7y_uevo.

Boxtops

TVMS PTSA will receive 10 cents for every box top that is submitted! A collection box is located in the cafeteria. Thank you for your support.

Lost and Found

Please ask your student to check the lost and found on the cafeteria stage for missing items such as lunch bags, books, binders, and jackets.

Message from Media

Encourage all students to return overdue media items.

PTSA Quarter Auction Fundraiser

The PTSA is holding their first Quarter Auction Fundraiser tomorrow, Saturday, March 14th. Don't miss out on this fun event!!! You can pre-order your paddle now via the website: www.tvmsptsa.org/event. Paddles are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 paddles. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and food for sale. All students must be accompanied by an adult, and all seats require a paid paddle. We hope you can join us!

Yearbook

Be the first to order the TVMS Inaugural Yearbook full of beautiful color photos to celebrate the amazing year! Hundreds of photos will help preserve your memories of our 1st year together at TVMS. Simply click on the link below to check all of the available options (paperback, hardcover, personalizations, etc.) Order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (Yearbook ID Code 12257815). **Forms went home today with the students.**

Spring Pictures

Reminder: The date for Spring Pictures has been changed from March 11 to March 25.

Cinderella Performance

Cinderella will be presented by our Beyond the Wolf Den students on Saturday, April 25th. Two shows will be held, with the first performance starting at 12 p.m. You will not want to miss this spectacular performance!

Coffee & Conversation

The Howard County Board of Education regularly holds Coffee & Conversation sessions at schools throughout the county. These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county but interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings. The next Coffee & Conversation With the Board of Education will be held on:

Thursday, March 19, 2015, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Lake Elkhorn Middle School Media Center
6680 Cradlerock Way in Columbia



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TVMS Physical Education Update - Teachers Step up for Students!

Recently, TVMS staff donated gently used sneakers to the PE program here at Thomas Viaduct. These shoes are offered to students who may have forgotten their PE shoes and allows them to participate in class. Teachers from all grade levels donated many different styles and sizes to help increase student academic success. Thank you to our staff who donated!



TVMS Students with Artwork in Youth Art Month Exhibition

Arevalo and Julie Tu, seventh grade TVMS students, will have artwork featured in an exhibition at the Miller Branch of the Howard County Public Library from January 28th to April 9th. The exhibition is in celebration of the designation of March as Youth Art Month. Please check it out!

Alpha Staff Members

Do not forget to nominate a favorite Thomas Viaduct Staff member for Alpha Staff. Eligible to be nominated are teachers, counselors, and office, custodial, and administrative staff. Staff can be nominated by students, parents, administrators, colleagues, or community members for excellence 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](#).