

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 second 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.

“Wolves on Wheels” will give families the opportunity to say hello to some of the TVMS Staff on August 19 at Ducketts Lane E.S. (approximately at 2:15 p.m.) or Port Capital (approximately at 2:40 p.m.).

Our incredible PTSA will be collaborating with us to host our 2nd annual Wolf Pack Rally at TVMS on August 20, 2015 from 3:00 to 4:30 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 2015-2016 school year at Thomas Viaduct Middle School.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John, Principal



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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 20th.



SAVE THE DATE...

8/19

Wolves on Wheels at
DLES at 2:15 p.m. and at
Port Capitol at 2:40 p.m.

8/20

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

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

TVMS Wolf Pack Rally –
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

8/24

First Day of School for
Students

Doors open for students at
8:00 a.m. and students
end their day at 2:55 p.m.

(Students will report to
homeroom on the first day
of school - homeroom
assignments will be
posted at entry doors)

9/7

Labor Day - schools and
offices closed

9/10

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

9/14

Rosh Hashanah - schools
and offices closed

9/23

Yom Kippur - 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 17th. 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 <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/>

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

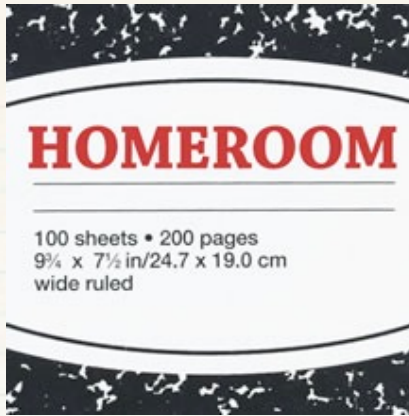
In order to ensure the safety of all students and staff, we require that all parents and visitors check in with the front office staff immediately upon entering the building. We will be very happy to help you with all your needs and to direct you to the resources you require after you have signed in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

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has issued a list of new immunization requirements for students. In addition to the current requirements, students entering 7th grade on the first day of the 2015-2016 school year will need to have:

- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine (required for student entry into Kindergarten)
- 1 dose of Tdap vaccine will be required for student entry into 7th grade
- 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine will be required for student entry into 7th grade.

If your student requires additional immunizations, parents should contact their healthcare provider as soon as possible to make an appointment for the student to obtain the required vaccines. Please provide the school with an updated copy of your child's immunization record, (complete with the provider's signature) once vaccinations have been completed. Failure to provide proof of updated immunizations by the first day of the school year will result in your student being excluded from school. If you have questions, please contact our nurse, Ms. McLean, at stacy_mclean@hcpss.org.



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 of when they need to attend their Wolf Den homeroom for these special circumstances. Attendance on a regular school day schedule will be taken during first period class. The following breakdown provides the assignments for Wolf Dens as of this printing. Adjustments may be made to accommodate changes in enrollment throughout the summer.

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 (.30 for reduced meal plans). 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 2014-2015 school year, please be reminded that a new application must be completed 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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