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Important Dates

- **5/20 & 5/21** Field Trip - 7th Grade (Date by Student's Den)
- **5/22** Crazy Hair Day
- **5/25** Schools Closed for Students
- **5/30** *Cinderella* presented by Beyond the Wolf Den
- **6/3** 8th Grade visits to respective High School
- **6/5** 8th Grade Celebration
- **6/5** Crazy Socks Day
- **6/10** 8th Grade Farewell Celebration
- **6/17** Full Day of School
- **6/18** School Closes 2 hours early
- **6/19** School Closes 3 hours early

A Note from the Principal

Dear TVMS Families,

On Thursday, May 7th, all families should have received interim reports for quarter four. Included with the interims were course student recommendations for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's counselor.

This past week, we celebrated student success through our first Howling with Pride Student Showcase and Literacy Night. The evening highlighted student work and performances from across disciplines and was a true reflection of the caliber of student products over the course of the year. A special thank you to Katie Quinn and Dottie Tingen for organizing this wonderful event. The collaboration between teachers, students, and their families culminated in a successful evening.

Last week, we also celebrated our students during our spring performing arts concerts. Students in band, orchestra, and chorus performed in front of a full audience of family and staff members. I am proud to say that our middle school band was asked to play at the 2015 State Festival. What an honor for our band students in the newest middle school in the county. And finally, we also celebrated receiving Gold Honors at the Healthy Howard celebration last week.

May is already proving to be a month filled with accolades and celebrations for TVMS.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal

Last Day of School - June 19th





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8th Grade World Language Students

In compliance with HCPSS Policy 8030, students taking high school courses in middle school may earn credit by passing the course and passing an exam that assesses student demonstration of locally established curricular objectives.

If students meet the above criteria, their grade will be recorded as a “pass” on their high school transcript.

This assessment will consist of two parts. The writing skills portion will be on May 20th, and the presentational speaking skills in the target language will be the following week with a final date forthcoming.

The assessments will be scored on a proficiency rubric with which the students are familiar prior to practice and the final exam date. The target proficiency level for Middle School Spanish I is Novice Mid. Students must meet or exceed the target proficiency level in both parts to “pass” the assessment.

Congratulations in advance to your student for completing the middle school sequence of world language study, which is just the beginning of what will be a journey toward fluency in the language they have chosen to study.

8th Grade Date Alerts

8th grade students were sent home with a packet on Monday with the following information:

- **Wednesday, June 3rd**, 8th graders will travel to their future high schools during the school day. Students need to return the pink sheet permission slip by Wednesday, May 20th, to attend.
- The 8th grade party will be held on **Friday, June 5th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Students need to return the blue sheet permission slip by Wednesday, May 20th, to attend. Students should wear regular school clothes; this is not a formal event.
- The 8th grade farewell ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 10th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at Long Reach High School. Students should arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. The green sheet in the packet reviews attire for the event.

If you have questions, please email the 8th grade team leader, Ms. Quinn, at kathleen_quinn@hcpss.org.

Policy Corner

Student Dress Code (Policy 9210)
Student dress and appearance are the basic responsibility of students and their parents/guardians as long as they are consistent with the school system’s responsibility to ensure that school environments are healthy, safe and conducive to student learning. It is a violation of this policy for any student to wear attire that interferes with the educational mission of the schools, is disruptive to the school environment, or that could endanger the health or safety of that student or others during school hours and school activities. This includes, but is not limited to, attire that:

- Unduly exposes or reveals skin or undergarments. This may include: tank tops; halter tops; tops that are strapless, low cut, or expose the midriff; pants worn low or loose that expose skin or undergarments.
- Causes or is likely to cause a substantial or material disruption to school activities or the orderly operation of the school. This may include buttons, display bands, armbands, flags, decals or other badges of symbolic expression.
- Covers the head, including hats, sunglasses, bandanas, hoods and visors, or head coverings of any kind

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



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Tips for School Success

Keep kids safe

The weather has warmed up and school's almost out for the summer, which means kids will be spending more time outdoors on their own. Give them a refresher course in safety whether they're bike riding, swimming, or playing indoors on game systems. For more tips, go to pta.org and click on "Topics: Child Safety." For more tips, please visit <http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>

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.

Message from Media

Encourage all students to return overdue media items.

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.

7th Grade Field Trips

The 7th grade class has been given the opportunity to travel to Belmont Manor and Historical Park in Elkridge to participate in the spring BioBlitz and to collect data regarding the species found in the park. The Howard County Science Office and the Howard County Conservancy are providing this opportunity at no cost to our students.

● **Wednesday, May 20**, students in the following DEN classes are scheduled to attend the field trip: Perry, McMillion, Sica, Plofkin

● **Thursday, May 21**, students in the following DEN classes are scheduled to attend the field trip: Poknis, Attridge, Paparazo, VanderVeen

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit the TVMS [website](#) or contact the 7th grade team leader, Mrs. Melanie Poknis, melanie_poknis@hcpss.org.

Long Reach Football Meeting 2015-2016

Are you going to be an incoming Freshman this fall? Plan on joining the coaching staff at Long Reach High School to learn about our program and meet the Long Reach Family.

Long Reach High School

6101 Old Dobbin Lane; Columbia, MD 21045

Date: Wednesday, May 20th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Summer workout schedule, try-outs, fundraising, and other information will be discussed. For questions, please email Coach Willis at jamie_willis@hcpss.org. Hope to see you there!

Long Reach Cheerleading

8th graders interested in cheering for Long Reach High? Come to the free clinics on the following dates.

May 19 - 21

May 27 - 28

June 2 - 4

Email Mrs. Rice for information, clinic times, and participation at elisabeth_rice@hcpss.org.



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Hammond High School Future Golden Bears

Time to Register for Hammond High School Booster Camps! Hammond Boosters offers ten, week-long summer camps to rising 6th through 9th graders who will be Hammond High School Golden Bears. Camps offered: Band, Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Volleyball.

All camps are held at Hammond High School and are one week long. Each camp costs \$135 for Early Bird registration by May 31st; \$155 registration fee beginning June 1st. Fee includes a Hammond HS Booster Camps t-shirt.

For more information and to register online, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/hammondhsboostercamps/>.

Hammond Boys' Soccer Camp and Incoming Freshmen Information

The following information and opportunities are for all middle school boys interested in playing soccer at Hammond High School. Hammond Boosters Boys' Soccer Camp will be held July 29th - July 3rd from 9 a.m. to Noon. There will be an opportunity to work on fundamental skills while meeting and interacting with the boys' soccer coaching staff. Visit www.hammondboosters.org for more information.

Incoming Freshmen

In addition to the Boosters Camp, the boys' soccer program has other activities, which students are allowed and are encouraged to participate.

- 1) SAC (Soccer Association of Columbia) Summer League - This is a high school league with a 10-game season that runs right up to tryouts in mid-August. There are JV and Varsity Divisions, and 8th graders are allowed to participate. This is a great opportunity to meet your new teammates early and to also work on your skills and endurance before tryouts. Cost is \$45 per boy. Please contact Coach Cutler for information.
- 2) Captains Practices - The current team members hold practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. These practices are run by the boys and are open to 8th graders.
- 3) High School Tryouts will be held the week of August 10th. The exact date will be confirmed on Hammond High [website](#).

There are a variety of forms that players need to have prior to tryouts.

- A) Parent Permission (Form on HCPSS website)
- B) Physical Form (Form is available on the HCPSS website - completed by DR)
- C) Proof of Residence - BGE, Comcast bill, etc.
- D) Birth Certificate
- E) Concussion Test - This is done at the school. Times and dates will follow.

Questions may be directed to Varsity Coach, Brett Cutler, at bcutler@hcpss.org or 410-961-1739.