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Important Dates

- **5/5** Spring Concert I
- **5/7** Spring Concert II
- **5/7** Interim Progress Reports
- **5/8** Field Trip - 8th Grade
- **5/9** Coffee & Conversation
- **5/11 & 5/12** Field Trip - 6th Grade
- **5/14** Literacy Night
- **5/20 & 5/21** Field Trip - 7th Grade (Date by Student's Den)
- **5/25** Schools Closed for Students
- **5/30** *Cinderella* presented by Beyond the Wolf Den
- **6/5** 8th Grade Celebration
- **6/10** 8th Grade Farewell Celebration
- **6/18** School Closes 2 hours early
- **6/19** School Closes 3 hours early

A Note from the Principal

Dear TVMS Families,

As the year is winding down, we can't forget how much there is to do during the remaining school days. Progress reports will be coming home on May 7, so please be sure to check backpacks. We are encouraging all students to take books/backpacks home every day so they can be in the habit of reviewing notes, studying for upcoming tests, or working on long-term projects. The same TVMS Pride that was expected in September is even more important to reinforce with students during the last weeks of school.

Our Honors Assembly took place last week, and I am pleased to share that 292 students earned their name on our Honor Roll. We are extremely proud of the number of students that have made honor roll for the first time or have increased their overall grade point average. Students are more keenly aware of their grades because they are accessing Aspen, talking to their teachers about ways to improve academic performance, or tracking their grades through our Wolf Tracks Program. The success of our students is dependent on strong collaboration between the home and school. Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal

It takes a big
HEART
to help shape
GROWING
MINDS.



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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.

Your student will be taking the End of Course Assessment for Middle School Spanish I in May/June. This assessment will consist of two parts. One will assess students in presentational speaking skills in the target language, and the other will assess presentational writing skills. 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.

Students will be afforded the opportunity to take a practice assessment in April, which will prepare them for the format of the End of Course 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

The 8th grade team would like to alert parents of upcoming dates as well as date changes in 8th grade events.

- The Athletic Directors from Hammond High and Long Reach High will speak with 8th grade students about the athletic programs during lunch on May 20th.
- Due to snow days, the 8th grade Celebration date has been moved to Friday, June 5th.
- Due to snow days, the 8th grade Farewell Ceremony has been moved to Wednesday, June 10th.

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

Policy Corner

Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect (Policy 1030) The law requires any Howard County Public School System employee or service provider to immediately report suspected cases of physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect of a student. Child abuse is any physical or mental injury of a child by anyone who has permanent or temporary care, custody or responsibility for a child, which harms the child’s health or welfare, or puts the child at substantial risk of being harmed. A written report must be submitted within 48 hours of the initial suspicion. It is the responsibility of the principal to make certain that the oral report is made immediately to the proper authorities. The principal permits the Department of Social Services (DSS) Protective Service Workers and the Howard County Police Department to interview the child on school premises in connection with an investigation of a case involving suspected child abuse, sexual abuse, mental injury or neglect, whether the child is the alleged victim or witness, and whether or not the child has been previously interviewed by the police or Social Services. For a complete description of the policy, please refer to the Student & Parent Handbook 2014-15.



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Tips for School Success

Creating Safe and Drug-free Schools

What can I do to help make sure that my child's school is safe and drug-free?

- Review school discipline policies with your child. Make sure that she knows what behaviors you expect of her in school. Let her know that you will support teachers in their efforts to enforce the policies.
- Work with the school to develop a plan to handle safety and drug problems, such as drug education and violence prevention programs. Make sure the school has clear consequences for students who break school rules.
- Get to know your child's friends and their parents. Make sure their attitude about drugs is compatible with yours. If not, encourage your child to find new friends.

For more tips, please visit http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/questions/part_pg8.html#sec8.

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.

- On **Wednesday, May 20**, students in the following DEN classes are scheduled to attend the field trip: Perry, McMillion, Sica, Plofkin
- On **Thursday, May 21**, students in the following DEN classes are scheduled to attend the field trip: Poknis, Attridge, Paparazzo, VanderVeen

A detailed parent letter and field trip forms were sent home with your child on Friday, April 10. All field trip forms should be returned to your child's Period 1 teacher by **Friday, April 24**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the 7th grade team leader, Mrs. Melanie Poknis, (melanie_poknis@hcpss.org) or visit the TVMS [website](#).

Literary Night "Transport to Anywhere"

On May 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., join us at Thomas Viaduct Middle School for a fun evening featuring disciplinary literacies that foster the growth of 21st century learning skills. Topics include MackinVia, Digital Literacy, Financial Literacy, Math Literacy, and Reader's Cafe. Forms went home with your student last week. Please send your form in on Monday, May 4th.



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TVMS - PTSA Spring Flower Fundraiser

The TVMS PTSA Spring Flower Fundraiser is going on thru Tuesday, May 2, 2015. All orders must be placed and paid for by May 2, 2015. Orders can be picked up at Thomas Viaduct Middle School on May 9th between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

To place an order, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/tvmsspringflowersale/>. Forms may also be picked up in the front office.

Hammond High School - Soccer

On May 6th, during all lunch periods, the Hammond High School soccer coach will be speaking about soccer programs at Hammond High.

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/>.

Long Reach PTSA Needs You!

8th Grade Parents - The Long Reach PTSA Nominating Committee is looking for people who may be interested in serving as officers or on committees next year (2015-16). If you are interested or would like to nominate someone who you think would be a great officer, email your suggestions to downtownjbo218@gmail.com. (All suggestions will be kept in strictest confidence. We make the contact and are very gracious!)

Please feel free to join us at an upcoming PTSA meeting. Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm in Student Services, and the next meeting will be May 11th, which will be our General Membership meeting where we will be voting on next year's officers.

Visit our website for upcoming events, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter for up-to-date announcements.

- Website - <http://www.lrhsptsa.org/>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/427216290654769/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/longreachptsa>

Join us in working together to help make every child's potential a reality. Thanks so much for your consideration and suggestions!



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Pack Leaders of the Month

TVMS is approaching the traditional concept of Student of the Month differently. Students and families may not be familiar with this approach to recognizing student leadership, but TVMS realizes students display strengths in one or more of the academic areas and is focused on capitalizing on individual strengths.

TVMS is proud to recognize our Pack Leaders of the Month. Each month a student from one of the 12 academic areas will be recognized for displaying the PRIDE traits (Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Diligence, Excellence). The academic areas include Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Reading, Art, Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science, Health Education, Physical Education, Performing Arts, and World Language. Recognized students will receive a certificate of accomplishment and be acknowledged on the morning news. In addition, students will have their picture posted in the TVMS Alpha Hall of Fame. We look forward to highlighting TVMS students for their individual student strengths in a variety of academic areas.

Pack Leaders of the Month for April

8th Grade Students:

ELA - Ama Addo
 Math - Miyako Lewis
 Reading - Esther Pedro
 Science - Karen Tran
 Social Studies - Sterling Cooper
 Art - Armani Carroll
 FACS - India Mallard
 Health - Camille Hylton
 Performing Arts - Adrian Ablis
 Physical Education - Kim Khai
 Technology Education - Hannah Gorel
 World Language - Sakai Alexander

6th Grade Students:

ELA - Jonathan Parham
 Math - Kofi Atta-Poku
 Reading - Husein Rizvi
 Science - Far Par
 Social Studies - Dev Amin
 Art - Amir Mixon
 FACS - Kylee Ramey
 Health - Ricki Waters
 Performing Arts - Jessalyn Velasquez (Band)
 Physical Education - Haydr Almohssem
 Technology Education - Rolando Huerta

7th Grade Students

ELA - Seth Trout
 Math - Rachel Carter
 Reading - Lee Cooper
 Science - Sy'Veon Wilerson
 Social Studies - Jason Luong
 Art - Candace Mayers
 FACS - Lya Sok
 Health - Myka Lee
 Performing Arts - Alex King (Band)
 Physical Education - Mallory Zeleznik
 Technology Education - Voreak Liv
 World Language - Julie Tu



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Coffee & Conversation

The Board of Education of Howard County 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:

Saturday, May 9, 9:30-11am
Waverly Elementary School Media Center
10220 Wetherburn Road, Ellicott City

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](#).

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.