

TVMS WOLF PRIDE

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Important Dates

- **5/30** *Cinderella Kids* 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,

We are coming to the close of our first school year at Thomas Viaduct Middle. As students anticipate summer approaching, we are requesting your support in reminding them that the last few weeks of the school year should be approached with the same level of discipline and dedication as the start of the year. Students should be diligently focused on improving academic performance and maintaining a high level of TVMS Pride.

Please remember that all textbooks and Media Center books need to be returned at the end of the year to avoid a book fine. Report cards will be held if a student has any outstanding fines. All Media Center books are due by June 5. Please check around the house to see if there are any school-issued books or resources that need to be returned. Also, all lost and found items that are not claimed by June 19, will be donated to a local charity after the last student day. It has been an incredible first year at TVMS. Thank you for your continued support as we close out the school year.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal

Last Day of School - June 19th





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8th Grade Date Alerts

Reminder of upcoming 8th grade dates. Permission forms for the June 3rd and 5th dates were required and the deadline has passed.

- **Wednesday, June 3rd**, 8th graders will travel to their future high schools during the school day.
- The 8th grade party will be held on **Friday, June 5th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** 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 6:10 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.

Food Service

Food Service started a new charging system in February 2015. If your student had no money for lunch on a particular day, they could charge it, and Food Service maintained a record for students to pay back the funds. As of June 1, 2015, the charging system will stop. Please ensure there is money on your student's account or that they have money on hand to pay for their daily lunch.

You can continue to put money on your students's account at www.myschoolbucks.com. Any money left on their account by 6-19-2015 will transfer over for school year 2015-2016.

Music in the Parks

Thomas Viaduct Middle School's Music Department participated in the Music in the Park at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey on Friday, May 22nd, with great success. Join me in congratulating our students for their outstanding performances and placement:

- Symphonic Band: 1st Place with a Superior Rating
- Symphonic Band: Best Overall Band (out of 10 middle school bands!)
- String Orchestra: 2nd Place with an Excellent Rating
- Concert Choir: 1st Place with an Excellent Rating

We are very proud of our young musicians and staff for their hard work.

Message From Media

Reminder to return all books to Media as soon as possible with the end of the school year approaching to avoid fines.

Policy Corner

Confidentiality of Student Records (Policy 9050)

Student records are accumulated and maintained by teachers and other school personnel in accordance with the Public School Laws of Maryland and the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education.

Parents have the right to inspect and review all official school records of their child. Requests by parents for access to their child's records will be granted within a reasonable time and at the mutual convenience of the parent and school principal. This right is also extended to any student 18 years of age or older.

Each school will furnish parents an opportunity to request amendment of the records and/or challenge the content of their child's school records should they believe the records are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the program or other rights of their child.

No school will release records of students without written consent of their parents to any individual, agency, or organization except as permitted within the law.

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



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Tips for School Success

Make learning a four-season endeavor.

School is out in the summer, but that should not mean that children should take three months off from learning. Summer is a good time for reviewing, for learning things that may not have been taught in school (perhaps some of those chapters that were skipped in history class), for going to the library and browsing (always a good idea), and for trying to develop new intellectual skills, such as how to play games of strategy like chess, checkers or backgammon, or how to follow recipes carefully. For more tips, please visit <http://www.metroparent.com/daily/education/school-issues/ways-help-child-succeed-school-right-way/>

Health Room

Effective the first school day of 2015-16, 1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine will be required by the State of Maryland for all students entering Grade 7. Please call the health room for more information at (410) 313-8714.

Lost and Found

Students should check the lost and found before the end of the school year. All items will be donated to a local charity on June 19th.

TVMS Proudly Presents *Cinderella Kids*

Mark your calendar as the TVMS Drama Department and Beyond the Wolf Den proudly present *Cinderella Kids* on Saturday, May 30th. There will be two performances, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for school age students. You will not want to miss this event!

P.L.E.D.G.E. Summer Leadership Camps For Eight Graders

P.L.E.D.G.E. Summer Leadership Camp is a free, one-week program designed to help students entering ninth grade develop leadership skills. P.L.E.D.G.E. stands for Pride, Leadership, Education, Diversity, Gang resistance, and Evaluation. Through a series of discussions and practical activities, participants learn the value of teamwork and skills that foster leadership. Lessons and activities challenge their ability to make critical decisions, focus on core beliefs and values, recognize diversity and work toward a common goal. One highlight of the camp is a field trip to Terrapin Adventures, where campers participate in confidence-building activities, navigating obstacle courses, playing games, and completing tasks designed to challenge the group to work together. If you know of a student who would benefit from the camp, call (410) 313-6088 or email cjames@howardcountymd.gov or dbecraft@howardcountymd.gov for more information.

Two Date Options:

July 20 - 24, 2015

Open enrollment is April 13-June 19, 2015

August 3 - 7, 2015

Open enrollment is April 13-July 2, 2015

Alpha Staff

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](#).

Congratulations to Our Newest Alpha Staff

Steve Manning

Sarah Chan

Kathleen Quinn



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Long Reach Baseball

Long Reach Baseball will be holding tryouts for all players entering 9th grade this August. If you are interested in playing baseball at Long Reach High, please provide your name and contact information on the baseball sign in sheet located at Student Services during high school visitation day, June 3, 2015 or contact Coach Chris Young at christopher.young@pnc.com.

Long Reach High Cheerleading

8th graders interested in cheering for Long Reach High? Come to the last free clinic on June 2 - 4. Email Mrs. Rice for information, clinic times, and participation at elisabeth_rice@hcpss.org.

Long Reach Summer Camps

The LRHS Booster Club will be sponsoring camps for Field Hockey and Boys Lacrosse teams this summer. Below is information on the camps. For more information and registration, visit <http://www.lrhsboosters.com/Camps.html>.

Field Hockey Clinic for Girls in Grades 5 - 9

New to the sport? Have experience and want to just check out the program? Come to this free instructional clinic! Open to all levels of experience.

- Saturday, June 6th.
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at LRHS Field Hockey field, behind game stadium.
- Cost: Free! You must register at www.lrhsboosters.com.

Field Hockey Summer Camp for Girls in Grades 5 - 9

Are you interested in learning more about field hockey, have experience, or want to just check out the program? Come to our week long camp open to all levels of experience.

- Monday - Friday, August 3rd - 7th.
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at LRHS Field Hockey field, behind game stadium. Please arrive 15 minutes early on first day.
- Cost: \$100. Register at www.lrhsboosters.com.

Boys Lacrosse Summer Camp for Grades 6 - 11

Lacrosse camp tailored for the faster game of high school lacrosse and a great way to warm up for summer club ball. Camp is open to all levels of experience.

- Monday - Friday, June 22nd - 26th.
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Long Reach High School main field.
- Cost: \$100 per player. Register at www.lrhsboosters.com.



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Incoming Hammond Golden Bears Athlete Concussion Testing

Hammond coaches are offering concussion testing at Thomas Viaduct for incoming fall athletes at Hammond High. The testing will be done in the Media Center at the end of the school day on June 4th. Permission forms were given to all that were interested and should be turned in by Friday. Please note students will need to be picked up by a parent at 3:45 p.m.

Rising 9th Grade Hammond Golden Bears - Spirit Wear

Eighth graders coming to Hammond High School on June 3 will have the opportunity to purchase Hammond Golden Bears spirit wear during the clubs/activities portion of the program. Costs vary from \$10-\$30 for most items.

Hammond High School Future Golden Bears

Time to Register for Hammond High School Booster Camps! Hammond Boosters offer 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/hammondhsboosteramps/>.

Hammond Boys' Soccer Camp and Incoming Freshmen Information

Hammond Boosters Boys' Soccer Camp will be held June 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.

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.

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.

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



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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 staff members realize students display strengths in one or more of the academic areas and are 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 May

8th Grade Students:

ELA - Knowledge Wells
 Math - Makiyah Howell-Bey
 Reading - Justice Jackson
 Science - Min Woo Kim
 Social Studies - Aaryon Adger
 Art - Maynor Pineda-Murillo
 FACS - Anar Shah
 Health - Jeff Praveen
 Performing Arts - India Mallard
 Physical Education - Terrell Jones
 Technology Education - Chow Ye Qiaofeng
 World Language - Tina Osman

6th Grade Students:

ELA - Erica Alvarez
 Math - Collin Smith
 Reading - Bawi Par
 Science - Jissel Estrada Puga
 Social Studies - Emmanuel Oresayna
 Art - Tori Alioto
 FACS - Nana Amoateng
 Health - Christopher Liv
 Performing Arts - Sasha Combellick
 Physical Education - Daniel Shin
 Technology Education - Mariyah Pender

7th Grade Students

ELA - Keneth Arevalo-Rios
 Math - Nigel Coleman
 Reading - Lya Sok
 Science - Marrisa Nanton
 Social Studies - Krina Patel
 Art - Jada Howell
 FACS - Brandon Langmia
 Health - Alexxis Little
 Performing Arts - David Liv
 Physical Education - Laila Carroll
 Technology Education - Caleb Ray
 World Language - Sui Par