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Important Dates

- **6/17** Full Day of School
- **6/18** School Closes 2 hours early
- **6/19** School Closes 3 hours early
- **8/20** Incoming 6th Grade Orientation
- **8/20** Wolf Pack Rally
- **8/24** First Day of School for 2015-2016

**June 19th -
Last Day of School
3-Hour Early Dismissal**



A Note from the Principal

Dear TVMS Families,

We are moving into our final week of the 2014-2015 school year. We have had many things to celebrate over the past month, including our eighth grade dance and farewell ceremony, our first TVMS drama production, and several instructional classroom opportunities that have connected instruction from the classroom to the real world.

The end of the year brings many important deadlines and reminders. All media books were due on June 5th. Teachers are also collecting textbooks, so encourage your child to check and return any still at home. Book replacement fines will be issued to any student who has overdue media books or missing/lost textbooks.

Report cards will be mailed home on June 23rd. Please remember that any book, which is not returned or has not been paid for, will result in the student's report card being held by the school until payment is received, the book is returned, or a replacement is purchased.

Our first year at TVMS is coming to a close. The support of our parents and community have made this first year seem like a breeze. The staff committed themselves to making sure the first year of a new school was the best it could be for our students. I am proud of the staff who have dedicated themselves to connecting with students and creating classroom experiences that engage middle level learners. The TVMS staff is honored to serve our students and their families, and we are fortunate to be part of a school that has a such a huge heart.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our parents, and especially to our PTSA Executive Board, who have worked hard to generate enthusiasm to support programming that raises the level of student engagement. As always, we are looking for dedicated parents to join the PTSA and to share their talents to help make TVMS the best middle school in the county.

As the school year comes to a close, please remind your child to continue to reach for academic excellence and demonstrate TVMS Pride.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal



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Textbooks and Media Books Due

Please have students return textbooks and media items if they have not already done so in order to avoid the book fine. All items are due now. Students who have an outstanding fine will have their report card held until payment is received.

Yearbooks

A few yearbooks are still available for \$25. Students should see Wendy McNeill in the Media Center. Please send exact amount in cash or a check made payable to TVMS.

Important Health Room Information!

Medication Notice:

Any student medications or supplies kept in the health room during this school year should be picked up by a parent/guardian by 2:00 p.m. on the last day of school, Friday, June 19, 2015. All medication/supplies not picked up will be destroyed.

NEW Immunization Requirements:

Effective on the first day of the 2015-2016 school year, August 24, 2015, one dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine will be required by the state of Maryland for all students entering Grade 7. If we DO NOT receive proof of immunization, your child will be excluded from school. Many students may have already received these immunizations, but the Health Room may not have the updated immunization record. Please contact your child's doctor and send or fax an updated copy of your child's immunizations to the Health Room. Our address is 7000 Banbury Drive/Hanover, MD 21076, and our fax number is 410-712-6050.

If you have further questions, please call the TVMS Health Room at 410-313-8714.

Principal for a Morning

Kristina McKirahan (6th), Jada Sanders (7th), and Anna Lian (8th) were the grand prize winners for "Principal for a Morning." On three separate mornings, they each had the opportunity to shadow Mrs. John, or one of our assistant principals, and fulfill administrative duties. They did an outstanding job as principal and performed duties like monitoring hallways, recognizing students with positive office referrals, and visiting classrooms to view instruction. I believe we have future teachers or administrators in the making!

Policy Corner

Student Representation (Policy 2010)

The Board of Education recognizes the value of contributions of students in the regular meetings of the Board and encourages this participation by establishing the position of Student Member to the Board of Education of Howard County and by establishing the position of student representative in each high school. The Student Member is elected by a plurality of student voters in Grades 6 through 11 countywide and serves a one-year term beginning with the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Board in July. Student representatives are elected in their high schools and serve a one-year term.

Tips for School Success

Challenge your children to a readathon - See who can read the most books this summer, with each one slightly more challenging than the last. Make it happen by setting a designated family reading time, when the whole gang curls up with a good book, parents included. For more tips, please visit <http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>



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Celebrating Mr. Burns' Retirement

On the morning of Sunday, June 7, approximately thirty TVMS family members celebrated the retirement of Mr. Jim Burns, Technology Education Teacher, who has given 34 years of service to the Howard County Public School System.

At Mr. Burn's request, staff, family members, parents, and students celebrated by taking part in a stream clean up in Patapsco State Park in partnership with the Patapsco Heritage Greenway. Over 500 pounds of trash were collected, and the event appropriately culminated at the base of the Thomas Viaduct where a photo was taken of the group.

SeaPerch Grant and Field Trip

TVMS received a grant for \$2,000 from the SeaPerch Foundation for an after-school Engineering/Tech Ed class that used math and science skills to build underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs). Building a SeaPerch ROV teaches basic skills in ship and submarine design and encourages students to explore naval architecture and marine and ocean engineering principles. It also teaches tool safety and technical procedures.

Students in the SeaPerch Club visited the United States Navy's tow tank at Carderock on Friday, June 5. The tow tank was the first experimental towing tank ever built in the United States. If you are wondering about the site where the students went to test their robots, go to this website: <https://www.asme.org/getmedia/f8d90dfa-93d9-43e7-9aed-20b76589a72f/197-David-Taylor-Model-Basin-1939.aspx>.

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 22nd.

Thomas Viaduct Middle School's Inaugural Play a Success!

The Drama Department and Beyond the Wolf Den presented Disney's Cinderella Kids, an adaptation of the animated film, Cinderella on Saturday, May 30. Two shows, a matinee at 2:00 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m., were held before enthusiastic audiences of parents/guardians, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors.

Opportunity to Access Personalized Math Program

Research shows that most children lose some mathematics learning over the summer. There is a FREE online program offered by TenMarks (<http://summer.tenmarks.com>), which can provide your child with access to a powerful, personalized summer math program.

In addition, please visit the resources at <http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com/> for more support in mathematics. Please email Melissa Waggoner at melissa_waggoner@hcpss.org if you have any questions.



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TVMS Art Students Participate in a Bucket Fundraiser

Art students recently participated in a Bucket Fundraiser sponsored by Green Valley Marketplace in Elkridge. Students worked collaboratively and used creative problem solving skills to transform ordinary buckets from Green Valley Marketplace into useful works of art. The bucket creations were sold at a popular outdoor yard sale event in April at Green Valley Marketplace. The money raised from the buckets, in addition to funds raised through the sale of yard sale spaces, was kindly donated to TVMS.

Before the sale, the buckets were also displayed in Green Valley Marketplace. Store customers browsed the bucket creations and completed voting ballots. The ballots had three voting categories: Most Creative, Most Useful, and Best Craftsmanship. Additional awards for the “First Bucket Sold” and the “B. Green Company Award” (B. Green is the parent company for Green Valley Marketplace) were also given.

Thirty-seven TVMS students received medals and Green Valley Marketplace gift cards (ranging from \$5 to \$20). Please join us in thanking Green Valley Marketplace for their generosity, community spirit, and support!

The following students won awards for the Bucket Contest:

Gabrielle Aidam	Tomisin Akisanya	Jhani Andrews
Seven Barnes	Caleb Baumel	Rachel Carter
Justin Chae	Adnan Civic	Fernando Cortes-Corral
Abigail Cottrell	Jayden Freshwater	Julia Gates
Shikha Gondalia	Steven Harrell	Cheyenne Honeycutt
Jada Howell	Sana Jamal	Will Jones
Mujtaba Khawaja	Stephen Lewis	Nick Martin
Dominic McGlotten	Saige Meyers	Sarah Muhammad
Alannah Muhammad	Carlos Navarro	Gabe Ranoa
McKenzie Rawling	Cheyenne Reilly	Joey Rikon
Saim Rizvi	Briyana Sanchez	Markus Scheiderer
Sidney Strong	Henry Thang	Sy'Veon Wilkerson
CJ Young		

Summer Leadership Camps For Eighth 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. 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



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Student Commissioner Wanted for Human Rights Commission

The Howard County Human Rights Commission is currently accepting applications for the position of Student Commissioner to serve a one-year term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, as a non-voting member on the Commission. The deadline for applications is Thursday, June 18, at 5 p.m. For more information, please see the attached news release below. If possible, please post or share this information with your high school students. For more information, please contact Stephanie Chapple in the Office of Human Rights at 410-313-6430.

Hammond High School PTSA Welcomes You

The Hammond High School PTSA has a meeting on Wednesday, June 17th, 7:00 p.m., in the Hammond High guidance conference room. We welcome all incoming Hammond parents and students to join us. We have several openings for the 2015-2016 school year. Please let us know if you are interested in one of the positions below. For more information, please contact hammondhighschoolptsa@gmail.com.

Executive Board Positions: Treasurer and Secretary

Committee Positions: After Prom, Website, College Visions, and Reflections

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. The registration fee is \$155 and 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 encouraged to participate.

Soccer Association of Columbia (SAC) 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 the 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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Hammond High Cross Country

Do you have a student in the 8th grade? Loves running? Wants to make new friends? Attending Hammond High School in the fall? If you have answered yes to these questions, your student should run Cross Country in the fall. Cross Country is a sport that helps students form close friendships, get in shape, and teaches life lessons. It is an excellent way to start out your high school experience. If you are interested, please contact Kim Williams at kimberley_williams@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 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 per player. 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.