

TVMS Newsletter

December 23, 2015

Important Dates

Dec. 24 – Jan. 3	Winter Break
Jan. 18	HCPSS Schools & Offices Closed
Jan. 22	3-Hour Early Dismissal
Jan. 22	End of Marking Period

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

The last couple of weeks have been filled with celebrations and acts of giving. We were able to make the holidays a little brighter for twelve of our families. TVMS staff, and our generous PTSA, helped provide baskets filled with food and gift cards totaling over 600 dollars. Cars were also filled to the brim with toys from our annual Toys for Tots collection. We are truly fortunate to be part of this remarkable TVMS community. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and kindness.

On behalf of the TVMS staff, I wish everyone a safe and happy winter break. Relax and spend time with family and friends. Before we know it, we will be welcoming our timber wolves back on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal

Code Slammers

Thomas Viaduct Middle School students sent a cadre of students to the first annual Code Slam at Oakland Mills Middle School on Friday December 11, 2015. Students were given a series of coding challenges to complete. All of our students were awarded Beta and/or Release ribbons.

TVMS is proud to congratulate the following code slammers!

Tori Alioto
Danielle Gilbert
Kendal Phillips
Rahul Sharma

Kofi Atta Poku
Devon Gorel
Gabriel Shin

Afua Atta Poku
Andrew Hardy
Daniel Shin

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TVMS Student Government

Twenty-five students campaigned for seats on the first Student Government Association at Thomas Viaduct. We are proud of all candidates for their initiative and leadership. Congratulations to the following TVMS Student Government representatives:

President – Jalen Geason
Secretary – Jade Heflin
Historian – Arianna Smith

Vice President – Alex King
Treasurer – Gaspara Cole

Delegates

Sarah Al-Yaseri
Garrett Coleman
Ian Dailey
Sara Jones
Aaliyah McCarthy
Jessica Ortiz-Cortes
Xavier Samuel
Briangela Strull

6th Grade Den

McWilliams / Moseley
Manning, S. / Rapparport / Kieta
Lim / Hoge-Franz / Thompson
Younger/ Dronenburg / Nelson
Mahler / Brower
Daniels / Flynn
Stimmel / Lobdell
Poe / Quinn

Delegates

Gabe Coby
Danielle Gilbert
Joanne Ibrionke
Dominic McGlotten
Jonathan Parham
Husain Risvi
Layla Trammel

7th Grade Den

Weyforth / Mertz
McMillion / Rogers / Schott
Sica / Fredrick
Paparazzo / Garhart
VanderVeen / Kay
Perry / Nunn
Poknis / Robeson / Helzner

Delegates

Mimi Britt
Myles Cooper
Dwayne Harris
Katy Jimenez
Muchiri Mbugua
Sui Par
Kaylee Samuel
Joshua Zaidi

8th Grade Den

Veltre / Manning N.
Miller / Reichl
Oburn / Hairston
Attridge / Considine
Mullen / Fox
Ache / Ludlow
Davis / Monroe / Ivins
Stevens / Waggoner

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TVMS 2nd Annual Spelling Bee

On December 23rd, TVMS held its 2nd Annual Spelling Bee. We are proud of all our participants for their hard work and efforts. We congratulate the following students who made it to the finals:

Finalists

Devin Furr	Allyson Ryans	Viviana Perez
Shaunuk Patil	Christopher Shiu	Jaydn Howard
Emmanuel Oresanya	Gabe Coby	Eric Cooper
Myla Thomas	Marcus Magsayo	Brandon Langmia
Joey Hilte	Sir Newman	Afua Atta Poku
Rahul Sharma	Flavianna Oyamo	Thrisha Vijayaragunathan
Ukeje Okoronkwo		

All our Spelling Bee participants should be applauded for their hard work and achievement. TVMS is proud to present the winner and runner-up of the 2015 Spelling Bee:

Winner – Marcus Magsayo

1st Runner Up – Jadyndyn Howard

Marcus will now compete on the County level. The winner at the County Bee will represent at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in the Spring.

Thank you to all of our students, Mrs. Shiney Ann John, Principal, Mrs. Stephanie Harden and Mr. Greg Lertora, Assistant Vice Principals, Ms. Kara Helzner, Mr. Keith Janelli, Ms. Katie Quinn, our wonderful PTSA, and of course, our judges!

Judges' Panel:

Pronouncer: Steven Manning

Dictionary Judge: Emily Perry

Head Judge: Kristina Dronenburg

Records Judge: Alexandra Weyforth

Policy 8030: Graduation Requirements - Update for Families

In the spring of 2015, the Howard County Public School System Board of Education voted to accept revision to Policy 8030 – Graduation Requirements. In the revised policy, students who successfully complete high school level courses while in middle school will earn high school credit. Previously, students would receive credit for completing the course, but the credit would not count toward the 21 credits required for high school graduation. The specific excerpt from the policy is shown below:

Credit for High School Courses Taken in Middle School

High school courses, which are offered at the middle school level, are eligible for high school credit.

Beginning with courses completed in the 2015-2016 school year:

1. The student's passed course will count toward the 21 credits for graduation requirement.
2. The student's course grade will be recorded on the high school transcript.
3. The student's grade will not be calculated into the high school grade point average. If a student re-takes one of the high-school courses taken in middle school for which credit was earned:
 - a. The high school grade will be calculated into the GPA, and
 - b. Only one credit will be awarded.
4. For high school world language courses, one credit will be awarded at the completion of a course in grade 8.

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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 December

8th Grade Students:

ELA – Dayana Calderon
Math – Emily Polimeni
Reading – Keila Santos-Licona
Science – Sasha Pousti
Social Studies – Laila Carroll
Art – Candace Mayers
FACS – Kobe Middleton
Health – Sy'veon Wilkerson
Performing Arts – Cameron Jones
Physical Education – Sean Becraft
Technology Education – Sean Klotz
World Language – Aisha Khetib

7th Grade Students:

ELA – Sharif Jenkins
Math – Jacob Hackman
Reading – Joseph Malloy
Science – Kristina McKirahan
Social Studies – Treasure Leonard
Art – Mang Iang
FACS – Nathan Howard
Health – Marion Rochelle
Performing Arts – Miko Guiamal
Physical Education – Jaden Stevenson
Technology Education – Steven Harrell
World Language – Jissell Estrada

6th Grade Students:

ELA – Olayinka Saka
Math – Garnet Person
Reading – Sean Ferritor
Science – Jonathan Perez
Social Studies – William Mueller
Art – Jennifer Salazar
FACS – Riley O'Brien
Health – Jamari Jackson
Performing Arts – Zion Reign-Gibbs
Physical Education – Dylan Chacha
Technology Education – Natalia Pena
World Language – Gabriel Arteaga

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