

TVMS Newsletter

January 21, 2016

Important Dates

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| Jan. 19 – Feb. 4 | “Soup”er Bowl of Kindness |
| Jan. 29 | Pride Spirit – Jersey Day! |
| Feb. 1 | Report Cards Issued |
| Feb. 4 | 3-Hour Early Dismissal |
| Feb. 5 | No School for Students |
| Feb. 4 – 5 | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Feb. 8 | No School for Students |
| Feb. 12 | TVMS National History Day |
| Feb. 15 | Schools and Offices Closed |
| Feb. 18 | Incoming 6 th Grade Parent Orientation (Snow date is February 23) |

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

This has been a busy month at TVMS, and there are some important dates right around the corner. Report card distribution is Monday, February 1. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 4th and 5th. Further details regarding parent conferences can be found in this newsletter. Ms. Nicholson, Student Services Secretary, will be available to assist with any questions regarding conferences. Please feel free to contact her at 410-313-8247 or at nicole_nicolson@hcpss.org.

TVMS wishes to thank the PTSA and our January Sunshine Family, the Hinton's, for the care packages to TVMS staff. Our staff enjoyed the treats and notebooks provided this month.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal

Beyond the Wolf Den

Beyond the Wolf Den registration begins Monday, January 25th! During this session, students will have the opportunity to choose from STEM, Fit Club, Homework Help, and Yearbook Club! Registration packets will be made available to students on Monday, January 25th and are due on Thursday, January 28th. The form is also available on the school website, www.tvms.hcpss.org. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ivins.

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“Soup”er Bowl of Kindness

January 19 through February 4th, students are encouraged to bring canned goods to their first period teacher. Parents and visitors are welcome to bring canned goods as well to the front office. All canned goods will be donated to a local food pantry. Show TVMS pride and support our community.

Yearbook

Be sure to order the TVMS yearbook by February 5th. It is full of beautiful color photos to celebrate the amazing year. Hundreds of photos will help preserve your memories of the year. Order forms went home with students on Monday, January 4th. Forms are also available in the front office or Media Center. If you would like to order online, simply click on the link below to check all of the available options (paperback, hardcover, personalization, etc.). Save money by pre-ordering yours today at www.ybpay.lifetouch.com (Yearbook ID Code 12257816).

Yearbook prices increase after February 5th.

From Guidance

8th Grade News

This month Student Services has been providing lessons to prepare 8th grade students for their high school experience. This week students were given their high school recommendation form. Please review the form with your child.

The course registration is due to their science teacher by **Wednesday, January 27th**. Please make sure the form is completed in its entirety and signed by you and your child. If you have any questions, please call Student Services at 410-313-8247.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place February 4 - 5. Thomas Viaduct Middle School will conduct conferences on the following dates:

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| Thursday, February 4th afternoon | 1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| Friday, February 5th morning | 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. |
| Friday, February 5th afternoon | 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. |

Beginning January 19th, parents can log into HCPSS Connect to view and select from the time slots provided by the teacher for the conference. Parents without online access may contact Ms. Nicholson in Student Services at 410-313-8247 for assistance in scheduling conferences. All conferences will be 15 minutes and will take place in the room identified when scheduling.

The conference-scheduling window will close on Monday, February 1. After February 1, please contact Ms. Nicholson, Student Services Secretary, at 410-313-8247, when conference cancellations are necessary. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Nicholson.

Career Academy Information Night - January 28 - Career Academy Information Night 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Miller Branch Library.

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Naviance

Throughout the school year, students are learning about their strengths' themes and how to use their strengths toward personal success and goals. Although students have each of these strengths within themselves, certain themes have been identified as their top three strengths. Each month we will be highlighting one of the ten strength themes in order to allow you to become more familiar with each--achieving, caring, competing, confidence, dependability, discoverer, future thinker, organizer, presence, and relating.

This month we are highlighting: **CONFIDENCE**

What can parents/guardians do to help their CONFIDENT student learn and grow through strengths development?

How can you build on the accomplishments they have had? How can you help create more? Help set them up for success. Are there things you know they could be successful at that haven't yet been explored? Think of the best ways to use their confidence when choosing activities.

Confidence can lead individuals into positive or adverse situations because they like to think big and achieve big. Help them clarify exactly what they want to achieve and how they might go about it in the best possible way.

While confidence helps them hang in there, come back from disappointments, and keep moving forward, be prepared to provide encouragement and support when needed. Appreciate their ability to maneuver through situations that many peers may not feel comfortable or confident enough to deal with.

Stay tuned! In our next newsletter, we will introduce the February Strength of the Month: **DEPENDABILITY**.

We look forward to "GROWING STRONG" together this school year!

Seventh Grade Science Antarctica Penguin Study

As shared recently, students in Ms. Perry's and Ms. Poknis' 7th grade science classes are participating in the Penguin Science Program. The study examines the impact of global climate change and its impact on species in Antarctica. The students have named two adult Adelie penguins: Kimchi and Pablo.

Students will assess and analyze data collected by a team of scientists and learn more about how penguins are able to survive in their habitat. They will also examine the changing climate and its effect on the penguins. Check out www.penguinscience.com to see our penguins!

Kimchi with Two Babies!



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Hammond High News – Future Golden Bears

Hammond Football - Meet the New Coach Night - Tuesday 1/26, 6:30 p.m., Media Center. Attention current and future Hammond football players: On Tuesday, January 26th, Hammond will host "Meet the New Coach Night" in the Media Center at 6:30 p.m. Coach Frederick will speak about his philosophy, offensive and defensive styles, and answer questions from players and parents. All current and future players, as well as parents, are encouraged to attend.

Long Reach High News – Future Lightnings

Seussical the Musical

Come enjoy Long Reach Theater's production of *Seussical the Musical* – January 28 & 29, 7 p.m. in the Long Reach Auditorium. It will be a delightful musical for the whole family. For more information, contact director, Marla Blasko, at marlo_blasko@hcpss.org.

The Taste of Long Reach

The Long Reach High School Boosters Club is having their annual fundraiser, "The Taste of Long Reach," on Friday, March 4th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville, MD. Join them for delicious food from area restaurants and caterers, a silent auction and basket raffle, door prizes, and dancing! The Boosters, a non-profit organization made up of parent volunteers, sponsors fundraisers and gives thousands of dollars annually to support sports teams, clubs, organizations, dance, drama, prom, scholars, and more. Please come to our biggest fundraiser! Tickets are \$40, if purchased by February 24th. For more information, please visit <http://lrhsboosters.com/taste-of-long-reach> or see the Long Reach Boosters Club on Facebook.

Drug Awareness Presentation at Hammond High School

On Thursday, February 4, 2016, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Hammond High School will be hosting a drug awareness presentation for parents, teachers, coaches, and other professionals on the subject of new trends in street drugs, prevention education, treatment resources, and drug testing. The featured guest speaker will be Mike Gimbel, a dynamic presenter, who has been in the field of substance abuse education, treatment, and prevention for over 30 years. Mike was the first "Drug Czar" in Baltimore County, Maryland, and has served on many state and national boards. Mike has testified in front of Congress and has received numerous awards for his work with those who are suffering from a substance abuse problem. Mike has developed programs for athletes, coaches, and parents and is certified by the NCAA to provide services to all college athletes across the United States. Please plan to attend.

Military Information Night

River Hill High School will be hosting a countywide Military Information Night on Thursday, March 17, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The program will take place in the cafeteria and media center. Representatives from the five United States Military Academies, private and state sponsored military colleges, enlistment recruiters, ROTC, and the Howard County JROTC programs at Atholton, Howard, and Oakland Mills will be present and will be manning tables to distribute information. In addition, representatives of Congressional offices will be on hand to discuss the nomination process for the Military Academies. We will also have representatives of the Military Academies discussing their application processes.

Alpha Staff

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Is there a TVMS staff member who is making a difference in your student's life? Please nominate him/her for Alpha Staff. Eligible to be nominated are teachers, counselors, office, custodial, and administrative staff. Students, parents, administrators, colleagues, or community members can nominate staff for their excellence in the classroom. Forms may be picked up in the Front Office, requested via email at michelle_mackall@hcpss.org, or found online at the TVMS [website](#).

Tips for School Success – Talk to Your Child Before Conferences

Ask your child if he/she has any questions or concerns they would like you to discuss with his/her teacher, and find out what strengths your child uses in the class. Let your child know what you plan to discuss with the teacher – when your child is involved in decisions about their education he/she is more likely to take responsibility for the work and performance. For more tips on school success, please visit <http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/middle-high-school-parent-teacher-conferences/>.

Policy Corner

Gangs, Gang Activity and Similar Destructive or Illegal Gang Behavior *(Policy 9290)*

The Board prohibits any gang activity and any similar destructive or illegal group behavior on school property, on school buses or at school-sponsored functions. This includes reprisal or retaliation against individuals who report gang activity or individuals who are victims, witnesses, by-standers or have reliable information about gang activity.

All suspected violations of this policy will be investigated by school administration. Violations of this policy are cumulative; subsequent offenses may affect the nature and severity of the consequences.

Whenever a report of ongoing or threatened gang-related violence appears accurate and reliable, law enforcement officials will be contacted. Students who violate this policy may be referred to law enforcement officials and may be subject to criminal or other legal action.

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