

TVMS Newsletter

April 22, 2016

Important Dates

April 22	Report Cards Issued	May 9-10	6 th Grade Field Trip
April 25-28	PARCC Testing	May 11	8 th Grade Field Trip
April 26	Schools and Offices Closed	May 12	Interim Report Cards Issued
April 29	Honors Assembly	May 13	Music in the Parks Field Trip
May 4	Spring Concert at Hammond High		

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

April has been filled with opportunities to showcase student talents. Our first annual TVMS talent show was on Thursday, April 14th. Performances reflected the courage of the students and featured their individual strengths. Additionally, on Wednesday, April 20, we had the second annual Health and Wellness Night. The night was a huge success with over two hundred people in attendance. Thank you to all the students, staff, and community members who worked diligently to make both events a success.

Today, report cards were distributed to students during den. We hope you have a chance to review the report card with your student and set aside time to celebrate their successes and set goals for quarter four.

A big thank you to our Sunshine Family for the month of April, the Grayson family, who provided our staff with root beer and coca cola floats on Friday, April 15. We are thankful for the dedication and collaboration we have with our families.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal

Yearbook – Update

Be sure to order the TVMS yearbook. It will be full of beautiful color photos highlighting the 2015-2016 school year. Hundreds of photos will help preserve your child's memories.

Availability is limited on a first come/first serve basis. Yearbooks remaining for purchase are \$25 with payment to Thomas Viaduct Middle School. Forms are available in the front office and Media Center.

Lost and Found

Please encourage your child to check the lost and found bins located on the cafeteria stage for any items they may be missing. Items not claimed will be donated at the end of the school day on Monday, April 25.

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Gifted and Talented Educator Recognition Award Recipient

Congratulations to Ms. Nakia Younger, 6th grade math, for being awarded a GT (Gifted and Talented) Educator Recognition Award. Ms. Younger was honored for her ability to engage students through creative and differentiated instruction and the opportunities she provides for her students to engage in real-world problems and develop authentic solutions to problems.

Spring Pictures – Please Return

Spring Pictures were taken on March 1st, and picture packages were distributed to students on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

Please note, there are three options regarding Spring Pictures:

1. If you would like to purchase **all** of the pictures, keep the picture package, and send payment to school with your student.
2. If you would like to purchase **some** of the pictures, remove pictures from the package that you would like to keep, and send payment for the pictures you are keeping as well as the pictures you do **not** wish to keep, to school with your student.
3. If you do not want to purchase **any** of the pictures, send the **entire** picture package to school with your student.

Current 6th Grade Students Immunization Information

Effective for the 2016-2017 school year, the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requires all 7th, 8th and 9th grade students in the state of Maryland to have a single dose of Tdap AND a single dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MCV₄) BEFORE entering school.

If your student requires additional immunizations, parents should contact their health care provider as soon as possible to make an appointment for the student to obtain the required vaccines. Please provide the school with an updated copy of your child's immunization record, which includes the provider's signature, once vaccinations have been completed.

Some students may have already received these immunizations, but the Health Room may not have the updated immunization record.

Failure to provide proof of updated immunizations by the first day of school, or to provide evidence of an appointment to receive those immunizations within 20 calendar days from the first day of school, will result in your student being excluded from school. If you have any questions, contact the Health Room.

Howling with PRIDE

Please join us for the 2nd Annual TVMS Howling with Pride on Thursday, May 19th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Students will showcase their work for the year from Digital Art, Creative Writing, Debate, The Stock Market Game, Shakespeare, Music, and other classes.

6th Band Adjudication

Please join me in congratulating the 6th grade concert band. The concert band had an awesome adjudication performance on April 15th, before three, well-respected judges in the music education field. The judges complimented the band on their choice of music, professionalism, and ability to perform well with each other.

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PARCC and MAP testing

Thomas Viaduct Middle School will begin administration of the PARCC and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments during the upcoming weeks. We are sending the testing schedule in advance, so that families can plan ahead when scheduling appointments for students. Thank you for your support.

Sixth grade Testing Schedule:

PARCC English Language Arts: May 3, 4, 5, and 6

PARCC Math: May 16, 17, and 18

MAP Reading: May 31

MAP Math: June 1

Seventh grade Testing Schedule:

PARCC English Language Arts: May 9, 10, 11, and 12

PARCC Math: May 25, 26, and 27

MAP Reading: May 18

MAP Math: May 19

Eighth grade Testing Schedule:

PARCC English Language Arts: April 25, 27, 28, and May 2

PARCC Math: May 19, 23, and 24

MAP Reading: May 9

MAP Math: May 10

Naviance

Throughout the school year, students learn 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: **FUTURE THINKER**

Give Future Thinkers a chance to verbalize their thoughts about the future. Simply ask questions like, "What do you think you will be doing next year? What about two years from now?" Appreciate and accept their visions for what they are — forward thinking.

Share your own thoughts, ideas, and dreams as you think about what the future might bring. Sharing sparks thought and validates that the future is worthy of conversation.

As you peer into their future, what are the steps toward accomplishing their goals? What preparation is necessary? Help them meet people, select activities, or explore opportunities that are in line with their visions for the future.

Stay tuned! In our next newsletter, we will introduce the May Strength of the Month: ORGANIZER.

We look forward to continuing to "GROW STRONG" together this school year!

Important 8th Grade Dates

May 11 – Student Service Learning Field Trip at Patapsco State Park (9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

June 3 – 8th Grade Visits to Long Reach High or Hammond High (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

June 6 – 8th Grade Cruise in Annapolis, MD (9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

June 13 – 8th Grade Farewell Ceremony, Hammond High School (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

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Alpha Staff

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 – Expect Success

Perhaps the most important way you can support your child's efforts at school is to expect him to succeed. That doesn't mean that you demand he be the best student or the best athlete or the best artist. Rather, let him know that you expect him to do "his best" so that he'll be proud of what he can accomplish.

If you make that expectation clear and provide a home environment that promotes learning, then your child will have a greater chance of becoming the best student he can be. For more information please visit: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/gradeschool/school/Pages/Ten-Tips-for-Your-Childs-Success-in-School.aspx>.

Policy Corner – Grade Reporting: Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 (Policy 8010)

The Board of Education of Howard County is committed to ensuring that all students meet or exceed rigorous performance and achievement standards and recognizes the need for the regular assessment of each student's academic progress. Grading, promotion, and retention within the Howard County Public School System are based on the degree of success the individual student has achieved in completing the educational program.

Long Reach High School POMS Dance Team Tryouts

Calling all 8th grade dancers! Enjoy performing before a crowd? Tryouts for the 2016 - 2017 Long Reach High School POMS dance team will be held on Tuesday, May 10, and Thursday, May 12, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Long Reach Dance Room. Wear comfortable clothing and tennis or dance shoes. Previous dance experience a plus! A parent permission form will need to be completed on May 10th prior to auditioning. Contact Mrs. Davenport at ddavenport@hcpss.org.

Health, Home, and Harvest Community Event

Ducketts Lane Elementary School will be hosting a spring event for the entire family on Saturday, April 30th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. There will be a community yard sale, the opportunity to work in the community garden, a PTA sponsored health and wellness fair, and many other exciting events and demonstrations.

Musical Theater Camp – Slayton House Camp of the Arts

The Slayton House Theatre Camp of the Arts is offering three musical theater camps this summer.

Session One: June 20 – July 8 (Broadway edition, 3 weeks)

Session Two: July 11 – July 22

Session Three: July 25 – August 5

For more information and registration forms, visit www.Campofthearts.com or call 410-730-3987.

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Career Academies Summer Camps

Middle and high school students will participate in activities that will help them relate their own interests to different career areas while exploring the Career Academies offered in the high schools. Programs will include classes in Architectural Design, Visual Communication/Graphic Design, Culinary Science, Automotive Technology, Biotechnology, Construction Management and Engineering. Summer Programs will run from June 20 through June 24 at the Applications and Research Lab in Ellicott City.

Girls Lacrosse Clinic

Calling all 3rd through 8th grade girls: bring a lacrosse stick to any Hammond girls home game and get a half-hour free clinic with a coach after the varsity game. Join us for the first annual elementary middle school game. For details, visit <https://www.smore.com/738k4-calling-all-3rd-8th-grade-girls>. Follow Coach Holly on Twitter to see what the team is up to @CoachHollyhahs. Coach Holly may be reached at Amy_Holly@hcpss.org.

Hammond Boys Soccer Camp

All boys interested in soccer, Hammond High School Boosters will be holding its annual Boys' Soccer Camp, June 27th to July 1st, from 9 a.m. to noon. Camp will be held at the Hammond High School turf field. The Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Brett Cutler will run the camp.

Camp is open to boys currently in 5th through 8th grade. This camp will be especially helpful to rising 9th graders who are planning on trying out for the Hammond Soccer Program in the fall. However, the camp is open to students not districted to Hammond.

All questions regarding the camp or Hammond Boys Soccer can be directed to Brett Cutler at bcutler@hcpss.org or 410-961-1739. To register for the camp access the following website: <http://www.hammondboosters.org/camps/>.

P.L.E.D.G.E Summer Leadership Camp

P.L.E.D.G.E. (Pride, Leadership, Education, Diversity, Gang Resistance, Evaluation) - Summer Leadership Camp is a free, one-week program designed to help students entering the ninth grade develop leadership skills. 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 with Terrapin Adventures, where campers participate in confidence-building activities. Campers navigate obstacle courses, play games, and complete tasks designed to challenge the group to work together.

Enrollment begins on Monday, April 18th.

Two camps will be held this year:

Pledge 1 is July 18-22

Pledge 2 is August 1-5

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