

TVMS Newsletter

May 6, 2016

Important Dates

May 9-10	6 th Grade Field Trip	May 19	Howling with PRIDE
May 11	8 th Grade Field Trip	May 20	No School for Students
May 12	Interim Report Cards Issued	May 30	No School for Students and Staff
May 13	Music in the Parks		

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

As the school year is winding down, we cannot forget how much there is to do during the remaining school days. Interim reports will be sent home on Thursday, May 12; please take the time to review the report with your student. As students are anticipating the end of the school year, it is important that students continue to bring home their books/backpacks each day to stay in the habit of reviewing notes, studying for upcoming tests, or working on long-term projects. The same TVMS PRIDE that was expected in September is even more important to reinforce with students during these last few weeks of school.

Two hundred sixty-five students earned their name on the honor roll and were recognized at our Honors Assembly on Friday April 29. We recognized student achievement both in and out of the classroom, and we are extremely proud of the number of students who have made honor roll for the first time or have increased their overall grade point average. The success of our students is dependent on strong collaboration between home and school. Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to all of our music students who performed at our spring concert on Wednesday May 4. Our young musicians have grown tremendously in their craft since the beginning of the year, a special thank you to our families for their continued support of the performing arts program and to Ms. Hairston, Mr. Garner, and Ms. Ramis for their dedication to our students.

TVMS wants to thank their wonderful PTSA for working hard this week, and every day, to honor TVMS staff. The PTSA provided many special treats and surprises during the week with a Superhero theme for staff. We are grateful to our PTSA, our superheroes.

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.

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Summer School Parent Orientation

For students who received an invitation to summer school, please join us on May 18th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria at TVMS. This short presentation will share program details. Please call the front office if you have any questions.

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 strengths, talent, and hard work. Join us for student led sessions including Debate, Yearbook Club, TV Production, Digital Art, Coding, Creative Writing, Orchestra, Environmental Film Festival, The stock Market Game, Balloon Launch, National History Day, and the Verizon App Challenge.

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 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.

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PARCC and MAP testing

Thomas Viaduct Middle School has begun administration of PARCC and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments. 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: **ORGANIZER**

People especially talented in the Organizer theme are good at scheduling, planning, and organizing. Scheduling, planning, and organizing their world makes life better. People count on them to get the details right and pull a plan together.

They like to create order in their world. Schedules help them feel in control of their life. Planning makes them comfortable and calm about what they are going to do. It is fun to think ahead, organize, and include all that they want to do in their plan so they don't leave anything out. They like to think about both the big ideas and the details. It feels good to make something absolutely perfect, whether it is as simple as their hair or as complicated as a big project for school. It is important to them to be on time or even early, so they are ready to start whatever they are about to do. Not only do they like order and rules for themselves, but they like them for other people too. They help themselves and others by pulling all the pieces together.

Stay tuned! In our next newsletter, we will provide ORGANIZER action items for adults.

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

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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 April

8th Grade Students:

ELA – Noel Quijada
Math – Marcus Turner
Reading – Taliyah Francis
Science – Ayo Aina
Social Studies – Kate Moreno
Art – Taliyah Francis
FACS – Torera Aloyinlapa
Health – Shelby Kone
Performing Arts – Candace S. Mayers
Physical Education – Marissa Nanton
Technology Education – Kai Carpenter
World Language – Jason Munyui

7th Grade Students:

ELA – Lisa Roache
Math – Maryam Shahid
Reading – David Grimay
Science – Toks Aboyole
Social Studies – Nicole Onumah
Art – Kylee Ramey
FACS – Hannah Watanabe
Health – Nathan Roy
Performing Arts – Emmanuel Oresanya
Physical Education – Stephen Lewis
Technology Education – Far Par
World Language – Zeena Osman

6th Grade Students:

ELA – Cameron Harvey
Math – Ella Lamberti
Reading – Brianna Miraglia
Science – Megan Banh
Social Studies – Hunter Wilson
Art – Stephen Hicks
FACS – Sophia Echague
Health – Leen Osman
Performing Arts – Rahul Sharma
Physical Education – Joseph Polimeni
Technology Education – Kelsey Smith
World Language – Arianna Marshall

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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](#).

Congratulations to our newest Alpha Staff recipients:

AnnMarie Kasuda Robert Stimmel Mike McMillion Teri Stevens

Incoming High School Student News

Long Reach High School PTSA Nominations Being Accepted

Elections for the 2016-2017 Long Reach High School PTSA Executive Board will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016, at 7:00 PM during the final PTSA meeting. The following positions will be on the ballot: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and PTACHC Representative.

Please email Aly Drabick, Nomination Chair, at alysondrabick@verizon.net if you are interested or would like to nominate someone.

Long Reach High School Poms

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

Long Reach Football

Future parents and students of Long Reach High School: If your child is attending Long Reach High School next year and is interested in playing football, there will be an informational meeting on May 11, 2016 at 6:30 in the LRHS gymnasium. You will be able to meet the coaches, get information on summer workouts, and learn about the practice schedule and commitment for joining the team. If you have questions please contact Coach Willis at 410.236.8470 or via email at Jamie_Willis@hcpss.org.

Leadership with a Purpose

Want information on scholarship, internship, and leadership opportunities? HCASC invites all middle and high school students interested in leadership with a purpose to participate in our unique student-run monthly meetings the second Wednesday of every month.

- Learn leadership skills and best practices
- Discuss current events impacting students in HCPSS
- Explore ways to make a difference in their schools and communities
- Have fun!

Come see what 100 student leaders, athletes, and artists, who meet each month already know - HCASC is for students who want to get involved and work together to make their schools and HCPSS as strong as it can be.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 11th, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Homewood School; 10914 MD-108, Ellicott City, MD 21042. For more information, contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org.

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Tips for School Success – Get a Move On

It's National Physical Fitness & Sports Month, and your child may soon be taking the annual President's Challenge physical fitness test as part of gym class. Prep your child for it—as well as your school's field day, a favorite spring event with kids everywhere—with some family recreation activities. Take walks after dinner, go on a weekend bike ride, or have chin-up contests on the monkey bars at a nearby playground. For more fitness ideas, check out letsmove.gov, fitness.gov, and presidentschallenge.org. For more information please visit: <http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>.

Policy Corner – Parent, Family, and Community Involvement (Policy 10000)

The Board of Education of Howard County believes that the education of children is a responsibility shared by parents, families, the school system, and the community. The Board recognizes the parent as a student's first and lifelong teacher and that it is essential to create a welcoming climate to involve parents in educational decisions as primary advocates for their students. The Board is committed to engaging all parents of students in the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) and to promoting their involvement in their students' education.

The Board encourages collaboration with parents and the community as participants in school governance and as active partners in forwarding the school system's goals and philosophy.

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.

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.smores.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.

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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@hcps.org or 410-961-1739. To register for the camp access the following website: <http://www.hammondboosters.org/camps/>.

Hammond High School Boosters Camp

Hammond High School Boosters will be hosting youth summer camps for upcoming 6th-9th graders with indoor sports starting with evening hours in May. Sign up at www.Hammondboosters.org/camps.

- Girls Basketball May 16-20, 5-8 p.m.
- Boys Basketball May 23-27, 5-8 p.m.
- Wrestling June 6-10, 5-8 p.m. (elementary age students welcome too!)
- Volleyball June 13-17, 5-8 p.m.

The following summer camps start June 20, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.:

- Band June 20-24
- Cheerleading June 20-24
- Football June 20-24
- Boys soccer June 27-July 1
- Cross country June 27-July 1
- Baseball July 18-22
- Girls Soccer Aug 1-5

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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