

TVMS Newsletter

May 20, 2016

Important Dates

May 16 – June 1	TVMS Book Drive
May 27	Red, White, and Blue Pride Day
May 30	No school for students and staff
June 3	8 th Graders visit Long Reach and Hammond High Schools
June 6	8 th Grade Cruise
June 10	Field / Green Day
June 13	8 th Grade Ceremony at Hammond High School

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

Last night we celebrated our students' success through our Second Annual 'Howling with Pride Student Showcase'. The evening highlighted student work and performances from across disciplines and was a true reflection of the caliber of student products over the course of the year. The collaboration between teachers, students, and their families culminated in a successful evening.

This newsletter is filled with accomplishments and accolades from across the school. Student strengths shine at TVMS.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal

TVMS Book Drive For ASIS Community, Inc.

TVMS will be participating in the ASIS Community, Inc., 2016 Book Drive this May! ASIS is seeking donations for reading books and study materials for elementary school children in marginalized districts in Kenya. Students and families will have the opportunity to donate books at TVMS starting the week of May 16 through June 1. Donation bins will be by the front office doors. Students received a flyer this week with more information. Please join us in this exciting opportunity to increase opportunities for students across the world!

8th Grade Information

We would like to take the time to highlight the great activities the eighth graders have to look forward to as we move through the last few weeks of school. We are very excited about these activities, as they are wonderful privileges for the eighth grade class. All events are considered teaching and learning experiences. The major activities planned for the eighth grade class include:

- High School Visitations on June 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 8th Grade Cruise on June 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 8th Grade Farewell Ceremony on June 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Music in the Parks

On Friday May 13th 200 TVMS music students traveled to the Music in the Parks festival. The concert choir earned an excellent rating and earned 4th place overall in the competition. The string orchestra, earned a superior rating for the 3rd time this year and earned 1st place overall. The symphonic band earned a superior rating, 1st place and Best Overall Instrumental Ensemble with the highest average score in the competition.

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.

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.

Current Students with Medication in the Health Room

Parents or guardians should plan to pick up any medications that are remaining in the health room at the end of the school year no later than 1:00p.m. on June 17th. Any medication not picked up will be destroyed.

PARCC and MAP testing

Thomas Viaduct Middle School has begun administration of the PARCC and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments. Below is the remaining testing schedule, so that families can plan ahead when scheduling appointments for students. Thank you for your support.

Sixth grade Testing Schedule:

MAP Reading: May 31

MAP Math: June 1

Seventh grade Testing Schedule:

PARCC Math: May 25, 26, and 27

Eighth grade Testing Schedule:

PARCC Math: May 23 and 24

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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**

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

Ask them how they like to schedule the day. Do they feel the time is well planned? Plant the seeds of thought by asking how someone could schedule the day, week, weekend, semester break, or summer. How can you help with these ideas and plans?

Are there ways they can be helpful to others by organizing things for them? For instance, could he or she organize the classroom, clubroom, science lab, or manage the sports equipment? From a drawer to a family event, what would he or she feel is fun or important to plan and arrange? Offer ways that they can organize things for you or others.

Could you connect them with someone who is at least two years older and is good at organizing? Find someone who can model the value of organization in a person's life. This will provide more ideas and examples of ways to put organization into action.

Stay tuned! In our next newsletter, we will introduce the June Strengths of the month: PRESENCE and RELATING.

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

Spring Pictures – Please Return

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.

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](#).

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Tips for School Success – Keep Kids Safe

The weather has warmed up and school's almost out for the summer, which means kids will be spending more time outdoors on their own. Give them a refresher course in safety whether they're bike riding, swimming, or playing indoors on game systems. For more tips, go to pta.org and click on "Topics: Child Safety." For more information please visit: <http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>.

Policy Corner – Communicable Diseases–Prevention and Control (Policy 5120)

The Board of Education of Howard County recognizes its responsibility to provide educational programs and services for all children residing in Howard County, and further recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for students, employees, service providers, and volunteers. Because communicable diseases are one of the most common causes of student illness and absenteeism, preventing and reducing transmission of communicable diseases are recognized as essential responsibilities of the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS).

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.

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/>.

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 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.

- 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.

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

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.

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.

Two camps will be held this year:

Pledge 1 is July 18-22

Pledge 2 is August 1-5

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