# TVMS Newsletter June 3, 2016

#### **Important Dates**

**June 6** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cruise **June 10** Field / Green Day

**June 13** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ceremony at Hammond High School

**June 16** 3-Hour Early Dismissal

**June 17** Last Day of School / 3-Hour Early Dismissal

#### A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year. As students anticipate summer break, we are requesting your support in reminding them that the last few weeks of the school year should be approached with the same level of discipline and dedication as the start of the year. Students should be diligently focused on improving academic performance and maintaining a high level of TVMS Pride.

Please remember that all textbooks and Media Center books need to be returned at the end of the year to avoid a book fine. All Media Center books are due by June 6th. Time will be lost from end-of-year activities if there are outstanding book obligations. Please check around the house to see if there are any school-issued books or resources that need to be returned. Also, student behavior should reflect TVMS Pride in order to participate fully in end-of year activities. 'Lost and found' items that are not claimed by June 17th will be donated to a local charity on the afternoon of the last student day.

It has been an incredible year. We are fortunate to be surrounded by the support of families, our PTSA, and many wonderful community organizations and business partners. Thank you for your continued support as we begin to close out the 2015-2016 school year.

Regards, Shiney Ann John Principal

#### From the Lunch Room

As the 2015-2016 school year winds down, HCPSS Food & Nutrition Service needs to ensure that all school lunch accounts are paid in full through the last day of school on June 17, 2016.

Payments can be made either in the cafeteria with cash or at <a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com">www.myschoolbucks.com</a>. All lunch account balances will carry over to the next school year.

For the month of June, students will no longer be allowed to receive a lunch unless there is money in their lunch account or if they have cash in hand.

# **8<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cruise on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Ceremony on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

# First EVER Green/Field Day is Just Around the Corner

In order to make our first ever Green Field day a true success, it is going to involve EVERYONE – all 600+ students, the entire staff, and of course, the parents and volunteers to make sure all the students get an opportunity to show us what they are capable of doing! What is Green Field Day? It' is when all students get a chance to show their strengths and TVMS pride, whether it be competing against other homerooms or giving back to the community by helping with Green Day! At the end of the day, everyone will walk away with smiles a mile wide. So what are you waiting for? Join us on Friday, June 10th. Let us know how YOU intend to make this the best Field Day by signing up at <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aba82aa1fb6-tvms">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aba82aa1fb6-tvms</a>.

# **Music Department News**

#### **Fundraiser**

On June  $7^{\rm th}$ , 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. the TVMS Music Department will be hosting a fundraiser at Flippin' Pizza, 7645 Arundel Mills Boulevard; Hanover, MD. Dine in with your friends and family or take your pizza to go. Tell the staff your school name, and 50% of sales will be donated to the Music Department.

#### **Band News**

Congratulations to our participants in the Maryland All State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Kendall Phillips Tristan Stepniak Jadyn Howard

# 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 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 <u>no later</u> than 1:00p.m. on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Any medication not picked up will be destroyed.

# **Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students' Immunization Information**

Effective for the 2016-2017 school year, the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requires all 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in the state of Maryland to have a single dose of Tdap <u>AND</u> a single dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MCV<sub>4</sub>) <u>BEFORE</u> 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 <u>updated</u> 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.

#### Free Immunization Clinics (Insured or Uninsured Children)

July 26, 2016 Tuesday  August 4, 2016 Thursday  August 8, 2016 Monday	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Appointment only Call 410-313-7500 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Appointment only Call 410-313-7500 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Appointment only Call 410-313-7500	Howard County Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd Columbia, MD 21045 You will receive documentation to share with your child's doctor and
August 18, 2016 Thursday August 22, 2016 Monday	8:30 am - 12:00 pm Appointment only Call 410-313-7500 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Appointment only Call 410-313-7500	with your child's doctor and your child's school

For more information, please call Beth Amstand, RN, at the Howard County Health Department, 410-313-7592 or visit www.hchealth.org.

# **Soles 4 Souls Drive**

Thank you TVMS for participating in the Soles 4 Souls at the Health and Wellness Night. TVMS collected 71 pairs of shoes. The shoes have been sorted and boxed and are ready for delivery.



#### **TVMS Phone Numbers**

# **TVMS Verizon App Challenge Gifted & Talented Seminar**

The TVMS Verizon App Challenge GT Seminar presented their work this year at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Howard County GT Expo on Friday, June 3. Danielle Gilbert, Andrew Hardy, Jade Heflin, Husain Rizvi, Rahul Sharma, and Gabriel Shin began work on their app pitch last summer. The students returned with their pitch ideas at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Throughout the year, the students worked to create an app to pitch to Verizon that would directly benefit the teen community. The app named *Fit 4 Teens*, addresses wellness, healthy eating and cooking habits, locating restaurants with healthy options, tracking activities, and connecting with others via a social media component called *Foodies*.

At the GT Expo, the students presented their app pitch to over one hundred fifty Howard County students who are interested in learning about the Creative Problem Solving Process and the Verizon App Challenge.

Congratulations to our students for a job well done!

#### **Naviance**

Throughout the school year, students have learned about their strengths' themes and how to use their strengths towards 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 have highlighted one of the ten strength themes in order to allow you to become more familiar with them-achieving, caring, competing, confidence, dependability, discoverer, future thinker, organizer, presence, and relating.

This month we are highlighting: **PRESENCE AND RELATING** 

People especially talented in the **Presence** theme like to tell stories and be at the center of attention. They were born to be at the front of the room telling stories and taking the lead.

Other people watch them and listen to them. They are naturals at commanding attention. They may do this in small ways or in big ways, but they are better at it than most people, and it gives them power over a group. Sometimes humor is the way they get a group excited. They might tell a funny joke or story that helps others relax and feel connected to each other. Sometimes their leadership is more serious. Maybe there is something important to be done, and they are the spokesperson who will get the message out to people in a way that makes them want to be involved. They might someday be a teacher, a politician, a speaker, a comedian, a preacher, or a business leader. Whatever they choose to be, they are likely to have others listening to the words they speak. They naturally create an audience.

People especially talented in the **Relating** theme are good at establishing meaningful friendships and maintaining them. They like to start friendships and keep them for a long time — maybe even their whole life. They widen the circle of friends for themselves and others.

There are many ways to be good at relating. They might easily meet new people, learn their names, and make friends quickly wherever they go. They might take more time to make friends but be good at building long-lasting friendships. They might do both. If they make friends quickly, people probably view them as happy, outgoing, and instantly likeable. If they would rather spend time with a small group of friends talking, laughing, or just being together, these friends might see them as a best friend to whom to talk with and trust. They might be best at relating with teachers, parents, and other adults, and they can help them learn and feel good about themselves. Whatever their style of relating, people like them and relationships are important to them.

We have enjoyed "GROWING STRONG" together this school year!

# 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 <a href="mailto:mackall@hcpss.org">michelle\_mackall@hcpss.org</a>, or found online at the TVMS <a href="mailto:website">website</a>.

#### 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

#### Tips for School Success - Challenge Your Child to a Read-Athon

See who can read the most books this summer, with each one slightly more challenging than the last. Make it happen by setting a designated family reading time, when the whole gang curls up with a good book, parents included. For more information please visit: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success">http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success</a>.

# **Policy Corner** - Electronic Harassment Violation

Using a computer or portable communication device to cause another student/staff member to reasonably fear for his/her safety is prohibited. This includes engaging in conduct that would constitute sexual harassment; to disseminate data with malicious intent to psychologically torment or harass; to make any statement intended to provoke or likely provoke a third party to stalk or harass someone; building a fake profile or website; posing as someone in an electronic chat room, an electronic mail message, or an instant message; repeatedly following the student online or into an electronic chat room; posting or encouraging others to post private, personal, or sexual information pertaining to the individual on the Internet or signing up an individual for inappropriate Internet sites.

# 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.

#### **TVMS Phone Numbers**

# **Long Reach Sports Tryouts and Concession Testing**

Below are the dates, times and locations for the Fall Sports Tryouts at LRHS for you to share with your 8th grade parents in your next email.

			START	END	
SPORT	DAY/	START	TIME	TIME	LOCATION
BOYS SOCCER	WED	8/10	2:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	STADIUM
CHEERLEADING	MON	8/15	3:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	TRACK/GYM
CROSS COUNTRY	WED	8/10	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	TRACK
FIELD HOCKEY	WED	8/10	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	HOCKEY FIELD
FOOTBALL	WED	8/10	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	FB PRACTICE FIELD
GIRLS SOCCER	WED	8/10	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	STADIUM
GOLF	WED	8/10	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	TIMBERS OF TROY
VOLLEYBALL	WED	8/10	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	MAIN GYM

#### Concussion testing for Long Reach will be held on the following dates:

June 13th and 14th @ 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

August 1st and 2nd @ 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

All incoming freshman planning on playing a fall sport have to be tested with the exception of Cross Country and Golf. All other athletes who were not tested last year are also required to take the test.

# **Hammond High School Concussion Testing**

Concussion testing for incoming 9th graders will be held at Hammond High School on the following dates:

August 4	9 a.m.
August 5	9 a.m.
August 8	9 a.m.
August 9	9 a.m.

No registration is required, and everyone who arrives at 9 a.m. will be tested.

# **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  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ , 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/.

# **Hammond High School Boosters Camp**

Hammond High School Boosters will be hosting youth summer camps for upcoming 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders with indoor sports starting with evening hours in May. Sign up at <a href="https://www.Hammondboosters.org/camps">www.Hammondboosters.org/camps</a>.

- 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.

#### **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 May

#### 8th Grade Students:

ELA – Sui Cin
Math – Katy Jimenez-Diaz
Reading – Liel Ozoemela
Science – Saad Bhatti
Social Studies – Joshua Zaidi
Art – Keila Santos-Licona
FACS – Christina Enodien
Health – Sui Len Par
Performing Arts – Auriel White
Physical Education – Loryn Yeager
Technology Education – Jhani Andrews
World Language – Gabriela Staples

#### **6th Grade Students:**

ELA – Fabian Carrasquillo-DeLeon
Math – Kayla Jayachandran
Reading – Jameelah Destry
Science – Praise Apanisile
Social Studies – Demario Drummond
Art – Olayinka Saka
FACS – Toby Moser
Health – Jiselle Magana-Lopez
Performing Arts – Nyah Daniel
Physical Education – Alexis Bonilla Hernandez
Technology Education – Jaylen Cooper
World Language – Jaelyn Dunn

#### 7th Grade Students:

ELA – Lian Kim
Math – Madelyn Morales
Reading – Jessica Aguirre Pina
Science – Kylee Ramey
Social Studies – Jissel Estrada
Art – Alisha Khan
FACS – Bawi Par
Health – Jessica Rushe
Performing Arts – Jalen Geason
Physical Education – Steven Harrell
Technology Education – Kofi Atta Poku
World Language – Joanna Pedro