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Important Dates

- **4/22** TVMS Family Health & Wellness Night
- **4/25 & 4/26** Green Valley Marketplace - Spring Yard Sale
- **4/30** TVMS Enrichment Fair
- **5/1** School Closed for Students
- **5/5** Spring Concert I
- **5/7** Spring Concert II
- **5/7** Interim Progress Reports
- **5/8** - Field Trip - 8th Grade
- **5/9** Coffee & Conversation
- **5/11 & 5/12** Field Trip - 6th Grade
- **5/20 & 5/21** Field Trip - 7th Grade (By Den)
- **5/25** Schools Closed for Students
- **5/30** *Cinderella* presented by Beyond the Wolf Den
- **6/5** 8th Grade Celebration
- **6/10** 8th Grade Farewell Celebration

A Note from the Principal

Dear TVMS Families,

On March 27, the Howard County Board of Education issued a proclamation designating the week of April 6 through 12, 2015, as Partnerships in Education and Volunteers' Week in the Howard County Public School System. The proclamation recognizes and honors the contributions of educational partners and volunteers.

Thomas Viaduct Middle School is thankful for the support of their volunteers and partnerships who have facilitated a successful first year at TVMS. The success of our school family is contingent upon the valuable contributions of our volunteers and educational partners.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal

**Education
is a gift that none
can take away.**

~American proverb



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Important - New Immunization Requirement

Effective the first day of school, 2015-2016, 1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine will be required by the state of Maryland for **all students entering 7th Grade**. If we **DO NOT** receive proof of immunization, your child will be excluded from school.

Many students may have received these immunizations, but the Health Room may not have the **updated** immunization record. Please contact your child's doctor and send or fax an **updated** copy of your child's immunizations to the Health Room. Our fax # is (410) 712-6050.

If you have further questions, please call Thomas Viaduct at (410) 313-8714 and ask for the Health Room.

8th Grade World Language Students

In compliance with HCPSS Policy 8030, students taking high school courses in middle school may earn credit by passing the course and passing an exam that assesses student demonstration of locally established curricular objectives.

If students meet the above criteria, their grade will be recorded as a "pass" on their high school transcript.

Your student will be taking the End of Course Assessment for Middle School Spanish 1 in May/June. This assessment will consist of two parts. One will assess students in presentational speaking skills in the target language, and the other will assess presentational writing skills. The assessments will be scored on a proficiency rubric with which the students are familiar prior to practice and the final exam date. The target proficiency level for Middle School Spanish 1 is Novice Mid. Students must meet or exceed the target proficiency level in both parts to "pass" the assessment.

Students will be afforded the opportunity to take a practice assessment in April, which will prepare them for the format of the End of Course Assessment.

Congratulations in advance to your student for completing the middle school sequence of world language study, which is just the beginning of what will be a journey toward fluency in the language they have chosen to study.

Policy Corner

Students Charged with Community or Reportable Offenses (Policy 9280)

The presence in school of a student who has been charged with a reportable offense or an offense related to membership in a criminal gang may compromise the safety and well being of students and/or staff, and may disrupt the educational process in the school. Students who are considered by school administrators to have engaged in community offenses may raise similar concerns.

Maryland law requires law enforcement agencies to inform the superintendents of local school systems when a student has been charged with a reportable offense or an offense related to membership in a criminal gang. The information is then shared with the principal of the school the student attends, who conducts an investigation.

A student may be disciplined under this policy when the school system has evidence of the offense in addition to the notice of charges and when the student's presence in school raises concerns for the safety and well being of students and/or staff or the order and general welfare of the school. If it is determined that the student poses no threat to the safety and well being of students and staff, no further action is necessary. For a complete description of the policy, please refer to the Student & Parent Handbook 2014-15.



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Tips for School Success

Staying in Touch With Friends

Once children reach their preteen and teenage years, texting and instant messaging through computers, cell phones, and other mobile devices become their preferred means of communication. And they're not limited to the written word. Kids use camera-equipped cell phones, digital cameras, and webcams to send images of themselves to friends. While this can be a fun and creative way to share their lives, it's important to remind your child that he'll lose control of his message or image as soon as he sends it out. Many have learned this the hard way when a text or picture they meant for only one friend to see appeared on the cell phones and computer screens of all their classmates. For more tips, please visit <http://www.schoolfamily.com/school-family-articles/article/10649-what-kids-do-online>

Message from Media

Encourage all students to return overdue media items.

Lost and Found

Please ask your student to check the lost and found on the cafeteria stage for missing items such as lunch bags, books, binders, and jackets.

8th Grade Date Alerts

The 8th grade team would like to alert parents of upcoming dates as well as date changes in 8th grade events.

- Due to snow days, the 8th grade Celebration date has been moved to Friday, June 5th.
- Due to snow days, the 8th grade Farewell Ceremony has been moved to Wednesday, June 10th.

If you have questions, please email the 8th grade team leader, Ms. Quinn, at kathleen_quinn@hcpss.org.

7th Grade Field Trips

The 7th grade class has been given the opportunity to travel to Belmont Manor and Historical Park in Elkrige to participate in the spring BioBlitz and to collect data regarding the species found in the park. The Howard County Science Office and the Howard County Conservancy are providing this opportunity at no cost to our students.

- On **Wednesday, May 20**, students in the following DEN classes are scheduled to attend the field trip: Perry, McMillion, Sica, Plofkin
- On **Thursday, May 21**, students in the following DEN classes are scheduled to attend the field trip: Poknis, Attridge, Paparrazo, VanderVeen

A detailed parent letter and field trip forms were sent home with your child on Friday, April 10. All field trip forms should be returned to your child's Period 1 teacher by **Friday, April 24**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the 7th grade team leader, Mrs. Melanie Poknis, (melanie_poknis@hcpss.org) or visit the TVMS [website](#).

TVMS Enrichment Fair

On Thursday, April 30th, TVMS will host the TVMS Enrichment Fair from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be five sessions showcasing TVMS staff, students, and programs that have been conducted in and out of the classroom such as Beyond the Wolf Den and class projects.



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Coffee & Conversation

The Board of Education of Howard County regularly holds Coffee & Conversation sessions at schools throughout the county. These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county but interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings.

The next Coffee & Conversation With the Board of Education will be held:

Saturday, May 9, 9:30-11am
Waverly Elementary School Media Center
10220 Wetherburn Road, Ellicott City

Future Golden Bears

Time to Register for Hammond High School Booster Camps! Hammond Boosters offers ten, week-long summer camps to rising 6th through 9th graders who will be Hammond High School Golden Bears. Camps offered: Band, Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Volleyball. All camps are held at Hammond High School and are one week long. Each camp costs \$135 for Early Bird registration by May 31st; \$155 registration fee beginning June 1st. Fee includes a Hammond HS Booster Camps t-shirt. For more information and to register online, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/hammondhsboostercamps/>.

Long Reach PTSA Needs You!

8th Grade Parents - The Long Reach PTSA Nominating Committee is looking for people who may be interested in serving as officers or on committees next year (2015-16). If you are interested or would like to nominate someone who you think would be a great officer, email your suggestions to downtownjbo218@gmail.com. (All suggestions will be kept in strictest confidence. We make the contact and are very gracious!)

Please feel free to join us at an upcoming PTSA meeting. Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm in Student Services, and the next meeting will be May 11th, which will be our General Membership meeting where we will be voting on next year's officers.

Visit our website for upcoming events, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter for up-to-date announcements.

- Website - <http://www.lrhsptsa.org/>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/427216290654769/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/longreachptsa>

Join us in working together to help make every child's potential a reality. Thanks so much for your consideration and suggestions!



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Howling with PRIDE!

Join TVMS students and staff at our first annual student showcase. Discover all of the enriching activities TVMS has to offer its students.

Students will showcase instructional seminars, academic classes, and extracurricular activities. Student led sessions include Debate, Film, Math Team, Black Saga, Computer Coding, TV Production, and more!

View our award winning National History Day projects, student art, and performances from our Orchestra.

A TVMS Student Showcase

Thursday, April 30, 2015

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Green Valley Marketplace's 4th Annual Spring Yard Sale

Green Valley Marketplace is hosting its 4th Annual Spring Yard Sale and celebrating 100 years of its parent company, B. Green, as a locally owned business in Baltimore with all proceeds from the sale of spaces going to Thomas Viaduct Middle School. Reserve your table today for \$10.

Thomas Viaduct Middle School art students will have an Art Show & Sell, where they will be selling their handcrafted buckets, perfect for gardening or storage, as well as gift cards to Green Valley Marketplace.

In addition to the yard sale festivities, there will be fun events for kids of all ages. A copy of the event is attached in this School Messenger.

Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, April 25th & Sunday, April 26th

7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

TVMS Family Health and Wellness Night

The TVMS Health and Wellness Event for students, staff, and families will be held Wednesday, April 22nd, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the TVMS gym and cafeteria. Participate in healthy games, fitness activities, presentations, and sample healthy foods. Please RSVP by April 21st by having your student return the form to Student Services or online at the TVMS [website](#). Mark your calendar now for this fun event!



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Alpha Staff Members

Do not forget to nominate a favorite Thomas Viaduct Staff member for Alpha Staff. Eligible to be nominated are teachers, counselors, and office, custodial, and administrative staff. Staff can be nominated by students, parents, administrators, colleagues, or community members for excellence in the classroom and/or school community. Forms may be picked up in the Front Office, requested via email at michelle_mackall@hcpss.org, or found online at the [TVMS website](#).

Yearbook

Reminder to order the inaugural TVMS yearbook. **Deadline is April 22nd.** Simply click on the link below to check all of the available options (paperback, hardcover, personalizations, etc.) Order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com. (Yearbook ID Code 12257815).

Boxtops

TVMS PTSA will receive 10 cents for every box top that is submitted! A collection box is located in the cafeteria. Thank you for your support.