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TVMS News

December 10, 2022

Greetings TVMS Community,

This past week our students participated in the worldwide event Hour of Code by exploring computer science careers and practiced coding. A few students had an opportunity to visit Howard County Public Library's [STEAM Machine](#), which is the library system's mobile classroom, and we even had a visit from our superintendent, Dr. Martirano!

Kudos to Ms. Pope, Mr. Newberger, Mr. Mills and our chorus, orchestra and band students for ending the week by performing a terrific Winter concert last night! I know the concert band, 6th grade chorus and String Ensemble will also make our school community proud this upcoming Thursday.

Have a great weekend,
Denise Young, Principal

Important Dates

Monday, December 12 - Talent Show Audition Forms due to Ms. Alston in Room 227,
Holiday Help gift card donations due to the front office

Wednesday, December 14 - Schools Close 3 hours Early

Friday, December 16 - Watch DOGS Pizza Night

Monday, December 19 - Picture Retake/ Make up Day

Wednesday, December 21 - TVMS Community Caroling, 6:00 PM

Dec. 26 - Jan. 2 Winter Break

Winter Music Concert II

When: Thurs. December 15, 2022 6:30pm

Where: Thomas Viaduct Middle School, 7000 Banbury Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

Who is performing: Concert Band, 6th Grade Chorus, String Ensemble

Please consider supporting our music department in the following ways:

1. Donating items to be sold at the concession stand using the [Concert Concession Sign Up Genius](#)

2. Volunteer your time supporting before, during or after the concert using the [Concert Volunteer Sign Up](#)

TVMS Talent Show: Do you have a Timberwolf with talent? Please encourage them to sign up for the TVMS talent show! Our talent show will be held on January 27th, 6:30-9:00 PM, but students must sign up for auditions now. [Permission slips](#) can be returned to Ms. Alston and Ms. Grubb in room 227, and are due by Monday, December 12th.

Holiday Help: We have been working to help support our families for the Winter Holidays. We will be collecting gift cards to give to families to help purchase food and gifts for the holidays. If you would like to contribute, please sign up using our [Sign Up Genius](#) and turn in your gift cards to the TVMS front office by Monday, December 12th.

Watch Dogs Pizza Night Friday, December 16th: Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative program of the National Center for Fathering focused on improving education in our nation's schools by using the influence of fathers and father-figures to provide a positive & active male role-model for students during their school day. At TVMS we are aiming to start with volunteer D.O.G.S. in the building every Wednesday, and then expand to other days during the week. For more information, [sign up](#) for the informational free pizza night!

Picture Retake/ Make up Day 12/19: (Please note--this date is different from what was shared at the last PTSA meeting). This is for students who were absent during our original photo day or students who are retaking their original photos and are bringing back their original photo package. Photos will be taken during the first two hours of school. Please be sure your student arrives at school on time.

TVMS Community Caroling, Wednesday, 12/21 : The TVMS music community will be meeting at school at 6:00 PM, and will travel to the Hanover Hills community to spread some holiday cheer. We will end back at the school by 7:00 PM for some hot chocolate and sweet treats while they last.

Pre-order the 2022-23 TVMS Yearbook! Early Bird Pricing ends December 31, 2022!

What better way to preserve the memories of the 2022-2023 school year than by owning the student-created TVMS Yearbook! Preorders are now being taken for this year's book. The earlier you order, the more you save! Early bird pricing starts at \$23. After December 31st, the price will go up to \$25! To order by credit card, please visit ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter our School Code: 12257823. If you would like to pay by cash or check, please print out and

complete the [order form](#) and submit to the front office. Various packages are available to personalize your yearbook. Order forms are also available in the front office and the Media Center. Don't delay, order today!

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program wants all students and parents to have an understanding of CTE course offerings. With 24 career pathways, there are often many misconceptions related to CTE. To ensure that all students and parents make informed decisions with their middle and high school course selections, two virtual webinar sessions will be offered to support understanding and planning.

- *Rising 9th Grade CTE Webinar*
 - *Thursday, December 15*
 - *Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm*
 - *Registration is required for attendance. Utilize this [link](#) to register.*
 - *A confirmation email will be sent upon completion of registration, and meeting reminders will be sent prior to the webinar.*
- *Rising 7th and 8th Grade CTE Webinar*
 - *Tuesday, January 31st*
 - *Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm*
 - *Registration is required for attendance. Utilize this [link](#) to register.*
 - *A confirmation email will be sent upon completion of registration, and meeting reminders will be sent prior to the webinar.*

As a reminder, for ease of access, parents should plan to attend virtually with their students and utilize their student's login and credentials.

PTSA NEWS

- **One more week left to Support the TVMS Flower Power Fundraiser!** Purchase beautiful Amaryllis and Paperwhites to add blooms to your own home during the winter months. These ready to grow bulbs will bloom in 4-8 weeks. Purchase using the link <http://tvmsptsa.fpfundraising.com/>
 - This fundraiser runs through December 15th. The PTSA will receive 50% from online sales.

- Please support the PTSA by becoming a member. **PTSA Membership Hub:** <https://thomasviaductpta.memberhub.com>. You can also stay connected by joining the school's [PTSA Facebook Page](#).
- Committee sign ups can be found [here](#).
- TVMS students “shop” at the Den Dollar School Store using the Den Dollars they earned for showing TVMS P.R.I.D.E. Check out the [Amazon Custom Gift List](#) to support the Den Dollar Store.
- Due to the amount of evening events the school has during the month of December we have decided to move Movie Night to a later date in the Spring.

CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student and Parent Handbook

The [2022-2023 Student and Parent Handbook](#) is now available on the HCPSS website. This resource is helpful for navigating the school year and includes information about HCPSS practices, policies and services available to support and enrich learning. A printed version of the handbook is no longer provided.

Cell Phone Expectations

Students are not permitted to use their personal technology devices (phones) during school time, including lunch and hallway transitions. This is in accordance with [the Board of Education Policy 8080](#). If a student is seen with their device they will be expected to put it away immediately. If chronic issues persist, disciplinary actions may be implemented in alignment with the HCPSS Code of Conduct.

To support this, please refrain from calling or texting your child during school hours. If you need to get a message to them or contact them, please call the Front Office at 410-313-8711

Outside Food Expectations

Food delivery services (i.e. Door Dash, Uber Eats, etc.) are not allowed. Delivery will be refused as we do not have the capability to process this during the school day. If a parent would like to bring their child's lunch to the school, we ask that you do so prior to the start of your child's lunch shift. Parents will need to leave the lunch with our Front Office staff.

Family File

It is mandatory that all parents/ guardians verify and/ or update emergency information for each child each school year. Updating this information provides us with the most current emergency contact information, and also ensures that you are receiving important information and updates for HCPSS and TVMS. Log in to [HCPSS Connect](#), select the More Options tab on the left and then select Family File in the center column.

HCPSS News

Communication is an essential component of a successful school experience for both students and parents. There are many ways to stay connected to TVMS and to HCPSS. Please consider the following ways to stay connected:

- Visit the TVMS website often at: <http://tvms.hcpss.org/>
- Visit Canvas often
- [**HCPSS Connect**](#)
- [**HCPSS Website**](#)
- [**HCPSS Community News**](#)