**Important Dates**

Mar. 12 Booster/PTA Meeting 6:00p.m./7:00p.m. Cafeteria

Mar. 13 Middle School County Debate 9:00 a.m. ~ APL

April 1 6th Grade Performing Arts Field Trip 9:00 a.m. ~ Balt. Symphony

April 6-13 Spring Break ~ Schools closed

April 16 Booster/PTA Meeting 6:00p.m./7:00p.m. Cafeteria

April 17 8th Grade to Days End Farm Horse Rescue 9:00 ~ Days End

April 21 Report Cards issued

April 22-23 Movies that Matter Film Festival 8:00 a.m. ~ A.F.I. Theater,

 Silver Spring, MD

April 28 Primary Election Day ~ School/Offices closed

April 29 Music Dept. Field Trip to New York City 6:00 a.m. ~ NYC

April 30 International Night 6:30 p.m. ~ Cafeteria

May 14 7th Grade Field Trip to WDC 9:00 a.m. ~ WDC

May 14 Booster/PTA Meeting 6:00p.m./7:00p.m. Cafeteria

May 15 Schools close 3 hours early ~ Professional Learning Day

May 25 Memorial Day ~ Schools/Offices closed

May 26 Middle School Expo 8:00 a.m. ~ Hopkins, APL

May 27 Orchestra Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. ~ H.H.S

**\*\*\***NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CALENDAR

**NEW INFORMATION FROM PVMS**

**3/6/2020**

**Orchestra Student News**

March 31, 2020 is the HCPSS Orchestra Assessment at Reservoir HS

April 1, 2020 is the BSO field trip for 6th grade music students

April 2, 2020 is the HCPSS Orchestra Adjudication at Reservoir HS

**Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**

PVMS will be raising money for Grassroots throughout the month of March. Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. Grassroots is a multi-service crisis intervention center providing  24 hour crisis intervention services, emergency and transitional shelter, and community education.

Last year our school raised over $1600 and we want to exceed last year's goal.

Students will have the opportunity to buy freshly popped popcorn for $1 every Friday in March during their lunch period.

In addition, students can purchase tickets to cast their vote and be selected to pie a staff member from Monday March 9-Friday March 13. 1 ticket for .50 and 3 tickets for $1.

All proceeds go to grassroots!

**PVMS PTA Family Game Night**

Come on out and have some fun with the PTA for Family Game Night!

When: March 18th from 6-8pm
Where: Patuxent Valley  Middle

Free!  Concessions will be sold.

Join the fun! There will be Karaoke, trivia,  board games, Gaga Ball in the gym, small group games like Minute to Win It, and much more. Fun for the whole family !  Bring a board game to share!

Also check out our spring Fundraiser from Thirty-One Gifts.

This is not a drop off event. Parents must stay.

We also cannot do this event without your help. Please signup to help out and make this event a success! Thank you in advance! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DABAB2AAB9-pvms

**PTA Coffee Cart for PVMS Staff on Wednesday 3/11**

Can you help the PTA share some appreciation for our hard-working PVMS staff members by donating something tasty on the morning of **Wednesday 3/11**? Store-bought or homemade treats are equally appreciated, and items do NOT have to be nut-free (although items with nuts should be labeled). Donations should be dropped off in the front office **before 7:15am** on Wednesday 3/11. Sign up online at: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b49a9aa2fa64-pvms2](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.signupgenius.com%2Fgo%2F9040b49a9aa2fa64-pvms2&data=02%7C01%7Ccolby_andersen%40hcpss.org%7Cadbfbb1230d345913f2208d7baedfafb%7C96a9ac4c477e4dada2b28ad3fc46790b%7C1%7C0%7C637183403599426449&sdata=1Z7eXIK02rXfgyXtmGfT9jZgIHVoy9Uq6AqPsk3da1Q%3D&reserved=0). THANK YOU in advance!

**BELOW IS INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS GAZETTES**

**\*\*IMPORTANT ADVANCED INFORMATION REGARDING IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 7TH GRADE**

**FROM THE HEALTH ROOM:**

All students entering Grade 7 in August 2020 are **required** by the state of Maryland to have proof of 1 dose of the **Tdap vaccine** and 1 dose of the **Meningococcal vaccine** **(MCV4)** by the first day of the **2020-2021** school year. If your child has a physical scheduled for this school year, please make sure to have him/her vaccinated and provide the health room with the documentation.

Please call on 410-880-5840 and ask for the health room if you have any questions.

Dee Goldstein, RN

**News from Lifetouch Sutterfly:**

[**..\..\Shutterfly Storefront Set up QRG 4-15-19-1.pdf**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccandersen%5CDesktop%5CShutterfly%20Storefront%20Set%20up%20QRG%204-15-19-1.pdf)

**SCHOOLHOUSE THEATER**

Schoolhouse Theater is coming to PVMS and they are looking for interested students to be in the musical Aladdin.  For grades 6-8, with rehearsals on Monday's from 6-8:30pm staring February 3 with the final show on April 1st & 2nd.

The cost is $175.   $30 discount offered to the first 25 registrants.     Turn in the form with payment to your student's homeroom teacher or drop off at the front office in an envelope labeled schoolhouse theater.   Make check payable to Schoolhouse Theater.

Form and payment are the only ways to guarantee a discounted spot.

See our website (http://pvmspta.weebly.com/school-house-theater.html) or the flyer for more details.   Email Archana Neidermeyer for any addition questions at archneid@gmail.com

**PVMS has a School Based Wellness Center!**

Be sure to complete the forms for your child - forms available in the health room or on the PVMS website at this link: [http://pvms.hcpss.org/sites/default/files/English-%20School-Based%20Wellness%20Center%20Enrollment%20Packet\_0.pdf](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fpvms.hcpss.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2FEnglish-%2520School-Based%2520Wellness%2520Center%2520Enrollment%2520Packet_0.pdf&data=02%7C01%7CColby_Andersen%40hcpss.org%7Ca9e0238d5ad34b0917ae08d76c3e7fa4%7C96a9ac4c477e4dada2b28ad3fc46790b%7C1%7C0%7C637096887989314939&sdata=ljr8SNmKBC9%2B3fBg5FBR00zmkc46Anu08puL6rpz%2BRg%3D&reserved=0)

School-based wellness centers help students stay in school or get back to school quicker. This service also helps parents miss less days at work. There is NO copay or fees for visits to the Wellness Center. The nurse practitioner provides assessment, diagnosis and treatment of acute illnesses such as strep throat, impetigo and ear infections. Some students can also be seen at the Wellness Center for physicals, medication orders, immunizations, health education and sports physicals. Parents communicate by phone or can come to the wellness center for the visit. **This health care option is available for all students at PVMS and BBES. Complete and return the forms today!**

**PTA NEWS**

Keep those membership forms and donations coming in! You can send them in with your student.  Forms can be found on our website.

Also keep filling out the survey to let us know what you would like us to do for you. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5SZLFZ

To keep up to date with PTA news please visit our website often at www.pvmspta.weebly.com

Also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pvmspta

Or contact us with any questions at pvmsptamd@gmail.com

Thank you!

**Family File Emergency Information**

Dear PVMS Parents/Guardians,

Every year, HCPSS requires that all parents/guardians complete the Family File Emergency Information for each student. Without this updated information, your student risks the possibility of not being able to attend field trips or participate in after school activities.  Safety is a primary consideration for all of our students, and updated Emergency Contact Information plays an important part.

Go to [www.hcpss.org](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.hcpss.org&d=DwMFAw&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=Y9l4dDBsZ0lFwoSUpnSfARcgeXKLikSJpuNaQdYvF7E&m=zEWNtBWP50WS5Fitn5kQyueh-d-5Dzv-ItaNrjmVjto&s=p8EukTnkSIdZLvRyirrAyrli69L6AszBnx75Wgwt36Q&e=) select HCPSS CONNECT, select HCPSS Connect Login, type your user name (parent email) and password.  Once logged in go to the Family File tab and follow the steps

to verify and/or update.  Forgot password?  See information link located on HCPSS Connect

Login page.   **PLEASE UPDATE FAMILY FILE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Contact Mrs. Minnick or Mrs. Andersen with any questions or concerns at 410-880-5840.

**School Messenger Text Alerts**

Due to the number of late buses and bus changes this year, it has been requested that we send out directions on how parents/guardians can sign up their student to receive text alerts via School Messenger.  The directions are included below.

Step 1:  go to [https://www.hcpss.org/hcpss](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/YY-z9dD-z7gQ0kEg8zhsXA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRdpgXaP0QbaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaGNwc3Mub3JnL2hjcHNzVwdzY2hvb2xtQgoAAFrSxFsSH-2gUhhDb2xieV9BbmRlcnNlbkBoY3Bzcy5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

Step 2:  go to [Sign-up (Non-HCPSS Parents/Guardians)](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/IKD93d-oVbgJ9CQIhM60XQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRdpgXaP0QmaHR0cHM6Ly9zdWJzY3JpcHRpb25zLmhvY29zY2hvb2xzLm9yZy9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCgAAWtLEWxIf7aBSGENvbGJ5X0FuZGVyc2VuQGhjcHNzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

Step 3:  Complete Subscriber Information

Step 4:  Using your cell phone text the word YES to the number 67587 to activate your subscription after signing up.  Students will automatically receive HoCo Weather Alert.

Note:  You may deactivate your subscription by texting the work STOP to the number 67587.