

TSCA News!!

February 2018



From the Headmaster's Desk

Greetings! It is hard to believe that we are already into the third week of our second semester. The year is going by so fast. Unfortunately, we only have one snow day left in reserve, so please pray that we have no big snowfalls the rest of the winter.

February is often times associated with hearts, candy, and flowers. It is a time to show our love to those important in our lives. I am so thankful that God demonstrated His love to us through His only Son, Jesus, who came and lived on this earth, died a criminals' death and rose again on the third day. I trust that you have experienced His love and grace in your life. If you haven't, there is no better time than today to ask Him to forgive you of your sins and accept His gift of salvation.

This month at TSCA, we have some neat events planned. It starts with a Valentines sale sponsored by the 8th grade class, your young person may "show their love" to family, friends and staff. During the week of February 12th, our kindergarten and elementary classes (1st – 3rd grade) will be celebrating the 100th day of school. Teachers have special activities prepared for that day. At the end of the month, the kindergarten wing will celebrate Dr. Suess Week. Students will learn and hear some of the legendary authors' popular books read by some "special" guests.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, have a great month!!

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Mock Trial Team Undefeated

For the third consecutive year, the TSCA Mock Trial team has remained undefeated in the preliminary round of the State of Maryland Mock Trial Competition. The Crusader team has defeated C.M Wright, Havre de Grace and Joppatowne high schools. The team is coached by Mr. Berry. He has been coaching teams for almost 10 years in Delaware and Maryland and he believes that this team has the potential to go far in this year's competition. We continue to be the only school in Cecil County with a Mock Trial team.

Next up for the Crusaders will be the playoffs which will begin on Thursday February 15th at the Baltimore County Courthouse in Towson.

Little Crusaders

Our Little Crusader Basketball players and Cheerleaders will end their season with a scrimmage on March 14th. All basketball players will have a chance to play while the Cheerleaders cheer them on!

We hope you'll join us in cheering on our future Crusader Athletes.

Varsity Basketball Teams Prepare for the Playoffs

Both the boys and girls varsity teams are experiencing great seasons. The boys' team has defeated all of the county public schools that they have played except Elkton High School. The rematch will take place at EHS on February 16th at 5:30 pm. The girls' team is having a great season with 15 wins already. Their biggest win came on January 26th when they defeated Aquinas Academy, a team that they had not beat in a number of years.

Both teams begin tournament play the week of February 19th. Make sure to check the website for dates, times and locations. GO CRUSADERS!!

Recent Tax Bill Gives Parents Options

The President of the United States signed a bill in December that gave tax cuts to most American families, but that was not the only important measure in the bill. The law expanded the use of 529 savings plans so that they now allow for saving for K-12 education. Previously, those funds could only be used for post high school education. This means that current account owners may begin using these funds to immediately begin paying their K-12 tuition (up to \$10,000 per child per year).

The practical effect of the change is that, parents can begin to save for both college expenses and K-12 tuition expenses and the earnings will grow free of federal tax. Special federal tax provisions exist for treatment of gifts to 529 savings plans so that even grandparents or extended family may contribute.

Many state 529 plans also provide breaks on "state" taxes for contributions to and distributions from 529 accounts. At this date, most states have not yet reacted to the law's expansion and account holders will need to watch when and whether their state will allow state tax breaks to apply to K-12 tuition expenses.

We would encourage our parents to seek out more information about these 529 plans to see how they may be able to benefit you and your family!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 MS/HS Chapel <i>Happy Birthday Mrs. Godfrey</i>	2 HS Play 7pm	3 HS Play 3pm & 7pm
4 Happy Birthday Mrs. Rash	5 Q2 Report Cards Valentine Sales Begin	6 Mock Trial 2pm	7 Elem. Chapel	8 MS/HS Chapel Student of the Month Mock Trial 2pm	9	10
11	12 Valentine Sales End	13 Pep Rally 2:15pm Sr. Night; Mr. & Miss TSCA	14 Elem. Chapel 11th Grade Field Trip - Elem. Dress Down/Parties Happy Birthday Mrs. Banks	15 MS/HS Chapel 100th Day K3-K5 Mock Trial 2pm	16 Abbreviated Day	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL	20 100th Day 1st & 2nd	21 Elem. Chapel Senior Lunch Wilm U visit	22 MS/HS Chapel	23 Happy Birthday Mrs. Campbell	24 PTF Roller Skating Event
25	26	27	28 Elem. Chapel	1	2	3
<i>Dr. Swess Week</i>						
TN Basketball Tourn - Leave at 7am Tuesday						