

What's Happening at TVHS

Project Spotlights, Visits, and Fieldwork

9th and 12th grade students participated in the citizen science project, Day in the Life of the Hudson River. They took samples and learned about the environmental state of the water and habitats for animals. Seniors in EnviroStats led the fieldwork activities for freshmen.

On National Manufacturing Day, a group of 10th and 11th graders walked to NY Creates for a morning with AIM Photonics to learn about their manufacturing process and career paths. Anthropology students visited UAlbany for research. Global Research Teams visited ETEC to learn about their eco-friendly design.

Innovative Solutions is here! On 10/14 businesses visited to propose real-world challenges solve. Businesses include: UAlbany, WMHT, Times Union, Albany Mayor's Office, UAlbany AI Research, UAlbany STEM Research, Tech Valley Center of Gravity, Accenture, MVP Healthcare, New Tech Network, and Overit. Thank you to our partners!



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Project Spotlights, Visits and Fieldwork, cont.

It's a busy month for Global Humanities 9!

- Final Archaeological Symposium for our Geographic Luck project is this Monday, October 19th at 9am (parents are welcome)
- Upcoming Fieldwork for the Belief Systems Project:
 - Tuesday, October 27th: Fieldwork at the Hindu Temple Society
 - Thursday, October 29th: Fieldwork at Karma Triyana Buddhist Temple
 - Thursday, November 5th: Fieldwork at Congregation Beth Emeth
 - Monday, November 16th: Fieldwork at al-Hidaya Mosque

This was a month for College Visits! Admissions Representatives from colleges have been visiting TVHS to speak with seniors. We've seen Russell Sage, HVCC, RIT, UAlbany, Cobleskill and Canton.







School Pictures and the Yearbook

School pictures have been taken by iSmile, and ordering info/proofs have been sent to families. You can ask questions directly to:
schoolpics@ismilestudios.com

Picture Retake Day: November 9 for absent students or anyone wishing to retake their photo

Our Yearbook is for sale! Follow this link to purchase your yearbook with the 10% early bird discount: <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=101418068647883>

How to Log Community Service Hours

Students at TVHS are required to complete 100 hours of community service by graduation. We recommend students aim for at least 25 hours per year, combining service to TVHS with service to their own home community.

Students can log in to SchoolLinks using their TVHS email. On the left-hand dashboard, click the handshakes icon on the left (Engage) and select "Experience Tracking." Click the big blue plus on the upper right to "Add entry."

TIP: Students should double check the spelling of the email that they put down to verify--that is the most common point of failure.



When You Have Questions

Navigating school communications can be tricky. Here is a quick reference guide to help you reach the right staff member:

- Attendance & Absences: Ms. Jensis/Ms. Whelan
- Academic Progress: Classroom Teacher
- Social-Emotional Support & Scheduling: Mrs. Lee/Mr. O'Leary
- Health & Medication: Ms. Whelan
- General School Questions or Concerns: Advisor or Dr. Hawrylchak

Upcoming Dates and Events

Monday, October 19: Global Humanities 9 Archaeological Symposium

Wednesday, October 21: PSAT for Juniors, Seniors Remote Learning

Friday, October 23: EnviroStats fieldwork at ETEC

Monday, October 26: Exposiums

Week of October 26: Spirit Week!

Tuesday, October 27: Algebra fieldwork @ UAlbany

Friday, October 30: Halloween Party

Tuesday, November 3: Election Day/Remote Learning

Monday, November 9: Makeup Picture Day

Tuesday, November 10: PAC Meeting Virtual @ 7:30PM

Wednesday, November 11: No School - Veterans Day

Friday, November 13: End of First Quarter



Academic Help

- Check in with your student's progress by using Echo. You'll be able to see their individual course and assignment grades, as well as their grades for each of our learning outcomes.
- Learning outcome tip! Agency is the outcome that drives them all! Agency represents a student's ownership of their own learning.
- After-School: Room 106 is staffed with a teacher from 3PM-3:50PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. This is a good time to work in a quiet space.
- IWT: Students have Independent Work Time scheduled into their day with our staff. During this time, students can work individually or get help from others, including teachers.
- Getting help from teachers: Our teachers are available to assist our students outside of class time. We strongly encourage students to reach out to teachers to schedule an appointment during their IWT for extra help.

Our 20th Year

Celebration!

There is a celebration being planned for September 2027. Please reach out to Dr. Hawrylchak if you are interested in being involved in the planning!

Did you know?

Our current building is TVHS' third location. We started at MapInfo in the Rensselaer Technology Park, then UAlbany's East Campus, and moved to our current location in 2014.



PAC Update

TVHS Swag Store: Order by October 19, with delivery expected by November 18. Shop the TVHS Swag Store (<https://stylecircle.chipply.com/store.html?eid=630564&isLanding=true>)

Regional Food Bank volunteering: Join us November 14, 1:00–3:00 PM, or November 15, 10:30 AM–noon. Families are welcome, and participating TVHS students can earn volunteer hours. Sign up here <https://forms.gle/JgnogSWo2kZf5vfP9>

Siena Saints basketball game: Cheer on Siena against the Brown Bears on November 14 at 7:00 PM at MVP Arena for only \$10 per person! Family and friends are invited. Sign up by October 30 <https://forms.gle/wQ6JbS3HPeUEGst3A>

Next PAC meeting: Join us virtually on November 10, 7:30–8:00 PM. Parents, guardians, and students are welcome!

BAND: Stay connected between meetings through BAND, a group communication app where our TVHS PAC community shares updates, reminders, and questions. It's the best place to get PAC information or ask a last-minute question! Join our TVHS PAC BAND group here! <https://band.us/n/a3a2bdn671K1X>

Help us get to know you! Between work, school, sports, and figuring out what's for dinner—again—our calendars fill up fast. Somehow, freshman year turns into graduation before we've finished reading our emails! Share your interests, hobbies, skills, and ideas through our short form. Whether you can lend a hand at an event or help behind the scenes when time allows, we'd love to get to know you. No superhero cape or wide-open calendar required! Complete the Get to Know You form - <https://forms.gle/292EXiahbMKS2PCD7>

Parent Directory: Add or update your family's information, sharing only what you're comfortable including. Complete the Parent Directory Form (<https://forms.gle/YVEocTADWkUmg5p29>).

