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What's Happening at TVHS

9th grader students presented their Archaeological Symposium to culminate learning of river valley civilizations. Global 9 started fieldwork for the belief systems project

Geometry/DDP students presented their redesign of the TVHS space to NY Creates. They followed up with a gallery walk for their final designs.

Juniors presented in front of a mock supreme court panel provided by attorneys from O'Connell and Aronowitz. Students argued 2 current supreme court cases and answered questions from the justices.

Juniors visited Albany's Indoor Rock Gym to learn about the hysics of climbing.

The EnviroStats class visited ETEC to learn about their environmentally focused building design.

Seniors are making their way to their local board meetings as part of our Participation in Government course. They are making a public comment thanking the districts for their support.

I-Term is here! We had our first session of exposiums and are excited for more! Exposiums are sessions where students learned from business partners about their path and current roles. Students circulated through multiple sessions to start exploring their own passions.

TVHS junior, Jinx Cancel and alum, Alvaro DeAndres helped at the NYCreates family fun-day! Shout out to these students for sharing their time on the weekend and their skills for painting faces!

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TVHS Business Alliance

On November 3, we held a business alliance meeting. We hosted 17 partners in roundtable conversations with students and staff. Topics included the role of a business partner, the state of the workforce, and student experiences. We were able to capture scripts of the conversations and I will share more details the next time we meet. Here are two themes that were highlighted:

- Essential skills remain the foundation. Business partners emphasized reliability, communication, initiative, collaboration, and willingness to learn. They can teach many technical skills but they need employees who engage and follow through.
- AI requires thoughtful preparation. Business partners emphasized responsible use, strong subject knowledge, and the ability to question and verify outputs. Expectations vary by industry. There was a next step proposed to create a business alliance AI workgroup and also workshops on how to use AI as a tool in all grades.



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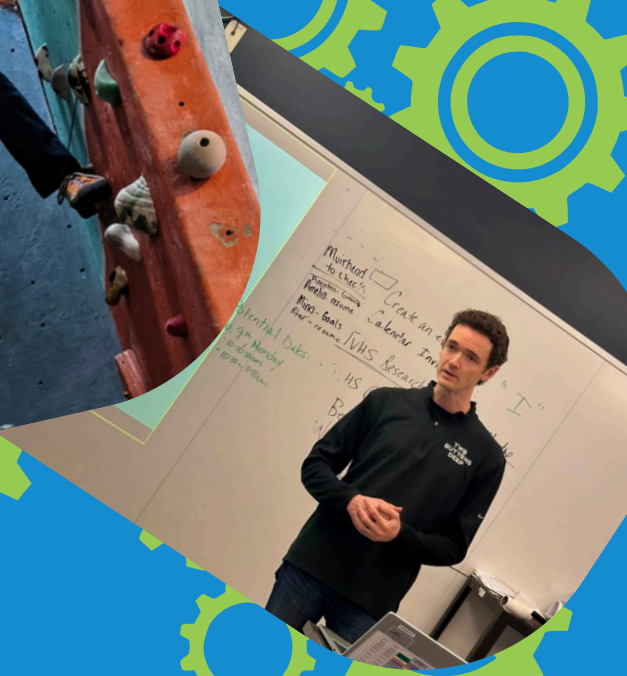

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Ordering the Yearbook

Our Yearbook is for sale! Follow this link to purchase your yearbook with the 10% early bird discount: https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1014180686478 83

Looking for the TVHS Class of 2031

December is the start of the recruitment season for our incoming students and we are excited to meet students for the TVHS Class of 2031. We are hosting Information Sessions through the winter for prospective students and their families to learn more about the project-based learning environment at Tech Valley High School.
We would appreciate your help in spreading the word. If you know students and families who might thrive in our school setting, please share this opportunity with them. Details about the admissions process and information session dates are available here.
We look forward to welcoming new members to our community.

Upcoming Dates and Events

Wednesday, November 18: Exposiums

Friday, November 20: SLT Day

Wed-Fri, November 25-27: No School, Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, December 1: Fieldwork for 10th Grade Global Humanities

Tuesday, December 8: PAC Meeting Virtual @ 7:30PM

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Conversations with a Teenager

"How was school?" often gets a one-word answer. At Tech Valley, where students spend much of their time working on projects, a more specific question can help them tell you what they're learning, what they're figuring out, and what they're proud of.

Here are a few questions to try whenever you have a few minutes together.

- What project are you working on right now? What question are you trying to answer or what problem are you trying to solve?
- What's your role in the project? What's one piece of the work you're proud of?
- What have you learned in class that helped you with your project this week?
- What's something you got stuck on? What did you try, and what might you do next?
- How are your I-Term plans coming along? What are you hoping to explore, and what's your next step?
- Can you show me something you've been working on? A sketch, a draft, or a slide can be an easy way into the conversation.

Start with one question and follow their lead. Sometimes a simple "Tell me more about that" is all it takes to hear something new about their day.

Our 20th Year!

Did you know? The Albany Nanotech Campus is Tech Valley's 3rd location. We started at MapInfo in the Rensselaer Technology Park, then UAlbany's East Campus. We moved to our current building in 2014