

TPCS 8th Grade

Math – February begins by wrapping up linear equations. We will spend just over a week investigating systems of equations, or what happens when two linear equations interact and intersect. We will learn 3 different strategies for finding the solution to a system. We then spend a short unit looking at the connections between Functions and Geometry. In Algebra students will working their way through linear and exponential functions and then moving onto the heart of the year: Quadratic Functions.

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**Humanities:** As Quarter 3 gets going in ELA, we'll be working toward the formal writing assignment that closes our study of *To Kill a Mockingbird.*The argumentative essay will require students to examine the character of Atticus Finch and his defense of Tom Robinson. Toward the end of February, we'll transition from there into an informational-text unit that blends language arts and social studies. Please encourage students to keep up with their own independent reading outside of school. This is a key step in ensuring each student's growth as a reader. See me or Mrs. McKenna in the library for suggestions. [tventre@tunbridgepcs.org](mailto:tventre@tunbridgepcs.org)

**Reminders!**

**FINAL NYC payments are due on March 5th *without exception*. All money is due to the tour company at that time!**

**Continue to send in money for the DINNER CRUISE. We have some extra tickets reserved and will sell those until they are sold out.**

**Tickets are on sale now for the Cornhole Tournament. Teams must register by 3/9!**

**We are now accepting donations to our Silent Auction that will take place in March, ending at the Tournament.**

**Ask your child about his or her SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT this year!**

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Science: The Science Fair is just around the corner! While only a handful of 8th graders are participating in the fair directly, all are welcome to come see the projects and support their classmates on the 2nd!

We will be wrapping up Newton’s Laws and moving on to Energy and the forms that it comes in. We will start with looking at potential energy and alternative energy sources and then how energy is transferred from one object to another in order to do Work. Let us know if you have questions!

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The following students had **perfect attendance**, including **no tardies**, in the winter-weather-filled month of January: Evelyn Blackman, Madison Carrington, Zion Eames, Malachi Fitzpatrick, Lashaya Hines, Colette Kirby, Jada Lewis, Ayana Longshore Tijah Mintz, Dakota Purnell, Grace Sutherland, and Alice Victorson  
**Keep up the great work!**

**You have to be able to love yourself because that’s when things fall into place.**

**-Vanessa Hudgens**

**Dates to Note:**

* January 22nd – Dinner cruise money PAST DUE
* ALL MONTH – Read-A-Thon & BHM projects
* February 1st – Coffee Klatch
* February 5th – NYC monthly payment due
* February 6th – Early Release (11:30am)
* February 7th – Family Reading Night
* February 8th – Academic Awards Assembly
* February 15th – Favorite t-shirt day
* February 22nd – Arts After Dark
* February 28th – T-WAP meeting
* March 2nd – Science Fair