

AUGUST FLYER

THE TOME SCHOOL

AUGUST, 2009

SCHOOL START INFO

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 for students in Gr 5-9. MS students should wear their school uniform and bring a lunch. No blazers needed until October 1st. 9th Graders should come in casual but appropriate school clothes on this day. Pizza will be provided for Gr 9. Dismissal for all at 1 PM.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 & 2: ALL students should report to school in uniform. 1 PM dismissal.

AM Kindergarten 8-10 AM

PM Kindergarten 11-1 PM

Gr 1-12 8-1 PM. Bring lunch.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: regular school days begin.

FORMS FOUND IN THIS MAILING:

GREEN SHEETS, HEALTH ROOM FORMS

Our school information sheet (green sheet) and Health Room Forms (blue) are also enclosed in this mailing. PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD AND RETURN THEM TO SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS. Or you may send in these forms in with your child the first day of school at the latest. **We cannot stress enough the importance of having these forms completed.**

TAC/USDT QUESTIONNAIRE The Tome Advisory Committee (TAC) and Upper School Development Team's (USDT) annual questionnaire can be found in this mailing. By filling out the questionnaire and returning it to the school office no later than Sept. 8, 2009, your family will automatically earn one hour towards your volunteer commitment. Please do not complete a volunteer hour form for this.

FORMS FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE:

1. STUDENT DRIVING FORM If your upper school student plans to drive to school, this form must be on file in the office by the first day of school.

2. MILK CARDS Milk cards are usually purchased by students in grades 1 through 4, and occasionally by some middle school students. To ensure your child has a card on the first day of school, please return the form along with payment to the office no later than August 21, 2009. Cards are \$7.00 per student, which allows them to purchase 20 milk or juice cartons. Cards may be ordered during the school year without this form.

3. MEDICATION INFORMATION SHEET

If your child is taking medication and that medication needs to be administered during the school day, you must have a Medication Authorization Sheet on file, signed by the parent AND child's physician. This applies to both prescription and over-the-counter (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, etc.) medications.

4. COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This sheet should answer most of your questions about the first days of school for the coming school year.

5. SUPPLY LISTS for students entering ALL grades are available online. See our website under 'forms'. Supply lists for entering Grades 2-4 may also be found on the summer reading lists for those grades.

6. SPORTS PHYSICAL FORMS For students in grades 5-12 who wish to play a sport during the coming school year.

2010 Senior Portraits Aug. 24

Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch has been contracted as our "Official Yearbook Photographer" again this year. Portraits will be taken here on **Monday, August 24** from 9 AM to 3 PM. Rising seniors for 2009-10 school year should have received a reminder postcard in the mail this summer. Make-up date will be Tuesday, September 29, 9 to 10:45 AM.

NEW PARENT MEETINGS

Designed for parents new to the school, but any parents, especially those who have students entering 1st, 5th or 9th grade are welcome to attend.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

5:30 PM FOR GRADES K-4; 7:00 PM FOR GRADES 5-12

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT(S)

for parents to learn about teacher expectations for each class
Kindergarten **AUGUST 24** @ 6:30 PM (immediately following the New Parent Meetings)

Lower School (Gr 1-4) **AUGUST 27** @ 6:30 PM

Middle & Upper School **SEPTEMBER 10** @ 6:30 PM

ATTENTION TOME ATHLETES!

PRACTICE FOR ALL FALL SPORTS TEAMS WILL BEGIN ON **MONDAY, AUGUST 17** from 6 to 8:30 PM. Athletes will be told that evening what the practice schedule will be for the time before the start of school.

THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY MEETING for all fall athletes and their parents on TUES., AUG. 25 at 6 PM. Regularly scheduled practices will follow.

All students who plan to participate on any Tome sports team during the coming school year (MS, JV or Varsity level) **MUST** have a current physical signed by a doctor or a physician's assistant on file with the school. Physicals must be dated after June 1, 2009 in order to practice or participate on any school team next year except YMCA basketball and Jr. Titans Cheerleading.

TOME OFFERS THE FOLLOWING FALL SPORTS:

JV VOLLEYBALL

OPEN TO GIRLS IN GRADES 7-11

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

OPEN TO GIRLS IN GRADES 8-12

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 6-8

Shin guards required; cleats optional.

VARSITY SOCCER

OPEN TO BOYS IN GRADES 9-12

Shin guards required; cleats optional.

CROSS COUNTRY

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 5-12

MS & V FIELD HOCKEY

OPEN TO GIRLS IN GRADES 5-12; Shin guards required.



Summer Math & Reading Packets

Remember that students must have their completed packets returned to school by the very first day. Be sure your name is on the booklet or loose-leaf papers (Algebra through Calculus). **Middle**

School Math is due August 15 as are most Upper School Math classes! Please return the question packet as well as the answers.

THANKS to all the families who link their Food Lion MVP card to Tome School. We received a check for \$25.34 as a part of Food Lion's Shop & Share program.

RACE FOR EDUCATION

Tome will hold its annual Race for Education on **FRI., OCT. 9, 2009**. This is the major school-wide fundraiser of the year. Flyers with label sheets attached will go home the first week of school explaining the Race. ALL students are expected to participate and students receive rewards for submitting mailing labels addressed to family and friends. Mailers will be prepared by students on Fri., Sept. 11 asking family and friends to sponsor the student in this year's Race. Watch for the brightly colored information package to come home the first week of school.

Middle School Chorus ~ MS Chorus is open to students in Gr 6-8 and will begin the second week of school. Chorus meets on Wed. during study hall and after school on the same day until 4 PM. Our first meeting is Wed., Sept. 9. We are attempting again to combine Chorus with a little Drama and plan to perform "Charlie Brown's Christmas" for the Holiday program. Those who do not wish to act need not, but everyone will participate in all vocal selections. We will continue to work on improving our vocal skills through various exercises and song performance and broaden our horizons a bit by getting out into the community to share our talents and treat ourselves to a musical. Students involved with sports should let their coaches know as soon as possible about Chorus. Last year our coaches were more than cooperative about our Wednesday rehearsals, they just need to know in advance. We need guys and gals to make this show work, so I hope to see a great turnout on Wed., Sept. 9 for Middle School Chorus!

PIANO LESSONS ~ Mrs. Benham, the Music Teacher, will once again be offering piano lessons after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 PM. The lessons are a half hour in duration and will begin the third week of school on Sept. 14. Anyone interested should contact her for details by personal e-mail, ssbenham@hotmail.com. Earlier slots tend to fill in quickly.

Congratulations

To **TOME SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS** who had a successful camp this summer, winning many awards including the Leadership Award for the entire camp. For the second year in a row, other teams attending voted for Tome as the "team they would want to be in if they couldn't be on their current squad". Our cheerleaders competed in the varsity division for the first time this year and took 2nd place in the Extreme Routine and 2nd place in the Home Pom routine. The team that won the award for team spirit passed it on to our team saying that Tome deserved it more. We are all very proud of our Tome School Cheerleaders!

COLLEGE CORNER

SENIORS: Remember that your resume and counselor survey are due Sept. 4. If you would like me to look at your college essay, please send it to me (m.kemp@tomeschool.org). Students who are taking the October SAT please set aside time to practice. You can download a practice tests at collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep. As you add colleges to your list, check out their graduation rates at Collegeresults.org. Senior Application Night is tentatively scheduled for September 30 at 7 PM.

CARPOOLS NEEDED FOR 2009-10

ELK NECK AREA – Carpool needed for two 2nd graders in afternoon. Please call Lisa Stottlemeyer 443-417-8339.

CHESAPEAKE BAY GOLF CLUB – Afternoon ride needed for 9th grade son to the golf club in North East. Please call Folashade Johnson-Aremu at 410-287-5569.

ELK NECK AREA – Afternoon ride needed for 3 children. Willing to share some of the afternoon driving. Please call Coleen Gelmann 410-620-2346.

ABERDEEN/EDGEWOOD AREA – Carpool for 2 children needed. Please call Candi at 410-676-2636.

Students perform in OZ!

The Young Peoples Theatre Program (YPTP) performed their summer camp production of OZ!, an adaptation from the Wizard of Oz. Nine Tome students appeared in the show, which was held Friday night, July 17 at Elkton Station Theater on Railroad Ave.

Information for parents

Since the Tome School's water is supplied by the Town of North East, we wanted all of our families to receive this information: "The Town of North East Water System Plants will begin optimally fluoridating water on or about August 3, 2009. Adults and children who receive their water from these water treatment plants and who are taking prescription fluoride supplementation should contact their dentist or physician concerning continuation of the fluoride supplementation. If you have any questions, contact your dentist, physician, Cecil County health Department at 410-996-5168 or North East Town hall at 410-287-5801."

AFTERCARE AT TOME

Aftercare is open to students from Grades 3 – 8. We do accept a limited number of first and second graders who have older siblings in the program. The hours of operation are 3:00 to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday when school is in session. We need interested parents to pre-register their child(ren) for 2009-10 so that we may plan for next year. If you are interested in registering, please call the office requesting a registration form. The registration fee is \$25 paid annually and is required for all students who use our Aftercare program.

REMINDER: VOLUNTEER HOURS

All Volunteer Hours from 2008-09 (last year) were to have been completed by August 1. Students may not begin school in the fall until all fees and commitments from 2008-09 are paid.

Please keep collecting Box Tops & Campbell's Labels!

Would you like to receive your Flyer electronically?

Join the families who receive their Flyer by e-mail every Friday (beginning 1st week of school). Help us reduce our costs and be environmentally conscious by saving on paper copies. If you wish to receive information from Tome by e-mail, call us at 410-287-2050 or send us your e-mail address. d.williams@tomeschool.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. **BUY ACME**, Food Lion, Giant/Martin or Redner's gift cards at school. \$600 in gift cards = \$30 profit = 1 hour.
2. **PULL WEEDS** from flowerbed on Maryland Ave. at gate.
3. **PICK UP TRASH** dropped around the school grounds. Anytime.
4. **WEED WHACK** around the trees and tennis courts.
5. **WEED WHACK** under all fences and benches.
6. **WEED WHACK** along banks of stream at both bridges
7. **PULL WEEDS** in French drains (gravel areas) around entire school building.
8. **HAUL DIRT** to fill sink holes. Contact Dr. W for more info.
9. **CARRY BOOKS TO CLASSROOMS** on Wednesday evening, 8/19 from 6 to 8:30 PM. Need about 6 volunteers. Call office.
10. **HELP with RACE FOR EDUCATION FORMS** on Friday, 9/11. Call Christy Foley to volunteer, 410-272-2606.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24	Senior Portraits, 9 AM-3 PM
August 24	New Parent Meetings Back To School Night, Kindergarten
August 27	Back To School, Lower School
August 31	First Day of School for MS & Gr 9, 1 PM Dism.
September 1	School for Everyone, 1 PM Dismissal
September 2	1 PM Dismissal
September 7	SCHOOL CLOSED for Labor Day
September 25	Senior Investiture, 8:10 AM
September 26	Annual Crab Fest, 6:30 PM

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