



# The Lion's Link

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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

<b>US Winter Dance</b> Off Campus	<b>Sat</b>	<b>2/5</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>K-5 Havdallah</b> LS MPR	<b>M</b>	<b>2/7</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>After School Activities</b> Beginning of Session #2	<b>M</b>	<b>2/7</b>
<b>AMC Math Competition</b> Grades 10-12	<b>T</b>	<b>2/8</b> <b>8-10:00 AM</b>
<b>K-3 Dental Awareness</b> Classrooms	<b>W</b>	<b>2/9</b> <b>8-11:45 AM</b>
<b>V Day Performance</b> Lecture Hall	<b>TH</b>	<b>2/10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Senior Lunch</b> with Rabbi Linfield	<b>F</b>	<b>2/11</b> <b>12-12:40 PM</b>
<b>Financial Aid Applications</b> <b>DUE</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>2/11</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>K-5 Kabbalat Shabbat</b> Grade 2C Leads: LS MPR	<b>F</b>	<b>2/4</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>TVT Gala</b> Marconi Automotive Museum	<b>Sat</b>	<b>2/26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>

## Yearbook Wins Big!

The American Scholastic Press Association recently awarded TVT's 2009-10 Middle and Upper School Yearbook First Place! Congratulations to everyone on the Yearbook team—including **Lior Shimoni** (Grade 10) and **Jena Vogel** (Grade 12).



## Johns Hopkins Talent Search

Honors TVT Students

Last year TVT nominated ten students to the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth's 2009-10 Talent Search. Of those, an incredible five qualified for as Johns Hopkins Scholars and four were among the top scorers nationally.



TVT 5th Grader **Ethan Amar** shows off his Johns Hopkins High Honors award for verbal acumen. Ethan is one of five TVT students to receive top honors from the Center for Talented Youth last semester.

Please join us in congratulating **Jacob Ast** (Grade 8) for receiving the Award of Distinction, and **Benjamin Gillman** (Grade 8), **Ethan Amar** (Grade 5), **Aely Aronoff** (Grade 6), and **Adam Cohen** (Grade 5), all of whom qualified for High Honors. Awards were distributed at a special awards ceremony. Information is available for students interested in participating in upcoming Talent Searches, on the CTY website: [www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu).



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Congratulations to the **Middle School Basketball** teams! Both teams proudly represented TVT in the Tri-Way League Play-offs—with the boys making it all the way to the Semi-Finals! **Varsity Girls' Basketball** also had an exciting week, with a 48-43 victory at Capo Valley Christian, then losing to the undefeated Saddleback Valley Christian (league champions for the past two years running), and finally triumphing over Connelly 52-28. **Varsity Boys' Basketball** succumbed to Saddleback Valley and Eastside Christian, but looks forward to their next game against Orangewood. **Girls' Soccer** tied Connelly 4-4 and defeated Avalon 4-2, while the boys won at Fairmont, before narrowly falling to SBVC (4-5) and Avalon later in the week.



Photo by Nelson Nahum.



### Drop Everything and Read

TVT's Kindergarten classes have been enjoying "D.E.A.R. Time" (Drop Everything and Read) at the end of each month. Parent volunteers join the class for informal readings—Dr. Jean Oleson came to join in the fun!



### Student Council Retreat

TVT's Middle School Student Council members enjoyed a day-long retreat, which focused on leadership skills, including event planning, consensus-building, and developing an awareness of the "invisible student."

### Faculty News:

TVT wishes to congratulate the following individuals for their remarkable accomplishments:

Middle School Science Teacher and basketball coach, **Mr. Joshua Sneideman** recently completed his thesis in preparation for a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Framingham State University. Mr. Sneideman's research focused on constructivist teaching techniques and the way brain-based research informs the instruction of adolescents.

Middle School Language Arts Teacher, **Ms. Leighann Pennington** had her "Experience Poetry" unit published in *Parallel Curriculum Units for Grades K-5*, which helps teachers and professors in graduate programs learn how to write high-quality curriculum.

Admissions Director, **Ms. Wendy Leberman**, is serving on a CAIS/WASC accreditation team for The Bentley School in San Francisco next week. One of the important responsibilities is to assist in the team's understanding of whether or not a school is effectively addressing CAIS/WASC criteria. Wendy will work with the rest of the Visiting Committee in determining the recommendation of the accreditation terms. "I'm looking forward to participating in the Bentley School's accreditation process. It's a great opportunity for Professional Development and an honor to be chosen."

If you have an update for the TVT community, kindly notify: [icarbone@tarbut.com](mailto:icarbone@tarbut.com).



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<b>Varsity Boys' Soccer</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>2/7</b>
versus Capo Valley (US Field)		<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Soccer</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>2/7</b>
at Saddleback Valley Christian		<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Basketball</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>2/7</b>
versus Orangewood (Gym)		<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Basketball</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>2/9</b>
versus Avalon (Gym)		<b>11:30AM</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Basketball</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>2/9</b>
versus Avalon (Gym)		<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Soccer</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>2/9</b>
versus Fairmont Prep (LS Field)		<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Varsity Boys' Soccer</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>2/10</b>
versus Avalon (US Field)		<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>Varsity Girls' Soccer</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>2/10</b>
versus Avalon (LS Field)		<b>11:00AM</b>

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