

Dear Parents:

The Science Department at TVHS wants to provide the optimum experience for the student as he/she passes through our science classes. The cost for providing the best laboratory experiences for the student have become prohibitively expensive to be done at all or are done as demonstrations by the teacher.

Cost for equipment replacement due to breakage is difficult to anticipate and fund out of a fixed budget. For example, the thermometers, we choose to use cost approximately fifteen dollars. They are mercury filled with a Teflon coating. The Teflon coating protects the student from mercury exposure in the event of breakage, and breakage occurs frequently.

In addition to replacing broken equipment, the lab fee would go toward the purchase of:

- ∞ Specimens for lab work in CP Biology, AP Biology, and Anatomy & Physiology..
- ∞ Rare earth chemicals that would allow for a broader range of student-lead lab experiments in Chemistry, Global Science, and AP Environmental that are normally done as demonstrations.
- ∞ Disposable materials so students can do Global Science, Physics, Chemistry laboratories that are normally done as teacher demonstrations.
- ∞ Materials for the supplemental and enrichment laboratories in Advanced Placement classes.

We are requesting the contribution of a voluntary lab fee of \$10.00 at the beginning of each semester of science in which your child is enrolled. The money collected will be used to buy materials to enhance the science program for all students.

Any students unable to pay the lab fee **will not be excluded** from laboratory experiments or using supplemental materials purchased.

If your son/daughter has more than one science class per semester, there will be only one lab fee for the entire year.

For verification that you have received and read this notice, please have the student return this form to his/her science teacher.

We look forward to a very successful year for your sons and daughters in our science program.

Sincerely

Your TVHS Science Department

Student _____	Parent _____
Please Print	Please Print
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If you wish to contribute, please make checks out to TVHS Science.