On a bi-weekly basis, we acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our staff and students. We encourage our staff to submit accolades for recognizing the dedication of others. The accolades appear on the first pages of our newsletter. As contributing members to Towson High School, we represent 5 STAR Generals.

We appreciate our staff and students for demonstrating leadership, citizenship, scholarship, and integrity. If you would like to submit an accolade for one of our students/staff members for the great work that they do within our community, please submit the information to cdmino@bcps.org and cc dlauten@bcps.org. Help up recognize the outstanding efforts of our students and staff.

★ STARS to Rachel Valsing, Simon Briggs, Julie Kromsky, and Carly Raley for their efforts in creating the video for incoming students.

★ TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL would like to thank the following teachers and support staff for assisting our freshmen on their first day of return: Simon Briggs, Mike Fast, Erin Hancock, Lauren Hanley, Felicia Schrader, Courtiney Jacobs, Matt Jochmans, Julie Kromsky, Donna Lauten, Laura Russo, Carly Raley, Kathy Schwabeland, Natalie Szopo, and Mary Williams.

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★ STARS to Shane Jensen, Jen Meehan and Sonia Synkowski for volunteering to support the SAT.
Dear Towson High School Families,

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming freshmen into the building this past week! During this past week, we experienced a great deal of emotions. As we reflect on this week, we have so much to be thankful for. Our staff ensured that the students were welcomed and supported during their transition. Students showed up with optimism and enthusiasm. Our parents supported our students and staff. Special thanks to our families that reviewed the communication regarding first day procedures. We appreciate YOU!

Beyond welcoming students back into the building, we opened our doors for Dr. Williams, BCPS Superintendent and Ms. Byers, Community Superintendent. During their impromptu visit, we discussed the camaraderie, collective leadership, and support that so many of you have demonstrated during this time.

Thank you to our families that have worked tirelessly to support others and our students.

It is time to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends. Best wishes for a relaxing and peaceful Spring Break.

Principal DiMino
As students return to a hybrid learning experience, we must have on file a signed copy of the COVID-19 Health Screening and Emergency Contact Form (see form on page 4). The form is also located on our website at towsonhs.bcps.org. Parents may email the form to Ms. Lauten at dlauten@bcps.org, or students may bring the form with them on their first day back at school.

This form, along with other very important information was emailed to parents in a message that was sent through School Messenger on the afternoon of Thursday, March 18, 2021. You may also visit our website for more information regarding the re-entry process.

We are extremely proud of our freshmen that demonstrated leadership and responsibility with returning the COVID forms on their first day. Every student that attends in person hybrid learning will need to complete the COVID form for re-entry into the building.

UPPERCLASSMEN are to bring the form on the first day of return or submit the form electronically to dlauten@bcps.org.

We look forward to welcoming our students! Best wishes for a relaxing and safe Spring Break!
The Towson High School Theatre Program is proud to announce the opening of our first virtual production!

Link to the THS Production of The Bullying Collection

Friday, January 29 - Sunday, January 31

FREE Streaming for 72 Hours!

More than forty THS students have been involved in the creation of a trio of student-directed, student-produced, and student-led short plays from The Bullying Collection. These plays range from the tragic to the comedic, but they all reveal a new perspective on a common problem.

The show will stream exclusively on Broadway On Demand Friday, January 29 through Sunday, January 31. You can stream the show for free at any point during that 72-hour period. Share the link with your friends and family! After this weekend, the show will no longer be available for viewing, so catch it while you can!

Thank you so much for your continued support & enjoy the show!

Daily Health Screening for Students & Staff

Every student and staff member must undergo a daily health screening for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. If the answer is ‘Yes’ to ANY of the questions below, please stay home and seek medical attention:

- Do you feel sick today? COVID-19 symptoms include:
  - Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit (37.8 Celsius) or higher
  - Sore throat, congestion or runny nose
  - New onset or worsening of cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - New loss of taste and or smell
  - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
  - Muscle pain, chills or extreme tiredness
  - New or severe headache

- Are you waiting for a COVID-19 test result?
- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 or had recent close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19?

I understand that it is my responsibility, as parent/guardian of ____________________________ (student’s name), to conduct the above health screening on a daily basis before sending my child to school. If the answer to any of the questions is YES, I will keep my child home. I have reviewed the BCPS COVID-19 safety practices with my child and agree that my child will follow these practices.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Emergency Contacts

Students who develop symptoms of illness at school will be removed from the classroom and must be picked up immediately. Please indicate the best way to contact you and persons who could pick up your child if you are not immediately available.

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: ____________________________ Contact Number(s): ____________________________
Parent/Guardian 2 Name: ____________________________ Contact Number(s): ____________________________

Persons to whom student may be released other than parent:
Name: ____________________________ Contact Number(s): ____________________________
Name: ____________________________ Contact Number(s): ____________________________
Email messages have been sent out to students prior to their return to give them more detailed information. Here are some quick reminders.

- Submit a COVID-19 Health Screening and Emergency Contact form
- Students are required to wear masks
- Students who ride the bus will sit one to a seat
- Students who are walkers or car riders should enter the Cedar Avenue entrance after 7:15 am
- Parents should drop off students at the top of the steps on Cedar Avenue, not the staff parking lot.
- Car riders are not permitted to remain in the building while waiting on a ride.

**Return to school after Spring Break**
Students return to school on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

- Cohort A will be in the building on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 and Wednesday, April 7, 2021.
- Cohort B will be in the building Thursday, April 8, 2021 and Friday, April 9, 2021.
- Because of the shortened week, there will be no asynchronous day that week.

**After School Clubs and Organizations**
After school clubs and organizations may resume in person for students in Cohort A and Cohort B after Spring Break. Virtual meetings will still be hosted for Cohort C students. Teacher leaders will provide additional information specific to in-person opportunities. If a teacher leader will be hosting in-person opportunities, Cohort A will participate on designated Tuesdays. Cohort B will participate on designated Thursdays. Please note that students are not permitted in the building after the completion of in-person scheduled meetings.
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SOPHOMORES

Attention THS Students & Parents – Last Chance!

Ring Ordering Time!

Greetings parents—just a reminder that we have set up everything online for you to purchase your class ring! Don’t miss out on this American Tradition. A Class Ring is forever.

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If you haven’t yet uploaded your student’s portrait for the yearbook, please visit the yearbook page on the Towson High website as soon as possible. You will also find information on how to place orders for this year’s yearbook or for senior ads. Remember that if you place an order for a senior yearbook, you will get free shipping on your order!
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COME TO...

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TUTORING!

EVERY FRIDAY FROM 3-4PM
STARTING OCT. 23RD

GOOGLE MEETS CODE: THSNHS2020TUTOR
Every Tuesday & Thursday! From 2:15-3:15

SNHS TUTORING!

Do you need help with any science class?
Sign up for Science National Honor Society tutoring!

Meeting code: thssnhstutoring

Email or talk to your science teacher to have them sign you up!
Size Scale Matters – The Science of Nanoparticles

A Virtual Workshop for High School Students

And learn about research opportunities

Students will work with students!
Come learn about nanostructures and nanotechnology

Date: Friday, May 21st 2021 3 to 5 pm
Venue – Online WebEX
Spot reserved for first 50 students
Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors

RSVP via this interest form to book your spot by
April 30th 2021

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The Towson Pride
SENIORS
Acceptance Letters and Scholarship award letters need be submitted to Mrs. Pachilis at jpachilis@bcps.org. This information is used to get a grand total of scholarship money that our seniors eared this year for graduation.

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, AND JUNIORS
Save the date for the CACHET Virtual College Fair on March 29, 2021.
Register at: https://www.strivescan.com/cachet/

Once you register, you’ll receive a confirmation email with your personalized link to join the Zoom Webinar. Since these are webinars, your camera and microphone will be off, but you’ll still be able to ask questions live.www.strivescan.com
Ms. Wright has created a “senior/junior college newsletter” on Smore with lots of links and info for seniors and juniors.

This is a great resource for the college application process and support. Check it out!

Here is the link: https://www.smore.com/e6h39
GENERALs,

READY FOR COLLEGE?

*Instant Admissions Session*

MARCH 18, 2021
2 PM - 3 PM

HTTPS://MEET.GOOGLE.COM/BYS-EBBN-JGV
Attention Towson Students & Parents
Graduation Ordering Time!

Greetings parents! We aren’t able to get into school this year due to Covid, but we have set up everything online for you to order and purchase your graduation materials and announcements!

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**CLASS OF 2021**

Senior Updates

The time is growing near for our seniors to close out an important chapter in their academic lives. Keeping that in mind, Towson High School would like to express our excitement and pride for the hard work and dedication put forth by the Class of 2021, especially in these challenging times. Due to the restrictions associated with Covid 19, we must plan a senior celebration that works within the guidelines provided by the CDC and Baltimore County Public School System. On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, BCPS shared the following information regarding senior activities.:

**Senior Prom:** Schools will not be permitted to hold traditional, in-person proms due to the inability of school leaders to ensure mitigation strategies across varied venues. Instead, schools are recommended to explore campus-based, outdoor events in conjunction with senior student leadership. Activities consistent with traditional proms (dancing, group pictures, photo booths, congregating, etc.) are not safe at this time. Principals and central offices recognize that it would be extremely difficult to socially distance students during a traditional indoor prom. As of March 24, 2021, the current CDC indicators and thresholds for Community Transmission have Baltimore County in the red zone for high transmission. The Office of Health Services expressed concerns about proms serving as COVID-19 super spreader events that would likely have a direct impact on students' ability to participate in graduation ceremonies if required to quarantine or isolate based on exposure. Moving traditional prom dates to April is infeasible due to current COVID-19 metrics and recent trends in Baltimore County.

The administration is working with the Class of 2021 advisors and student representatives to plan a senior event that will allow us to safely commemorate this milestone in our seniors’ lives. When plans are finalized and approved, we will share more information with our students, families, and community. We thank our seniors, senior parents, and community for their patience as we work with the county to determine the safest way to proceed with these events.

**We would also like to share the following information:**

**Graduation Requirements:**

- **Seniors must still** meet the 21-credit graduation requirement. These credits include passing the assessed course of Algebra 1, English 10, Life Science, and American Government.
- Assessment requirements for students graduating in the 2020–2021 school year have been waived. These students also will not need to complete bridge projects. All seniors have met the assessment requirement if they graduate in the 2020–2021 school year.
- Student Service-Learning hours for students graduating in the 2020–2021 school year have been waived.

**Graduation:** Information about in-person graduation ceremonies is forthcoming.

**Field Trips:** Senior field trips are not permissible due to the inability of school leaders to consistently ensure mitigation strategies across varied venues.
Mid-year transcripts are now available

We are only sending mid-year transcripts for those students who complete the request form.

Many colleges and universities do not require mid-year transcripts. Check with the admissions office of your college BEFORE completing the form. Only add colleges that require a mid-year transcript.

Link to access the form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5cHckSrex67qG647050X-FzHRAdKjDqscMFgBz-kvHcAIkQ/viewform
UPCOMING EVENTS

April, 2021

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6  Schools Reopen - Grades 10-12 return to the building
16 Third Marking Period Ends - High Schools in Session Full Day
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