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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 us recognize the outstanding efforts of our students and staff.

★ STARS to Bruce Ickes and Jeff Brozman for helping a coworker work through tech issues.

★ STARS to Bill Buick who goes above and beyond for his students on a daily basis.

★ STARS to our teaching staff for their academic and social/emotional support of our students.

★ STARS to Felicia Schrader for her leadership accomplishments.

★ STARS to Jenna Zava for her support of colleagues.

★ STARS to Svetlana Wright, Courtney Jacobs, Simon Briggs, Jeff Brozman, Scott Olson, Debbie Richmond, Michele Petras, and Jamie Ridgely for their contributions.

★ STARS to Randi Jones, Scott Olson and the leaders of the SGA for their efforts with planning a virtual opportunity for students.

★ STARS to our front office, custodial staff and school counseling administrative staff for their flexibility during updates to the main office.

★ STARS to Lauren Hanley and the One Love Organization for their outstanding commitment to healthy relationship education as demonstrated through a combination of education training, student leadership and ongoing awareness-building activities. The group earned the recognition of “Champion School” for a second year in a row.

★ STARS to Nicole Bridges and Claire Fluharty for their expedient efforts to provide families and students with options.

★ STARS to Elisa Delia for her thoughtfulness.

★ STARS to Amy Kline for her support.

★ STARS to Erin Hancock for thinking of others.

★ STARS to the special education, school counseling, and related service providers for supporting a colleague in need.

Due to the pandemic, this year’s WJZ Black History Oratory Competition will be conducted entirely online, but now more than ever, we need our students need to speak up and speak out about the issues that matter.

High School Students write an original essay (600 words or less) based on a quote by a prominent African American historical figure. The students with the highest-scored essays will be invited to record themselves performing their original speeches at home to compete for scholarship prize money. The top speeches will be broadcast on WJZ News, and for the first time in BHOC history, the winners will be announced on TV!

Stay tuned for this year’s quotes! Essays will be due January 31st. Questions? Email: Oratory@wjz.com
From Principal DiMino

During this time of appreciation, we are most thankful for our children, our dedicated staff, and supportive families.

We commend our students for sharing their knowledge during daily instruction. Many students have assisted our teaching staff to thrive during this remote learning environment. Our students have been working right alongside our staff, providing encouragement and offering solutions to technological challenges.

We appreciate our staff that continues to support each other during this unprecedented time. Our staff’s commitment and compassion for our students and families impresses us every day.

We thank the efforts of our parents. We recognize the daily sacrifices that our families have made to adapt to new routines. We thank you for your support of our students and staff.

While our normal patterns of operation have been altered in unforeseen ways, we continue to live, laugh, learn, and value the contributions of our school and community. On behalf of Towson High School, we hope you had a peaceful Thanksgiving.
Seven students represented Towson H.S. on Wednesday, November 18th, by participating in our first virtual Maryland Math League contest for this year!

Shout-outs to these students:

- Julie Granruth .........................11th Grade
- Lily Zhu .................................. 9th Grade
- Manish Pandya ......................... 9th Grade
- Soma Hebbar .............................10th Grade
- Tyler Yup ................................ 12th Grade
- Vincent Guida ...........................10th Grade
- Vinze Joshua Valeza ...................12th Grade

Any students who are interested in practicing for and participating in local, national, and international VIRTUAL MATH CONTESTS this year can reach out to Mrs. Myers for more information at jmyers14@bcps.org.

Honors Calculus recently was introduced to Related Rates. In order to jumpstart the learning process, they completed an activity in Desmos. The first item they saw was a sphere increasing in size as a constant rate. The radius was obviously increasing, but they had to say if the increase was constant, at an increasing rate, or at a decreasing rate. Most thought it had to be constant to match the volume change, but a few focused more on the image and saw the increase to the radius get slower and slower, which was correct.

There were also some nice replies to support their answers. This was a noticeable improvement from the start of the year. Desmos also has a nice feature to anonymize students with famous mathematician names.
Pre-College Math has been preparing students for the upcoming college and military placement testing season. Students have been encouraged to incorporate effective time management strategies such as keeping a personal weekly schedule and using that tool to schedule work around classes. Students have also been following the pacing calendar, which has quizzes and other assessment dates, to better prepare for those graded assignments. This week students took a sample section from a placement test and will be using that data to focus on areas of need as well as to pre-assess knowledge of topics to be covered during MP2.

Mr. Skeels’ class looking forward to the long weekend!
Speech and Debate had its second tournament!

Congratulations!!

Ms. Greenberg would like to congratulate her AP Calculus BC accomplishments for Quarter 1 and their 100% registration rate for the AP Exam in May.
Students will register for courses for the 2021-2022 school year at Towson High School using the online SIPRMT Student Portal found on BCPSOne. Due to the recent technology hindrance, dates will be forthcoming. The SIPRMT Student Portal will be accessible to students 24-7, so students are able to register at any time for their courses during the registration window.

To ensure that students are able to successfully register online for their 2021-2022 courses, we have curated materials on our Academic Planning website which can be accessed using this link, https://towsonhs.bcps.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=244436&pageId=66716261, or by visiting our website, https://towsonhs.bcps.org, and selecting ‘Academic Planning 2021-2022’ under ‘Announcements’ on the homepage.

The academic planning materials on our website include:

- Grade-level presentations to learn about courses and graduation requirements that are specific to students’ grade level next year.

- Department-based presentations and handouts to further explore our course offerings and course progressions.
• Grade-level course planning guides to assist in course selection.

• Contact information for our School Counselors and Department Chairs who are available to answer specific academic planning questions.

• Step-by-step written directions for using the SIPRMT Student Portal to register for courses.

• Step-by-step video directions for using the SIPRMT Student Portal to register for courses.

• A link to request a 1-1 appointment with School Counselors.

• A link to the Course Request Correction form.

School Counselors are available throughout the registration window to meet with students via two options. First, students can informally drop-in to the School Counseling Registration Google Meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:00AM to 9:00AM, 10:50AM to 12:00 PM, and 2:00PM to 3:00PM; and on Wednesdays from 8:00AM to 9:00AM and 2:00PM to 3:00PM. The Google Meet join code for these drop-in sessions is THSCounseling1. Second, students can schedule a 1-1 appointment with their school counselor using the request link on our Academic Planning website (see link above). **Due to the recent technology hindrance, dates will be forthcoming.**

Academic planning and student registration are pivotal processes in helping us to achieve our vision of preparing our students to become lifelong learners and productive global citizens, and we thank you for partnering with us in these processes.
NEED TUTORING FOR ANY SUBJECT? 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!
Students in Mrs. Goldberg’s Zoology class made an informational guide for home gardeners trying to manage slugs and snails in their gardens using their knowledge of various characteristics of Mollusks and Gastropods.

Check out their work here!

### How to keep slugs and snails out of your garden

**Identifying Slugs and Snails**
- Most garden slugs and snails are gray, dull-orange, or dark brown and 1 to 3 inches long.
- They will hide in dark, damp places during the day.
- They leave a slimy secretion wherever they go.

**The damage they can cause**
- Slugs and snails will snack on anything in your garden, leaving little holes or frayed edges on the leaves and stems of your produce.

**How to get rid of them**
- Place your garden as far away as possible from typical slug and snail habitats, such as low hedges on fences, the undersides of wooden decks, and water meter boxes.
- You can also switch from sprinkler irrigation to drip irrigation water systems, which will make the area less favorable for the pests by reducing moisture.
- You can solarize your soil, which is covering your soil with clear plastic for four to six weeks during a hot period of the year. This will kill snail and slug eggs in a raised garden bed.
- Lastly, you can also simply hand-pick slugs and snails out of your garden, which is effective if done regularly in conjunction with these other tips.
Students in Mrs. Schrader’s Living Systems Class researched and presented several different genetic diseases and disorders as a team. Students were able to explain the role of mutations and prevalence of the disease in a specific population.
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The following students are recognized by the Science Department for their hard-work, participation and collaboration with their peers and teachers.

Week of November 16, 2020 through November 25, 2020

Patrick O’Donovan .................................................................Living Systems (Schrader)
Breanna Wilson .................................................................Living Systems (Schrader)
Tess Moyadei .......................................................... Integrated Physics and Chemistry (Jochmans)
William Lehmann .......................................................... Honors Physics (Jochmans)
Aris Williams ................................................................. AP Physics C (Jochmans)
Kristina Nye ................................................................. AP Physics C (Jochmans)
Dylan Santini .......................................................... Integrated Physics and Chemistry (Jochmans)
Cynthia Ogu ................................................................. Honor Physics (Jochmans)
Andrew Carlino .......................................................... Honors Chemistry (Geckle)
Hable Fitsum ................................................................. GT Chemistry (Geckle)
Hannah Stoitchkov .................................................................GT Chemistry (Geckle)
Lauryn Sekitoleko .................................................................GT Chemistry (Geckle)
Tyron Warren .................................................................GT Living Systems (Damon)
Delaney Cole .................................................................GT Living Systems (Damon)
Nyla Rusen ................................................................. 3A Aquatics (Damon)
Eric Rojas ................................................................. 3A Aquatics (Damon)
Symphanee Robinson .................................................................4A Aquatics (Damon)
Kennedy Washington .................................................................4A Aquatics (Damon)
Avery Zellweger ................................................................. 2A Forensics (Hanford)
Matthew Ensign .................................................................. AP Biology (Drake)
Avery Zellweger ................................................................. AP Biology (Drake)
Olubimi Abidoye ............................................................. Living Systems/Biology GT (Drake)
Rika Poscover ................................................................... Honor Physics (Ridge)
Sophia Smith ................................................................. Honor Physics (Ridge)
Aalivia Wainwright .......................................................... Honor Physics (Ridge)
Aidan Satterfield .............................................................. Honor Physics (Ridge)
Matthew Banister ............................................................. GT Physics (Ridge)
Reese Meyers ................................................................. GT Physics (Ridge)
Chailyn Edwards .............................................................. GT Physics (Ridge)
Senior Group
Please make sure that you are signed up for the Senior group on Schoology. We frequently post updates on colleges and scholarships and there is important information in the Resources folder. The Senior group is called “Grade 12 THS School Counseling.” If you need information on accessing the group, please contact Ms. Wright at swright7@bcps.org.

FERPA
Please complete the FERPA waiver form so that we can send out your transcripts to colleges. The FERPA waiver form is available on the Grade 12 THS School Counseling Schoology page. Click on the ‘Resources’ folder and click on the ‘FERPA waiver form’ folder. When complete, send your FERPA form to Ms. Wright at swright7@bcps.org

College Visits
Colleges are virtually visiting Towson most days of the week. Please make sure to check Naviance regularly for college visit updates. Sign on to BCPS ONE, click on the Naviance button, click on Colleges, scroll down to College Visits.

Ms. Wright and Mr. Briggs are available on Wednesday afternoon for Seniors to drop into our College Google Meet group. Seniors can stop by and ask a question and receive support with their college applications. Check the Grade 12 THS School Counseling Schoology group for information about meeting times and the room name.

We have a Senior sign-up sheet that is available on Schoology should you need to meet with your counselor individually regarding your college applications.

We are here to help and support you! Please reach out to us if you have any questions.
Do you have questions about how to use Naviance to request transcripts and letters of recommendation? Please check out this Powerpoint presented by our College Counselor, Mrs. Wright, that will answer many of your questions.

https://bcpscloud-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/g/personal/swright7_bcps_org/EdgijeS_HpBu4N0tfwSgEBJ-ZUMZIEg-FiOSwbyvCMQ

We know that many of you have additional questions around Naviance and college applications. The School Counseling Team want you to know that we’re here for you!

We will host a Google Meet Session each Wednesday at 1.30pm-2pm for Senior college help. To access the room go to thsseniorcollegecounseling

Also, colleges will be visiting Towson High School virtually this fall to meet with our Seniors. We will send out information about college visits on Naviance and Schoology.

The School Counseling Team
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/gw8p2
UPCOMING EVENTS

December, 2020

12 LPP Magnet Assessment
16 Distribution of Marking Period 2 Interim Reports
24-31 Winter Break

January, 2021

4 Schools Reopen (Remote Learning)
18 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday Observed - Schools and Office Closed
21 Winter Concerts
28 Theatre Production
29 Second Marking Period Ends - All Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Students