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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 Shakerra Shahid in Latin 1 for consistently outstanding notetaking
★ STARS to Jamal Green for demonstrating leadership with diffusing a situation
★ STARS to Annika Kline, Ariane Noval, and Aniya Dobinson for assisting the tech liaisons during the MISA test
★ STARS to Ryan McNeal for his commitment to creativity and accuracy in response for assignments in Latin 1
★ STARS to Ms. Fluharty for her leadership with the yearbook
★ STARS to Ms. McCullough for your positivity.
★ STARS to Mr. Collins for leading the Professional Development for teachers on Document Based on Question Analysis (DBQ)
★ STARS to Mr. Allen for being the first to share his feelings at a department meeting
★ STARS to Mr. Carter for taking leadership in the Professional Development
★ STARS to Ms. Bridges, Ms. Greenberg, Mr. Olson, Ms. Schrader, and Mr. Ickes for their efforts with testing
★ STARS to Ms. Carter for leading the Professional Development
★ STARS to Reed Spaulding for his dedication and work in planning the Tributary Music Festival (in support of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation) that was held Sunday, September 26, 2021
★ STARS to Ms. Cathering McCusker for her guidance, support and mentoring of the Tributary Club
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★ STARS to all SGA members for their dedication to homecoming events
★ STARS to Towson High School students and staff for their good work during the Tributary Music Festival
★ STARS to our custodial team for their consistent efforts with maintaining the cleanliness of the building
STARS Continued...

STARS to Mr. Collins, Mr. Constantine, and Mr. Olson for infusing multiple discussion opportunities for students that contribute to student engagement

STARS to Ms. McCusker for challenging her students to interact with text at a sophisticated and independent level

STARS to Ms. Culbertson for her patience and leadership

STARS to Mr. Salvino for showcasing student contributions

STARS to Mr. Tregaskis for taking initiative

STARS to Ms. Zava for her dedication to supporting students and commitment to instruction

STARS to Ms. Yelton for her efforts with developing a peer mentoring opportunity for students

STARS to Mr. Biddson for helping with SNHS tutoring

STARS to Ms. Karsos for organizing a canoe trip for science students

STARS to Mr. Ickes for helping with tech support in Science

STARS to Ms. Toni Smith for her thoughtfulness

STARS to Ms. MaKenzie and Ms. Carey for their efforts and time
THS Community

THS Fall Beautification Day

Please join us for the first annual THS Fall Beautification Day on Saturday, October 23rd from 9:30am to 12:30pm! We look forward to working alongside so many of you during a day of clean-up and community building. We are in need of volunteers from every part of our Towson family to lend a hand with weeding, painting, trash pick up, and more! Please consider donating your time for part OR all of this exciting day by RSVPing below! Many hands make light work.

Thank you in advance for your help and hard work!!

Joanna MacKenzie & Hillary Carey

Beautification Committee Co-Chairs

Date: 10/23/2021 (Sat.)

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm EDT

Please join our Beautification Committee on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm. It’s a great opportunity to build community while beautifying Towson High School’s campus. There will be weed pulling, outdoor building enhancements, trash pick-up and much, much more!!! Go this website: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4EA9AB29A20-thsfall to sign up to be a part of making Towson High School the envy of the neighborhood! Student volunteers will receive Service Learning Hours for their participation.
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**DO NOT** allow your child to attend school if they are not feeling well. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever of 100°F or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New onset of severe headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Any of these symptoms that are a *change* from child’s usually symptoms related to a chronic condition (such as seasonal allergies or asthma)

Students will be excluded from school for at least 10 days if they have any of the above symptoms, **UNLESS**:

- They receive a negative COVID test and feel better, or
- They are diagnosed by a healthcare provider with another specific diagnosis (such as strep throat), or
- Healthcare provider documents that symptoms are related to a pre-existing condition.

All students should be feeling better and fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication prior to returning to school.
DO NOT send your child to school to be tested for COVID.

- We are not able to provide screening tests for students, and those with Covid-like symptoms should never report to school, as this potentially exposes other students and staff to illness.
- Testing resources:
  https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/COVID-19/Testing
  https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html#md

DO always ensure your child has a mask before leaving for school, and an extra mask in case it is needed.

- Masks should always be worn on buses.
- We have extra masks in case a mask is broken or soiled while at school, or for the occasional forgotten mask.
- We do not have a supply of masks to provide to students or staff on a daily basis.

DO notify us of your child tests positive for COVID, has been exposed to a person with COVID, or with any questions regarding quarantine or isolation.

DO always feel free to contact the school nurse, Ms. Russo, at 443-809-4261, or lrusso2@bcps.org for any questions or concerns. Questions may also be directed to the Office of Health Services at 443-809-6368.
Please Stay Home

If you are sick (and talk to your doctor about whether you should be tested for COVID)

If you have a positive COVID test (and tell your school nurse or supervisor)

If you have had contact with a person with COVID (and tell your school nurse or supervisor)

If you have been tested for COVID (until the results come back)

Baltimore County Public Schools

7-27-2021
FREE! Flu Vaccination

Super Weekend 2021 | Saturday & Sunday | October 16 & 17

Locations

Super Saturday
Drumcastle Gov. Center
Hereford Middle
Randallstown Comm Center
Sollers Point MPC

Spectacular Sunday
Drumcastle Gov. Center
Lansdowne Middle
Middle River Middle
Pikesville Middle

Schedule your appointment!
Use your smartphone to scan the QR code.

It's easy, convenient, safe and FREE!
6 Months and Older
*Wear short sleeves for easy access to the upper arm.*

If you need assistance with scheduling your appointment, or if you do not have the ability to schedule online, you may call our Hotline at 410-887-3816.
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T H E   T O W S O N   P R I D E

Important Dates for students enrolled in AP courses

- **AP Exam registration begins online** - October 1, 2021

- AP Exam registration materials can be found on each AP teacher’s Schoology page

- The deadline for AP Exam registration is November 1, 2021

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Jackson (d.jackson6@bcps.org).
THS FALL TESTING

Who Will Test?

Science
- All Grade 9
- Students who took Living Systems in 2020-21
- Make Up’s for Biology MISA

English Language Arts
All grade 9
Students in grades 10-12
- if they were in the English 10 course in SY2020-2021
- if they passed the English 10 course in SY2019-2020 or prior but haven’t met the grad requirement

Math
All grade 9
Students in grades 10-12
- if they were in the Algebra I course in SY2020-2021
- if they passed the Algebra I course in SY2019-2020 or prior but haven’t met the grad requirement

*Students will test in their content area classrooms on their reimagined devices unless IEP or 504 accommodations are required

When?

MISA-
September 29th - Oct 1st

English Language Arts-
October 5th - October 8th

Math
October 12th - October 14th

*Please be sure your device was checked for the Test Nav Icon. Check with your advisory teacher for directions!
Dear Towson High School Families and Students,

All Towson High School students in grades 9-11 will have the opportunity to take the PSAT on October 26, 2021 during the school day. The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and to identify students who might benefit from advanced coursework.

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT® students will have access to resources that will help prepare him/her for the future. Two resources that will be a benefit to all students are

1. A list of personalized careers and potential college majors based on the preferences indicated on the PSAT/NMSQT®; and
2. Access to the Khan Academy™, the College Board’s interactive college and career planning website.

If you are new to Towson High School and your student has testing accommodations with the College Board, please turn in your SSD testing accommodations letter to the school counseling office as soon as possible. Students in grade 9 receive school-based testing accommodations for the PSAT. Students in grades 10 and 11 will only receive College Board approved accommodations for the PSAT. For more information about College Board testing accommodations, please contact Mr. Malloy at rmalloy@bcps.org.

Please note that 9th and 10th graders are not eligible for the National Merit Qualifying Scholarships. Only 11th grade students may be identified as National Merit Scholars based on the PSAT/NMSQT®.

For more information about the PSAT, please click on the links below:


PSAT Practice: [https:// collegereadiness. collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10](https:// collegereadiness. collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10)

PSAT DAY Checklist: [https:// collegereadiness. collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/taking-the-tests/test-day-checklist](https:// collegereadiness. collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/taking-the-tests/test-day-checklist)

Join the PSAT DAY 2021 Schoology Group. Use this join code: FGHT-XK2V-NPJ4D

I wish you much success on the PSAT.

Sincerely,

Simon Briggs
School Counseling Chairman
Towson High School
Congratulations to the following “Commended” students. These students are being recognized for the exceptional academic promise. A spokesperson for NMSC (National Merit Scholarship Program) said, “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation.”

Bisson, Emma                  Cavers, Dolores                  Goldstein, Harper
Hudacek, Adam                 Johnson, Yusuf                    Kastner, Jane
Lohr, Emma                    Mealey, Justin                    Raufman, Benjamin
Sabatino, Isabella            Saeed, Zainab                     Scholl, Kathryn
Stamatos, Michael             Ye, Leon                          Yoon, Brandon
Zhu, Linna

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This is How Towson High School Students Make A Difference!

**FACE OF THE WEEK: ELISE CHANG, GRADE 12 STUDENT, TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL**

Bringing comfort to her community through The Tough Cookie Service Project

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**Elise Chang**

Elise was featured on ABC news and Good Morning America! Go to this link: [https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/living/video/student-changing-world-cookie-time-80218286](https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/living/video/student-changing-world-cookie-time-80218286)
Junior, Reed Spaulding, planned an incredible event in support of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Many student families and members of the community came to support at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. There were food trucks, games, musical performances and environmental organizations there to share in the mission and the fun!

An incredibly orchestrated event organized by an outstanding student. If you see Reed or another member of Tributary Club (sporting merchandise), make sure to give him/them a shoutout!

Donations can still be made to the Venmo handle: @tributaryfestival. Special thanks to Ms. Schrader for her attendance and support, with family in tow!
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Here are some photos from Spanish National Honor Society. Students decorated doors in the WL Hallway to honor notable Hispanic American figures for Hispanic Heritage Month. Students pictured: Julie Granruth, Hable Fitsum, Emily Chen, Caroline Hufnagel, Miranda Fisher, Evan Coleman, Dylan Dunn, Soma Hebar, Emma Bisson, Maia Vong, Isabel FitzGerald, Gabi Arango, and Cindy Chen.
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Julia Alvarez
In the 1930s, Julia grew up in the Dominican Republic with her family. At this time, the Dominican Republic suffered serious economic problems due to poor management and corruption.

Roberto Clemente
In the 1950s, Roberto Clemente joined the Pittsburgh Pirates, where he became one of the greatest baseball players of all time. His contributions to the sport of baseball are still remembered today.

Ellen Ochoa
La Primera Mujer Hispánica a bordo en un espacio en el 1994.
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The Class of 2025 is currently involved in the election for Class Officers. Good Luck to all of the registered candidates as they work on their campaign. The Voting will occur in Government classes October 4th-8th.

Class of 2025

**Presidential Candidates**

- Damola Ariyibi
- Jacob Dickensheets
- Grayson Kennedy
- Ben Rozencwaig

Class of 2025

**Vice-President Candidates**

- Sophia Abed
- Kaiden Johnson
- Laura Katz
- Ethan Richards
Class of 2025
Secretary Candidates
Ellie Annis  Grace Belmont  Scarlett Spaulding

Class of 2025
Treasurer Candidates
Leo Abubucker  Bella Bianco  Alex Lohse  Oceanne Saidi

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Fall Play Auditions!

Auditions for "Emotional Baggage" will be held October 11th and 12th.

Location: The THS Auditorium

Time: 2:30 pm

Please Bring: comfortable clothes and a water bottle

Please only come to ONE audition date, not both!

Callbacks will be held on Wednesday, October 13th

***You will not need to prepare anything for the audition***

Please reach out to Ms. Marks if you have any questions!
Hello Parents, Students, and Faculty!

Just as school started, this year’s Student Government Association (SGA) Officers knew the student body was looking for fun and community that always surrounds Homecoming. Working alongside the general body of elected students, the SGA has planned a fun and exciting homecoming week full of events that everyone will enjoy!

Spirit Week will begin on October 25th with Maryland Monday, Towson Tuesday, Pink Wednesday for Breast Cancer Awareness, Decade/Y2K Thursday, and Class Color Friday. At Towson, we promote the “earn your colors” tradition with Freshmen wearing white, Sophomores wearing grey, Juniors wearing marron, and Seniors wearing black. On Friday, October 29th during fourth period, we will be holding our annual pep rally where fall sports teams will be recognized, and the Marching Band showcases their talent. This year during the pep rally, we will be holding a Powder Puff flag football game for all of those who are interested, as well as our annual teacher-student relay races that will include a variety of different events. Sign-ups for both activities will be sent out through Advisory periods in the upcoming weeks.

Finally, on Saturday October 30th at 10:00am, the SGA will be sponsoring a Fall Fest! This will consist of a variety of different yard games like cornhole, spike ball, ladder ball, kick ball, and so much more. Booths will be run by clubs and organizations from the school and neighborhood. As students travel from game to game, they will win tickets. Ticket winners will write their names on their tickets and can turn them in to a raffle for a chance to win a variety of different prizes. Students will all be encouraged to move from the Fall Fest to our annual varsity Homecoming football game!

Please reach out to your Advisory Representative, SGA Officers, or SGA Advisors with any questions, concerns, or ideas. We look forward to a safe and successful event celebrating Towson High School.

Go Generals!

- **Monday** ............................... Maryland Monday
- **Tuesday** ............................... Towson Tuesday
- **Wednesday** .......................... Pink Wednesday for Breast Cancer Awareness,
- **Thursday** ............................. Decade/Y2K Thursday
- **Friday** ................................. Class Color Friday

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[Image of Homecoming 2021]

[Image of Spirit Week]

[Image of Kickball]

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[Image of Football]

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[Image of Fall Fest]

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[Image of Towson Pride]

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Theatre Boosters Halloween Party

Wednesday October 27th
6:30-8:30

Barley’s Backyard Uptown
408 York Rd Towson, MD 21204

Ticket Price: $15 per person

Ticket Includes: Spaghetti Dinner, Raffle Tickets,
Costume Contests, Games and more!
Family members and friends are welcome!

To purchase tickets, scan the QR Code or use the link below.
In the Notes section, please include “Halloween Party”
and the name of each person attending the event.
The deadline to purchase tickets is October 20.

To Donate Using a Credit or Debit Card

To Donate Using PayPal
https://paypal.me/THSTheaterBoosters

Raffle Prizes Include: Gift cards to THB, Apple, Xbox, Starbucks, Target, Dunkin Donuts &
AMC Movie Theatre; Magooby’s Joke House tickets; escape room gift certificate and
more!

Questions? Contact us at thstheaterboosters@gmail.com
The Towson High School Sports Boosters wants you!!

Check out this video from Boosters President, Bill MacKenzie: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VBgk4mXZVk

The Boosters support our athletic teams and the school. Their first meeting was Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm in the school’s cafeteria.

Representatives from the Sports Boosters are planning a Fall Beautification on Saturday, October 23rd. Please see page 5 of this newsletter for more information on the Beautification project.

You can purchase Spirit Wear at all home football games!
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Students in Mrs. Drake’s AP Biology Classes completed the Catalase Enzyme Lab in order to learn about properties of enzymes!
Students in Mrs. Schrader’s Living Systems Classes examined the impact of several different drugs on the heart rate of Daphnia!
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Students in Mrs. Karsos’s AP Environmental Classes construct models of the water cycle using chalk markers on their lab tables!
Students in Mr. Hanford’s Forensics classes analyzed and sketched simulated crime scenes in an attempt to "apprehend" the suspects.
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THE TOWSON PRIDE

Students in Mrs. Drake’s AP Biology Classes completed the Diffusion Lab in order to apply their knowledge of passive and facilitated transport!
Student’s in Mr. Geckle’s Anatomy Class completed a diagram of cell organelles using chalk markers! Check out their work!
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Science NHS Tutoring

Tuesday/Thursday
Room 123
All Science Subjects!
THS COVID Exclusion Tutoring

Tuesday-Thursday
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Meets Code: Towsontutoring

Schedule

Tuesday-Brotzman (English)/Raley (Organization)
Wednesday-Blair (Math)
Thursday-Social Studies/Science (Geliffus/Schrader)
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The Towson Pride Page

MDCGC Genetic Counseling Awareness Day Virtual Education Seminar 2021

You are invited to attend a FREE, VIRTUAL Genetic Counseling Awareness Day Education Seminar on Thursday November 4, 2021 from 5PM-7PM.

About this event

Have you heard of genetic counseling? Are you considering genetic counseling as a career path? Join us for this seminar to learn more about this fast moving career for Genetic Counselor Awareness Day from current genetic counselors who work in a clinical and/or research setting at Johns Hopkins and the Maryland & DC Society of Genetic Counselors! All are welcome to participate in educational sessions & activities for an overview of genetic counseling to get a sense of the career and to see if it might be a good fit for you. This seminar is intended for individuals new to genetic counseling and exploring career paths in genetics & healthcare including high school students, college students, and current professionals considering interested in the field of genetic counseling. If you are in the process of preparing to apply to genetic counseling schools, information on accredited programs and the match process are available online. A detailed schedule of sessions will be available closer to the event date.

The event will be held over Zoom. To receive the Zoom link, you must register through our Eventbrite page (link below). Registration will close on Monday November 1st at midnight. Those who register will receive a Zoom link through the email provided on the morning on Thursday November 4th. If you signed up and do not receive the link by 12PM on November 4th, please email jfrank@genedx.com for assistance.

Click this link to register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mdcgc-genetic-counseling-awareness-day-virtual-education-seminar-2021-tickets-170176026075
Students in Mr. Sonneborn’s Honors American Government classes have spent weeks learning about the values and principles of democracy. Ideals like separation of power, checks and balances, limited government, and individual rights and freedom are a few examples of the beliefs our framers incorporated into our type and system of government.

On a beautiful September day, students were to determine what would happen if any of these values were compromised. Students decorated a container with what they believe are 5 of the most important values, on the inside they explained what they believe to be the most important. They were then given a raw egg labeled democracy and placed their democracy inside their container (along with some shock absorbing material.) The containers were then dropped from three heights to see if their values would protect their democracy.

While many an egg cracked and was disposed of, quite a few eggs (democracies) remained intact as a result of the students hard work. Here’s hoping in the future, these government students will remember what protects our fragile democracy.
Ms. Wright has created a “senior/junior college newsletter” on Smore with lots of links and info for seniors and juniors.

Welcome to the 2021-22 School Year!

Seniors and Juniors,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! I hope it is off to a good start. For those of you who do not know me yet, I am Mrs. Wright, and I am the College and Career Counselor at Towson High School. I am here as an extra support for you during the college application process in addition to your alpha counselor. I will be sending out these newsletters every month with reminders for you and scholarship information.

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

Here is the link: https://www.smore.com/ym7sa
Magnet Programs
Elementary, Middle, and High School programs available

2022-2023 School Year Application Deadline: November 5, 2021

Students have access to Special Education and Section 504 support services in all schools with magnet programs.

Students who are entitled to transportation as a necessary and current related service under an IEP or Section 504 Plan are eligible for transportation to a magnet school and program.

Available online:
* Brochures
* Applications (beginning September 14)
* Program Descriptions
* Transportation Information
* School Website links
* Application and Admission FAQs

Multiple Languages available

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October, 2021

15  Schools Closed for Students
23  Beautification Day 9:30 am —12:30 pm
25-29 Spirit Week Begins - (Please see page 19 for more information)
  • Monday ............................. Maryland Monday
  • Tuesday ............................. Towson Tuesday
  • Wednesday .......................... Pink Wednesday for Breast Cancer Awareness,
  • Thursday ............................. Decade/Y2K Thursday
  • Friday ............................... Class Color Friday

26  PSAT Day

November, 2021

15-19 American Education Week (AEW)
18  AEW Parent Visitation Day
25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed