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THE TOWSON PRIDE

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 cdmine@bcps.org and cc dlauten@bcps.org. Help us recognize the outstanding efforts of our students and staff.

★ STARS to Mrs. Kemper, Ms. Lee and Mrs. Crockett for flexibility with Science labs.

★ STARS to Mrs. Tarantola for organization and support.

★ STARS to Mr. Schenning and Mr. McCullough for organizing and planning a field trip to the Maryland Zoo!

★ STARS to Blake Katz for his quick action and excellent response to a “friend in need.”

★ STARS to Julie Kromsky for successfully juggling field trips, guest speakers, and the Peep show for all the LPP students!

★ STARS TO the Music teachers: Mr. Rhen, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Olin and Ms. Ferrell and all of the music students for three (3) outstanding spring music concerts!!

★ STARS to Cristina Cooperman for her dedication and support to TAM and Teacher Appreciation Week.

★ STARS to Perry Sovich, GSA Co-Chair for her awesome and amazing efforts to promote inclusivity and ensure that our club is welcoming and supportive for all!

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★ STARS to Ms. Jacob and Ms. Wright for their efforts with planning the Junior Prom.

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STARS to Ms. McCusker and Mrs. Karsos for their hard work with the Environmental Club.

STARS to Mr. Jochmans for co-planning with the Earth Systems team.

STARS to Mrs. Crockett for her assistance with Chemistry and Anatomy.

STARS to the students of The Teacher Academy of Maryland, under the direction of Mrs. Nash, for their efforts with preparing for TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

STARS to the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION for their generous donation to support our students for the STAFF WELLNESS SPACE.

STARS to Zipporah Ogabo and Keturah Omo-Osagie for their outstanding work and dedication to the THS BSU!

STARS to Ms. Mackenzie and Ms. Carey for organizing the Spring Beautification

STARS to Miles Pollack, Manager of the JV Baseball team for purchasing donuts for every home game.

STARS to Justin Nash for going above and beyond to assist a THS parent and grandparent (with medical needs).

STARS to Ms. Battle, Ms. Keller, Ms. Lauten, Ms. Pachills, Ms. M. Smith, Ms. Williams, Ms. DiMino and Mr. Stevens for their additional efforts with the front office.

STARS to Franklin George for his academic accomplishment.

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Students in Ms. Taddeo's English 10 GT classes create masks inspired by ancient Greek theater as they prepare to read Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*. 
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Students in English 11 discuss the meaning behind the setting in the play, *Fences*. (1985)
Students in English 12 created a hypothetical documentary scene based on their knowledge of production design.

Assignment on Production Design

- Create a scene based on an experience. First, post a picture of that place on the next slide. Underneath the picture, describe what type of documentary could be filmed there.
- Describe important props that could be used, as well as costumes that might be worn by actors/actresses in this scene.
- This will be worth ten points.

This could be a nature documentary about the organisms that inhabit this area. Some props we could use are fake animals. We could use hunters and their hunting tools. We could have the actors dress in camouflage. We could use actual insects to fly in order to make the environment more realistic.

This picture is from Nogales Mexico, I did a missionary expedition there and I feel it'd be a perfect place to film a documentary. The type of documentary that could be filmed there could be a “good hat kind of life do you live”, getting to know people's opinions about what it's like living in the city, how safe it is, what you may experience. In Nogales there is a lot of danger happening, gangs and fights, etc. Props that could be used could be fences, security, gun/weapons, and trash all over the streets. Costumes that could be in use would be, cheap/used dirty clothes, kind of worn out outfits, maybe some cultural clothing to show what kind of traditions the citizens might be a part of.
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AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION

After a grueling morning with the SAT, students in Ms. Flynn’s 4B AP English Language and Composition class unwound with a key concepts competition to prepare for the upcoming College Board exam.
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Eng Honors 9 are reading Romeo and Juliet. This week students are writing sonnets based on the Prologue in Shakespeare’s tragic play.
Caption: Students in Mrs. Malafarina’s Advanced Creative Writing classes played a "genre game" to experiment with form and stretch their stylistic skills.
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**EARTH DAY at TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL**

Many Generals celebrated Earth Day and sustainable advocacy last week!

Ms. McCusker's Earth Systems classes participated in "Minute to Win It" challenges using recycled products from students and their families.

They then learned more about recycling in Baltimore County and the effect of microplastics on the environment through a series of trivia competitions.

Finally, students elected to either participate in a campus clean up or decorate Trader Joe's bags to be redistributed to the community for environmental awareness.
Over 50 members of the Environmental and Tributary Clubs partnered together after school on Earth Day to participate in a campus clean-up competition.

Students weighed their trash bags to see which team could collect the most trash from the athletic fields and near Towson Run stream.

The winner's bag weighed over 40 lbs.

Winners were THS juniors Lily Harrison, Jolie Villet, Jenna Paraska, Sophia Brown, Emelia Bowen, Gabe Foster, and Claire Shi. 😊
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**Beautification Day**

- Photograph of students and faculty participating in beautification activities.
- Photograph of a teacher with a bag for collection.

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Dear SECAC Members,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our meeting on Monday night. If you weren't able to join us the recording of the meeting is now accessible on the [SECAC website](#).

Our next meeting will take place via Google Meets [https://meet.google.com/fak-vzpq-dyl](https://meet.google.com/fak-vzpq-dyl) on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM. The topic for this meeting will be Transition.

If you would be interested in participating in a work group to continue to monitor and make recommendations related to identification, supports and services for 2E students please email bgossecac@gmail.com.

Additionally, please be on the lookout for the Maryland State Department of Education Parent Involvement Survey which should be arriving in the mail soon, your participation in this brief survey is greatly appreciated. The survey can also be accessed online at [www.mdparentsurvey.com](http://www.mdparentsurvey.com).

We look forward to continuing to work with all of you this year.

Best,

The SECAC Executive Board
bgossecac@gmail.com
Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated during the first week of May. Our students, families, and community value the significant efforts of our teaching staff. Each year, our students submit notes of appreciation for our teachers. This year, we thank our student leaders of the Teacher Academy for taking initiative with recognizing teachers.

Parents, if you would like to provide some commendations for a teacher, please access this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3cPDSRs_g0GODL0NSDpa_bwJ_uomDvhFkTyuzGjgfLtvUn0FLQTFIWEFWNUsxUjZKTU9aMU81VDM3Ny4u4

We will provide the teacher with a note of appreciation. The notes serve to uplift our teachers and remind them of their positive and long-term impact.
On Saturday, April 23, THS One Love participated in the Walk-A-Mile in their shoes fundraiser at GBMC. All money raised allows the GBMC SAFE & Domestic Violence Program to provide much needed services FREE of charge. The walk supports a Get-Away bag for a victim fleeing domestic violence, a Bravery Bag for a child who is having an examination, or the cost of an adolescent survivor to attend our in-house Therapeutic Art Support Group.

- GBMC Safe had raised more than 90% of the $100,000 goal at this point

WAM supporters walked and logged over 4,716.33 miles
A DONATION OF $25
WOULD COVER THE COST OF A
BRAVERY BAG FOR A CHILD WHO IS
RECEIVING A SAFE EXAMINATION.

Bravery Bags include a stuffed animal,
inspirational book, stress ball, Barbie or matchbox
car, snacks, and a brand-new pair of pajamas.
The Bravery Bag helps the child have courage
and strength through this difficult time and
to know they are not alone.

SCAN TO DONATE

7th Annual Walk a Mile
in Their Shoes

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On Tuesday April 19, One Love participated in a Varsity Boys Lacrosse Dedication Game. Towson played in honor of Yeardly Love. The One Love Foundation was founded in 2010 after the tragic passing of NDP alumnus, Yeardly Love, and works to educate individuals on the signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Thank you for your support!

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Pictured are: Augie Knuppel, Thomas Oven, and Leo Stein. Not in that particular order, because they are in different positions throughout the photos...
On April 25, TAM students visited the National Museum of African-American History. What a powerful day of learning & reflection!

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The CTE department would like to send a thank you out to our grade 11 English team for their assistance with preparing our juniors for our junior interview day. The day was a rousing success for all of the juniors who participated. Special thanks go out to our community partners who came to provide our students with authentic interviewing experiences. Andy Scherer from Whiting Turner, Dr. Pamela Lin, family practitioner, Lauren Coleman from the Baltimore County Office of Workforce and Economic Development, and Scott Schellenberger, State’s Attorney were just a few of the many professionals who help to provide tips and meaningful feedback about interviewing and resumes for our juniors.
Our award winning robotics team is excited to get back to the arena next year and are looking for sponsorship.

If you, or your company would like to consider partnering with our team, drop us a line in the CTE Department with Mr. Palumbi (jpalumbi@bcps.org), or Mr. Brotman (jbrotman@bcps.org; 443-809-3638). Together we can partner to inspire the minds and imaginations of our future engineers and programmers.

Towson’s internship program is on the move again and we are always looking to partner with professionals to bring some of our seniors professional experiences in fields like medicine, science, research, law, and media.

If you or someone you know might be interested in mentoring one of our interns for the coming year, please reach out to our internship coordinator, Mr. Brotman (jbrotman@bcps.org; 443-809-3638) for more information. It is a rewarding experience for everyone involved.
EARTH SYSTEMS

Ms. Lee’s class dressed up for their renewable energy presentations!
Zoology

Students in Ms. Drake’s Living Systems class are excited to use dichotomous keys to classify preserved animals (displayed in jars throughout the classroom).
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AP Chemistry

Students in Mr. Biddision's AP Chemistry class reviewed for the AP Exam with peer developed presentations/activities to test their knowledge of Chemistry topics!
IPC Class

Students in Mrs. Kemper’s IPC class completed the specific heat of a metal lab in class by using the calorimeters to calculate the specific heat of a substance. Students worked in lab groups to gather data! Check out their work.
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AP Biology

AP bio students perform DNA electrophoresis analyzing DNA samples from chestnut tree cankers to check for the presence of the mycovirus Cryphonectria parasitica (the causal factor in chestnut tree blight).
Earth Systems

Students in Mr. Jochmans’ Earth Systems classes learned about the effects of different ways to mitigate climate change by roleplaying as various characters and seeing the flow and impact of money on this process.

Check out their progress!!
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Zoology

Students in Mr. McCullough’s Zoology class applied their knowledge of squid anatomy and physiology by conducting a squid lab dissection. Students were able to identify key features of cephalopods during the dissection.
Living Systems

Students in Ms. Schrader’s Living Systems classes celebrated Earth Day by “speed dating” through constructed images of the Earth in 2050. Students explained their ideas using pictures. Check out their work here!
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Science NHS Tutoring

Tuesday/Thursday

Room 123

*All Science Subjects!*
Towson High Athletics Open House

All Incoming Freshman Generals Are Welcome

Please join us on June 8th for a Towson High Athletics Open House. Meet our coaches; meet our players; and meet our staff. Learn more about high school athletics at Towson High. Contact Athletic Director Justin Nash with any questions @ jnash3@bcps.org.

- Meet the Coaching Staff
- Meet the Athletic Director
- Tryout Information
- Registration Information
- Purchase Spirit Wear
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Learn about the Sports Booster Club
- Booster Club Membership Sign-up’s
- Purchase a Sports Pass
- Meet our student-athlete representatives

What: Athletics Open House
When: June 8, 2022
6:30-7:30 PM
Where: Towson High Gymnasium
69 Cedar Avenue
Towson 21286
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Towson High School staff and students look forward to participating in upcoming events

**Junior Prom**
Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Senior Prom**
Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. @ the Baltimore Aquarium

**Sophomore Ring Ceremony & Dance**
Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Ceremony
7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. - Cafeteria

We anticipate that all students will demonstrate responsibility by making healthy decisions during prom season. We expect that all students will model leadership and make wise choices when attending a prom hosted by Towson High School or any other school.

Our students, staff, and families devote many hours to prepare for these memorable celebrations. We encourage attendees to display an attitude of gratitude.

We recognize the significance of preparing for and participating in life’s special occasions. We look forward to celebrating in a dignified and respectable manner.
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Class of 2024 Families

Save the Date for Ring Ceremony!

Ring ceremony is a long-standing tradition at Towson High. All sophomore THS students, regardless of whether they purchased a class ring, are encouraged to attend. A series of speakers will share their commitment to school and community, and students will join in a ceremonial "turning of the rings." Please consider joining us to celebrate these students at Towson! All family members are welcome to attend. Details to "save your seat" are to come!

Date: Friday, June 3rd

Time: 6:30-7:15 pm
please arrive by 6:15 so that we may begin promptly

Where: Towson High Auditorium
please enter through the Aigburth entrance

Following the ceremony, there will be a ring dance from 7:15 pm—9:15 for all sophomore students in the cafeteria.

Tickets ($12) will be on sale for the dance from Monday, May 9 through Friday, May 20.
Class of 2024
Gong Cha Fundraiser

Join us for some nice cold bubble tea after school on Friday, **May 13, 2022** at Gong Cha!

We are excited to support our local businesses.

Portions of the profit will be donated to Towson High's Class of 2024. Go Generals!

**GONG CHA**

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Towson, MD  21204
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Decision Day will be celebrated on May 2nd!

We want to celebrate YOU and whatever you've decided to do after graduation! Wear your college/military/trade/job gear and stop by the senior cafe during your lunch period - there will be an area for photos, a chance to sign the senior banner, and an opportunity to write a star with your next step for our bulletin board.
Senior Dates to Remember

*past due* Senior Portraits...Caps and Gowns

Coming soon....Order Senior Banner

Prom - Saturday, May 14 at the National Aquarium... Doors Open at 7:30 pm to tour the exhibits... Opportunities to take photos will begin at 7:00 pm... Dance begins at 8:00 pm and ends at 11:00 pm... Exhibits close at 9:00 pm

**important***Baltimore City and the Aquarium require that all attendees and chaperones have proof of vaccination for admission or a negative lab test dated less than 2 days prior to the event

Senior EXAMS begin May 13-May 19 (make-up May 20)

SENIOR AWARDS- Scholarship ceremony May 19th; School Awards May 20

Senior Picnic—May 31

Graduation June 2 7PM SECU Center at Towson University

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Towson High School Graduation

Thursday
June 2, 2022
7:00 pm
SECU Arena

Class of 2022
Order your Cap and Gown TODAY!

Price has increased to $45 February 1st

It’s time to order your cap and gown for graduation. Click on this link to access the order platform for Josten’s.

Link: https://www.jostens.com/apps/catalog/gradProducts.mvc?customerName=Towson+High+School&customerId=1066479

You only need the Cap, Gown, and Tassel bundle for $8.05. They will be delivered to the school and distributed at graduation practice in late April/early May.
Please see Ms. Greenberg in room 113 if you have any questions.
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**Graduation Information**

**For Seniors**

- Graduation is June 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM.
- Each graduate will receive 6 tickets.
- **Every individual guest entering the arena will need a ticket. This includes personal care attendants, infants, and children of all ages.**
- Doors will open for guests 1½ hours prior to the scheduled start of the graduation ceremony.
- For guest and graduate safety, SECU will be wanding with handheld metal detectors and conducting bag checks at the concourse entryways. Bags larger than 22” x 12” x 8” are not permitted.
- **Guest parking:** Please see the linked map for event parking. Guests park in Lots 4, 5, and 6 with accessible parking in Lot 8:
  

  Mandatory graduation rehearsal is on May 31st – please mark your calendars accordingly. **If you do not attend, you cannot walk in the graduation ceremony on June 2nd.**
UPCOMING EVENTS

May, 2022

2-13 AP Testing Window
3 Professional Day - *No School for Students*
13-18 Senior Exams
15 Senior Prom - 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm, Baltimore Aquarium
19 Senior Award Day Ceremony - 8:30 am
19 Senior Awards Night Ceremony - 6:30 pm
20 Last Day for Seniors. **All Schools and offices close three (3) hours early.**
23 Sports Awards Night - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Auditorium
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30 Memorial Day Holiday - **Schools and Offices CLOSED**
31 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal & Senior Picnic

June, 2022

2 Graduation, 7:00 pm, SECU Arena, Tickets Required
3 Sophomore Ring Dance - 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
15 **All Schools close three (3) hours early for students**
16 Last Day of Classes - **All Schools close three (3) hours early for students**
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