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STARS to Lia Layfield, Rose Deguet Delury, and Tori Kerr for their collaboration and efforts with describing the lesson’s focus and expectations of an assignment for Mr. Bannon’s International Law Class.

STARS to Ms. Culbertson, MASSP Assistant Principal of the Year! Please see pictures and additional information on page 3.

STARS to Ms. Ferrell, Mr. Olin, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Rhen for their showcase of student talent.

STARS to Owen Good for his contributions during Ms. Hne’s class.

STARS to Pauline Wolford on her promotion to Cafeteria Manager at Towson High School.

STARS to Brian Nozeika, our previous Cafeteria Manager, on his promotion.

STARS to Ms. Richmond for her thoughtfulness.

STARS to Yiyun Li for being selected to play first clarinet in 2021 All-Honors Concert Band.
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On Monday, December 13, 2021, Ms. Addie Kaufman, Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals, visited Towson High School to present Ms. Culbertson with a plaque. Ms. Culbertson has earned the honor of Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Secondary Schools (MASSP).

Ms. Culbertson is an extremely dedicated, conscientious leader. We appreciate her work ethic, attention to detail, and supportive nature of all students. She dedicates countless hours beyond the daily schedule to make a positive difference for others. Her commitment to students, families, and staff is noteworthy. She represents a team player, a leader dedicated to growing students and adults. Her intent and efforts are truly aimed at growing and developing others while making significant contributions to our school. Ms. Culbertson is completing her doctorate degree, and she aspires to become a principal one day. Our administration is so incredibly proud of Ms. Culbertson. We love working with her every day!

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Congratulations!
Dear Parents,

As we prepare for this winter holiday season, it is our sincere wish that each and every family will take the time to celebrate each other and enjoy this special time together. Education truly represents a gift in that every adult and child possesses unique skills and talents. Thank you for sharing your most precious gift with us each day.

We have so much to be grateful for - sharing your gratitude is a powerful tool. Words of thankfulness lift you and others up and prepare the way for more success and prosperity to enter your life. Remember to speak words of gratitude to everyone you meet. Your words could change someone’s day or a person’s life!

On behalf of the staff and faculty of Towson High School, I wish you all a very Happy Holiday season!!

Mrs. DiMino

Principal
From the THS Internship Program

Gain practical experience and insights into a career field of interest with Towson High School’s Internship program. If you are an academically minded, self-advocating senior who has some time in your schedule for an internship (5-10 hours per week) during your senior year, please stop by to see Mr. Brotman in room 201 or scan the QR code to request access to the internship group for more details.
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**PSAT Scores**

PSAT Scores are now available on the College Board website. To access your scores, log on to your College Board account. Click here for the College Board website [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Students in grades 10 and 11, please click the link for information about your score report: [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-nmsqt-understanding-scores.pdf](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-nmsqt-understanding-scores.pdf)

Students in grade 9, please click here for information about your score report: [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/understanding-psat-8-9-results-parent-tutorial.pdf](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/understanding-psat-8-9-results-parent-tutorial.pdf)

What are the next steps? Students can access SAT prep on the Kahn Academy website. Please click here for more information: [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/steps-linking-college-board-khan-academy-accounts.pdf](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/steps-linking-college-board-khan-academy-accounts.pdf)
Course Registration

2022-2023

On January 3rd through January 5th in Advisory, students in grades 9-11 will register for courses for the 2022-2023 school year at Towson High School. In preparation for registration, students will be participating in academic planning lessons in Advisory from December 17 to December 22. Also, we have curated academic planning materials on our website to assist you and your student in developing an appropriately challenging and rigorous schedule for the 2022-2023 school year.

The academic planning materials include:

- Grade-level presentations and 4-year plan templates to learn about courses and graduation requirements that are specific to your students’ grade level next year.
- Department-based presentations, handouts, and videos to acquaint you with 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 any academic planning questions that you have.

All academic planning materials can be accessed using this link, [https://towsonhs.bcps.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=244436&pageId=66716261](https://towsonhs.bcps.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=244436&pageId=66716261), or you can go to our website, [https://towsonhs.bcps.org](https://towsonhs.bcps.org), and select ‘Academic Planning Materials for the 2022-2023 School Year’ under ‘Announcements’ on the homepage.

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.
How Towson High School Students Make A Difference

Recently, six (6) THS students volunteered their time in Pikeville, KY distributing toys, clothes and food to needy adults and children.

Shawn Keely.................................................................11th Grade
Isaiah Laich.................................................................9th Grade
Audra Ballenger.........................................................11th Grade
Jordan Guttman .........................................................10th Grade
Philip Nichols ............................................................10th Grade
Henry Rodriguez.......................................................9th Grade
Attendance Matters! #EveryDayCounts #BCPSRollCall

Research has shown that attendance is a leading predictor of academic achievement and adult success. Students who find attending school important are more likely to attain goals like attending trade school, college, or getting a job. By showing up to school every day, students develop a positive work ethic and prepare for future success by developing healthy and productive habits.

Our goal is for students to attend school at least 94% of the time. By missing just 2 days a month, students will end up missing 10% of the school year. Below are some tips and reminders to help your student attend school regularly. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in ensuring that all of our Towson Generals become life-long learners and productive global citizens.

Student attendance records are available to review in real-time on FOCUS. Follow the directions on our website to access your student’s information in the FOCUS Parent Portal. Go to https://towsonhs.bcps.org, hover over “Parent Resources,” and select “Parent/Guardian FOCUS Account Access.” If you notice a discrepancy in your student’s attendance record, please contact the Main Office.

The school day begins at 7:35 AM. If a student arrives late to school during 1st period, they are to report directly to first period, and their 1st period teacher will record their attendance as tardy but present for the day. If a student arrives to school after 1st period (after 9:00 AM), they are to report directly to the Main Office. If the lateness is excused, the student should bring an excuse note from their parent/guardian.

After an excused absence, students should bring an excuse note from their parent/guardian so the absence can be marked as excused. Excuse notes should be dropped off in the bin outside of the Main Office. If your student is absent for multiple days, please contact your student’s School Counselor and inform them of the absence. School Counselors will notify teachers and can collect missing work for your student.

Attendance is reported on students’ high school transcripts. Colleges and future employers that receive students’ transcript will be able to see the number of absences that were accrued each school year.

Students who are under 16 and are applying for their Learner’s Permit must complete the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration Verification of School Attendance form. The form asks school officials to sign and seal that the student has not had more than 10 unexcused absences during the prior school semester.

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**Baltimore County Public Schools**

**Teacher Academy of Maryland**

Eastern Technical HS, Franklin HS, Loch Raven HS, Owings Mills HS, Parkville HS, Perry Hall HS, Towson HS, Woodlawn HS  (*Sites are subject to change; please consult school for more information*)

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Nationally, over two million teachers will be needed in the next decade. Teacher Academy of MD (TAM) supports the goal of inspiring students to become teachers, creating a pipeline of employment into careers in education. BCPS is committed to reaching a diverse candidate pool in order to foster environments in which students and staff feel connected, engaged, and supported.

TAM is a state-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) completer program, designed to prepare high school students for future careers in the education profession.

Coursework in the TAM program is designed to articulate to a Maryland post-secondary teacher education program. Students develop an InTASC portfolio and participate in a field experience.

**TAM prepares student for the following fields and careers:**

- Child welfare social worker
- Childcare services
- Children's book author
- Coach
- College instructor
- Community organization leader
- Counselor
- Education administrator
- Industry facilitator/trainer
- Librarian/media specialist
- Preschool/elementary/secondary teacher
- Recreation leader
- Researcher
- Sociologist

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**TAM Teaching as a Profession (6609104)**

This course focuses on the profession of teaching – its history, purposes, issues, ethics, laws and regulations, roles, and qualifications. Emphasis is placed on identifying the current, historical, philosophical and social perspectives of American education, including trends and issues. Students will explore major approaches to human learning. Students will participate in activities to help them assess their personal interest in pursuing careers in this field and to identify effective learning environments. Students will begin to develop the components of a working portfolio to be assembled upon completion of the internship.

**TAM Child and Adolescent Development (6609004)**

This course focuses on human development from birth through adolescence. Emphasis is placed on theories of physical, cognitive, and psychosocial development, the effect of heredity and the environment, the role of caregivers and the family, health and safety concerns, and contemporary issues. Students explore special challenges to growth and development. Students will have opportunities for guided observation of children from birth through adolescence in a variety of settings to help students further understand theories of human development. Students will continue to develop the components of a working portfolio to be assembled upon completion of the internship.

(see back for more information)
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

TAM Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction (6609204)
This course explores curriculum delivery models in response to the developmental needs of all children. Emphasis is placed on the development of varied instructional materials and activities to promote learning, classroom management strategies, and a supportive classroom environment. Students will explore basic theories of motivation that increase learning. Students will participate in guided observations and field experiences to critique classroom lessons in preparation for developing and implementing their own. Students will continue to develop the components of a working portfolio.

TAM Education Academy Internship (6609305—1 credit, 6609705—2 credits)
The internship is the culminating course of the Education Academy Program. Students will have an opportunity to integrate content and pedagogical knowledge in an educational area of interest. They will have an opportunity to extend and apply their knowledge about teaching in a classroom setting under the supervision of a mentor teacher. The students will complete their working portfolio and present it for critique.

Value-Added Outcomes
Upon completing the four-course sequence and passing the Praxis Core or ParaPro test, high school graduates are ready for entry-level employment in an educational support position.

TAM students are eligible to join Educators Rising, a national membership organization for aspiring educators. Educators Rising connects students with peers and experts around the country who are focusing on issues and challenges facing education.

TAM is a CTE instructional program that aligns with the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) and the Maryland Essential Dimensions of Teaching (EdToS).

This program is based on the outcomes of the Maryland Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) degree, which aligns with the National Council for the Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) standards.

Post-Secondary Options
TAM has statewide articulation agreements and scholarships for students available. Consult each institution for specific details.

Current participating higher-education partners include the following:

- Bowie State University
- Community College of Baltimore County
- Coppin State University
- Frostburg State University
- Hood College
- Morgan State University
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Salisbury University
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COVID-19 INFORMATION & UPDATES

Please review the reminders below so we can all do our best to keep the Towson High community safe and healthy!

**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.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.
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**DBQcember Promotes Critical Thinking and Writing at Towson High**

The BCPS Department of Social Studies has invested in a critical thinking and writing tool, the DBQ Project, Document Based Questions. Towson High Social Studies teacher have been pioneering this strategy for a few years now and it is beginning to pay dividends. Mr. Dan Collins has started DBQcember, a new tradition for our Generals to practice their thinking and writing skills.

The DBQ Project was founded in 2000 to support teachers and students in learning to read smart, think straight, and write more clearly. As teachers, we believe all students can develop high-level critical thinking skills if they have consistent instruction and a chance to practice. We also believe that when teachers provide students with materials that blend educational best practices and content-specific questions, we promote and support transformational change in our schools.

Recently, Mr. Sonneborn’s AP Human Geography classes studied one aspect of culture – religion, specifically how religion can fuel conflict. Our focus was the Syrian Civil War, and the following opening paragraph was submitted by Zaid Kassas. It is the type of writing many teachers hope to see.

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[Image of students participating in a rally]
DBQ: The Syrian Civil War

My dad who grew up in Damascus Syria, loved his childhood there. It was full of peace and joy. He could never have predicted 20 years ago that it would enter a gruesome civil war full of corruption. At first, he and his family refused to call it a civil war because they believed it was just all the country against the oppressive government. The government soldiers didn’t want to kill the innocent protesters and some even ran away (desertion). But with the rise of sectarianism, ISIS, and foreign countries’ interference, it just went out of control. He even was classmates with Bashar al-Assad, remembering him asking for answers on a test, but couldn’t see him turning into what he is now. Like what Abraham Lincoln once said in the American civil war, "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”

The war has been going on for ten (10) years, as it all started in 2011 with a peaceful protest in the town of Daraa over their children being tortured by the government because of their rebellion graffiti. This led to the government oppressing the people more, causing war between the Assad regime and the rebels. The war spiraled out of control with extremist groups such as ISIS getting involved along with foreign countries like the US, Turkey, Russia, and Iran.

This war has caused many deaths which makes us ask the question, “what is fueling the violence in Syria?” There are three key things fueling the violence in Syria, foreign countries’ interference, religious/sectarian conflict, and the fighting between the Syrian people and the Assad regime.
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Students in Mr. Schenning’s and Mr. McCullough’s Aquatic Science and Zoology classes explored the National Aquarium in Baltimore to see the diverse amount of life found in the aquatic environments of the world.
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Students in Mrs. Schrader’s class extracted DNA from strawberries! They used their knowledge of solubility to spool out as much DNA as possible!
Mr. Hanford's Forensic Science students completed the Fiber lab where they were able to use characteristics of fibers to match to unknown samples!
Students in Mr. Geckle’s Anatomy class learned how to suture a wound as part of their study of the integumentary system. Check out their work here!
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The 9th Annual AP Bio Yeast Book Festival!!
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 (Geilfuss/Schrader)
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SNHS GIVING SEASON FUNDRAISER

Donate today using the QR code below to support children with cancer!
Science NHS Tutoring

Tuesday/Thursday

Room 123

All Science Subjects!
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SENIOR PORTRAITS
Last Call for SENIOR PORTRAITS! The dates are December 12, 13, and 14 at Towson High School from 8:15 a.m.—2:30 p.m. This is for seniors that have not had the opportunity to have their portraits taken yet. You can make an appointment at prestigeportraits.com using City, State (Baltimore, MD).

CAP AND GOWN ORDERS
Order your Cap and Gown now for only $8.05! Beat the price increase of February 1st. See page 21 for more information.

COLLEGE INFORMATION
As you begin to hear from colleges, please update Naviance with your college decisions. You can enter this information on the 'colleges I am applying to' page of Naviance. Also, please bring your acceptance letter to Ms. Pachilis in the School Counseling Office.

If you have an early January college application deadline, please make sure that you have requested your transcript and letters of recommendation by December 10. All early January documents that are requested by December 10 will be sent prior to the winter break.

COLLEGE AND FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER
Please check out the link for the December College and Financial Aid Newsletter: https://www.smore.com/xwgip. (Info also on page 19.)

Contact your counselor with any questions.
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!

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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 increases to $45 after 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. Make sure to order yours before February 1st and avoid the price increase!

Please see Ms. Greenberg in room 113 if you have any questions.
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**Special Education**

*Learning knows no bounds.*

**Easy-to-understand guidance for parents of children with autism**

Our engaging, tabbed guide provides parents with the information they need to understand their child’s situation, effectively support their child with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and support themselves and other family members.

**Your Guide To Your Child And Autism Spectrum Disorder** (CBC0164)

This guide provides essential information to support parents of a child diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Also offers advice on improving communication, medication, alternative treatments, and living with ASD. Easy-to-navigate sections:

- detail the signs of autism spectrum disorder
- outline the diagnostic process
- discuss possible causes
- describe treatment planning.

Features water- and tear-resistant pages plus colored subject tabs that let readers quickly access the content they need. 32 pages, 3 3/4" x 5 1/2"

***If interested, please contact Iris Piekarz for ordering information at ipiekarz@bcps.org.

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Please use this website to access the *Hand In Hand* newsletter: https://www.smore.com/stgm5.

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**SERC PARENT WEBINARS**

*free trainings to support you and your child!*

Fall 2021

For the SERC Parent Webinars, please visit this link: https://files.constantcontact.com/obb37973601/2d383e36-825b-43ed-a14a-69cbe2bb8c30.pdf
SECAC Meeting Schedule for the 2021-2022 School Year

Our areas of focus continue to be education and advocacy. Our voices will continue to be used in a positive, organized effort to help parents and professionals convey information and experiences to leadership, to support the Department of Special Education in their goals, and to advise the Board of Education and top-level decision makers in Baltimore County Public Schools.

We hope you will consider joining us for any or all the scheduled SECAC meetings below. Registration is not required. All meetings are open to the public.

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Meetings are from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Initially meetings will be held virtually via Google Meets using the join code: [https://meet.google.com/fak-czdt-dyf](https://meet.google.com/fak-czdt-dyf). We hope to transition to in-person offerings. If you need to call in or have difficulty joining email egalvez@bcps.org.

If Baltimore County Public Schools are closed, or close early for any reason the SECAC meeting will be cancelled.

To join the SECAC email contact list for updates on meetings and events please complete our online form: [http://bit.ly/sercnewssignup](http://bit.ly/sercnewssignup)
UPCOMING EVENTS

December, 2021

18  LPP Magnet Assessment
21  Choral Concert 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Auditorium
23-31 Winter Break begins. Schools and Offices close three (3) hours early.

January, 2022

3   Schools Reopen
17  Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Schools and Offices CLOSED
21  Second Marking Period Ends—Schools Close 3 Hours Early for All Students