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STARS to Mr. Michael Cover of PenFed Realty for donating pizzas for the staff recently.

STARS to the Mock Trial and MUN teams for showcasing their talents at the magnet showcase night on 10/11.

STARS to Prashant Bhattarai, Eugene Collins, Hable Fitsum, and Hannah Stoitchkov for sharing their internship experiences at the magnet showcase.

STARS to all the LPP volunteers who helped in making the magnet showcase night a success.

STARS to Ms. Anias, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Hobbs, Ms. Monacelli, and Mr. Tormey for their collaboration with planning and implementing the PSAT last.

STARS to Mr. Blair, Mr. Eastham, Ms. Hancock, and Ms. Wells for their support of the senior class on testing day.

STARS to Amayah Donaldson for competing in the Educators Rising Competition at Towson University — Educators Rising Moment, by delivering a speech about why she wants to pursue a career in education.

STARS to Ms. Hancock for enthusiastically promoting The Masked Singer.

STARS to Mr. Rhen and the members of the Jazz Band for their outstanding performance at the Centralized Leadership Meeting for Baltimore County Public Schools.

STARS to the PTSA for their ongoing efforts and contributions to the school.

STARS to Mr. Eastham for his leadership and efforts with the Senior Panoramic.

STARS to Ms. Kromsky, students, instructional leaders and parents of the LPP Program for sharing the benefits of the program with interested individuals.

STARS to Ms. Nash for organizing a visitation to the TAM program.

STARS to Mr. Blair for leading an alumni tour for the class of 1972.

STARS to Jake Dickensheets for earning 5th place in the Novice Tourney for golf.

STARS to Asher Grotsky and Declan Ready for placing in the Baltimore County Golf Championships.

STARS to Jada Segall for earning 4th place in the Baltimore County Golf Championships.

STARS to the Cross Country Team’s efforts resulting in First, Second, and Fifth Place Recognitions at The Gtownpowder Invitational.

STARS to the Golf Team for a successful Fall season. The Boys finished 2nd overall - placing 2nd in the County and 2nd at Districts. Asher Grotsky qualified for the State Tournament. Asher also finished 9th in Counties. Declan Ready finished in 10th place. The Girls finished in 2nd place for the regular season. Jada Segall placed 4th in the County championships.

Thank you to all of the parents, staff, administrators, and students who supported the golfers during the season. Special thanks also to the Sports Boosters for supporting our golf program at THS. Interested in playing golf? We will have our organizational meeting for next Fall sometime in the Spring.
Language Arts Department

With the 22-23 school year in full swing, Towson’s Language Arts Department has been actively working to ensure the success of our students on a variety of fronts.

On Wednesday October, 12, Towson High School administered the PSAT/NMSQT test. The Language Arts Department was an integral part of preparing our students for, and administering the test. The 2 hour and 45 minute test provided our underclassmen the opportunity to experience, in part, the formatting and types of sections and questions they will encounter on the SAT. Additionally, those students who do well may be eligible for National Merit Scholarship.

Our Language Arts department is committed to ensuring that our Generals are well prepared for all aspects of the Verbal section of the SAT by reviewing and reinforcing English Language arts skills like, supporting claims with reason and evidence and grammar rules and writing that permeate their instructional programs. Taking the PSAT affords students the opportunity to gain confidence and build their test taking skills in preparation for the many standardized tests they will encounter as they move forward with their academics.

In our quest to help students master their understanding of grammar, and assist them with skill-based competencies like writing and editing, Ms. Flynn, with the support of her National English Honor Society (NEHS), is helping improve and refine our students’ understanding of grammar with the Grammar workshop, the first of which was held on October 17th. Please reach out to Ms. Flynn (in TR 5) and NEHS to find out more about how the grammar workshops can work for you!

Our sponsors for our yearbook, Sidelights, and our award-winning literary arts magazine, Colophon, Ms. Fluharty and Mr. Szymanowski respectively, are busy with this year’s publications. Ms. Fluharty is working diligently with her staff to design an inclusive yearbook that
documents all the happenings at THS. Do not hesitate to plan ahead by purchasing your copy of *Sidelights* at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com).

Mr. Szymanowski is working with the *Colophon* staff to showcase the creative talents of our writers and artists. The magazine is currently accepting student submissions for both the literary and visual arts. The magazine welcomes submissions from any of Towson’s creative set. One needn’t be enrolled in one of our creative electives to submit their work - it is opened to anyone. Submissions can be made at [https://forms.office.com/r/bXJhniGVgL](https://forms.office.com/r/bXJhniGVgL)

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**Academics**

**English 10 GT—Mr. Marx**

Mr. Marx’s English 10 GT spent time investigating connections between complex topics in the texts they’ve been reading by collaborating on a Hexagonal Thinking Map activity. A few examples can be seen below:

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**English 12—Mr. Greenebaum**

Mr. Greenebaum's 12th grade class has completed college essays and are now reading articles and essays and viewing companion TedTalks in an effort to synthesize ideas about what makes for "success" in life.
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**AP Literature—Ms. Fluharty**

Ms. Fluharty’s AP Literature students spent time analyzing figurative language in Coleridge's Rime of the Ancient Mariner by making a visual essay.

“He holds him with his glittering eye-/The wedding -Guest stood still/And listens like a three years child:/The Mariner hath his will.”

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**AP-12 Class—Mr. Alford**

Mr. Alford's AP 12 class just finished exploring thematic development in short fiction by illustrating a short story.
AP English Language and Composition—Ms. Flynn
Students in Ms. Flynn’s AP English Language and Composition classes developed individual and collaborative argument infrastructures in response to this prompt:
“Physicians, psychologists, educators, parents, guardians, and caregivers are advocating increasingly for providing children greater decision-making power regarding their appearance. Should elementary-aged children be permitted to select their clothing independently?
Develop an argument infrastructure in which you reveal your position on young children’s autonomy in dressing themselves.”

English 11 Honors Class—Ms. Flynn
As part of their American Dream unit, students in Flynn’s English 11 Honors classes created Blackout Poetry using Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech as the source text.

Film: Appreciation & Criticism Class—Ms. Flynn
In studying foundational film shots (and in homage to the Halloween season!), students in Flynn’s Film: Appreciation & Criticism class compared classic King Kong (1933) to modern King Kong (2015).
Greetings from the land of Career Technology Education.

In the latest news, our Engineering teachers are busy working on a variety of activities that focus on the Engineering and Design Loop (EDL).

Mr. Palumbi and Ms. McCusker are well into the process assisting students as they design and create their cranes using some of the basic principles of geometry and construction. Pythagorean theorem has played a big part in creating structures that will be able to endure the infamous “weight test”. Once their crane structures are completed, students will subject them to several rounds of testing that will add weight to determine their ultimate strength. The more weight, the better the grade. In the words of Giles Corey, “More Weight!”
**Internships**

Applications for our internship program (for rising seniors) are available on Schoology. Students should swing by room 201 to scan the internship QR code on the door or make an appointment to speak directly with Mr. Brotman. The application, program requirements, and expectations are outlined in the Schoology group, but feel free to email Mr. Brotman with questions at jbrotman@bcps.org.

**Partnerships**

Our internship department is always looking to partner with organizations, firms, and businesses, who might be interested in hosting a Towson High student as an intern. Should you, or someone you know be interested in providing an authentic experience in a professional field of interest like law, medicine, or business, to name a few, please reach out to Mr. Brotman at jbrotman@bcps.org.

**Interview Day**

Our interview day is scheduled for April of 2023. Seemingly a long time from now, however in preparation, we are making an early call for anyone in our community who may be interested in being a part of this rewarding experience. All juniors will be interviewed that day, and we want to ensure that we provide them with an authentic interviewing experience. If you would like to volunteer as one of our interviewers, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Brotman at jbrotman@bcps.org.

**Looking for a Job? Interested in posting a position you need filled?**

For students interested in looking for a job, or curious about how to go about doing so, swing by room 201 to make an appointment to discuss the finer points of finding a part time job. Mr. Brotman can help with resumes, what to expect, and how to find a job. Additionally, we have a jobs board available on Schoology for anyone who is ready to work. Join the Schoology group by scanning the QR code on the door of 201. Additionally, Mr. Brotman is open to posting for legitimate part-time positions in the community. If you are a local business in need of a part-time employee, please contact Mr. Brotman at jbrotman@bcps.org. (ALL positions will need to be vetted prior to posting)
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**Coil Building Competition**

Who can build the tallest and most well designed coil tower?

Artists in Design in Clay put their new coil building skills to the test in the 2nd Annual Coil Building Competition! Students worked in small groups to design and construct a coil sculpture... in 25 minutes!

The tallest tower measure at 24.1 cm! Faculty and other art students voted to decide on which team win the Aesthetics prize.

**Tallest Tower Winners**

A Day: Michelle Perry Antwone Sophia R

B Day: Amelia Colin Jason Cindy Zach

**Aesthetics Winner**

1st- Audrey, Mia, Abby, Shane  
2nd- Avary, Erin, Maegan, Lily, Cole  
3rd- Weiya, Eva, Trel, Ana  
Honorable Mention- Lori, Kaden, Mimi, Logan, Benjamin

**Congratulations Artists!**
Post PSAT Brain Break

How do you refocus after a challenging task, day, or experience?

In art, we used our time after the PSAT to unwind and refocus through music and mark making. After taking deep breaths, students closed their eyes and listened to the soundscapes of local musician Dan Deacon. Artists moved their markers to the beat, making this auditory experience visual. Some students focused on unifying their designs with color and pattern and others found imagery in the shapes created from drawing to the sound of music.

Whenever you are feeling overwhelmed or tired, try this strategy to re-center and refocus your mind.
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FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Photograms in Photo
A photogram is a photographic image made without a camera. This project introduces students to dark room processes and procedures while exploring composition, opacity, light, and their artistic voices.

The students in the darkroom are Sofia Barral (front) and Sadie Littleton

From top of left column: Raniel Medina Robles Norah Sorensen Brady Burke Helen Calwell Sophia Chen
In search of...

We are looking for some items that will help our students make art!

For Photo:
If you have a **35mm film camera** that you no longer use, maybe you'd like to donate it to the Art Department! Our photography students learn to process and print 35mm film. Cameras with manual settings are most helpful for them (especially Pentax K100s because they are the most basic and easy to learn). Camera donations we'd appreciate:
- will have manual control of the shutter speed and aperture
- will have a working light meter
- will be functioning and have no broken or missing parts

For Fundamentals of Art and Drawing and Painting courses:
Unique everyday objects that would be interesting to draw (lots of details, parts, asymmetrical) and can be held in one hand. Example- game controllers that don't work, old over the ear headphones, small tools, kitchen gadgets or electronics, small toys

Questions? Email lmiller19@bcps.org
You can drop off these items or send these items to school with your student to room 310
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**Looking for ways to get involved with the THS art community? Want to support our student artists? Look no further!**

TAPA is a volunteer group of parents who support the visual arts programs at Towson High School. There are many ways to get involved in supporting our creative community, and we need your help!

**TAPA Members:**

- Help with managing art events, like the Art Auction, Showcase, Edible Art, Field Trips
- Gather donated prizes from local businesses for our annual community Edible Art contest
- Donate items for student led art projects
- Select the winner of the Senior Purchase Award- a scholarship given to a Senior artist whose work is then permanently installed in the THS Gallery

Meetings are virtually held throughout the school year the second Tuesday of the month from 5:00pm-5:30pm.

Learn more about THS ART:

**Towsonhighschoolart.weebly.com/**

Parent Representative:
If you are interested in being the Parent Representative for the 2022-23 school year, please contact lmiller19@bcps.org

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Visual Arts Department:
Lindsay Miller-Instructional Coach, Sculpture
Julie Lauver-Photography
Dylan Clark-Drawing/Painting

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Natalie Frank- Purchase Award 2021

Joyce Zheng- Purchase Award 2022

Anya Joseph- Purchase Award 2020
Updates from the THS Health Suite

COVID Updates
The most up to date COVID information can be found under the “COVID-19” information link on the BCPS website, https://www.bcps.org/covid19

Any student or staff member who is feeling sick with any symptoms should stay home and test for Covid prior to coming to school. Students or staff who develop symptoms during the school day, or come to school feeling sick, will be sent home to test. Test kits will be provided if needed. Refer to “When to Stay Home” on the website for more information.

If your child tests positive for COVID, refer to the “COVID-19 TESTING, QUARANTINE, AND ISOLATION FAQ” link on the website. You may notify the School Nurse via email with any questions, and to report the positive test date and the first day of symptoms. (lrusso2@bcps.org)

Absence notes should be provided to the main office, and may be dropped off in the bin outside the office, or, may be sent via email to Ms. Toni Smith (asmith33@bcps.org) or Ms. Michelle Smith (msmith35@bcps.org). Please note absence dates for Required Quarantine (student able to complete work from home) and/or for illness (unable to complete work from home due to symptoms of illness).

FLU & COVID Vaccines!
The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) urges Marylanders to get their annual flu shots, as well as their COVID-19 booster shots. The symptoms of flu, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses can be similar, and people can be infected with both influenza and COVID-19 at the same time. Testing is necessary to confirm a diagnosis. The flu vaccine is recommended for all Marylanders six months of age and older.

All eligible Marylanders ages 5 and up are encouraged to get the COVID-19 primary series and booster shot. Marylanders can schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment by visiting covidvax.maryland.gov or calling the GoVAX Call Center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX. Some locations may offer both flu and COVID shots at the same visit. (https://health.maryland.gov/newsroom/Pages/Maryland-Department-of-Health-urges-Marylanders-to-get-annual-flu-shot-and-COVID-booster.aspx)

Medication Forms:
The "Consent for Administration of Approved Discretionary Medications" form must be completed every school year and can be found on the Towson High School website under the ‘Nurse’ link.

For any other over-the-counter or prescription medications needed in school, a new "Parent’s Request to Administer Medication in School" form must be completed by the healthcare provider each school year, and can also be found on the website. https://towsonhs.bcps.org/faculty___staff/nurse
As always, please contact Ms. Russo with any questions!
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THE TOWSON PRIDE

Class of 2024 Students and Families,

It is hard to believe our time is already halfway over! Your class officers are committed to making your remaining years at Towson High School meaningful and memorable.

Thus, we want to provide you with a calendar of events for the remainder of the school year. This calendar includes fundraisers, spirit events, and, of course, Junior Prom!

We have also attached two forms for families.

- The first is a feedback form so that the Class of 2024 can continue planning and executing engaging events for our class.
- The second is a sign-up to be on an email list for families that want additional information regarding set-up and planning of future events. It is our hope that this helps to source more support for our Junior Prom and Senior Prom season!

**Junior Class of 2024: 2022-2023 Calendar of Events**

**October**

Oct. 17-28  Apparell Sale #1 – **Purchase through School OSP**

Oct. 27  Fall Fest & Masked Singer Event; Schoolwide

**November**

Nov. 1-23  Sweet Treat Fundraiser – Informational letter will be emailed

Nov. 21  Apparel Sale #1 Items Delivered to School

Nov. 21-Dec. 2  Apparel Sale #2 – Purchase through School OSP

**January**

Jan. 3  Apparel Sale #2 Items Delivered to School

**March**

Mar. 20-31  Junior Prom Ticket Sales – Purchase through School OSP

Mar. 31  Junior Prom Attendance Contract Due – See Schoology Mar. 1

**April-May**

April 14  (2:30 – 5:30) Parent help to set up Junior Prom @ THS

April 14  Junior Prom

May 13  Car Wash Fundraiser (details TBD)
Juniors

CLASS OF 2024
WEAR YOUR SUPPORT!

T-Shirts
Crewnecks

Indicate size & 1A advisory teacher in purchase description at end of purchase!
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**One Love Decorates Bravery Bags**

On October 4, 2022, over 100 students in the One Love organization decorated "Bravery Bags" for the GBMC SAFE unit. Bravery bags are filled with coloring books, crayons, and small trinkets and they are given to the youngest patients of violence. The SAFE program at GBMC is coordinated by Registered Nurses, who are specifically trained and certified by the Maryland Board of Nursing to care for victims of rape, sexual assault, child abuse and intimate partner violence.
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The Speech & Debate team participated in the first tournament of the season recently at Calvert Hall. Azalfa Noor and Ben Kasofsky crushed their competitors with a perfect 3-0 record! Four other teams also represented Towson: Olivia Jones & My’Kelle Carter, Davina Oyefusi & Safora Noor, Nayeli Garcia & Kimberly Delcid, and Kiren Ali & Chelsea Skinner. Our next competition is October 29th at Baltimore City College High School. Want to join us? Speech & Debate is still accepting new members on Thursdays after school in Trailer #1.
Towson High School Alumni
Class of 1972

Alumni Visit
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Magnet Programs
Elementary, Middle, and High School programs available

2023-2024 School Year Application Deadline: November 4, 2022

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 13)
* Program Descriptions
* Transportation Information
* School Showcase Schedule
* Application Information Video
* Application/Admission FAQs

Multiple Languages available
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**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)
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)

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 (EdoTs).

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
- Stevenson University Towson University

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
Office of Career and Technical Education
Baltimore County Public Schools
Jefferson Building, 3rd Floor
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
Phone: 443-809-8922
Fax: 410-821-1719
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Towson High School Theatre Proudly Presents

**Little Women**

Adapted by Thomas Hischak
Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott

**November 17th - 19th**

at 7:00pm

tickets available at towson.booktix.com
Towson High School
Theatre Boosters
Halloween Costume Party

Wed. Oct. 26, 2022, 6:30-8:30 pm
Barley’s Backyard Uptown
408 York Rd. Towson, MD 21204

Tickets: $20 per person or four for $75 by Oct 19;
$25 at the door — family and friends welcome!

Tickets include: spaghetti dinner with salad, rolls, soda/tea,
2 raffle tickets, costume contest, ITS games, and more.
Additional raffle tickets available on site: $1 ea or 12 for $10

To pay: paypal.me/THSTheaterBoosters

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**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](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.

“Weekly Attendance Reports” are emailed to each custodial contact on Friday afternoon. Please review this report with your student. Please contact your student’s teacher(s) with any concerns.

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.

Attendence 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.
SECAC Meeting Schedule for the 2022-2023 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: Meetings will be held virtually via Google Meets using the join code: https://meet.google.com/fak-czqt-dvf. We hope to schedule and in-person meeting during the second semester. 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/secnewsignup
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**SERC PARENT WEBINARS**

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Fall 2022

**Roots & Wings: Preparing Your Child and YOU for Life After High School**

A workshop for parents who are considering college for their child with a disability. It will offer academic, social/emotional, and self-advocacy strategies that parents may use in supporting the successful transition of students with disabilities from high school to college. Presented by, Robyn McCray, LCSW-C, Associate Director Disability Support Services, Towson University

Register via Eventbrite:

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 6:30 - 8:00 PM
https://SERCrootsandwings2022.eventbrite.com

**Parenting and High Functioning Autism: Skills and Strategies to Better Support Your Child or Teen**

Children and Adolescents with high-functioning autism (HFA) face many challenges. This workshop will assist parents to better understand the complexity of HFA, and learn skills and strategies to improve interactions with their child or teen. Parents will learn how to reduce overstimulation, stress and anxiety; and, how to improve social interactions to bring about overall improvements in functional daily living and self-esteem. Presented by Tana Hope, Ph.D. The Child and Family Therapy Clinic Department of Behavioral Psychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute

Register via Eventbrite:

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 12:00 - 1:30 PM
https://SERCparentingHFA1unchandlelearn.eventbrite.com

OR

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 7:00 - 8:30 PM
https://SERCparentingHFAPM.eventbrite.com

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Understanding Your Child’s IEP
This training is designed to give parents a more in-depth examination of the components of their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) document. A closer look at the IEP will help you learn what you need to know to become more effective as an equal member of your child’s IEP team. Presented by Leslie Seid Margolis, Managing Attorney, Disability Rights Maryland

Register via Eventbrite:
Tuesday, November 1, 2022 12:00 - 1:30 PM
https://SERCIEPday.eventbrite.com
OR
Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6:30 - 8:00 PM
https://SERCIEPpm.eventbrite.com

ABLE Accounts: A Savings Tool to Promote Independence and Financial Stability for Your Child’s Future
Maryland ABLE is a way to help people with qualifying disabilities and their families save for everyday needs, save and invest in a tax-free account, and prepare for the future without losing state or local benefits such as SSI and Medicaid Waiver services. Join us to learn about eligibility criteria, enrollment, account management, tax benefits and how to use an ABLE account to pay for qualified disability expenses. Presented by Kelly Nelson, Outreach & Communications Manager for Maryland ABLE

Register via Eventbrite:
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 7:00 - 8:00 PM
https://SERCableaccounts2022.eventbrite.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October, 2022

24  Professional Development Day - School Closed for Students

November, 2022

4    End of Marking Period 1
14   MP1 Report Cards Distributed
14-18 American Education Week
17-19 Theatre Production
23   Schools and Offices Close 3 Hours Early
24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools Closed
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