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STARS to Mr. Michael Cover of PenFed Realty for his donation.
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STARS to Ms. Jacobs and the Cheer Squad for representing excellence at the Annual Competition.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY CONTINUES TO BE HOME TO A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

The Towson High School Library continues to be the go-to place for a wide variety of instructional and educational opportunities for students and staff during and after school hours. In the past month alone the THS Library hosted classes for Advance Placement Research, Advanced Placement Seminar, Health, Yearbook, Advanced Placement English, School to Career Work Based Learning Interns and more.

Representatives from more than twenty-five colleges and universities came to the library to talk to interested THS students. Health teachers hosted guest speakers on Safe Relationships and Cyber Safety. Various clubs, including the Black Student Union, the Student Government Association, Best Buddies, and Spanish Honor Society, held after-school meetings.

To promote literacy and celebrate the spooky month of October, the National English Honor Society created a display that featured books they chose and book reviews they wrote about horror, mystery, and suspense novels.

For the first time in BCPS, high school student will be participating in the Battle of Books, a competition sponsored by the Baltimore County Public Library (BCPL). A small group of THS students is participating in this event. They will read one or more of the books selected by BCPL and create a project that explains a theme or other essential elements of the book. THS students will compete with other BCPS high school students for prizes, including $100 for first place.

Lauren Hanley, from GBMC, talks to students about SAFE relationships.
Best Buddies matches THS students at their “Peer Match” event.

Mr. Muneses oversees the Best Buddies “Match Meeting.”
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Math Honor Society imparts math skills at the after-school tutoring program in the library.

Yearbook students working hard planning this year’s edition of Sidelights.
National English Honor Society put together an outstanding book display for October. Spooky!

Ann Cullinane and Maya Walker discuss strategies for *Battle of the Books*. 
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**THE TOWSON PRIDE**

AP Research students hard at work on their individual research projects.

Mr. Dalsimer works with a student at the Math Honor Society after-school tutoring program. THS math students provide tutoring to their peers on a weekly basis.
Principal DiMino encourages new staff members at their weekly meeting.

A member of the Library Club waters some of the many library plants.
American Education Week

The National Education Association's 95th annual American Education Week—November 14-18, 2022—presents all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education.

The AEW tagline, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," reflects NEA's vision of calling upon all Americans to do their part in making public schools great for every child so that they can grow and achieve in the 21st century.

We hope you will join us for the Parent Visitation Day on Thursday, November 17th. See the agenda on page 15.
### American Education Week

**November 14-18, 2022**

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

Visitation Day Schedule

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**ALL SESSIONS HOSTED IN THE LIBRARY**

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|               | For Spanish speaking parents (en Español)         | Ms. Raley          | Spanish speaking parents        | • Mentoring  
|               |                                                   |                    |                                 | General information about the school for Spanish speaking parents  
|               |                                                   |                    |                                 | Información general en referencia a nuestra escuela)                 |
| 12:30 - 12:55 pm | Overview of School Focus Areas and Registration Process | Dr. Culbertson Principal DiMino Mr. Hobbs | Interested Parents | Learn about our school’s focus areas, understand the registration process and new course offerings |
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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)
The Speech & Debate team competed in their second tournament of the season on Saturday, October 29th at Baltimore City College High School.

Towson High School was represented by four (4) teams composed of My'Kelle Carter & Olivia Jones; Amal Abdi & Kiren Ali; Safora Noor & Davina Oyefusi; and, Chelsea Skinner & Jemma Steinik.

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10/20 was Purple Thursday! The 3rd Thursday of October has been nationally recognized as "Purple Thursday" where people are encouraged to wear purple to increase awareness for domestic violence. One Love hosted a "Purple Pledge Day," encouraging everyone to wear purple. They had a table set up in the cafeteria with program materials, and a large pledge poster for students and teachers to sign, pledging to "Believe, Support, & Empower Domestic Violence Survivors." Anyone who signed it received a raffle ticket to win a One Love prize pack of goodies. We partnered with the GSA who also had a pledge against bullying!

**The winner of the One Love Purple Thursday raffle is:**

12th grader Claire Shi.

Claire received a prize pack of One Love goodies.

Thank you to all who participated.
Amayah Donaldson won third place in the Educators Rising Moment competition at the state level! She is encouraged to compete at the national level in June. Amayah will be honored with a plaque at the Educators Rising conference & luncheon held by Towson University in April!
A Visit From Romania

Romanian educators visited the Towson area via a World Trade Center Institute Program from Friday Oct 21-Saturday Oct 29. They are focused on helping Ukrainian refugees back in Romania. The Romanian delegation visited Towson High with a fantastic tour, class visitations, special guests who spoke about SEL. The TAM students were able to discuss education in Maryland and Romania!

Special thanks to Mrs. Nash for arranging their visit. Also thanks to Ms. DiMino, Mr. Olson, Ms. Yelton, Ms. Prevette, Ms. Hancock and the THS teachers who opened their doors to visits. In addition, special thanks go to students Hope Roberts & Precious Nwanna for the fantastic tour! It was truly a wonderful experience for all.
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STARS to our Students ...

STARS to Ammoy, Damola Ariyibi, Kenndi Bennett, Gabriel Brown, Markeith Co-field, Sofia Gahagan, Dominic Grace, Janiya Hale, Kaiden Johnson, Precious Nwanna, and Ayden Tsang for showing appreciation for the Principal during National Principal Month.
On Thursday, October 27th, the Class of 2023 sponsored an amazing fundraiser for their class - *The Masked Singer*. Contestants included several of our teachers and even our principal!! Everyone had such a great time. Students were given the opportunity to choose the following winners:

1st Place - Ms. Hne
2nd Place - Ms. Washington
3rd Place - Mr. Chrismer

A great big THANK YOU to all who participated and to all who came out to enjoy this amazingly fun event!
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Congratulations to the boys and girls varsity soccer teams on winning the 3A North Regional Championship yesterday. Their next game will be played on Friday, November 4th (State Quarterfinals).

Boys Soccer Team

Girls Soccer Team
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

Please contact Ms. Valian for information for using this for Student Service hours.
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T H E T O W S O N P R I D E
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
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Fax: 410-821-1719
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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.

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.
## 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-czot-dvf](https://meet.google.com/fak-czot-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/sercnewsignup](http://bit.ly/sercnewsignup)
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**SERC PARENT WEBINARS**

**free trainings to support you and your child!**

**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](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://SERCparentingHFAunchandlearn.eventbrite.com](https://SERCparentingHFAunchandlearn.eventbrite.com)
OR

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

All parent trainings are **free** and brought to you by the BCPS Special Education Resource Center! Register via Eventbrite links and login information will be emailed to you one day in advance.

Questions? Email: [SERC@BCPS.ORG](mailto:SERC@BCPS.ORG)

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**
SERC PARENT WEBINARS
free trainings to support you and your child!
Fall 2022

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

All parent trainings are free and brought to you by the BCPS Special Education Resource Center! Register via Eventbrite links and login information will be emailed to you one day in advance.
Questions? Email: SERC@BCPS.ORG

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!
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Link to the THS Production of *The Bullying Collection*

Friday, January 29 - Sunday, January 31

FREE Streaming for 72 Hours!

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Thank you so much for your continued support & enjoy the show!

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**PTSA NEWS**

November 3, 2022

**NEXT PTSA MEETING:**

**NOV 9 TH**

7 PM IN THE SENIOR CAFE
ENTER FROM AUGURTH PARKING LOT
ALL WELCOME

STOP BY AT 6:15 PM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR PTSA. SHARE IDEAS AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BEFORE OUR 7PM MEETING.

LITE REFRESHEMENTS
STUDENTS WELCOME

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**SENIOR 2023**

Scholarships for Towson High School Seniors

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be a member of the Towson High School PTSA
- Must be a Graduating Senior
- Must be planning to attend college, trade school or any post high school training or education program

Two $5000 scholarships
Scholarship recipients will be announced December 2022

For questions contact
Kasia Holubiec, PTSA PTSA Scholarship Coordinator
kholubi3367@gmail.com

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November is the PTSA Membership and Donation Drive month

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THE TOWSON PRIDE
UPCOMING EVENTS

November, 2022

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

December, 2022

13  Winter Concert - Strings, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
15  Winter Concert - Band, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
20  Winter Concert - Choral, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
22  Winter Holiday begins at the end of the day - **Schools & Offices Close 3 Hours Early**
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