

NEW TOWN NEWS 2022 – 2023**AUGUST 2022**

Welcome back, Titan families! I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer! As I begin my 6th year at New Town High School, I am particularly grateful for the continued blessing of this community of staff, students, and families in my life, and am eager to see you again on the first day of school, Monday, August 29th. New Town High School is also proud to announce that this year's Class of 2023 is the 2nd class with the opportunity to receive an IB Diploma through our International Studies Magnet Program. Throughout the summer, BCPS and New Town High School have worked hard to provide instructional engagement strategies to prepare our students for rigorous instruction to be competitive in the real world upon graduation. We have had many hours of good discussion about how staff, students, and families can work together to ensure that our students are receiving an education that supports and empowers them as they strive to reach their full potential as young men and women of promise,

intelligence, and goodness. We are proud and excited to launch the 2022-2023 in person school year with our incredibly talented and dedicated teaching staff and your ongoing support and partnership!

Let us begin this school year the same way we begin every day with our students, grounded in the mission of New Town High School: The mission of New Town High School is to prepare students for success as knowledgeable and global citizens, future leaders, and life-long learners. We commit to a rigorous 21st century learning environment that is safe and supportive. We exist to help our students grow into resilient, empathetic, and inquisitive individuals who think both critically and creatively and possess the courage and conviction to take action. This will ensure that all students develop their individual potential based on the standards outlined in Blueprint 2.0.

We encourage all families to visit the New Town High School website for all updates with BCPS or New Town High School: <https://newtownhs.bcps.org/>

James Martin, Principal

Dates to Remember:

Freshman Early Entry Day, Thursday, August 25, 2022, 7:30am- 11:30am!
Back to School Night for all grades, Thursday, August 25, 2022, 5:15pm -7:00pm



Greetings New Town High School students and families. The start of a new school year is always one filled with excitement, promise and possibility. This year is no different. Think on all the lessons you learned last year and build upon them. Whether academic or personal I challenge you to set a goal to exceed your personal progress beyond the previous year. Whatever you choose, start strong, stay committed and keep moving towards success! YOU'VE GOT THIS! Let's all resolve to make 2022-2023 the best year yet!

With Titan *PRIDE*,

Ms. Angela Berry, Assistant Principal (A-D)



Greetings to all New Town High School students and families!

I am excited to continue our work together this upcoming school year. We all experienced varying levels of challenges and triumphs as we returned to school last year. Our New Town Titan Family is prepared to take heed of lessons learned and move forward better than ever. I look forward to connecting with each of you so do not hesitate to say hey in the hallway or send me an email or message on Schoology. I am here for you! We will work together to make the 2022-2023 school year as amazing as possible. Let us show up, show out, and make it happen.

With Titan Pride,

Ms. Lyndsey Brightful, Assistant Principal (E-J)

Welcome to the 2022 - 2023 school year!



I am very excited for the start of the school year and ensuring the success of our Titan students. I'm starting my 17th year in Baltimore County Public Schools and my 7th year as an Assistant Principal here at New Town. This year, I look forward to continuing to build relationships with our students and families to guarantee each student is successful. I encourage all students to set goals for themselves this year for their learning.

Remember, you are the one that controls your destiny, make wise choices that will help you be successful. This year, be Titan great and show your Titan Pride!

With Titan Pride,

Joseph Kopec, Assistant Principal (R-Z)



Dear students, families, and New Town community members.

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. I hope you had a restful, relaxing, and rejuvenating summer break. We are so excited to welcome you back to a new school year, with new faces, new goals, and new opportunities to grow and thrive. As one of your Assistant Principals, I look forward to working with the Titan team to provide a safe environment and world-class education to every student who walks through our doors. Accomplishing this lofty goal will require a contribution from all of us – administrators, teachers, staff, students, and families – but it is

imperative that we each make this contribution for the well-being of these young adults who mean so much to us and who have such bright futures ahead. The past few years have been trying for all of us. However, this experience has shown us what we can do when we work as a team with a common, spectacular goal. As we begin to return to normal, we have set high expectations and lofty goals for everyone in the Titan Community, and we stand ready to provide the necessary support to help them. If I can be of any help as the year progresses, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Let's get to work,

Mr. W. Rafe Park, Assistant Principal (K-Q)

CLASS ADVISORS:

Freshman Advisor:

Welcome Class of **2026**! I am excited to welcome you to New Town High. We are hoping your experience of learning and enjoying school will go with you after you graduate. I am your class advisor, and I am looking forward to serving you to the best of my ability. Let's have a great freshman year!

Ms. Ruth Randall: rrandall2@bcps.org

Sophomore Advisors:

Welcome back Class of 2025!

Your class advisors are Ms. Horah and Ms. Ermine, and we are so excited to pick up where we left off last year! We hope you have had time to relax and have some fun this summer. This year we have much to look forward to. We are planning a Ring Dance, fundraising events, and a sophomore social. Dues will begin to be collected online this year. Dues are funds paid to your class account to raise money for events and dances. We will hold several meetings throughout the year to keep you updated about class dues and plans. Please consider joining our class officers or dance committee this year to help organize events. More information can be found in the Class of 2025 Schoology group.

Ms. Kelsey Ermine: kwirbicki@bcps.org

Ms. Abigail Horah: ahorah@bcps.org

Junior Advisors:

Welcome Back Class of 2024!!!!!!

Senior Advisors:

Congratulations! You are now in your senior year at New Town High School. Senior year is a wonderful time. It's a time to celebrate what you have accomplished so far, but also to make important decisions about where you will go from here. It is during this year that you will begin the college application process, take your final college entrance exams, attend the senior prom, and above all celebrate commencement!

We expect you to **FINISH STRONG!** We often call the ceremonial end of your time here, commencement, the beginning. It is the beginning of your time in college, or whatever else you choose to do. Begin that well by finishing this, your senior year, in excellence.

Communication between school and home has never been more important. Please make sure that the school has updated contact information on file. Students will not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular activities without updated contact information.

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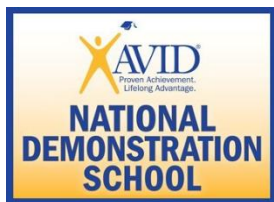
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Advanced Placement (AP): Ms. Rollins

Advanced Placement (AP) is a rigorous academic program in the United States and Canada created by the College Board to offer college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities may grant placement and course credit to students who obtain passing scores on the AP examinations. AP examinations are held in May of each year. New Town High School offers several AP courses for students in 10th - 12th grade. If you have any questions about the AP program at New Town High School, please contact Mrs. Rollins (lrollins@bcps.org) in the school counseling office.

With Titan Pride,
Londyn Rollins – AP Coordinator

AVID: Mrs. Sanna



Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! This year, we are refocusing on our growth and goals to reach educational success. This means that New Town High School will see and experience the consistent excellence of AVID and our scholars. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is a college preparatory program. At New Town High School, we implement AVID strategies in all our classes. In 2016, New Town became the first high school in the state of Maryland to be an AVID National Demonstration School; we are a model school for AVID. In December of 2018, we earned our revalidation as a Demonstration School for another 3 years. This year, we will be preparing for the revalidation process! In addition to being a National Demonstration School, we are also a Schoolwide Site of Distinction. This is the highest certification level within AVID. As we continue this journey, AVID continues to support our scholars by providing strategies to help them reach academic success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our AVID Coordinator, Mrs. Rebecca Sanna via email: rsanna@bcps.org.



Rebecca Sanna, AVID Coordinator
New Town High School

Freshmen Coordinator: Molly Muller

The Freshmen Team, comprised of myself and core grade 9 teachers, is here to aid you and your student during the transition into high school. Our team provides both academic and social support for 9th grade students throughout the school year.

We will have 9th Grade Early Entry Day on Thursday, August 25, 2022, from 7:30am to 11:30am. Incoming 9th grade students are required to bring a copy of their NTHS (New Town High School) schedule (print out or digital) to Early Entry Day.

Any questions should be directed to me at mmuller@bcps.org. We look forward to getting to know you and your student.

NTHS International Baccalaureate Program

New Town High School is an International Baccalaureate World School for the Diploma Programme (DP), the Career-related Programme (CP) and the Middle Years Programme (MYP). These complementary programs provide students with an educational environment that emphasizes intellectual challenge while encouraging them to make global connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world.

Students participate in a rigorous academic pathway of studies, with a focus on global perspectives. In a 1-to-1 technology-based environment, students will study language, social studies, science, mathematics, arts, physical and health education, and technology as interdisciplinary subjects.

Focusing on global citizenship, Middle Years Programme (MYP) students in Grades 9 and 10 participate in real-world, hands-on experiences and complete a 10th grade personal passion project.

Students in grades 11 and 12 may participate in either the Diploma Programme (DP) or the Career-related Programme (CP). Upon completion of the required coursework, reflective project/extended essay, language development and service-learning projects, students take a set of IB external assessments to earn a DP Diploma or a CP Certificate. An integral part of our magnet program is the acquisition of a second language.

For more information about our Magnet Program, contact: Chanell Owens Johnson: cowens2@bcps.org

Internships: Lynn Jacobs

Welcome Back Senior Interns!

I look forward to working with the senior scholars who have already signed up as interns. This experience will help you develop lifelong employment skills.

I look forward to seeing you at our first **MANDATORY SEMINAR in Room 106** on either:

- A day – Wednesday, September 1 from 2:30-4:00

OR

- B day – Thursday, September 2 from 2:30-4:00

If you have any questions, please contact me at ljacobs@bcps.org.

Have a great rest of your summer.

Ms. Jacobs

SAT/PSAT:

Welcome back Titans!

We are excited to announce that we will be offering the PSAT 8/9 to all 9th graders and the PSAT/NMSQT to all 10th and 11th graders free of charge this year. The test will take place on Tuesday, October 12, 2022, during the school day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, and as a bonus, all Juniors are eligible to participate in qualifying for a National Merit Scholarship.

We will also be participating in SAT School Day this school year on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. On this day, all Juniors will take the SAT during the school day, free of charge.

If you have not created a College Board account, we strongly encourage you to do so as this site contains a wealth of resources for the PSAT, and SAT. Free PSAT/SAT Prep is also available at Khan Academy. If you have any questions throughout the school year, please email rplovan@bcps.org. We are looking forward to working with you this year. Go Titans!

Ms. Plovan, SAT/PSAT Coordinator

School Counseling Department:

New Town High School's counseling department implements a comprehensive developmental program to address the academic, career/college readiness, and social emotional needs of our students within a safe learning environment. Through counseling, coordination, and collaboration, school counselors work with other stakeholders to empower students to overcome barriers and reach their maximum potential as responsible citizens and life-long learners.

We are excited to welcome Yolanda Price, full-time College and Career Counselor, to our team this year. The school counseling team consists of the following members.

Ms. Lisa Bach, student last names (A - D)

Mr. Christopher Rhone, student last names (E - J)

Ms. Londyn Rollins, student last names (K - Q)

TBA, student last names (R - Z)

Ms. Yolanda Price, College and Career Counselor

Ms. Zethray Owens, Office Administrator

Ms. Ruth Randall, Records Clerk

Library Media Center: Ms. Turek

Welcome to the NTHS Library Media Center!

I'm looking forward to greeting each of you personally when you visit the library. My goal is to make the library a friendly and welcoming place for students to read, learn, and relax.

Exciting News! Hundreds of new books, graphic novels, and manga were added to our library collection in June 2022. The library will be open for in-person browsing, and you can browse virtually and place hold requests, anytime from anywhere with Destiny at <https://baltimore.follettdestiny.com> on your device or smartphone.

Visit our virtual library on Schoology! The NTHS Library Media Center Group is always open for students to:

- Learn how to access digital eBooks and audiobooks
- find technology support resources, including device troubleshooting tips, instructional tools like Microsoft Office 365 and the NoodleTools research platform, and BCPS Digital Content databases
- get assistance with class assignments and research projects
- participate in fun activities
- make book suggestions and recommendations

- find your next great read and so much more!!

If you aren't a member of the group yet, join today by signing into Schoology > Groups > My Groups > Join Group > Access Code: VCGJ-GMMN-JFF9J.

Join the Graphic Novel & Manga Book Group to discuss what you're reading or the anime you are watching and have an AMAZING time! We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The first meeting time and location will be announced in school and through Schoology.

Our friends at the BCPL, Owings Mills Branch invite students to check out books (with no overdue fines!) by using their school account (9-digit school ID#). Students may also use their student ID# and the password "0000" to access the BCPL online databases, register for programs, and place hold requests.

Mrs. Turek, the NTHS Library Media Specialist, can be reached at kturek@bcps.org and follow us on Twitter: @LibraryNTHS to see library learning and literacy in action!

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE:

Regular school attendance has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Students are expected to be in their classrooms by 7:45am and exit the building at 2:30pm. It is the key to high school graduation and college and career readiness. Research has proven that students who regularly attend school and are on time are more likely to read on grade level, less likely to drop out of school, and more likely to graduate on time. Attendance is recorded by the teacher of each class. It is very important for all students to attend all classes that have been assigned to them daily.

Regular attendance = Success in School = Future Leaders and Life-long Learners!

Student Technology:

BCPS is proud to offer students a one-to-one technology-based learning environment. **All students are expected to bring their assigned BCPS device, fully charged and in working condition, with them to school every day.** Incoming 9th grade students will continue to use the BCPS Chromebooks assigned to them in middle school. In early September, students in grades 10-12 will exchange their BCPS Windows-based devices for Chromebook devices.

Students are responsible for the proper use and care of their BCPS device. A short video on Device Use & Care is available at [Chromebook - Device Care & Respect \(Secondary\)](#). Additional support resources for using Chromebooks can be found at <https://innovationhub.bcps.org/device-care-use>.

If a student's BCPS device is experiencing a problem, the student must promptly report the issue using the [Technology Support Request form](#) or by calling the BCPS Help Desk at (443)809-4672, Monday-Friday 7:00am-4:15pm to create a service ticket. Directions for creating a ticket are available at https://www.bcps.org/tech_support. Service tickets will be addressed by BCPS computer technicians.

Expectations of Students:

Students schedule will be as follows: (7:45am - 2:30pm)

- Pd1 7:45am - 9:25am
- Pd2 9:30am – 11:00am
- Pd3 11:00am – 1:00pm (30 min lunch)
- Pd4 1:05am - 2:30 pm

***Students are not allowed to order or receive deliveries of food at any time...**

School Entrance:

- Students will wait outside (**rain, snow, hot, or cold**) until 7:35am, when doors open.
 - Students may not be dropped off in the bus loop.
 - Students need to be picked up on the tennis court side at dismissal.

- Upon entering, students will grab & go breakfast and take it to the classroom where they will be allowed to eat.
- Students must report to school on time and be in the classroom by 7:45am.
- Parents/Visitors are asked to make an appointment to see any staff member prior to coming to the building.
- Bell change
 - Students are to report directly to their next period class. If the teacher is not ready to accept a student in, please wait outside the classroom. We encourage the students to use the restroom within the 5-minute transition periods while still making it on time to class.
- Bathrooms
 - All bathrooms will be available during transition time.
 - Students should always have a pass to use the bathroom during class time.
 - During 3rd period the cafeteria bathroom all the only bathrooms that will be available for use.
 - It is recommended that students use the bathroom during lunch before returning to class.
 - Students will not receive passes in the **First and Last 15 minutes** of the class.

Breakfast /Lunch:

- Baltimore County Public Schools have returned to their traditional breakfast and lunch program this year. The cost of breakfast will be \$1.55 and a regular lunch will be \$3.00 for high schools. Please use the following link to access the Meal & A La Carte Price List. https://businessservices.bcps.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_9047649/File/Business%20Services/OFNS/Menu/Meal_and_A_La_Carte_Price_%20List_2022-2023.pdf. If you wish to apply for Free and Reduced lunch, you need to apply online at, https://businessservices.bcps.org/departments/business_services_operations/food_and_nutrition_services. Only electronic applications will be processed. You may also create or add money to your student's account using this link. Go to Fund Your Student Account (My School Bucks).
- Students will be released to lunch at either A, B, C, or D Lunch. All students must always sit down at a cafeteria table in the cafeteria until dismissed by a NTHS staff member.
- **No purchasing or delivery of food of any kind will be available.**
- **Parents may not deliver lunch to students during the school day. Please prepare ahead of time and have the students carry with them to school.**

LOCKERS:

Lockers will be assigned to students who request a locker. A list will be available to sign from your homeroom teacher on the first day of school if you would like a locker. Please do not request unless you intend on using it. Due to the size of our student enrollment, there are not enough lockers available for all students. Students who request a locker will be assigned a locker close to their A1 class on a first come, first served basis. Requests will be processed by the front office in a timely manner.

Greetings New Town High School Families:

Welcome back!

We have experienced some trying and unpredictable times over the past year or so, but everyone—**especially our students**—has proven that they truly are “Titans.” We have faced some unprecedented challenges, but we faced those challenges headlong and showed our collective resilience. We learned that we could do things in new ways, that we could overcome limitations. We head into a new academic year with a sense of cautious optimism but also with a renewed sense of purpose. I would like to invite you—students and parents alike—to join the New Town High School PTSA as we rebuild and seek new ideas and new ways of accomplishing things. Let's work together to make this coming school year at New Town High School the best year ever! Please be safe and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
 Olayta Rigsby
 President,
 New High School PTSA
president@newtownhsptsa.org

Emergency Contact Information

All Parents/Guardians are requested to copy the link below and paste it into your browser. Fill out the brief emergency contact form prior to September 8, 2022.

Link for Emergency Contact Information:

[Microsoft Forms](#)



Microsoft Forms

New Town High School PE Uniform Information

New Town High School Families,

The 2022-2023 will be here before we know it, and it is important we share the new guidance surrounding Physical Education uniforms. As the school year starts, students will use the Physical Education Locker Rooms; therefore, they will be responsible for locking their belongings in a Physical Education locker and ensuring they are appropriately dressed for Physical Education class. **This year students must wear a New Town High School Physical Education shirt or sweatshirt purchased through our online store.** Students will have an option to purchase shorts and sweatpants from the online store; however, this is not required. Students can wear shorts, sweats, and/or leggings from home. **Please advise that the items listed below are not appropriate for participation in Physical Education class:**

- Jeans
- Jeggings
- Khakis
- Crocs
- Slippers
- Open-toed Shoes
- Jewelry

For students to purchase a New Town High School Physical Education Uniform, they must use the information below to access the online store. **Purchases must be made during the available time window (August 15th, 2022 – August 28th, 2022).** Uniforms will be sent to New Town High School and distributed by the Physical Education Department at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Regardless of the students' choice, it is highly recommended students do not wear their Physical Education clothes to school. Thank you for understanding the new guidelines surrounding our Physical Education Uniform Policy, and we look forward to having a successful year!

Purchasing Information for Physical Education Uniform:

- **Timeframe:** 8/15/2022 – 8/28/2022
- **Cost:** Shirt - \$10.75, Shorts – \$12.25, Sweatshirt - \$20.25, Sweatpants - \$21.75
- **Online Store Link and QR Code:** [New Town High School PE Uniforms | The Nelson Hills Company | powered by OrderMyGear \(itemorder.com\)](#)





New Town High School PE Uniforms

This store closes on August 28th at 11:59pm. All goods will be delivered to the school after production and be distributed by the PE department.

Size charts are available for each item. Click on size chart under each product for more details.

Important!





***When you get to the first checkout page, please enter the STUDENTS name when asked, not the parents name!

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://newtownhighschoolpe2022.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Sunday August 28th, 2022 (11:59pm EDT)**

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	Sport-Tek Posicharge Competitor Tee \$10.75		Ramco Adult Closed Mesh Short 7" \$12.25
	Gildan Adult Heavy Blend Adult 8 Oz., 50/50 Fleece Crew \$20.25		Gildan® Adult Heavy Blend Adult 8 Oz., 50/50 \$21.75

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