The Towson Pride

STARS to our Staff, Parents and Students

Each week, individuals will be recognized for their contributions to the school. Staff members are encouraged to submit accolades that are worthy of the General’s Star. Our staff and students strive for excellence on a daily basis. The comments listed below represent some of the recognition for our staff and students.

Kogelschatz for writing letters of support for Maryland Parent Involvement Matters Nominees.

★ STARS to Mr. Esbrandt for his efforts to secure the building during our recent storm.

★ STARS to BCPS Grounds and Facilities Crews for their efforts with the snow removal.

★ STARS to Ms. Mary Elizabeth White for constantly going the extra mile to help others in need.

★ STARS to Michael Sassano for picking up trash that did not belong to him without being asked.

Want to Make Someone’s Day?

Send them a flower!! The Junior Class is selling flowers before and after school to support their Junior Prom. The flowers are $2 each and can be purchased on the first floor February 8th through the 11th. Flowers will be distributed Friday, February 12th during homeroom. The messages are themed for Valentine’s Day, but you can send a flower to your friend or your teacher!!
Greetings from the School Counseling Department!

This year is flying by and many of our seniors are hearing from colleges and making plans for next year. We are currently sending mid-year transcripts to colleges and helping seniors with scholarship applications. Be sure to check Naviance for the latest scholarship information. The school counseling office sends you emails containing information about scholarships and a full list of scholarships is available on Naviance. In addition, the local scholarship form is now available. I encourage all our seniors to complete this form as thoroughly as possible and turn it into the school counseling office.

Our freshman are currently meeting with counselors in their social studies classes and creating 4 year plans and registering on Naviance. Freshman will be bringing home their 4 year plans for you to review. We met with our sophomores in the fall and created 4 year plans and registered students on Naviance. Should you have any questions about courses or Naviance, please contact your counselor.

The School Counseling Office will soon be sending home letters to the parents of our Juniors inviting them to come into school and meet with their counselor. Counselors would like to meet with all juniors and their parents in the spring to discuss college plans and review how to request transcripts and letters of recommendation on Naviance. Once you receive your letter, please contact Ms. Williams in the counseling office to schedule an appointment. Our Junior Night is going to be Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. We will be discussing college applications and what students can be doing now to help with the college search.

Please contact the School Counseling office if you have any questions! Our number is 410-887-3613.

Simon Briggs, M.Ed, NCC, LCPC
School Counseling Department Chair
sbriggs@bcps.org
Senior Information

CAP AND GOWNS

Attention all seniors!!!

Have you ordered your cap and gown yet?

You can order online at www.nrpatlantic.com

♦ Enter Towson
♦ Click on Packages—and the basic package for $9.90 should be there.

Mid-Year Grades

Seniors: Mid-year grades will be sent to the colleges that you have applied to at the end of January. All your schools will receive mid-year grades so there is no need to request them. If you have any questions, please see your counselor.

FAFSA Information

Do you need help completing the FAFSA form online? There is assistance available at CCBC in February. Talk with professionals for one-stop help. Attend a financial aid presentation and learn how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Saturday, February 20, 2016, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CCBC Essex Student Services Center, First Floor Lobby

Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CCBC Catonsville Library, First Floor Lobby

Important Message for Parents of Seniors

The deadline to include a recognition ad in the yearbook for your graduating senior is February 1. Please visit www.jostens.com to place your recognition ad before that date. The Sidelights staff appreciates your continued support!
Winter Blood Drive

On February 24, 2016, the SGA will hold its annual Winter Blood Drive. Students and staff, 17 and older only, will be allowed to sign up to give blood.

In October we collected over 30 pints of blood for area hospitals! Let’s try to triple that in February. You can donate traditionally or do a double donation. Look for information around the building and listen to the morning announcements for more details.

Internship Program

Interested in a Towson High Internship? Here’s one example of why you should be…

www.powtoon.com/online-presentation/cyLZStcRDZA/internship-promo/#/Publish/Details

PSAT Information

PSAT scores are available online. Please go to studentscores.collegeboard.org to access your scores. You will need your College Board log in information to access your scores. If you do not have a College Board account, you will need to click on “sign up” and create an account. The number to contact College Board for account related questions is 866-433-7728.

Snow Angels

Thirty AP calculus students took up the challenge to shovel out a needy neighbor’s driveway for no charge, but for a small amount of extra credit in class, and out of the kindness of their hearts!
**Calendar Update**

Please mark your calendars!! The Junior Prom date has been changed. It will now be held Friday, April 29, 2016.

Junior Prom
Friday, April 29, 2016

FEBRUARY 24, 2016
7:00—8:30 PM

Are you looking for a fun night out? Do you like listening to music? Do you enjoy watching talented dancers and actors? We have the event for you!

The Senior Talent Show will be February 24th from 7-8:30. Tickets will be on-sale at the door and are only $10!

All proceeds will go directly to Senior prom. We have over 10 talented acts that will be performing! Don’t miss out!!
Cheerleader Competition

How do you get your inspiration?? The Towson High School cheerleaders used a blown-up picture of the wrestling coach as inspiration for their competition at New Town High School on Thursday evening.

Our ladies represented THS with dignity and pride and received many positive comments from spectators!
Art Students Head to New York City

Our Art Students are headed to New York City to visit the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. They left Towson at 6:00 am on Friday, February 5th and returned at 9:30 pm.

Our group looks excited and ready for a trip to the Big Apple. Question is… is the Big Apple ready for Towson High School?
Welcome to our Chinese Exchange Students

欢迎光临

Towson High School is excited to welcome our 2016 Chinese Exchange Students! The students will be here through March 4th and will shadow current Towson students. In most cases, they live with the students they are assigned to while in the U.S. They will attend school three days per week and participate in field trips the other two days. They have been to Philadelphia and will travel to Lancaster, Washington, DC, and New York City as well as colleges and sights in the nearby area.

Our students will travel to China for about seven weeks starting in May and will attend Tie Yi High School. They will travel around the area as well as Beijing.

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Students who went to China last year are also included in the above picture. They are: Anna Henderson, Kira Lauring, Madelyn Kaplin, Hannah Zimet, and Rosemary Wonnell.

Please help make our Exchange students feel at home!!
The Student Recognition Committee would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding demonstration of leadership: Rebecca Grim (9), Andrew Benavides (10), Kyle Gaspay (11), and Anna Saba (12).

“Rebecca is a leader in the fitness classroom by setting a good example. She is also a leader on the JV Girls Basketball Team.”

“Andrew leads by example; he gets his work completed, he is humorous, and other students look to him for guidance.”

“Kyle is an “excellent leader in the P.E. Leadership Program. He leads by example on the Varsity Boys Basketball Team.”

“Anna is organized and initiated the rehearsal of the Pep Band for basketball games.”

These quotes were compiled from the teachers who nominated the deserving students. Please join us in our esteem for these role models!
Look What Our Students Are Doing!!

Troy and Travon Hollis have signed Letters of Intent for Fairmont State University in West Virginia. Each of them received a full football scholarship! Better watch for these two to show up in the NFL in a few years!!!

Joe Boozer has been accepted to the Naval Academy. When he graduates, he will have the rank of Ensign and will be committed to serve for five (5) years. His goal is to become a Navy Seal in the Special Forces Division.

Very Cool Joe!!! Good Luck! We’re so proud of you!
All Team BCPS members, including staff, students, parents, and supporters are invited to participate in the 2016 BCPS Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey. The survey is organized by the four goal areas outlined in Blueprint 2.0: Our Way Forward.

The survey is voluntary and is designed to allow you to share your opinions about our school system. Your responses are anonymous and confidential, so feel free to be honest. We are seeking to identify opportunities to increase satisfaction and improve performance within BCPS.

The survey only takes about 5 minutes and you can complete it on your smartphone, tablet, or computer. It’s available in 15 languages. You can access the survey by visiting the BCPS website (www.bcps.org) and clicking on the picture (it is identical to the one above).
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL'S NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY TWENTIETH ANNUAL EDIBLE ART EXHIBIT

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
6:00- 8:00 p.m.
Towson High cafeteria

Don’t miss out on Towson High’s most “delicious” event! Past sculptures have included an edible model of the Senator Theatre, the Eiffel tower made from spaghetti, and a dress made from Twizzlers Candy. At Towson’s 23rd annual Edible Art we will have sculpture made from all things edible, including rice krispie treats, cake, fondant, graham crackers, icing, and candy.

The competition is open to everyone (the more the merrier!) The artwork may be created by an individual or it can be a group effort. After the judging, the artwork becomes the property of “the party.” Beverages are served, and we eat all of the entries (or most anyway). It is a wonderful family and community event!

WE HAVE MANY PRIZES FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND MERCHANTS!

Admission is $2 or $1 with the donation of a canned good for those in need.

Hope to see you there!
General Nathan Towson’s Birthday

General Nathan Towson’s birthday was January 22nd, but because of events out of our control, we were not able to celebrate his birthday then. On Friday, February 5th, our Towson General and one of our Cheerleaders visited classrooms while Mr. Blair gave the students a “Happy Birthday General Towson” pencil to commemorate our namesakes’ birthday.
Thank you to our school counselors for all of their efforts! Our counselors work diligently to support our students on academic, social, and personal levels. Our counselors are tasked with ensuring today's students become productive, well-adjusted adults of the future. We appreciate their commitment and efforts!

Ms. Petras, Ms. Pachilis, Ms. Kogelschatz, Ms. Williams (Back Row) Ms. Hanley, Mr. Carey, Mr. Briggs

Simon Briggs
Department Chair
School Counseling
Global Friendships
“Bring the World to your Community”

HOST a Student from Spain this summer!
Monday, June 28 – Sunday, July 25

Benefits of Hosting:
• Learn about different cultures first hand
• Enjoy the fun trips and activities
• Brush up on or learn another language
• Share your own culture
Make the world a smaller place, one friendship at a time

About the Students
• Students are fully insured
• Students have their own spending money
• Students have knowledge of the English language

For more information - Globalfriendships.com
& call Mrs. Nash at 410.446.1937

** This program is not associated with BCPS.**
TOWSON HIGH MUSIC BOOSTERS

BASKET BINGO!

February 19, 2016 - Friday
7 to 10 pm
Tall Cedars of Lebanon - 2501 Putty Hill Ave, Parkville

NEW HANDMADE BASKETS THIS YEAR! FOOD AND DRINK FOR SALE!

Some baskets were made locally. Some baskets support artisans worldwide who sell through SERRV International.

CHANCES TO WIN 50/50 AND OTHER RAFFLES! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

DETAILS: All sales while they last. Each ticket buys an 18-game packet of bingo cards! Bingo basket winners receive a fabulous basket filled with valuable items! Only one winner per game. In the event of multiple winners per game, a tiebreaker will be used.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE BOOSTERS SUPPORT TOWSON HIGH MUSIC!

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TICKET ORDER FORM

_______ of Individual tickets @ $20 each ($15 when ordered by Feb. 7)
_______ of Tables at ten people per table -$150/table ($135 by Feb. 7)
_______ of tickets at $7 per THS student who serves or plays music at the event

Total Payment Enclosed - $________________

Your Name: _______________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________

Your Email address: _________________________________________________

Student’s Name (if volunteering): ______________________________________

Student’s Email (if volunteering): ______________________________________

Please mail your check payable to THS Music Boosters (memo Bingo 2016) and this completed order form to Towson High Music Boosters Bingo, 69 Cedar Ave., Towson, MD 21286.
TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BOOSTERS ANNUAL

Spring Gala

APRIL 16, 2016 7:00PM-11:00PM
The Country Club of Maryland
1101 Stevenson Lane
Towson, Maryland 21286

Buffet Dinner • Silent Auction • Wheels

Purchase tickets online!
WWW.TOWSONHIGHSPORTSBOOSTERS.COM

$65 per person
$125 per couple

Or contact Jenny Schneidereith, Ticket Sales
JENNYSCHNEIDEREITH@VERIZON.NET

PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED
- NO JEANS PERMITTED -

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Jenny Schneidereith, Co Chair
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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

8   Distribution of Report Cards (2nd Quarter)
15  Schools and Offices Closed - President’s Day
16  Edible Art Exhibit - 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria
18  AVID Information Night - 6:00 p.m., Library
19  Music Boosters Basket Bingo - 6:00 p.m., Tall Cedars of Lebanon
23  Freshmen Magnet Breakfast - 7:50 a.m., Senior Café
24  SGA Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym
24, 25, 26 Spring Sports Registration - all lunch shifts, Cafeteria
25  Tri-M Recital - 7:00 p.m., Room 255
# Math Help Calendar

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**Notes:**

*No need to sign up in advance! Attend math help with any questions or assignments that you need help to complete/understand. The teacher and Math Honor Society students will be happy to help! Math Help is open to all!*
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