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.

★ STARS to Taylor Artis who helps other students in Latin 1.

★ STARS to Noah Zipin who taught a Latin 3 class.

★ STARS to Mr. Weber for showing exceptional leadership under pressure by going above and beyond the duties of Technical Director of the fall play.

★ STARS to Ms. Tehran for stepping in as director more than midway through rehearsals for It's A Wonderful Life.

★ STARS to Simon Briggs and the Guidance team for providing timely and informative parent sessions on Visitation Day of American Education Week.

★ STARS to Madeleine Gray, Theater Boosters for assisting Mr. Weber in House Management and working with students to be backstage dressers and facilitating smooth scene transitions.

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★ STARS to the PTSA for their wonderful welcoming table at the Visitation Day for American Education Week.

★ STARS to the Staff of the Guidance and Special Education departments who work hard every day to support our students and their families.

★ STARS to our staff for their consistent efforts!
Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don’t already have everything you desire,
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
Be thankful when you don’t know something
For it gives you the opportunity to learn.
Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.
Be thankful for your limitations
Because they give you opportunities for improvement.
Be thankful for each new challenge
Because it will build your strength and character.
Be thankful for your mistakes
They will teach you valuable lessons.
Be thankful when you’re tired and weary
Because it means you’ve made a difference.
It is easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are
also thankful for the setbacks.
GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles
and they can become your blessings.

Author Unknown
Giving Thanks

Thanksgiving presents us with the opportunity to reflect on the value of our friends and family.

As a community, Towson High School has so many outstanding accomplishments. Each of you dedicates your commitment and time to sustaining and enhancing the excellence of Towson High School. I am fortunate to work with an outstanding group of dedicated professionals!

Our parents excel at taking an active role in education. Our teachers share their time and talents and work diligently to engage and challenge our students. Our students bring smiles to our faces everyday and truly represent the future of America!

Thank you for representing Towson High School’s Excellence! Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Charlene DiMino
News From the Music Department

This time of year is filled with many wonderful opportunities to share the musical talents of Towson High School students. See below for concert dates and make plans to come out, support THS students and enjoy some incredible music!!

Winter Music Concert Dates

Dec 16th - 7 pm  String Orchestras Full Orchestra
Dec. 17th - 7 pm  Wind Ensembles, Percussion Ensemble Jazz Ensemble
Dec. 22nd - 7pm  Choral groups

Enjoy the music of THS Jazz Ensemble!!
On December 21st the THS Jazz Ensemble will perform at Kenilworth Mall from 7-8pm. Come see the train garden and hear the festive sounds of the Jazz Ensemble.

Please celebrate the season and attend!

Look at what our incredibly talented students are up to!!

The following Towson High School musicians auditioned and qualified for the 2015 BCPS Honors Band, Chorus, and Orchestra.

Isabelle Abaldo  Rose Alon  Sophie Amerger  Molly Baer  Kobe Balin  Emma Balkoski  Julia Batavick  Shayna Blinkoff  Alena Bowman  Naomi Bryant  Madi Casey  Ruth Checknoff  Debra Clerman  Brooke Cottrell  Chris DeMallie  Naomi Element  Peter Fath  Arielle Fincham  Sally Fraker  Alexandra Gaddy  Amelia Genus  Olivia Goodrich  Grace Griffin  Luke Guonjian-Pettit  Cassie Herman  Cal Herndon  Madeleine Howard-Frank

Brennan Hula  Miguel Iglesias  Vincent Igusa  Zachary Jablow  Orion Jenkins-Houk  Kali Jones  Lila Karp  Grace Kelly  Will Kelly  Thomas King  Kathryn Krimm  Nathaniel Lechtzin  Ivian Lewis  Ashley Longo  Ada Marcovitz  Delia Mercer  Natalie Miller  Emily Miller  Jenna Miller  Mason Miller-Breetz  Walker Miller-Breetz  Jack Morgan  Lucy Moylan  Oscar Moylan  Aly Murphy  Akaolisa Nwadiogbu  Celia Parts  Ben Paulis
News From the Music Department

Emiliano Romero-Cano
Anne Saba
Leo Sarbanes
Rey Sasaki
Nick Scholl
Daniel Schuck
Andrew Schuck
Morgan Shakoor
Yuzhu Shi
Ian Shors
Ben Slater
Henry Sleeman
Isaiah Smith
Christina Tancredi
Isabel Thomas
Matthew Vorsteg
Autumn Webb-Sullivan
Aaron Weeks
Rosemary Wonnell
Adam Wright
Ma’issa Wright-Kerr
Anne Zappas
Daniel Zipin

We have the highest number of student musicians of any high school in Baltimore County! Please see the pie chart below.

BCPS All-Honors Music Participants

A BIG thank you to all of you who supported the annual Music Boosters’ Wreath Sale! Wreaths will be delivered and available for pick-up on Wednesday, December 2 after school in the auditorium lobby.

The Towson University Choral program and the Towson High School GT Chamber Choir performed a very special concert at Old Saint Paul Church on October 17th. It was a spectacular event!
Yearbook

Exciting news from Sidelights, the Towson High Yearbook! Now is the best time to buy your copy of the 2016 edition of the yearbook, currently at its lowest price of the year. Please visit www.jostens.com to purchase yours today! Parents of Seniors: Don’t wait until the last minute to purchase a recognition ad for your senior. Make sure that your senior is remembered forever with a recognition page in the 2016 edition of Sidelights. Ads can be purchased and designed online at www.jostens.com. The editors, staff, and advisor thank you for your continued support of our yearbook!

Towson Interns

Towson High School’s Meredith Miller is interning at Timonium Elementary.

Towson Celebrities

Remember in a previous newsletter, there was an article about the Schneidereith quadruplets? Can you believe there’s now an article in PEOPLE magazine online! Here’s the link: http://www.people.com/article/quadruplet-sisters-d1-lacrosse-college. Congratulations!!!
Latin 3: Students Teaching Students

Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed through resources or time to our efforts to collect cans and money for the MD Food Bank. We donated $1,596.00 and over 500 pounds of cans to families in need during the season!

It is important that we all take the time to be thankful for what we have during this season and think about ways we can continually help families in our community. One such way is to make a donation through our ongoing Virtual Food Drive. Using the url https://fooddrive.mdfoodbank.org/towsonhs you will be able to make a cash or can contribution as a part of the SGA’s ongoing philanthropy to support those in need in our community. The drive will run until June, and supplements the other initiatives that organizations at THS implement to support those in need.

Thank you to everyone who participated!!! Your donations were greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference to a needy family in our community this season.

Marching Band Slide Show

You have to check this out!!! Click on the link below to see the Marching Band Slide Show!

http://youtu.be/Xe6nMUMBACw
It’s A Wonderful Life!

Hundreds of students, parents and community members came to the Towson High School auditorium to see our talented students’ production of It’s A Wonderful Life on November 19, 20 and 21. And was it wonderful!

When the director, Mr. Joseph Kimball, began his medical leave, everyone involved in the production had to step up their game. The high standards to which the students held themselves was evidenced in every aspect of the production, including acting, directing, sound, lighting, props, scenery, costumes, makeup, publicity.

Theater Boosters once again ran a successful STARS program which allows audience members to write a congratulatory message to any member of the cast and crew.

A big THANK YOU to Ms. Mary Tehran for taking over as director, and to Mr. Bill Weber for his effective leadership under pressure.

Stay tuned for news on the spring musical!
American Education Week

We had over 100 parents visit Towson High School for American Education Week!! Our Parent Visitation Day - Wednesday, November 18th was a huge success thanks to our wonderful PTSA and our incredible staff and students.

Thank you also to the parents who attended our Informational Sessions. We also appreciate the parents who took the time to complete our evaluations. (Results on next page.)
American Education Week

Feedback / Evaluations

Of the Evaluations we received, the following is a list of the percentage of parents who agreed with each statement.

- 90% My child was challenged during his/her classes today.
- 100% The school provides a safe and orderly learning environment.
- 100% Students were active participants in the classes that I visited today.
- 100% Overall, I enjoyed visiting classes today.
- 90% The students were provided with multiple opportunities to demonstrate their learning.

Comments

- “My daughter had a sub and unfortunately the class wasn’t regular. It did appear that kids knew what was going on.”
- “Honors Biology—Ms. Kirschenbaum did a great job of engaging all students. Every student in the class was participating in the activity willingly. Great learning environment. Thank you!”
- “I visited Ms. Krochta’s Algebra 2 GT class—excellent teaching. PTA helpers at welcome table were helpful knowledgeable. Kids in the hall were also helpful!”
- “Mr. Stange did a great job keeping the students involved and active in the class. He managed the time by using lecturing and handouts and class discussion”
- “Thank you for letting us come!”
- “Thank you Mrs. White and Mrs. Sengebusch and Ms. Travis for helping with Hospitality.”
- “Excellent classes—AP Psych. Mr. Olson is a fabulous and fun teacher. US History—Mr. Radcliffe also an excellent teacher with engaged class!”
Princeton Model Congress

The Towson’s PMC Club attended the annual Princeton Model Congress Conference in Washington D.C. which took place from November 19th to 22nd.

Under the strong leadership of Patrick Hutson, Kayli Balin, and Adam Cines, Towson won an impressive Eight individual Delegate Awards which marks Towson High School’s best performance in eleven years.

Matvei Duzhikhin, Patrick Hutson, Zach Caplan, Jack Morgan, and Jessica Strassman won the Gavel Award and Kayli Balin, Marc Nagib, and Megan Perouty won honorable mentions for their Committee Leadership.

Way to go Generals!
Student of the Month

The Student Recognition committee will again be selecting a student of the month from each grade level to recognize for their achievements in a specific focus area. The focus areas for each month are:

- November - Respect
- December - Scholarship
- January - Leadership
- February - Citizenship
- March - Integrity
- April - Service
- May - Kindness

These focus areas were chosen to align with the THS mission statement and the characteristics of good citizenship.
LPP News

Our students, Ma’issa Wright-Kerr, Devon Leslie, Morgan Hylton, and Cristen Hall represented Towson High School on November 6th by attending a Law and Order Youth Leadership Conference by the Military Order of the World Wars. Here is a photo of them with Chief Judge Ellen Barbera taken in the courtroom at the MD Court of Appeals.

The Military Order of the World Wars is adding another Law and Order Youth Leadership conference in April. They will also hold a 4-day Leadership YLC from 29 June – 2 July. Additional information will be provided in LPP classes.
The Baltimore County Bar Association is sponsoring the 2016 Law Day Essay Contest for high school students. The theme for the contest, Miranda – More than Words, marks the 50th anniversary of perhaps the nation’s best known U.S. Supreme Court case, Miranda v. Arizona. The Miranda Warning has become ingrained in law enforcement and has permeated popular consciousness through countless recitations in films and television shows, yet Miranda is only part of the story when it comes to the procedures for ensuring justice. The contest theme, Miranda – More than Words, will explore the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how those rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty. The deadline to enter the contest is Sunday, April 3, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. Entries must be postmarked to the Baltimore County Bar Association, 100 County Courts, Building, 401 Bosley Ave, Towson, MD 21204, or e-mailed directly to doris@bcba.org.

Prizes will be awarded for first ($250), second ($125), and third ($50) place winners.

Magnet Application Deadline
November 30, 2015

All magnet applications must be completed and submitted to the Office of Magnet Programs by November 30th, 2015 in order to be considered. New, this year, magnet applications can be submitted ONLINE. Visit the Office of Magnet Programs Website (www.bcps.org/offices/omp) to find out more info.

Contact

Julie Kromsky is the Magnet Coordinator/Liaison for THS. You may contact her at JKromsky@bcps.org.
AP Psych - Field Trip at the Zoo
Cross Curricular Connection

Latin 3 students rally around debut release *Coyote* by THS student Jakob Coburn and his band Legends of Et Cetera--and take special note of the Latin in the band's name!
Interested in becoming part of Team BCPS? Come to the ...

Baltimore County Public Schools

Job Expo

December 5, 2015 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
New Town HS 4931 New Town Blvd, Owings Mills, MD 21117

We are looking to recruit all positions; teachers, maintenance staff, support staff, bus drivers, administrators and more! Benefits include paid leave, health insurance, dental, vision and retirement plans.

If you are a teacher, please fill out this quick form: https://a1-3.applitrack.com/bcps/onlineapp/appFramesetJobFair.asp
Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and a year of A+ School Rewards. Beginning October 9, 2015 through March 17, 2016. TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL ID #01245 will have the opportunity to earn cash through the Giant A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:
- Log on to www.Giant.com/aplus to designate our school online using your Giant Card,
- OR
- Call the A+ Hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance

REMEMBER: If you registered your card last year, you DO NOT need to re-register this year. You can visit the website to verify correct school assignment. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean more CASH for our school.

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Giant using your Card earns CASH for our school. Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant A+ website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at www.Giant.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program and the money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Thanks for supporting our school!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

November

26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools and Offices are Closed

December

2 Club Photo Day (Auditorium)
8 Financial Planning Night, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium
10 NAHS Celebration of Light, 6:00 p.m.
11 2nd Quarter Interim Reports Distributed
14 Academic Planning Night, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium
15 FAFSA Information Night, 6:30 p.m., Library
16 Winter Concert—Strings, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
17 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
17 Winter Concert—Bands, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
22 Winter Concert—Choral, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
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Former Towson Principal Louis Sergi with current Towson Principal Charlene DiMino