STARS to Mr. Col- lins for organizing the BCPS FALS Holiday Party!! It was a great success!

STARS to Mr. Mal- lory and Mr. Stange for representing positive leaders for our 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.

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Happy New Year!!

Welcome back from Winter Break! It may be cold outside, but there’s a lot of activities happening inside THS to keep you warm! This time of year is very busy for seniors. See inside for information on purchasing your cap and gown, a Seniors only class at CCBC, and FASFA information. Underclassmen will also be busy planning classes for next year. There will be talent shows, a musical, Senior Prom, Junior Prom, Spring Concerts, as well as midterm exams, AP Testing, SAT tests, and final exams.

This time of year is also when a lot of viruses and colds make their rounds. Please remember to wash your hands and cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough.

In the case of inclement weather, please tune into your favorite local TV station or check online at BCPS.org.

Charlene DiMino
Principal
As the Physical Education Department and its students move into the New Year, so much has already been accomplished. Since school started in the fall, our students have enjoyed units including fitness testing using the standardized FITNESSGRAM test, football, archery, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, rugby, handball, fitness stations, wrestling, aerobics, dance, basketball, and an experience in the weight room. Most recently, the Fitness Foundation students worked on physical fitness goal writing to keep with the theme of New Year’s resolutions. It helps that this is the time of year that many people like to improve their overall health and wellness through improvements with diet and exercise. Students were able to see how their fitness level was able to improve through the results of our FITNESSGRAM winter midyear retest compared to the pretest in the Fall. This helped our students develop their goals as well. We honor the top performers of our fitness students by posting a picture and results of their PACER, pushup, and curl-up test for each teacher. As the semester finishes, our fitness students will turn in a 9 week fitness log, which was designed to keep track of how much exercise they did on a weekly basis. Hopefully, this was motivation for the students to practice what it takes to maintain lifelong fitness and improve fitness scores.

As we move into the second half of the year, our students can look forward to units including volleyball, pickle ball, yoga, adventure ed., floor hockey, bowling, shuffle board, fitness stations, fitness testing, badminton, softball, and tennis. We pride ourselves on exposing our students to many different activities in order to have an opportunity to find something they really like to do. Our activities encompass a good mix of individual, dual and team activities. Sometimes we will even mix in some our own modified games that are similar to other units in order to provide a new an interesting experience.

Our team sports and weight training sections have been moving along nicely as well. Our Phys. Ed. elective students seem to be developing better character traits and are learning to accept responsibility for what it is worth. As each team
News From Physical Education

sports unit finishes, we post pictures of teams who win inter class tournaments, and post pictures of students who are top performers or have been voted as MVP’s. The students really enjoy that type of recognition. Our weight training students are consistently making improvements with strength and endurance as each week passes while involved in our Bigger, Faster, Stronger program. Weight training students will have an opportunity to retest their strength at the end of the semester and see their results compared to the Fall.

Midterm exams are fast approaching. The fitness students have reviewed 8 chapters and completed quizzes from our textbook, Fitness for Life 5th edition, by Corbin and Lindsey. The topics covered so far include health related fitness, RICE formula, care of injuries, environmental factors related to exercise and sport, principles of exercise, personal program planning, goal setting, attitudes toward physical activity and exercise, aerobic capacity, cardio respiratory fitness, and skill related fitness. The fitness midterm will be open note, and the students will be able to use their graded chapter reviews and quizzes to help them be successful on the test. If you are interested in knowing how your child is doing in her or his physical education class, please be sure to refer to BCPS One, or do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Thank you for your interest in our program.
Mr. Kimball was a valued member of the Towson High School faculty and will be greatly missed by our school. During his time here, he touched the lives of many students, parents, and co-workers. His smile, his positive energy, and his unending dedication to his students will leave a lasting impact with all who came in contact with him.

In his honor, Towson High School is establishing a scholarship in his name. Donations, in the form of checks and money orders, may be made payable to Towson High School. Please drop donations off at the Guidance office with Mrs. Williams.

Joseph Daniel Kimball, age 51, passed away December 30, 2015 after an all-too brief battle with multiple myeloma. Born in Syracuse, NY on December 20, 1964, Joe was the third child of Richard M. and Joanne M. (O’Sullivan) Kimball. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Wadham’s Hall Seminary College in Ogdensburg, NY and served a year in the United States Air Force Reserve Chaplain Candidates program.

Following his service, he attended St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore on a path to ordination to the Catholic priesthood. There, he earned a Master of Arts degree in Theology. Redirecting his vocational calling to teaching, Joe attended Binghamton University in NY, where he earned a Master of Art in English.

Thus armed with two Master of Arts degrees, Joe taught English and Religion at Rome Catholic High School in Rome, NY. He returned to Baltimore in 1993, teaching English at Patterson High School and coaching the junior varsity and varsity softball teams. In 1998, he was hired for his first dream job at Catonsville High School, where he taught English and Theater. In 2002 he was awarded Catonsville Rotary’s Teacher of the Year.
In 2010, Joe was offered his second dream job as English and Theater teacher at Towson High School. He was writing his reflections and theories on teaching at the time of his death.

A keen sports fan, Joe was dedicated to the teams of Boston: the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, and Boston Bruins. He enjoyed watching Premier League and World Cup soccer and Syracuse University’s basketball and lacrosse teams, and just about any game played a ball, puck, bat, or stick. He spent one season as an usher for the Baltimore Ravens and six seasons as an usher for the Baltimore Orioles, making the Event Staff All-Star team in 2003.

Joe had an encyclopedic knowledge of English and Irish literature, sports history and statistics, Catholic theology, theater and performing arts.

Himself an actor, Joe’s favorite roles include Feste the clown from Twelfth Night, for which he composed the melodies for the character’s songs, and Annas in Jesus Christ Superstar. A gifted tenor, Joe was a 21 year member with the Contemporary Choir at St. Pius X, a 20 year member of Amhranai na Gaeilge (the Irishman’s Chorale), and the lead tenor in the Irish folk band, Baile ti Mor. He was also a long-time subscriber to Center Stage in Baltimore, seldom missing a performance.

Joe was a dedicated father and husband, a loyal son and brother, a life-changing teacher, and a constant friend. He is survived by his wife, Amy K. (Presser) and his sons Linus and Eamon, both students at the Cromwell Valley Elementary Magnet School. He is also survived by siblings Robert (May) Kimball, Richard Kimball, William (Judy) Kimball, Sheila Kimball(Paul Piasio) and Mary (Shawn) Griffin; an aunt, Ada Buffington and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Pius X Church on Saturday, Jan. 9th at 10 AM. Interment private.

Current and former students of Mr. Kimball’s are invited to wear school colors or insignia.

In lieu of flowers, friends are invited to consider contributing to the Joseph D. Kimball Memorial Fund in support of Joe’s sons, c/o Wells Fargo, 989 Fairmount Ave, Towson, MD 21204 (attn. Jeremy R. Blum) or to a charitable cause of their choice.
Senior Information

CAP AND GOWNS
Attention all seniors!!!
Have you ordered your cap and gown yet? If not, you need to order before January 30th before prices go up!

You can order online at www.nrpatlantic.com
Enter Towson
Click on Packages—and the basic package for $9.90 should be there.

CCBC @THS
During the spring semester CCBC @THS will offer a course called Social Problems. This is a second sociology class and it will be offered during 4th period on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Spaces are limited. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact Mr. Briggs as soon as possible.

FAFSA Information
This is the time of year that families begin completing the FAFSA form online. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Maryland State deadline is March 1, 2016 for completing the FAFSA. In addition, the School Counseling Office has posted a list of financial aid resources on Naviance. On the home screen, click on ‘Financial Aid Websites’ to access this information.
### Midterm and HSA Exam Schedule

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SHS Field Trip

Members of the Spanish Honor Society took a walking field trip to Towson University to view the “Después de la Frontera” exhibit which was on loan from the Creative Alliance. Students were guided through the exhibit of artwork depicting the stories of Hispanic immigrants living in Baltimore.
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

Look What Our Students Are Doing!!

Towson High School students are always achieving important milestones! See what our current and former students are up to!!

Current Students
Sophia Darwin, Mackenzie Long, and Naomi Michelson have been accepted into the Drexel High School Photo competition!

Mattie Wasiak has been accepted to MIT!!! Wow

Leo Sarbanes has been accepted to the University of Pennsylvania Class of 2020!

Towson’s PMC Club

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!
PSAT Information

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE PSAT SCORES

Jan. 6
Educators will be able to access the score reporting portal at k12reports.collegeboard.org and AP Potential™ data at apppotential.collegeboard.org.

Jan. 7
Students will be able to access their scores and AP Potential information at studentscores.collegeboard.org.

By Jan. 29
Educators will receive paper score reports.

Attention 9th Graders!

School Counselors will be visiting 9th grade classrooms soon to talk with students about Naviance and to create 4 year plans. Naviance has many resources to help orient students to careers and college information. Counselors will work with students to begin completing freshman tasks, including creating goals and researching careers.
Towson High students learn lesson in kindness

The Baltimore Sun published an article on December 28, 2015 that showcased an assignment Mrs. Zava and Mrs. Fluharty gave to several of her students, entitled, *Random Acts of Kindness*. The students had a month to do three acts of kindness.

To read the full article, please visit this site:

You’ll read about the kindnesses the students performed as well as the various reactions of the recipients. A side bonus was the warm, wonderful feelings the students experienced as a result of their giving out these random acts of kindness.

What a wonderful, real life experience Mrs. Zava provided her students!

Inspiring Leadership

The following students were selected to attend the Leadership Summit for Young Women in High School at College of Notre Dame: They met with Superintendent Dr. Dallas Dance and were able to attend various workshops and listen to powerful keynote speakers.

Sarah Billington
Deria Brunson
Mackenzie De la Cruz
Isabelle Gold
Morgan Herring
Mary Haase

Towson Ladies with Dr. Dallas Dance!!

Towson Ladies with Ms. Kogelschatz and Ms. Hanley from Guidance
Work From the Scriptorium

Towson High School's Scriptorium was a busy place in the later days of December 2015, with students of all levels creating pages from mythical antique manuscripts.

Nate Bowman's envisioning of the tragedy of Pyramus and Thisbe--the precursor to Romeo and Juliette--provides evidence of the creative productivity of the students of THS' Latin program.
2016 Maryland All State Band, Orchestra, or Chorus

The following students have been inducted into the 2016 Maryland All State Band, Orchestra, or Chorus!

Lillian Blank                Soprano
Samantha Bothwell           Alto
Naomi Element               Violin
Luke Guonjian-Pettit        Trumpet
Cristen Hall                Alto
Brennan Hula                Bass
Vincent Igusa               Bassoon
Zachary Jablow              Trumpet
Liam Jones                  Tenor
Will Kelly                  Tenor
Ashley Longo                Soprano
Mason Miller-Breetz         Bass
Aly Murphy                  Alto
Akaolisa Nwadiogbu          Tenor
Tim Paulis                  Bass
Luke Powers                 Trumpet
Leo Sarbanes                Oboe/English Horn
Rey Sasaki                  Violin
Andrew Schuck               French Horn
Yuzhu Shi                   Flute
Rosemary Wonnell            Viola
Anne Zappas                 Soprano
Felicia Zvagelsky           Piano
Maryland All-State Music

Maryland Junior All-State Chorus:
Tim Paulis
Liam Jones
Akaolisa Nwadiogbu

Maryland Junior All-State Band:
Luke Guonjian-Pettit (trumpet)
Vincent Igusa (bassoon)

Future Football Star?

Towson High School student Rodger Holcombe, III has been selected to play as a running back for the U. S. A. International Football Team in the upcoming 2016 International Bowl. Four U. S. National Teams will join U. S. Select Teams to compete in a series of games against Canadian National Team. More than 500 top U. S. high school and junior high athletes will represent their country on the football field.

The games take place Sunday, January 31, Wednesday, February 3, and Friday, February 5 at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas. The game can be viewed online at Internationalbowl.com.

Congratulations Rodger!!! We’re so proud of you!
Look Who Made the TODAY show!!!
Sports Stars!

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**Former Students**

*Emily Barone*—2012 Graduate—has been offered a position as a fife instrumentalist with The U. S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps! She says this is a dream come true for her!
UPCOMING EVENTS

January

9    Magnet Assessment - 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
11-15 Midterm Exam Make-ups
11-20 HSA Exams
15    Second Marking Period Ends
18    Schools and Offices Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday
19    Professional Day - Schools Closed for Students
22    General Nathan Towson’s Birthday
23    Magnet Assessment Snow Date
28    Tri-M Coffeehouse - 4:00 pm, Cafeteria

February

4    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