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.

★ STARS to Mr. Eze, Ms. Krochta, and Mr. Freeburger, Ms. Zava and members of the EFE Committee, for showcasing the power of adult-student relationships.

★ STARS to Ms. Nash for sharing valuable information in support of the SAT with our staff.

★ STARS to Nick Wynn for putting together a student recognition video for the faculty.

★ STARS to all the members of the School Counseling Department for all of their hard work during registration.

★ STARS to Ms. Lauten who does an outstanding job in support of the staff in transforming the information from teachers into this amazing newsletter.

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday, January 16
Tuesday, January 17

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, please tune in to local TV or radio for any closings or delays. You may also visit the website at www.bcps.org.
News From the Social Studies Department

The 2016-17 school year has been an exciting one in Social Studies! With the launch of our Rho Kappa National Honor Society, we hope to provide up-to-date information about events happening in the United States and around the world. Students should visit the bulletin board outside of Room 300 to read what is new. Additionally, our students will be providing tutoring for all Social Studies classes. Informational flyers are available on the bulletin board outside of Room 333. If you are interested in joining us, look for applications and announcements this Spring.

Here is what is happening in our classes:

**GT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**

In Mr. Sonneborn’s GT American Government classes, students are working on the Legislative Branch. Students analyzed the impact of reapportionment and redistricting by Gerrymandering Maryland.

Ms. White’s classes are participating in a legislative simulation; presenting original bills to their committees and debating them in order to convince their fellow senators and representatives to pass them. The President of each class, elected during the last unit (the executive branch), will sign or pass any legislation passed by both houses of Congress.

All GT students will be moving on to the Judicial Branch and then to the Public Policy unit when they will begin working on their Project Citizen assignment.

**HONORS AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**

In Mr. Eze’s Honors American Government class, students are preparing for their Unit 3 exam on the Executive Branch. Students created anchor charts that outline and provide key information for each topic covered in the unit. Students also developed practice questions using Costa’s levels of questioning to include on the anchor charts. These sample questions will be used in a gallery walk to help students study for the exam.
News From the Social Studies Department

AP US HISTORY
In AP US History, students collaborated in a small group to complete the "Six Degrees of Historical Causation" Assignment, an activity loosely based on the theory of six degrees of separation. Students were provided a historical case study (ex: Revolution of 1800 and Formation of the Republican Party 1854) and were expected to make four historical connections to connect the two events. In the process, students applied historical thinking skills such as historical causation, contextualization, continuity and change, and synthesis. At the end of the activity, students participated in a gallery walk to critique each group's efforts.

AP PSYCHOLOGY
To wrap up the end of the quarter, AP psychology students have been tasked with creating a book following their lives. While in the Development Unit, students are responsible for knowing all stages of life from conception to the end of days. Students are applying Piaget's cognitive development, Erikson's social stages, Kohlberg's Morality, and Kubler-Ross on Death and Dying. The books look similar in format to a scrapbook. Students must apply each term in the unit to themselves. Students have to talk to families and friends to see how they grew up and to get a more intimate understanding of their own lives as they explore the project.
LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY
Mr. Dase’s grade nine Law and Public Policy classes, Introduction to Law Research and Writing, just finished watching the classic movie 12 Angry Men. This was a culminating activity after examining courtroom procedures and the jury system. The movie focuses on a jury’s deliberations in a capital murder case. A 12 man jury is sent to begin deliberations in the first – degree murder trial of an 18 year old man accused in the stabbing death of his father, where a guilty verdict means automatic death sentence. The courtroom drama examines the Constitutional rights that promise defendants a fair trial and presumption of innocence.

After observing the movie, the students will be completing several activities which include writing a different verdict to the case, changing the evidence and testimony in the case or writing a sequel to the movie. This movie is a classic that all students, over the years, have thoroughly enjoyed as it brought the jury system to life for the students.

PHILOSOPHY
After a semester of discovery, the philosophy students wrapped up the year exploring their own personal philosophy and expressing their ideas in a “This I Believe” essay.
MOCK TRIAL
Our Mock Trial team is gearing up for a new season. Mock Trial is preparing for competitions Wednesday, January 11th and Wednesday, January 18th. January 11th is defense against Beth Tfiloh and January 18th is prosecution against Franklin. The case is a criminal action against the Superintendent of a school district for lead contamination of the school system's water.

JOHNS HOPKINS MODEL UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION
Under the guidance of the sponsor, Mr. Scott Olson and THS Senior, Devon Leslie, president, our Johns Hopkins Model United Nations delegation is preparing for their conference next month. Students have been working hard on researching the countries that they will be serving as ambassadors - Brazil, Somalia, and Sweden.

Special Committee:
- Future Atomic Energy Agency
- Star Wars - Emperor Palpatine's Cabinet
- Tohoku Earthquake response
- BBC press corps
- Pirates: Power in the Caribbean - British naval and pirate positions.

Why do we participate in JHMUNC? As explained on their website:

WHY JHUMUNC?
“By participating in one of our more than 30 high-caliber committees, listening to and asking questions of distinguished representatives of the international relations community, and meeting students from all over the globe, JHUMUNC delegates receive unparalleled exposure to the world of international affairs.” (http://www.jhumunc.org/why-jhumunc/)

If you couldn’t join in this year, think about coming onboard next year! The conference is opened to 11th and 12th graders. See Mr. Olson for more information.
School Happenings

Parents of Seniors: Are you interested in placing a recognition ad in this year’s yearbook? The deadline of January 15th is fast approaching!! Please visit www.jostens.com to place an ad!

CAPS & GOWNS

We have received confirmation that the vendor for graduation cap and gowns will be National Recognition Products. Due to the lateness of clarifying this contract approval, families will have the extended timeline of February 10, 2017 to purchase these items at the discounted rate. Any family who purchased items with Balfour will be reimbursed directly by December 30, 2016.

Mid-Year Reports

The School Counseling Office will send out mid-year reports beginning the end of January to all the colleges to whom you’ve applied. The mid-year report will include a copy of your updated transcript with mid-year grades for each course. You do not need to request your mid-year report— it is sent automatically. Please see your counselor if you have questions.

Ms. Mitchell from the University of Mary Washington will be at Towson High School for Instant Admissions on February 15 between 8am and 10am. Students who attend this event will find out immediately whether they have been accepted to UMW.

Students who are interested in attending instant admissions should do the following:

- Sign up to attend on Naviance. Click on the ‘colleges’ tab and click on ‘college visits’.
- Complete an application for admission online at http://www.umw.edu/admissions/ Complete this application BEFORE the 2/15 meeting. The application fee is waived but you will need to speak with your counselor for the fee waiver code.
- Print out your SAT and/or ACT scores. You will need to bring these scores with you when you meet with the admissions counselor.
  You will need a copy of your transcript. Your counselor will provide you with your transcript.

See your counselor if you have any questions.
School Happenings

Mark Your Calendar!!

Towson High School Graduation
Saturday, June 3, 2017
Towson University
2:30 PM
A New THS Tradition

Graduation Banners

Parents, Grandparents, and other relatives will want to share in your special day with a custom Graduation Banner. For the low price of $30.00, you can send a special custom message to a graduating senior.

Sample:

Congratulations Sasha McGee!!

Mom and Dad are so proud of you!!

Good Luck at UMCP!!

Contact tblair@bcps.org for more details!
School Happenings

INFORMATION REQUIRED: PLEASE TYPE

Your Name_________________________Student’s Name_________________________

Relation to student__________________Your phone______________________________

Your email________________________

Message (please TYPE— one character in each box including spaces.)

PAYMENT BY CHECK ONLY—$30.00 MADE OUT TO TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL
PLEASE PUT “SENIOR BANNER” in the memo.

--- all orders are due no later than January 27, 2017.
--- Orders can be submitted mornings outside the cafeteria or during the day to Trailer 6.
DO NOT BRING ORDERS TO THE OFFICE OR GUIDANCE.
--- The design shown is subject to change at the discretion of the publisher.
--- THS and the publisher reserve the right to reject any messages that may be considered inappropriate so please
be careful with any inside jokes or political statements as they will be subject to scrutiny. In the case where a
message is deemed inappropriate we will ask for an alternative or issue a refund.
--- Banners will be displayed in the Aigburth lobby and the hallway around the cafeteria. Students will be
allowed to get their banners after the Senior Awards ceremony on May 25. All banners will be removed and stored
after June 1.

Sample:

Congratulations Sasha McGee !!

Mom and Dad are so proud of you!!

Good Luck at UMCP!!

Contact tblair@bcps.org for more details!
Junior Night is on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.

SAT
All Juniors will take the SAT in school on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in school. See your counselor if you have questions.

Students should create a Khan Academy account to help prepare for the SAT. Go to www.khanacademy.org

FAFSA
Apply for your FAFSA ID. Go to https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid

Important Accounts to Set Up

- College Board - Students should create a College Board account. Go to www.collegeboard.org
- ACT - To create an ACT account, go to www.actstudent.org
- Common Application - Students should create a Common Application account. Go to www.commonapp.org
  Any student who is not planning to enroll in college in the next 12 months should select “Other student” on their Common App registration page.
This year the SGA and the NHS are co-sponsoring the annual Winter Blood Drive. This event will occur on February 22 during the school day. All students 17 and older will be able to donate if they want and if they have fulfilled the requirements as outlined by the Red Cross.

You can find more information by visiting the Red Cross website and clicking on the “Donate Blood” tab. You will find helpful hints on how to prepare for donating as well as explanations of the types of donations that they will be accepting on that day. More information will be available beginning January 18. Sign-ups for slots and back-up donors will begin the week of January 23.

This past fall, we met the goal for our October Blood Drive. Let’s continue to show the Red Cross that the Generals care about the community.
School Happenings

WISHES DO COME TRUE

Thank you to the Towson High School Alumni Association for making our teachers’ wishes come true!! The Alumni Association asked the teachers to submit a “wish list” of items they would like to have for their classrooms. The Alumni Association granted lots of those wishes recently. They have donated the following items to the classrooms of Towson High School:

* LCP Projectors
* Carts
* Document Camera
* Video Camera
* Digital Camera
* Docking Station
* Laptop Batteries
* Label Maker
* Art Tables
* Tablecloths
* AP Software
* Lab Supplies
* Bows

Current Towson High Interns, Tommy King and Zach Caplan, interview a potential intern for next year.

The interviews provide further insights into a candidate’s qualifications and affords participants valuable interview experience vital for future success.

Mr. Collins being festive at the Ravens’ game.
School Happenings

TEAM BCPS Day - January 12, 2017

Towson High School Staff Welcomes BCPS Centralized Support for BCPS Day!!
School Happenings

Towson High School
2017 Midterm and HSA Exam Schedule

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| Friday, January 18, 2017  
B Day                    | January administration of the American Government HSA  
Make-ups.                                  | Regular Bell Schedule Used      | Library closed |
| Wednesday, January 19, 2017  
A Day                     | January administration of the Biology HSA  
Make-ups.                                | Regular Bell Schedule Used      | Library closed |

All make-up mid-term exams should be scheduled between the student and the teacher. 2nd quarter ends Friday January 13th 2017.

The Library and computer labs 220 and 221 will be closed.
Welcome back Rose! She volunteers her time to assist Mr. Rhen and the THS music department- Rose plans to be a teacher. We are thankful for the influence of our teachers!

AVID Alumni recently visited and shared their success with our current students. Thank you Ms. Nash for arranging the visit!

LPP Alumni stopped by to say hello during their break from studies at UNC and Xavier.

L-R: Fechi Okeke, Taylor Perry-Crawford, Ms. Renee Folk (staff), and Tochi Okeke.

Sarah Sulkowski, Class of 2019, was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University during the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year. To make the dean’s list, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
School Happenings

How would you like a way to help Towson High School earn cash that is completely painless and almost effortless? You can register your My Giant grocery card and then use your registered card each time you shop at Giant. Your purchase earns points that are later converted into cash for the school! Towson will receive one CASH award at the end of the program and can use the money for any of our educational needs.

All you need to do to register your card is:

- Visit www.giantfood.com/aplus and scroll down to the center, select Register Your Card from the red box on the right marked For Customers; or
- Call the A+ School Rewards Hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance; or,
- Email the A+ Hotline. Please include the last name associated with your Giant Card, your 12-digit Giant Card number and our school name and school ID number** (or the name, city and state in which the school is located) to: askaplus@cranecommunications.com.

Then all you have to do is use your registered Giant Card each time you shop!! Easy, right? Please encourage your friends, family and neighbors to also register their cards for Towson High School. This could result in every more Cash rewards!!

**Towson’s School ID Number: 01245

For more information, contact Nancy N. Paulis at thsmusicboosters@gmail.com
School Happenings

Please visit us at our recruitment session:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017 from 4-6pm

Loch Raven High School
1212 Cowpens Avenue Baltimore, MD 21286
(Snow Date, Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 4-6pm)

- Now seeking candidates for: Construction Management, Nursing, Carpentry, Electrical, Culinary Arts, CISCO, Automotive Services, Technology Education, Engineering, Business Education, School to Career, Family and Consumer Sciences (Food and Nutrition)

For additional information contact Corey Dotson, HR Officer at 443-809-4463 or via email at cddotson2@bcps.org

Explore opportunities here: http://www.bcps.org/jobs/teach
School Happenings

It’s cold and flu season, and we are also seeing slightly increased incidence of GI illnesses. We hope you & yours stay healthy during the holidays! A couple of reminders we hope may be helpful:

**Alcohol-based** hand sanitizers are NOT effective against all germs, including norovirus (which is a common cause of GI illness.) Therefore, **try to regularly wash your hands with soap and water.**

**Parents are encouraged to keep** students with symptoms of norovirus (e.g., sudden onset of vomiting and diarrhea, abdominal cramping, and nausea) separated, as much as possible, from other family members and home from school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
# School Happenings

## Math Help

### 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! Morning math help is available by appointment with Ms. Bissell-Harris in Rm 113.*
UPCOMING EVENTS

January

15  Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday
16  Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday Observed  
    Schools and Offices CLOSED
17  Professional Development Day - Schools CLOSED for Students
19  Tri-M Coffeehouse, 4:00 pm, Cafeteria
22  General Nathan Towson’s Birthday
26  Distribution of Report Cards (2nd Marking Period)
26  Tri-M Coffeehouse *SNOW DATE*, 4:00 pm, Cafeteria