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 STAT teacher, Tami Evanosky for creating an east-to-use, one-stop location on the THS STAT Wiki for critical information related to Best Practices and Professional Development!

★ STARS to Mr. Dase for sharing motivational resources.

★ STARS to Emiliano Romero-Cano and Kayla Caichan for thinking of others in the Towson community.

Turn the page to see what’s going on at Towson High School!!

♦ THS Welcomes Our Chinese Exchange Students (See pages 8-9)

♦ Towson High Sophomore Vincent Igusa selected as the Young Soloist winner for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. (See pages 14-15)

♦ Senior Information (See pages 4-6)

♦ Senior Talent Show (See page 11)
Spring is right around the corner and for the Towson Special Education Department, that means some exciting upcoming events. Our FALS program has several events planned including Arts on Stage at Goucher College.

The mission of Arts On Stage, Ltd. is to artistically, culturally and educationally enrich the minds of children through live, professional theatre productions. We hope to stimulate, encourage, educate, and promote interest in live theatre of all types in children of all ages. Our media includes theatrical plays, music, dance, drama, and storytelling, which are all accompanied by quality study guides to further advance the educational components of each presentation. The students recently attended an outstanding show about Martin Luther King. Awesome Activity Day at Perry Hall and The Very Special Arts Festival at Oregon Ridge events are sponsored by BCPS with the purpose of encouraging healthy sports activities and creative thinking.

The Best Buddies program will be holding their annual BEST BUDDIES Talent Show. The show is designed to highlight talents of both our special needs student population and their awesome Best Buddies. The show will be held at Fallston High School sometime in April.
News From the Special Education Department

The general education students will continue to work towards completing HSAs and PARCC testing. Many of our students will be visiting colleges and post secondary agencies to gather information about their impending bright futures.
School Happenings

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.

CCBC will be on campus at Towson High School this Spring for English 101. This course will begin on January 31. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to earn college credit and gain valuable college experience while in high school. Please contact Mr. Briggs if you have any questions.
School Happenings

SENIORS 2017

Ms. Mitchell from the University of Mary Washington will be at Towson High School for Instant Admissions on February 15 between 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. 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
Juniors!

JUNIOR YEAR QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

**Junior Night** is on Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m. 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](http://www.khanacademy.org)

**FAFSA**

**Important Accounts to Set Up**

- **College Board** - Students should create a College Board account. Go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

- **ACT** - To create an ACT account, go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- **Common Application** - Students should create a Common Application account. Go to [www.commonapp.org](http://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.
School Happenings

THS Welcomes Our Chinese Exchange Students
School Happenings

THS Welcomes Our Chinese Exchange Students
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL’S NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL

EDIBLE ART EXHIBIT

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
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, food that looks like other food, and a dress made from Twizzlers Candy. At Towson’s 24th annual Edible Art we will have sculpture made from all things edible, including rice Krispy 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!

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Valsing
Towson High Art Department
rvalsing@bcps.org
School Happenings

Class of 2017 Presents...

The Senior Talent Show

When: Thursday February 2nd
7pm-doors open at 6:30pm

Where: THS Auditorium

towson.booktix.com

$8 online, $10 at the door
School Happenings

Why take the BCPS Stakeholder Survey?
January 30—March 3

We use your anonymous feedback to:
- Guide school improvement.
- Identify staff training areas.
- Improve office safety.
- Help staff work better together.

Help us improve even more!
- Takes 5 minutes or less.
- On your phone, tablet, or computer.
- In 16 languages for students, parents, and community members.

Grade 4-12 students and all parents, Community members, and staff.

Take the survey at www.bcps.org!
School Happenings

We are so proud of our students who made the All Honors Band and Chorus!!

All Honors Jazz Band

**Saxophone**
- Chris DeMallie
- Olivia Glass
- Micah Herman
- Jack Morgan
- Jordan Salahuddin

**Trumpet**
- Luke Guonjian-Pettit
- Zachary Jablow
- Nathaniel Lechtzin
- Ben McLaughlin
- Matthew Vorsteg

**Trombone**
- Ian Shors

All Honors Chorus

**Alto**
- Naomi Bryant
- Ma’Issa Wright-Kerr

**Bass**
- Justin Mohammadi
- Aaron Weeks
Shane Jenson from the Office of Music and Dance visited Mr. Rhen’s band class today to congratulate and inform Vincent Igusa that he had been selected as the Young Soloist winner for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. It was a complete surprise to Vincent and his classmates who were so happy and proud for him they gave him a standing ovation.

Being selected as the Young Soloist winner is a huge honor and means that Vincent will play a concerto (solo piece for bassoon and Orchestra) accompanied by the members of the BSO with him out front as the solo instrumentalist.
School Happenings

Young Soloist Winner
Vincent Igusa
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. Sign-ups for slots and back-up donors began 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

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@cranecomunications.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
## Math Help

### Math Help Calendar

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Black History Month
2  Senior Talent Show, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
9  Senior Talent Show *SNOW DATE*
16 Interim Reports Distributed (3rd Marking Period)
16  Freshmen Magnet Breakfast, 8:15 am, Senior Café
17  Music Boosters Basket Bingo, 6:00 pm, Tall Cedars of Lebanon
20  President’s Day - SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED
21  Edible Art Exhibit, 6:00 pm, Cafeteria
22  SGA Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym
23  Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm