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. Ed Faya, Mr. Hoefler, Ms. Fluharty, and Ms. Zava for becoming certified in youth mental health first aid.

★ STARS to Mr. Busselman, Mr. Belt, Mr. Freeburger, and all of the student staff members of the Colophon literary magazine. The Colophon has been awarded Maryland’s HIGHEST AWARD in the 2016 National Council of Teachers of English Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines. Only one school in our state earns this top level of recognition from NCTE!

★ STARS to all of the officers and committee members from the Class of 2019, especially President Ally Gaddy, who started meeting last week to organize their Ring Dance in March.

★ STARS to Towson alum, Kira Lauring, Class of 2016, whose experience as Colophon’s art editor has helped earn her the Poetry and Literature Editor at Tufts University’s Observer magazine. Congrats Kira! Colophon is proud of you!

★ STARS to PTSA president, Cheri Pegues, who bought a foreign language key board so a refugee student could use their home language in creative writing class.

★ STARS to Didi Blair and Linda Freeburger for helping Ms. Williams with a big project in Guidance.

The Honor Society Inductions
Thursday, April 6, 2017
6:00 - 7:00 pm
Auditorium
NEWS FROM THE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

**Nutrition and Foods**
Nutrition and Foods students have been tasked with completing a personal dietary assessment. Students are expected to keep a food log, examine nutrient needs, portion sizes, and requirements from the major food groups. Students will apply the new knowledge in order to identify strengths and weaknesses and develop personal goals for healthy eating. During lab experiences, students are preparing recipes, such as “Whole Grain Blueberry Muffins”, which have been modified to increase healthfulness and nutritional value.

**Foods for Singles**
As the third quarter begins, new semester Foods for Singles students are developing life skills essential for healthy food choices and personal food preparation. Students collaborated in examining foodborne illnesses and applied this knowledge in order to develop strategies for safe food handling. An essential component of successful preparation is an understanding of appropriate measuring tools and techniques. Students practice these skills during a lab experience by the preparation of a “Santa Fe Ranch Dip with Vegetables”.
News From the Tech Ed Department

A special THANK YOU from the Nutrition and Foods and Foods for Singles classes to Towson High’s awesome PTSA for contributing new aprons for the Foods Lab.
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.

Got FAFSA? Need Help??

Do you need help completing the FAFSA? The school counseling office is here to help. We will be available all day on February 14, 2017 to help parents and students with FAFSA related questions. Please contact Ms. Williams in the school counseling office for more information.

Ms. Mitchell from the University of Mary Washington will be at Towson High School for Instant Admissions on February 15 between 8:00 - 10 a.m. Students will find out immediately if have been accepted to UMW. Students who are interested in attending instant admissions should do the following:

- Sign up to attend on Naviance. Click the ‘colleges’ tab and click ‘college visits’.
- Complete 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
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SENIORS APPLY NOW!
Deadline: February 24, 2017

Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association Memorial Scholarships

Five+ $1500 BCRSPA Scholarships
One $1500 Matthew Tress Memorial Scholarship

Download an application at www.bcrspa.com - (click on scholarships)
Or
Voice Mail 410-847-9700 Option 3 for scholarships
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**Kiwanis Club of Loch Raven** ............... **DUE: April 4, 2017**

Applications can be picked up in the School Counseling Office or downloaded from Naviance. The application must be completed neatly, entirely, and truthfully. Completed applications are due in the School Counseling Office no later than April 4, 2017.

**Maryland 42nd District Senatorial Scholarship**

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Applications can be picked up in the School Counseling Office or downloaded from Naviance. Application deadline is April 1, 2017.
School Happenings

Juniors!

Junior Month

March is Junior Month in the counseling office. A letter was mailed home in early February regarding Junior conferences. Your counselor would like to meet with you and your parents/guardians for a Junior conference. Please call the counseling office at 410-887-3613 to schedule a time with your counselor. In addition, there will be a college fair at CCBC Essex on March 7, 2017. We will be taking a bus trip to the fair. See your counselor if you would like to join us on the bus trip.

Our Junior Night is on Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Both parents and students are invited. Ms. Kelly Farmer from Stevenson University will be discussing the college application process.

We look forward to working with you to prepare for a successful college admissions process!

SAT

Counselors will visit all Junior English classrooms in March to review the college application process and prepare students for our SAT Day - April 5th.

SAT Day

All Juniors will take the SAT on April 5th at THS during the school day. Students are automatically registered to take the SAT April 5th. Please call your counselor if you have questions.
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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

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.
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Students of the Month - February

The Student Recognition Committee would like to congratulate the following students who are this month’s recipients of the Student of the Month Award. These awards are based on student leadership and the characteristics of leaders. These students readily take on responsibilities, listen to others and seek out opportunities to be a leader.

9th Grade
Sebastian Rutz

Sebastian Rutz has been an active member of the stage crew and is already working toward becoming a leader of the construction crew. Kudos on demonstrating strong leadership qualities!

10th Grade
Grant Kuehn

Grant Kuehn has demonstrated strong leadership qualities in sports and English GT 10. Congratulations on being a good role model and a leader in the community!

11th Grade
Emma Bailey

Kudos go to Emma Bailey. Emma has been very active as a costume designer and directs a group of students to deliver quality costumes for the theater. As a leader, she is not only comfortable directing the work of others; she is just as willing to roll up her own sleeves to produce quality work.

12th Grade
Christine White

Congratulations Christine White. As leader of the Environmental Club, Christine goes above and beyond. She is very reliable, dependable, and responsible. Christine is always willing to go the extra mile. She volunteers to help with the recycling in the cafeteria. Christine always stays as long as needed and she does it with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. She leads by example in the classroom, the school and the community.
School Happenings

Art Department’s
Scholastic Arts winners!

Alyssa Cobb ....................... Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration We, Myself, and I
Ally Gaddy ......................... Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration Summer Sunset
Jack Goembel ........................ Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration Looming
Madeline Grable .................... Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration Work in Progress
Ben Hough ................................ Silver Key Ceramics & Glass Danger Camp
Chau Nguyen ........................ Gold Key Ceramics & Glass Mother & Daughter
Ladan Savar .......................... Honorable Mention Art Portfolio AP Studio II
Isabel Schreur ....................... Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration Seeking Inspiration
Ruby Sprehe .......................... Silver Key Art Portfolio Natural Spirit
Jingwen Xu ........................... Honorable Mention Ceramics & Glass What Do You Mean?
Chloe Ziegler ......................... Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration Purple and Read
Emily Friesner ....................... Honorable Mention Art Portfolio The Human Body
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
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.
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Congratulations Mr. Dase!!

40 Year Anniversary of teaching at Towson High School!!!
School Happenings

Congratulations to Mr. Dase
40 year Anniversary @ Towson High School!

Recently, an article appeared in the Towson Times paying tribute to Mr. Dase’s accomplishments. Principal DiMino thought it would be a good idea for our community to learn a little bit more about Mr. Dase’s legacy.

Beyond Mr. Dase’s 40 years as a classroom teacher, he has earned the respect of many as a result of his many accomplishments as an athlete and coach. We all know that Mr. Dase coaches soccer. But did you know that Mr. Dase spent 33 years as a basketball coach, 20 years as a lacrosse coach, and was inducted into the Maryland Coaches Hall of Fame? He has also earned 8 state titles as head coach and 2 state titles in soccer. He was the Student Athlete of the Year as a high school senior and a 9 lettermen, meaning that he played varsity the entire time during his time in high school. He earned All County in each sport and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Mr. Dase served as the President of both Dumbarton Junior High School and the Athletic Association. Mr. Dase spent 29 years as the lead of High School Sports Scene and has also been highlighted by ESPN.

Mr. Dase has two sons, 23 and 19 years of age, and has been married for 27 years. He will tell you that he has learned everything from his mom and dad. His wife will say to him, “You were an adult when you were 5 years old.” Mr. Dase grew up as an only child and because of this he strived to follow the rules.
Here’s a little bit more about a man that has dedicated a large portion of his life to Towson High School:

Q: “Share with us a daily routine that has not changed during the past 40 years.”
Mr. Dase: “I get up about 5:15, get here about 6:00 a.m., sit at my desk and change lessons prior to the first class of the day. I purchase a cafeteria lunch every day, go to the field or gym after school, come home, have dinner, spend time on school work, watch TV when I have the time, and go to bed.”

Q: “What is your favorite television show?”
Mr. Dase: “The Big Bang Theory. I also watch the news and sports.”

Q: “What would you like to do when you retire?”
Mr. Dase: “I would like to referee soccer in the fall and volunteer at the hospital. I love yard work so I will continue to be outside. I also love to travel.”

Q: Tell us something that we might not know about you.
Mr. Dase: “I think I come across as a stern disciplinarian because I believe that discipline is the key to success. People might not know that I have a big heart and I am really a caring person underneath the thick skin. I will do anything to help you and this probably does not always come through.”

Q: “During your time at Towson, what are your top three memories?”
Mr. Dase: “This past soccer season, 3 young men walked into my house and shared their efforts to initiate a fundraiser for prostate cancer.”

Mr. Dase was diagnosed with cancer this past summer and his players, in collaboration with parents and Mr. Nash, organized a fundraiser in his honor. The proceeds were donated to Johns Hopkins. The efforts of the school and community meant more to him than words can express.

“We became Regional Champions in 1988 in basketball and went to Coal Field House. We took the boys to the Sheraton and my parents came up from Florida to partake in the event.”

“We earned the state title in lacrosse in 1982 at UMBC. I recall when the tears hit my eyes in awe of what the boys have done.”
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Q: “When you are not in the classroom or on the soccer field, what do you like to do in your free time?”

Mr. Dase: “Coach rec ball and travel. I have been to many places because of my wife and her job. I have driven cross country and visited Europe and Australia.”

Q: “What is it about your profession that you like the most?”

Mr. Dase: “I enjoy working with the youth. It is fun to watch students and athletes grow and improve upon skills and knowledge. I love to find out what the former students and athletes are doing.”

Q: “What advice do you have for people that wish to go into the teaching profession?”

Mr. Dase: “You need a good sense of humor. There are so many responsibilities but you can’t let them bear you down. Don’t take yourself too seriously. Remember that we are all a component of the education system. Enjoy what you do on a daily basis.”

Q: “What motto have you lived by as a coach?”

Mr. Dase: “Discipline, preparation, and hard work brings success.” If you give the best effort you possibly can, you will be successful. I use the pyramid of success. I want to be 190% and I apply this expectation to the classroom.”

Q: “Tell us why you have remained at the same school for 40 years.”

Mr. Dase: “I love the Towson community. I love running into people in the community. I love seeing our students as seniors and how they have matured. Communication keeps you young. I have been in high school my entire life. Why would you ever leave? How could you not love it?”

Q: “If you could do it all again, what would you change?”

Mr. Dase: “I love what I do but I always thought about a career in media or marketing. A courageous mentor named Jim Lawler told me, “Teaching is my life.” He gave me the confidence to stay in the profession. My parents also taught me never to quit because you need to take an interest in people.”
School Happenings

TOWSON HIGH MUSIC BOOSTERS

BINGO

February 17, 2017 * 7 - 10 pm (doors open 6 pm)
Tall Cedars Of Lebanon * 2501 Putty Hill Avenue, Parkville

ดน Live Music by Towson High Ensembles!

🎂 IncredibleFilled Baskets For Bingo Winners!

锞 Chances To Win 50/50 And Other Raffles for Sale!

🥤 Yummy Food And Drink for Sale!

DETAILS: ALL SALES WHILE THEY LAST. EACH TICKET BUYS AN 18-GAME PACKET OF BINGO CARDS AND A NIGHT OF GREAT COMPANY AND MUSIC! BINGO BASKET WINNERS RECEIVE A FABULOUS BASKET FILLED WITH VALUABLE ITEMS! ONLY ONE WINNER PER GAME. IN THE EVENT OF MULTIPLE BINGOS FOR A GAME, THE BASKET WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED BY TIEBREAKER.

Ticket Order Form

_____ Table for Ten: $150 ($135 by Feb. 1, 2017) while they last
_____ Single Ticket: $20 ($15 by Feb. 1, 2017) while they last
_____ Student Helper Ticket: $7 (THS student/musician who serves or performs at event)

Total Payment Enclosed: $ ____________

Your Name and Mailing Address: ____________________________

Your email address: ____________________________

Please mail your check payable to THS Music Boosters (memo Bingo 2017) with this completed order form to Towson High Music Boosters Bingo, 69 Cedar Ave., Towson, MD 21286. THANK YOU!
We are so proud of our students who made All Honors!!

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
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All County Jazz And Chorus
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All County
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Congratulations to

Luke Guonjian-Pettit

for qualifying for the 2017

Maryland All State Jazz Ensemble!
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Congratulations to Elizabeth Rockhill for signing her NLI to attend Coastal Carolina for soccer!!
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Thank You

School Counselors!!!

National School Counselors Week
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Students Planning for Black History Month
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Congratulations to

It’s Academic Team!

They will compete in the 2nd round!
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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!
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## Math Help

### Math Help Calendar

**February 2017**

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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. Bisell-Harris in Rm 113.
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**
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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

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
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FAX: 410-583-1375