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 our PTSA for the morning bagels during Teacher Appreciation Week!!

★ STARS to our teaching and support staff that are committed to supporting the success of ALL students.

★ STARS to Mr. Ickes, Ms. Evanosky, and Ms. Bridges, Mr. Jackson, all of our teachers and support staff for their efforts with testing.

★ STARS to our Seniors!! We will soon be celebrating you!

★ STARS to all of our MOMS - Happy Mother’s Day! Thank you for all that you do to support our students.

★ STARS to Carol Yingling for training our front office staff on how to use the new phones.

UPDATE: Our phone number will be changing to 443-809-3608 effective Tuesday, May 29, 2018

NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER
443-809-3608
ALLERGY SEASON IS HERE!

If spring allergens make you miserable, it's time to take steps to prevent those symptoms! Please remember to take allergy medication at home - seasonal allergy medications are not available in the nurse's office.

Symptoms of seasonal allergies:

- sneezing
- wheezing
- nasal congestion
- coughing
- itchy, watery eyes
- runny nose

- itchy throat
- stomach ache
- itchy skin
- hives
- fatigue
- irritability

Ways to reduce your exposure to allergy triggers

Stay indoors, especially when it's dry or windy. A good rain helps clear pollen from the air.

Change to clean clothes when you get home. It also helps if you take a shower after school or in the evening to rinse pollen from your skin and hair.

Rinse your sinuses. Nasal saline spray is a cheap and easy way to clear allergens from your nose.
ALLERGY SEASON IS HERE!

Watch for high pollen counts
Check the internet or local news to get updated pollen reports.
Start taking allergy medications **before** your symptoms start! If high pollen is forecasted it’s time to take allergy meds.
Keeps doors and windows closed when pollen is high. Use the air conditioning instead of opening windows.

**Indoors**
Change home filters regularly, use HEPA (high-efficiency particulate) filters and vacuum often. If you have forced air heating or air conditioning in your house, use high-efficiency filters and follow regular maintenance schedules.

**Medications may help – consult with your healthcare provider about appropriate medications to treat allergy symptoms**
- Antihistamines (like Claritin/loratadine, Zyrtec/cetirizine, Allegra). These medications help with sneezing, runny nose, itching and irritated eyes.
- Decongestants (like Sudafed) can reduce the congestion/stuffiness.
- Prescription medications - talk to your healthcare provider about prescription medications or other treatments if over-the-counter and home methods aren’t working.

Thank to our teachers & support staff that are committed to leading and inspiring ALL of our students! We are proud of the recognition as a BEST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL by US News & World Report. Towson High School was ranked #9 in Maryland Public High Schools by US News and World Reports. This ranking is a direct result of the commitment of our staff to provide our students with challenging and engaging instruction every minute of every day.

Thank you to all of our staff (teachers, support staff, and counselors) that continue to believe in the success of ALL of our students, demonstrate professionalism on a daily basis, and believe that making a difference involves collective efforts. Thank you to our community for your support of our academic program!
“We were saddened to learn of the passing of our county executive, Kevin Kamenetz this week. As a school community, we extend our condolences to his family during this difficult time. The Towson High School community will remain appreciative of his efforts with the turf field project, his willingness to listen to our families, and support for facility improvements.”
Towson High School’s award winning literary and arts magazine, *Colophon*, is about to release its 52nd edition. This year’s magazine, “If You Hadn’t Been” contains the writing and artistic talents of more than 40 of Towson’s most creative and dynamic students, and is the product of weeks of tireless and behind the scenes work by the student staff of Colophon. This year’s edition, like years past, is to be published in a limited quantity and will only be available during this one time printing. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of Colophon, for just $10.00, please contact a member of Colophon’s staff or the advisors at thscolophon.gmail.com to request a purchase order. The magazine is of high quality, very popular and will sell out, so don’t wait to order your nationally recognized, award winning copy today.

Additionally, Colophon will be hosting its annual Reading and Release celebration to officially share the magazine with the community on Friday, May 18th, from 7:00—9:00 p.m. in the Towson High School Library. The event is free and will be an opportunity for the students and staff of Colophon to present the fruits of their labor this year, reading and performing works from the edition, discussing the design and construction of the magazine, and generally sharing in the creative enthusiasm for our thriving literary and arts community. Magazines will be available for purchase and pick up at the event. Please come and celebrate this evening with us, and help Colophon send off another year of senior editors and staff, thanking them for their great work.
GOOD LUCK to the AP Psychology students who have been waking up early to attend 6:30 a.m. review sessions for the last two (2) weeks. Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Olson are so proud of you and know you did great on your test!

Students in Mr. Greenebaum's 10th grade English class contemplated the nature of Truth as they analyzed R.K. Narayan's short story "Like the Sun."
Dear Towson High student and parents,

Towson High, in partnership with the Community College of Baltimore County, are offering high school students the opportunity to take “on location” dual-enrollment courses during the summer and fall of 2018. Listed below are the courses offered here at Towson High for “on location” dual-enrollment.

**Classes Offered:**
- Health (Summer 2018)
- English 101 (Fall 2018)
- English 102 (Fall 2018)
- Economic (Fall 2018)
- Sociology (Fall 2018)

We will be having a registration and information session for the “on location” dual-enrollment at Towson High on May 22nd at 6:30pm in the Library. Anyone interested in taking any of these “on location” courses are strongly encouraged to attend.

Please contact the Towson High School Counseling Department at 410-887-3613 with any questions regarding this event. Your student’s counselor’s information is listed below:

Mr. Briggs- Last names A, H, & P  sbriggs@bcps.org
Ms. Hanley- Last names B-G  ihanley@bcps.org
Mrs. Petras- Last names I-O  mpetras@bcps.org
Ms. Jacobs- Last names Q-Z  kjacobs@bcps.org

Thank you,

Simon Briggs
Ms. Schrader’s Anatomy and Physiology students held a "baby shower" to celebrate our study of fetal development. They brought gifts to donate to a local organization down the street.
Congratulations!

The Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society Congratulates U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Finalists!

Fourteen highly qualified high school chemistry students participated in the 50th U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad on Saturday, April 14, 2018. These students are from the Maryland area and one of them from Philadelphia. The team was competing with approximately 1300 students at the national level! Students used the facilities at the Community College of Baltimore County, CCBC at Catonsville campus. Three long and challenging exams were given at the Mathematics and Science (MASH) building.

Back row: Linda Prentice (CCBC, Dundalk), Yashas Anil (Mount Hebron HS), Eesru Sachintha Harath (Marriotts Ridge HS), Chase Blanchette (MountHebron HS), Ronald Henry Erdman (Layola Blakefield), Zhuoyuan Li (Marriotts Ridge HS), Wilson Robert Turner and Benjamin Elias Ruggieri (Towson HS), William Jeffery Holbrook (Hereford HS), Ablinuv Medugula (Long Reach HS), Kevin Wang Philadelphia LS. Front row: Syakht Marty (Centennial HS), Abigail J. Macner (Bethesda Chevy Chase HS), Rachel Fontonius and Elizaveta Zielenezhyna (Baltimore Polytechnic Institute), Beatrice Salazar Maryland Section Chair-2018/USNCO Coordinator, Evin Ford, (CCBC Essex) and Eric Cotton, Coordinator at CCBC Catonsville (taking photo).
Towson Senior, Calvin Eisenberg has been accepted into the United States Military Academy at West-Point. He plans to major in Business and is looking forward to "becoming a true leader and learning how to lead others. Also, learning how to shoot a rocket launcher will be pretty cool."

Four (4) Towson High School students, along with students from Loch Raven High School, received $2,000 each for college at the Kiwanis Award dinner held Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

Our Towson students are: Mohammed Abduljalil, Rhea Bhunia, Tal Dayan, and Isabella Felix.
Towson High had three teams that participated in Lockheed Martin's Code Quest 2018 on April 21st. Code Quest is a high school computer programming competition where teams work together for 2.5 hours to solve 15-20 challenging coding problems created by Lockheed Marin engineers and computer programmers. Our Towson team ranked 11th out of over 66 teams! Congratulations!!
It's decision day 2018! In case you haven't visited the 3rd floor to see our pennants recently, our AVID scholars and their school choices are listed below. This group has earned $590,337 in grants and scholarships so far! Please congratulate them on a job well done. BCPS will be celebrating AVID countywide at Morgan State later in the month.

Tristan Arias Florida Technical College
Dyer Combariza University of Colorado, Boulder
Benjamin DeRocco Colorado State University
Roman Gimignani CCBC, Essex
Madeleine Howard-frank Virginia Military Institute
Cole Katz Semester/University of Alabama
Samuel Laich St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Alexander Lema York College of Pennsylvania
Erik Libao Virginia Commonwealth University
Mitsuru Matsui Gap year
Patrick McNulty Salisbury University
Lukas Mekler-Culberts Salisbury University
Danielle Merrill Towson University
Sarah Moser St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Darby Pugh Florida Atlantic University
Sean Robinson Towson University
Liann Rodriguez Towson University
Nathan Schwarz Grand Valley State University
Edna Sigmon Coppin State University
Tessa Vigilante Radford University
The AVID Class of 2018
of
Towson High School
requests the pleasure of your company
at the
Senior Celebration
On Thursday, the seventeenth of May
Two thousand eighteen
eight o’clock in the morning
Towson High School Auditorium
As the date of the Prom quickly approaches (May 25, 2018), we would like to ask parents to please consider the liability associated with renting a vehicle for large groups of students (i.e. a bus). The Prom is a school based function and all our school expectations still apply to this event. Any student that exhibits inappropriate behavior or engages in illegal activities prior to the event or during the event will be excluded from the dance and will face disciplinary action including, but not limited to, not being able to participate in the graduation ceremony.

It is our goal that each and every student have a wonderful and positive Prom experience. We pride ourselves on our students’ commitment to making wise choices each and every day.
College T-Shirt Friday

To name a few of the famous alum from Sarah Lawrence College....

Rahm Emmanuel
Vera Wang
Alice Walker
Yoko Ono
JJ Abrams
Carly Simon
Teo Leoni
Carrie Fisher
Holly Robinson Peete
Seniors! Are you ready to have some fun the 25th of May? Come on out to the Towson High School PTSA-sponsored Senior Picnic after school at 11:45!!! It’s a great way to celebrate the end of your high school years!!

There will be lots of special treats!! We’ll have lawn games, music, and door prize giveaways! Just grab your food on the Aigburth Vale property and take it to the bleachers and picnic tables by the turf field! Make sure to bring your yearbooks to share with friends, and don’t forget your sunglasses!

We’ll see you outside as soon as the bell rings!
Towson High School Class of 2018
Senior Celebration

Hello THS Families!!

For nearly 20 years, Towson High Families have hosted an alcohol-free, drug-free, smoke-free, after-prom party called Senior Celebration that runs from 11:30 pm to 2:30 am on May 25th. ALL SENIORS AND THEIR DATES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AT NO COST—WHETHER THEY ATTEND PROM OR NOT. This free event is being held at the Towson University Union this year.

This is a safe and fun way to spend time with friends. Seniors receive free raffle tickets used for chances to win one of over 100 fantastic prizes (television, iPads, Under Armour items, Dorm Decorations, Event Tickets, etc.) Every senior also receives a chance to win a $500.00 cash Grand Prize. There are games and activities, including a photo booth, caricaturists, casino games and much more. We also have food, and places to just hang out and talk. All free!

We get generous support from corporate donations, the THS PTSA, and a grant from the State of Maryland Department of Transportation, but we mostly count on THS families for our funding. Last year parents donated $6,500! This year we have received $3,000. We need another $3,500 to meet our goal.

This event WOULD NOT be possible without donations (from all grades) of money and time.

Please give what you can via check payable to: Towson High School PTSA – OR NEW – you can also donate online via our website: https://sites.google.com/view/towsonhighschoolptsa/home
Once there, choose the “Senior Celebration 2018” tab on the left.

The celebration is already being planned by a core group of parent volunteers. Please join one of the planning sub-committees--prizes, decorations, activities, and food! It is a wonderful way to meet a great group of THS parents. If you would like to volunteer, please email melissareuland86@gmail.com.

We need your help—your financial support AND volunteer time—to make this year’s event a great success! Thank you for your support!!
Name: Dayja Page

College: University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Major: Criminology

What are you looking forward to the most about college?

Meeting new people with the same goals as me and getting involved.
Seniors, looking for scholarship opportunities. Please check with the Counseling office if you need an application or have any questions.

The School Counseling Office will send out your mid-year transcripts to all the colleges that you have applied to around the end of January. There is no need to request that your mid-year transcript be sent. We will send mid-year transcripts to all the colleges that are listed in Naviance.

Please make sure to check the scholarship list on Naviance for the latest scholarships. Go to Naviance, click on the “colleges” tab. Click on “scholarship list” to access all the scholarships! Also, check out the link on the THS website!

See your counselor if you have any questions.
SUMMER COLLEGE BOOT CAMP FOR JUNIORS

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
AT
LOCH RAVEN HS

Check in from 8:30 am-9:00 am

Lunch Included

Boot Camp ends at 12:30 pm. Return to home school by 1:00 pm.
The Boot Camp will include guest speakers, essay writing help, SAT prep, college searches and financial aid information. To sign up, please complete the information below and return it to your school counselor.

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Student name __________________  Home school _____________

Transportation: (Choose either option #1 or #2)
I will transport myself ________ (initials) OR
I will take the bus to/from my home school CARVER/TOWSON (circle one)

_________________________________  __________________________
Student signature                  Parent signature

Emergency contact phone number __________________________
May 18-23  Senior Final Exams

May 24, 25  Senior Final Exam Make-Ups

May 24  Senior Awards Ceremony
Senior Breakfast & Slide Show
9:00 a.m.

May 25  Last Day for Seniors
Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
Distribution of Caps & Gowns/
Graduation Tickets
Senior Celebration
Senior Prom at Marriott Waterfront
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30, 2018  Graduation Rehearsal  THS
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 1  Graduation - SECU Arena at TU
7:00 p.m.
Towson High School
Graduation
Friday, June 1, 2018
Towson University
7:00 PM
UPCOMING EVENTS

May

7-18 AP Testing
16 School to Career Banquet, Towson Sheraton
17 AVID Senior Celebration
18 Colophon Reading, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
18-23 Senior Final Exams
21 Spring Sports Awards Ceremony, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
21-6/8 HAS Exams
24, 25 Senior Final Exam Make-Ups
24 Senior Awards Ceremony, Senior Breakfast and Slide Show, 9:00 am
24 Senior Awards Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
25 Last Day for Seniors
Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
Distribution of Caps & Gowns / Graduation Tickets
Senior Celebration
Senior Prom, 7:00 pm, Marriott Waterfront, Aliceanna Street
28 Memorial Day – Schools and Offices CLOSED
30 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal, 9:00 am, THS