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 Bernardette Brezinski, Margo Glazer, Akosa Nwadiogbu, Gus Wachhus, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Olson, and Ms. Kromsky for representing THS at the BCPS Magnet Fair!

★ STARS to Ms. Lear and Mr. Esbrandt for assisting to host a variety of visitors.

★ STARS to Mr. Briggs and Ms. Bridges for all of their effort with preparation for the PSAT.

★ STARS to Interim Superintendent Ms. White for visiting Towson High School.

★ STARS to Mr. Geckle for being the Room 104 Rock Star!!

★ STARS to the Algebra 1 Team for trying new instructional techniques.

★ STARS to Ms. Terodemos for her flexibility and hard work.

★ STARS to Mr. Bohning for the extra prep time he has been putting in.

★ STARS to Mr. Pittillo for being recognized as Coach of the Week by the Ravens.
We’re back! And we are so glad to meet and greet all of our students! We hope everyone had a great summer and we are all looking forward to a wonderful year.

We kicked off the school year with our Visual Literacy installation on the first day of school. Students were given different words to describe visually and then create an installation on the boards in the hallway. All students in the Art Department participated. We even had parents at Back to School Night experience what their students experienced on their first day.

Studio and Art 1 students have also been sharing their art with each other and they are beginning new work for this year… we are so very proud of them and what they are already accomplishing!
It is week 3 and Design in Clay and Mixed Media are already hands deep in clay! For the first creative challenge, students made our own clay tool out of found materials. This is the only tool students can use for their first project of making a tile that explores texture and bas relief. As the year progresses, students will explore a variety of sculptural challenges. Clay students will learn basic techniques and then apply them to a variety of design challenges. Mixed Media and AP will continue to build their portfolio as they explore new materials and create work that is more conceptual and personal.

From Photo 1 to Photo Studio, students are busy creating. Beginning students are making photograms that help them to see the chemical changes that happen when exposed to a light-sensitive medium, while upperclassmen are re-familiarizing themselves with Adobe Photoshop and creating a logo and artistic identity.
Students in Intermediate Art are off to a great start exploring a variety of media applications. Our first unit is designed for students to develop unique mixed media techniques that can be applied to personal works and taught to peers.

National Art Honor Society has already been busy. The kicked off the year with a fully attended first meeting! Co-Presidents Linah Sedeek and Sonali Rawal, Committee Chair Av Mudvari, PR chair Cait Phebus and Secretaries Lauren Blake and Alyssa Cobb are so excited by the positive and artistic energy of all the students who attended. This is going to be a fantastic year of art events! Please make sure you complete the registration form and bring in the dues by the next meeting. The next NAHS meeting is Tuesday, October 10. If you have any questions please email Ms. Valsing or Ms. Miller.
AP students are heading to New York City galleries on September 30th! They will be visiting the Museum of Modern Art as well as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the new Met Breuer. Can’t wait to hear their reactions to the exhibits and see their sketches from the trip!

Colleges are visiting the Art Department! Maryland Institute College of art is coming Wednesday, October 4th and Delaware Collage of Art and Design is coming Wednesday, October 11th. Stay tuned for other colleges who will be visiting later in the fall.

Come support your art student at our 1st TAPA (Towson Art Parent) meeting in room 312 at 5pm. See you there!

Check us out – Towson High School TAPA!
Congratulations to Ciara Donegan, Kristin Donegan, and Olivia Goodrich for being one of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than $32 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship earning the Merit Scholar® title.

We are so proud of our Towson High School National Merit Semifinalists!!!
Congratulations to Alexander M. Chrvala, Mason G. Miller-Breetz, Joshua M. Minick, Celia P. Parts, and Andrew M. Schuck for being awarded a Letter of Commendation from the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)®.

“The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as, the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

We are so proud of our Towson High School National Merit Commended Students!!!
All Towson High School students in grades 9-11 will have the opportunity to take the PSAT on October 11, 2017. The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and to identify students who might benefit from advanced coursework. We encourage every student to come to school prepared to take the PSAT on October 11, 2017. Students can prepare for this very important assessment by practicing with test materials distributed by the English department to every 9th, 10th and 11th grade student. Students should come to school well rested and on time on October 11, 2017. Students are encouraged to eat a good breakfast that morning, bring at least two #2 pencils, an eraser and a calculator. Specifics about the calculator are listed in the practice resources. For test information and practice resources, students in grade 10 and 11 should click here: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/official-student-guide-psat-nmsqt-2017.pdf. Students in grade 9 should click here: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-8-9-student-guide-2017-18.pdf For information about what to bring on test day click here: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/taking-the-tests/test-day-checklist

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT® students will have access to resources that will help prepare him/her for the future. Two resources that will be a benefit to all students are:

1. A list of personalized careers and potential college majors based on the preferences indicated on the PSAT/NMSQT®; and
Access to the Khan Academy™, the College Board's interactive college and career planning website.

"If you are new to Towson High School and your student has SSD testing accommodations with the College Board, please turn in your SSD accommodations letter to the school counseling office as soon as possible.

Please note that 9th and 10th graders are not eligible for the National Merit Qualifying Scholarships. Only 11th grade students may be identified as National Merit Scholars based on the PSAT/NMSQT®.

Student Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® will appear online in the early winter."
To access the student guides for the upcoming PSAT on October 11, please go the websites below.

**PSAT**

**PSAT/NMSQT**
Ms. Schrader’s
Aquatics Class
Testing the Health of the Stream

Recently, Ms. Schrader’s Aquatics class visited the stream behind the school to do water quality testing. Students were able to test dissolved oxygen, phosphates, pH and nitrates in order to determine the status of the water.

Everyone had a great time!
Ms. Schrader’s Aquatics Class

Testing the Health of the Stream
Lab Coat Wednesday

in Ms. Drake’s Class.

Another group of AP Biology students celebrate lab-coat day—the day that marks them as serious students of biological science.
Thank you
Class of 2017

New addition to the turf field thanks to the class of 2017!
Medication Forms
Just a reminder that a ‘Parent Request to Administer Medication in School’ form is REQUIRED for all over-the-counter and prescription medications not listed on the discretionary medication form. Discretionary medications cannot be administered by the school nurse unless a ‘Consent for Administration of Discretionary Medication’ form has been completed for the current school year. Both forms can be found on the http://towsonhs.bcps.org/home website under Nurse – Nurse Information – Medical Forms. Students are NOT permitted to self-carry medication with the exception of inhalers or EpiPens, for which the provider must also sign the Medication form to authorize self-carry. No student should be carrying an inhaler without an order form dated for the current school year on file with the school nurse.

Allergies
Allergy season is upon us! Please remember to take allergy medication at home as allergy meds are not available in the nurse’s office.

Cold & Flu
Please be aware that medication for cold and flu symptom relief is not available in the nurse’s office. Remember to keep your child home from school if they have a fever of 100.0 or above, and for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medication). Remember, washing hands with soap and water is the most effective way to prevent the spread of illness! More information about influenza can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm

The Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services will host its annual Super Saturday flu vaccinations clinics open to the public on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the following locations: Drumcastle Government Center, Dundalk Middle School, Hereford Middle School, Lansdowne Middle School, Liberty Family Resource Center, Middle River Middle School, and Pikesville Middle School. Everyone six months and older is encouraged to get a free flu shot (injectable only) during this one-day clinic. The vaccines will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. No appointment is needed. More information about the vaccinations can be found at The Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services Web site. Flu shots are also available at numerous private pharmacies (e.g., CVS, Target, Giant, Rite Aid, etc.). https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/resources/flu.html
Celebrating Towson High School Students

Past & Present

Congratulations to former Towson High School student, Jon Ellis, who was named the 2017 Towson Times Male Co-Athlete of the Year!! Jon received a personally signed certificate by Senator James Brochin, 42nd Legislative District.

The Towson High School Boys' Soccer program will hold the Second Annual Men's Cancer Awareness Game on Thursday, October 12th at 3:00 pm. The Junior Varsity and Varsity soccer teams will be hosting the Hereford Bulls. All donations will be given to the Brady Urological Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital for future research. Please make plans to attend this event. Cheer the Generals on to victory and contribute to a great cause!
Parents, you can now take full advantage of the great resources in your Towson High School Library! In addition to over 13,000 print resources in the Towson High School Library, you can also have access to digital content at BCPSOne which includes information databases, eBooks and more.

Complete the application below and follow the directions to secure your access to these amazing resources.

**Parent School Library Card Application**

Visit your child’s school library and borrow library materials to read at home with your child. Search the web-based Destiny Library Catalog for your child’s school @ [http://destiny.bcps.org](http://destiny.bcps.org).

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**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION BELOW.**

School Name: ________________________________

Parent Name: ________________________________

Address: ____________________________________

City/State/Zip: ________________________________

Home Phone #: __________________ Work Phone #: __________________

Cell # (optional): ____________________________

Email Address: ________________________________

Child’s name: ________________________________

Child’s homeroom teacher: __________________________

I agree to return library materials on or before the due date. If library materials I have borrowed are damaged or lost, I agree to pay the replacement cost for these materials.

______________________________________________
Parent Signature Date

Return this completed form to your child’s school library media specialist, who will contact you when your Parent Library Card is ready to be picked up.

You can also access our BCPS Digital Content for student research, learning, and study at home; log onto BCPSOne @ [http://bcpsone.bcps.org](http://bcpsone.bcps.org) and select the Digital Content tile. These subscriptions include information databases, eBooks, and more. You will need Remote Access logins to access this content at home; these are available on a handout from your school library media specialist.

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School Library Media Specialist ONLY: Return this completed form via interoffice mail to Donna Gruss, ODI/Atkinson Bldg Lower Level. You will receive back the parent’s Library Card and two copies of this form; return one copy to the parent with the Library Card, and retain one copy for your records.
Welcome to our new incoming Freshmen LPP class: The Class of 2021.

Thank you to all who visited the Towson High School table at the magnet fair on Saturday, September 16th, 2017. Also a big thank you to Bernadette Brezinski, Margo Glazer, Akosa Nwadiogbu, Gus Wachhaus, Scott Olson and John Stevens who came out to share their knowledge about the program.

Showcase Night
Towson High School will host its SHOWCASE night on Tuesday, October 17th, from 6-8pm. All 7th and 8th grade families are invited to learn more about the Law and Public Policy program at Towson High School.

Magnet Applications
The registration for magnet programs begins next week, October 4th, 2017. All magnet applications must be completed and submitted to the Office of Magnet Programs by November 17th, 2017. Submit an application ONLINE. Visit the Office of Magnet Programs Website (www.bcps.org/offices/omp) to find out more info.

Contact Julie Kromsky at JKromsky@bcps.org if you have any questions about the magnet program at THS.
Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

There are two events coming up that you are encouraged to attend. The first event is our Financial Aid night on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 pm in the auditorium at Towson High School. Ms. Cardillo from Stevenson University will present information regarding the financial aid process for college.

The date has changed for our FAFSA night. **The new date is Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm** in the library at Towson High School. Ms. Cardillo will review the FAFSA form and be available to answer any questions you may have. Please contact the school counseling office if you have any questions.

### Upcoming School Counseling Events

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Come to the
THS Homecoming Pancake Breakfast
Sponsored by Colophon

Saturday, October 14th from 9-11 AM

$10 per ticket
Available for purchase from Mr. Freeburger, Mr. Busselman, Mr. Belt,
or email @thscolophon@gmail.com

only at
The Greene Turtle in Towson

408 York Road, Towson, MD 21204 9:00-11:00 AM 410 – 825 - 3980
UPCOMING EVENTS

October

2, 3    Underclassmen Photo Day - Auditorium
2-13   HSA Exam Testing Window
3   Financial Aid Planning Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
5   Interim Reports Made Available Through Homeroom - 1st Marking Period
6   Sophomore Class Assembly
6   AVID Induction Ceremony
9, 10  Senior Portrait Make-ups - Auditorium
9-13   Spirit Week
11   PSAT Test, grades 9-11 only (At School)
11   Senior Assembly/Senior Panoramic Photo
12   Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm
14   Homecoming Dance, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
17   Magnet Showcase, 6:00 pm, Auditorium
18   Music Boosters Fall Social
20   Professional Development Day (MSEA) - SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
23, 24  Senior Portrait Make-ups (Auditorium)
25, 26  Freshman Elections (in Social Studies Classes)
27   Freshman Magnet Breakfast, 8:15 am, Sr. Cafeteria