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 Ms. Krochta for her flexibility in attending a last minute meeting.

★ STARS to Mr. Blair for volunteering to work extra in our SPARCC classes.

★ STARS To Mr. Briggs for going above and beyond for the math department.

★ STARS to the French Honor Society for donating a basket filled with French themed items for the Love for Logan charity event.

★ STARS to Ryan Walsh and Brendan Berger for representing the Boys’ golf team in both the District and County golf tournaments. Both played well and should be looking forward to a successful season next fall.

★ STARS to Jack Lord and Kenny Shaw for representing the Boys’ golf team in the Novice Tournament. Jack finished 3rd and Kenny finished tied for 4th. The future of Towson Boys’ golf is looking bright!

★ STARS to the Lady General Girls’ Golf team. They played well in all three of the tournaments this month to end their 2nd season.

★ STARS to Maggie Burke, Captain and Seniors: Maddie Osgood, Audra Lucas, Morgan Elliott, Riley Elliott, and Kiely Woodward for a great season of girls’ golf.

★ STARS to all the NHS students and PTSA parent volunteers for organizing and running the annual Fall Blood Drive. We exceeded our goal by 40%, collecting 35 usable pints!!

★ STARS to all our students, staff, and parents for donating blood.

★ STARS to Towson Hot Bagels, Tony’s Pizza, and Texas Roadhouse for donating food for participants in the blood drive and our staff during this professional development day.

★ STARS to Mr. John Garst and Home Depot for donating a work cabinet for robotics and supplies for the theater set.

★ STARS to Ms. Nash, Mr. Rhen, Ms. Damon, Ms. Drake, and Mr. Belt for volunteering to showcase their classrooms.

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**The Towson Pride**

**STARS to our Staff, Parents and Students**

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**Academic Planning Night**

November 9, 2017
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Celebrating Literacy at Towson

The English department has been busy planning and implementing ways to celebrate literacy at Towson High School!

To spark conversations about literature, each teacher – like Mr. Alford and Ms. Kerns pictured below - is showcasing what he/she is currently reading.

The National English Honor Society is planning a Scholastic book fair to be held in the spring. The A and B day before winter break, all English classes will participate in a reading for enjoyment activity.

Many teachers are working with Notice and Note: Strategies for Close Reading to increase reading stamina via student-friendly reading comprehension strategies.

The National English Honor Society is planning a Valentine’s book exchange. Ms. Nash’s English 12 students are participating in the Maryland One Book project. Mr. Freeburger, Ms. Kerns, and Ms. D’Ortone led October professional development sessions with other content area teachers to share content-specific reading strategies.
If you have a November 1 college application deadline, please make sure that:

- By now, you should have requested your transcripts on Naviance.
- You have requested your letters of recommendation from your teachers. Use the ‘Letters of recommendation’ link on Naviance.
- You have sent your test scores. You must send your test scores from either [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the SAT or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for the ACT.
- You send your application to your college by the deadline.

Please see your counselor if you have questions!
Morning Drop-Off of Students

When dropping students off in the morning, please make sure they are dropped off on Cedar Avenue.

Please refrain from pulling into the parking lot on Cedar Avenue. It is a safety concern for our staff that is reporting to work and our students who transport themselves to school by bicycle.
Student Drop-Off

- Drop students off on Cedar Avenue only
- Please refrain from dropping students off in the parking lot on Cedar Avenue
- Please be alert for safety’s sake
Mr. Rhen, our Music Department Chair, has been named as a Semifinalist for the 2018 Grammy Music Educator Award!!

CBC News reports, “A total of 25 music teachers from 25 cities across 17 states have been announced as semifinalists for the Music Educator Award presented by The Recording Academy and the Grammy Museum. Initial nominations were submitted from all 50 states.”

According to CBC News, the award was “established to recognize current educators from kindergarten through college who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools.”

The semifinalist list will be narrowed down to 10 finalists. The winner of the award will attend the 60th Annual Grammy Awards in New York. The remaining finalists will receive a $1,000 honorarium and their school will receive a matching grant.

Please go to: https://www.cbsnews.com/news/semifinalists-for-the-2018-grammy-music-educator-award-revealed/ to read more about this very prestigious honor.
Talk about taking things to the next level! Musicians across the state of MD are sometimes talented enough to qualify for MD All State music groups and if they’re really advanced, they may qualify for “All Eastern” music ensembles which includes the finest from the entire east coast of the U.S.

Towson High School junior, Vincent Igusa, has been selected to participate in the 2017 All-National Honor Ensembles’ Symphony Orchestra. That’s the highest honor we’ve ever heard of for student musicians! We are very excited to announce that he has been selected as the first chair bassoonist and will perform with the BEST young musicians from across the country at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, FL, the weekend of November 26-29, 2017.

Congratulations Vincent! WOW!
The following Towson High School musicians have qualified for the BCPS Honors Band, Orchestra, and Chorus! They will be rehearsing with other students from across Baltimore County and highly qualified guest conductors to prepare for the special BCPS Honors concert on Monday, November 15th at 7:30 pm at the Turpin-Lamb theater in the Murphy Fine Arts Center on the campus of Morgan State University. Congratulations to our highly talented Generals!

**Flute**
Nina Heller
Henry Sleeman
Lucie Polsky
May Fu

**Oboe**
Alex Blanpied
Alternate:
Sophie Mwaisela

**Bassoon**
Isabelle Zhang
Audrey Bowman

**Clarinet**
Zhengya Nie
Amaya Greenberg
Kayla Yup
Daniel Schuck
Maria Dildine
Madeleine Howard-Frank
Jason Chen
Alternate:
Kendall Frargetta

**Alto Saxophone**
Kobe Balin

**Tenor Saxophone**
Miguel Iglesias

**Trumpet**
Luke Guonjian-Pettit
Ben McLaughlin
Molly Baer
Cory Parts
Oladipo Fadeyi
Sarah Prem

**French Horn**
Andrew Schuck

**Trombone**
Ian Shors
Bill Zhao
Maverick Irwin

**Euphonium**
Noah Zipin

**Bass Clarinet**
Kyle Langenfelder

**Tuba**
Ayodeji Lindblad
Tim Paulis
BCPS Honors Band, Orchestra & Chorus

Honors Orchestra

**Violin I**
Yijing Geng
Rey Sasaki

**Violin II**
Helen Wang
Jenna Miller
Mackenzie Hoey

**Viola**
Evelynne Stins

**Cello**
Celia Parts
Yuma Sasaki
Shayna Blinkoff

*Alternate:*
Abigail Davenport

**String Bass**
Nick Scholl

**Flute**
Kyla Perkinson

**Clarinet**
Katy Geimer

**French Horn**
Juliana Salehi

**Trumpet**
Nathaniel Lechtzin

**Trombone**
Geoffrey Parsons

**Percussion**
Peter Johnson

Honors Chorus

**Soprano**
Julia Batavick
Grace Null
Gretchen Young
Ashley Longo
Grace Ayala
Julianna Bullis
Caroline Seitz
Isabelle Abaldo
Mikayla Carroll
Brooke Cottrell

**Alto**
Autumn Webb-Sullivan
Sofie Sorteberg
Naomi Bryant
Lucy Moylan
Alexandra Gaddy
Abigail Longo
Grace Heinlein
Debra Clerman
Ashlynn Carmen
Amanda Barton

**Tenor**
Charles Seitz
Joshua Crihfield

**Bass**
Mason Miller-Breetz
Aaron Weeks
Terry Smith
Nathaniel Donnelly
Jacob Schoenfeld
Thanks to a generous grant from the PTSA, all 131 of Mr. Sonneborn’s government students now have a personal “pocket Constitution.”
Congratulations to the Girls’ Volleyball team!! They won the County Championship October 25th! It was a tough night. The girls play five (5) tight games. We’re so proud of our girls and our coaches - Ms. Berman and Mr. Busselman.

The Towson Times/Sun put together a video of the highlights if you were unable to attend the games. Please visit:  http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/sports/94970776-132.html.

Make sure to congratulate the girls on a hard-fought win!!
Fall Blood Drive

Thanks to all who came out on Friday February 20 to donate blood!

Thank you to all of the NHS students and our PTSA parent volunteers for organizing and running the annual Fall Blood Drive. We exceeded our goal by 40%, collecting 35 usable pints!!

Our donations will go to help the relief efforts in Puerto Rico, Texas, Florida, the US Virgin Islands and other areas that were affected by the hurricanes this past month. Thank you all for continuing the THS tradition of excellence by caring for those in our global community.

A great big Thank You to our community supporters - Towson Hot Bagels, Tony's Pizza, and Texas Roadhouse for donating food for participants in the blood drive and our staff during this professional development day.
The results are in!!

The Towson High School Math team scored a 24 on the first Maryland Math League contest this year!

Top scorers were Juniors Ian Shores and Luke Guonjin-Pettit, and freshman Tyler Yup. Ben Ruggeri was the top scoring Senior, and Sara Prem and David Heffren tied for highest scoring Sophomores.

Next up for our matheletes is the University of Maryland Contest on the 25th. Congratulations and good luck moving forward!
2017-2018
Winter Sports Registration
is Now OPEN!

Form Releaf is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for Towson High School Athletics. Winter sports start November 15th.

**Winter Sports:**
- Allied Bowling
- Basketball—Boys
- Basketball—Girls
- Indoor Track—Boys
- Indoor Track—Girls
- Cheerleading
- Wrestling

Winter registration will be done electronically. Paper forms will no longer be accepted, except for the sports physical forms. Completed sports physical forms can be scanned and sent to Mr. Nash (jnash3@bcps.org) or you can mail or drop them off to the main office.

To Register go to [towsonathletics.org](http://towsonathletics.org) and click on Winter Sports Registration under the announcement section on the main page.

1. Select the Season, Select the Sport, Fill in all the fields, and Review Heat Acclimatization, Sudden Cardiac Awareness, Informed Consent Video, Parent/Athlete Contract, Code of Conduct, and Concussion Policies. Sign off using an Electronic Signature when you have completed the online registration process. You will receive a confirmation email. If you don’t receive a confirmation email, it means you left something blank.

2. Submit completed and valid Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation to the Athletic Director, Mr. Nash before tryouts start on November 15th. Form can be
found under the FORMS section at towsonathletics.org. Physicals expire 1 year after the date of your exam.

3. All registering participants will then be screened for academic eligibility, school enrollment and various other Towson High School, Baltimore County Public School and MPSSAA eligibility requirements prior to participation.

4. Please note that the online registration is only the initial step in the registration process and does not guarantee participation.

Technical issues should be directed to the customer service representatives of Form ReLeaf at: 1-844-367-6735
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

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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 BCPS One @ 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.

School Library Media Specialist ONLY: Return this completed form via interoffice mail to Donna Gratz, ODL/Jefferson 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.
# Upcoming Events

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