The Towson Pride

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 Ms. Seck, Mr. Palumbi, and Ms. Flynn for representing team players and taking initiative in a time of need.

★ STARS to James Thorne, Senior and Co-Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team for being named to the Baltimore Sun’s “All Metro Team.” What a real honor! Perfect example of a student athlete!

★ STARS to all our parents, students, and staff for a wonderful school year!

From Everyone at Towson High School, we wish you a Happy and Restful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!!
Dear Parents,

As we prepare for this winter holiday season, it is my sincere wish that each and every family will take the time to celebrate each other and enjoy this special time together. We all have so much to be grateful for - sharing your gratitude is a powerful tool. Words of thankfulness lift you and others up and prepare the way for more success and prosperity to enter your life. Remember to speak words of gratitude to everyone you meet. Your words could change someone’s day or a person’s life!

On behalf of the staff and faculty of Towson High School, I wish you all a very Happy Holiday season!!

Mrs. DiMino
Principal
Enjoying the Holiday Season
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

NEHS CREATES RECOMMENDED BOOKS SECTION

The National English Honor Society (NEHS) has created a recommended books section in the library designed to spark interest in reading among Towson High School students. NEHS members decorated a special section of the library to showcase books that NEHS members believe would be interesting reads for other students. Each recommended book comes with a handcrafted card listing the title, author, genre and an explanation detailing why the book was recommended for other students.

GRADE 9 ELA STUDENTS COMPLETE SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

Recently, grade 9 English Language Arts students completed a unit that had them examine a topic of interest in their community. The students chose their own topics and researched them in the library using BCPS databases. The students used their research to design large tri-fold posters that explained the size and scope of the problem, causes and effects, possible solutions and a method for community outreach and education. The unit concluded with students in each class displaying their tri-folds for a gallery walk in which their peers learned about a new topic and gave feedback on the quality of each
other’s trifolds. Topics included health issues, distracted and drunk driving, religious freedom, cyberbullying and many others.

**BCPS AND BCPL PARTNERSHIP TO BENEFIT STUDENTS.**

Learning just became easier for BCPS students because of a partnership between BCPS and the Baltimore County Public Library (BCPL). Students may now use their BCPSOne ID cards or their BCPS student ID number in place of a BCPL library card at any of the county’s 19 branches.

Students can check out up to five print, audiobooks or downloadable books at one time without any extended loan or late fees. In addition, students will have full access to BCPL’s rich content on numerous databases, including Explora, Rosetta Stone and Mango. Also available is Brainfuse, where students can chat on online with a tutor. Brainfuse is available every day from 2 p.m. until midnight.

Please visit bcpl.info for more information. See poster on page 6.

**THS CELEBRATES Towsonolabokaflof**

As part of the BCPS and THS effort to promote literacy, THS celebrated Jólabókaflóð (“Christmas Book Flood” or “Yule Book Flood”) which is Iceland’s longstanding tradition of exchanging book gifts at the holidays. Iceland has the world’s highest per capita publication rate, with five titles published annually for every 1,000 Icelanders. The heart of the tradition occurs on Christmas Eve, when family and friends of all ages gather to exchange gifts of books and spend the evening reading them together.
Student spent part of a class period during the two days before Winter Break reading a book of their choosing. English classes visited the library to check out books for the Jólabókaflóð celebration and some of the classes chose to stay in the library and read.

Students enjoy reading in the library during Towsonolabokafloð.

Happy Reading and Happy Holidays to all from the THS Library!
STUDENT ACCOUNTS
Now Available at BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adventurous
LEARNING JUST BECAME EASIER

All BCPS students have access to Baltimore County Public Library’s print and online resources for studying, writing assignments, creating the perfect science project or for reading enjoyment.

• Simply use your BCPS One card at any Baltimore County Public Library branch to borrow print or audio materials or ask a library staff person to look up your BCPS One student identification number.

• Borrow up to five items at any one time without any extended loan or late fees.

• Access online resources and ebooks at bcpl.info with BCPS One student identification number.

A partnership between BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY and TEAM BCPS

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Congratulations to the following ladies who were selected and participated in the BCPS Leadership Summit for Young Women in High School on Monday, December 18th: Bernadette Brezinski, Alyssa Cobb, Grace Parcover, Yanne Gbokede, Kayla Baptiste, Becky Glessner, and Irene Sung.

The message of the day was:

Be your authentic self and you can be a great leader!

Bernadette Brezinski, Alyssa Cobb, Grace Parcover, Yanne Gbokede, Kayla Baptiste, Becky Glessner, and Irene Sung.
Math Honor Society

It’s been a busy month for the Math Honor Society. We competed in two (2) contests and at our monthly meeting, we explored Chaos Theory. Our potential members are well on their way to being inducted this spring and our current members are beginning to show leadership traits.

On the University of Maryland contest, we, as a school and as individuals, scored very well. Tyler Y, was the highest scoring freshman, Allison H. was our highest scoring sophomore, and Ciara D., was the highest scoring senior. Ian S. was not only the highest scoring junior, he was our overall highest scorer, finishing 13th in the state.

In addition, Tyler, Ciarra, Ian, Alex H., Jenna M., Mofeed N., and Rose R., qualified for the second level of the test. Part 2 took place November 29th. Good luck Towson Mathletes.

In other contest news, 26 Towson High Students participated in the second round of the Maryland Math League on November 14th. High scorers from each grade were Tyler Y. 9th grade, David H. 10th grade, and Ian S. in 11th grade. Two (2) seniors, Rey S. and Alex H. tied for highest scoring in their class.

Way to go Mathemagicians!!

Math Makes Your Life Add Up!
Towson High School Graduation
Friday, June 1, 2018
Towson University
2:30 PM
Do you have an early January college application deadline? If so, you need to make sure you request your transcript and teacher letters of recommendation by December 15, 2017. Remember, the counseling office will not be open during the winter break, so we need to send your transcripts before the holidays.

Prior to the break, make sure you have completed these items:
1) Send your SAT/ACT scores. To send your scores, go to www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org;
2) Request your transcripts on Naviance by December 15;
3) Request your teacher letters of recommendation on Naviance by December 15;
and,
4) Complete your college application.

Please see your counselor ASAP if you have questions.
UPCOMING EVENTS

December

22 Winter Break begins at the end of the school day
23-1/1 Winter Break - Schools & Offices CLOSED

January

1 Winter Break - Schools and Offices Closed
2 School Re-Opens
6 Magnet Assessment *SNOW DATE*
8-19 HSA Exams
12-19 Midterm Exams
15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday Observed - Schools and Offices CLOSED
19 Midterm Exam Make-Ups
19 2nd Marking Period Ends
19 Schools close 3 hours early
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