In our STARS section, 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. Palumbi for his recent Professional Development session on technology in the classroom!

★ STARS to Ms. Hanley for organizing an amazing college fair.

★ STARS to our PTSA for the goodies provided for our American Education Week.

★ STARS to Ms. Marks, Mr. Palumbi, and all the students for a very successful Theatre production, A Midsummer’s Night Dream.

★ STARS to all our parents and visitors for visiting classes and attending sessions provided by staff members.

★ STARS to Ms. Cannon, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Olson, Ms. Hanley, Ms. Petras, Ms. Wright, Ms. Jacobs, Officer Fiedler, and Officer Cardano for providing timely information sessions for American Education Week.

★ STARS to all of our staff for making a difference each and every day.

Thankful for Great Teachers and Students!!

November 22 and 23, 2018

Schools and Offices CLOSED
Giving Thanks

Thanksgiving presents us with the opportunity to reflect on the value of our friends and family.

As a community, Towson High School has so many outstanding accomplishments. Each of you dedicates your commitment and time to sustaining and enhancing the excellence of Towson High School. I am fortunate to work with an outstanding group of dedicated professionals!

Our parents excel at taking an active role in education. Our teachers share their time and talents and work diligently to engage and challenge our students. Our students bring smiles to our faces everyday and truly represent the future of America!

Thank you for representing Towson High School’s Excellence! Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Charlene DiMino
In today’s age of social media, we receive information instantaneously. At the start of the school year, we discuss the impact of posting information on social media sites involving our students or faculty, and how this may lead to consequences. These consequences could reflect poorly on one’s behavior or character. We remind our school and community to See Something Say Something.

We are extremely proud of our students, parents, and staff that serve as role models to our students. We are thankful for our parents that model logic and reasoning by reaching out and sharing concerns. We will continue to encourage our students, staff, and parents to make wise choices and refrain from becoming engaged in social media conversations that lack information or are used as a platform for political and/or social mistreatment of others.
PROCEDURES FOR A SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our administration and school resource officers have live access to our 75 cameras. Did you know that the centralized office of Safety and Security and Baltimore County Police Department also have live access to our cameras 24/7?

Our school resource offices are strategically located throughout the building. The two officers have separate offices, monitor the cameras, and are visible throughout the building.

Both Aigburth and Cedar Ave lobbies are monitored by cameras. The cameras are accessible by our front office personnel, administration, and school resource offices. The cameras view the interior and exterior of the building.

Our chief custodian, administrators, and school resource officers check doors periodically throughout the school day.

Students that transition from the portables into the building use a swipe card to enter into the building.

All classroom doors are locked during the school day.

We stress the importance of visibility with all of our staff during class transitions.

We remind students to never open the door for others.

Students on early release must leave the property promptly. In addition, all students are to exit the building by 2:20 p.m. unless under the direct supervision of an adult.

All visitors must be buzzed into the building. Visitors are informed to report to the main office.

All visitors receive a visitor’s badge after being scanned in. We use the RAPTOR system that verifies the license and completes a background check.

All students participated in the First Safety Scenario Drill for this school year. The students discussed how to respond in an emergency situation as part of the ALICE safety and security procedures. You may access additional information specific to ALICE on our website under PARENT RESOURCES. We will conduct additional drills during this school year.

This year, Baltimore County Public Schools increased personnel in the Office of School Climate. Schools are supported by a Safety Manager.

REMINDER: Students are to check into the main office if arriving after 1st period.

During this past month, the Administration and Faculty Council discussed having a Safety Committee that will meet to review safety procedures. Mr. Stevens, assistant principal that oversees building use, Officer Fiedler, and Mr. Noah Belt, fine arts teacher, will lead this committee that includes students and parents.

Thank you to The Office of School Climate under the direction of Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox, The Baltimore County Police Department, PTSA, and all of our parent organizations that work collaboratively with school-based personnel to ensure a safe learning environment for our students.
The 2018-2019 academic year is truly a year of transformation for the Towson High School mathematics department. Aside from the normal activities the department manages, there are new initiatives focusing on professional learning communities and mathematical literacy.

There is a yearlong initiative within the department where teachers who teach a common course work together to develop a professional learning community. In this group teachers explore, plan, adapt, and reflect on their individual and collective practices. Teachers are sharing everything from ideas to resources in order to determine what resources are best suited for their classes.

Several teachers in the math department have emphasized mathematical literacy for years. This year the department is looking at ways in which the use of language affects the understanding and learning of mathematics. Our goal is to provide students with the skills and vocabulary to effectively communicate mathematical ideas and concepts. While this has always been the goal of the math department, we are taking time to reflect on our practices and look for ways to improve instruction.

In other math department news, the Maryland Mathematics League competition season has begun. On the October MDML, Towson High had 28 participants, and our team scored 26 out of a possible 30. Landon K., Tyler Y., Jacob K., and Ian S. were the top scorers from their grades. Additionally, we had 15 participants for the University of Maryland Mathematics Competition Part 1 held October 24th. These 15 students are anxiously awaiting the results to see if they will move on to the second part.

Just a reminder, Math Help is available every day except Mondays. No appointment is necessary. Calendars are posted on math classroom doors, and they are also available through your math teacher.

Until next time, wishing you continued success on your current and future mathematical endeavors.
Isabelle Zhang, Taylor Brumagin, Oladipo Fadeyi, and Grace Adebogun competed in the My Law Moot Court on November 10th. Congratulations to the team for ranking 3rd on their first competition.

Towson High School has so many talented students. Just like senior, Azhae Jobes. Azhae has written a song entitled, *Breathe*. His song has even been played on 92 Q in Baltimore!

Azhae has been making music for eight (8) years and has performed for thousands. You can find his music on Applemusic, Spotify, Google Play or Amazon music.
Graduation

Thursday, May 30, 2019

7:00 pm

Towson University
**College Visits**

Don’t forget to sign up for **college visits** on Naviance. College representatives are visiting Towson High School every day and you can find out more about colleges that you’re interested in!

To sign up for visits, go to [https://student.naviance.com/towson](https://student.naviance.com/towson) and enter your log in information. You can also access Naviance through BCPS One.

When you’re on the site, click on ‘colleges’ in the top right hand corner of the screen and click on ‘college visits’ to sign up to meet with a college representative.
UPCOMING EVENTS

November

22-23  Thanksgiving - Schools and Offices CLOSED
26    Report Cards Made Available Through Homeroom, 1st Marking Period
29    Meet the Winter Coaches Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

December

5     Club Photo Day, Auditorium
6     NAHS Celebration of Light, 6:00 pm, Art Wing
11    Winter Concert - Strings, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
13    Winter Concert - Bands, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
15    LPP Magnet Assessment
18    Winter Concert - Choral, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
20    Interims Made Available Through Homeroom (2nd Marking Period)
21    Winter Break begins at the end of the school day
24-31 Winter Break - Schools and Offices CLOSED