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 Ms. Esbrandt and our custodial crew for doing such a wonderful job on preparing the school for our new and returning teachers and students.

★ STARS to Megan Kellenberger, Kailey Schnirel, Francesca Shek, Eden Silver, Aris Williams, Michael Giordani, Roc Wasiak, Mohamed Badwi, Laura Reus, Alan Mao, Lyla Kline for helping with preparations for the Early Entry Day for our incoming 9th graders.

★ STARS TO Ms. Kline, PTSA President for her efforts and time organizing the “back to school” treat for staff.

★ STARS to our Parent Organizations for their support of students and the school.

★ STARS to the members of the Marching Band for welcoming our staff.

★ STARS to Noureen Badwi for being selected as Student Member of the State Board of Education.

★ STARS to Ms. Kim Kazaras of Cummings & Company Realtors for donating a huge tote full of school supplies!!


★ STARS to our Faculty Council and members of our Leadership Team that devoted their time this past summer to review policies and procedures.

★ STARS to Donna Lauten and Toni Smith for all their efforts with the student summer mailing.

Please be advised that our start and end times, as accessible on the BCPS website and as determined by the Office of Transportation for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

7:35 am - 2:05 pm

Doors will be opened at 7:00 am each morning for students.
Welcome to the 2019-2020 academic year! It has been an absolute pleasure meeting many of you at the start of this new academic year. The start to a new school year represents an exciting time. We reconnect with friends, welcome new opportunities, and extend an especially warm welcome to our students and parents that are new to our school.

Our students and parents truly exemplify the excellence of Towson High School. We will continue to work together to foster an atmosphere that promotes academic excellence, positive involvement, and recognition of achievements.

Working as a team, we will continue to ensure a positive and safe school environment where our students are challenged to perform at optimum levels and become responsible members of society. We have so much to be proud of as a school and community. Best wishes for an exciting and productive year!

Sincerely,

Charlene DiMino
Charlene DiMino
Principal
Thank you to our parents/guardians that attended Back to School Night. The following comments were submitted in reference to the evening:

“I enjoyed how knowledgeable and thorough each teacher was!”
“It was great hearing from the teachers and learning about the classes! Student helpers were awesome.”
“Well done! Student helpers and teachers were enthusiastic about the school. “
“Each teacher was engaging, awake, and involved. I know its hard but I saw the effort. Volunteers in hallway were great!”
“Enthusiastic teachers were awesome!”
“The enthusiastic teachers were inspiring and passionate about their subjects. Students were helpful to answer questions.”
“Loved the helpers in the hallway!”
“I loved meeting enthusiastic teachers.”
“Great overviews with organized teachers!”
“Teachers were warm and friendly. Students helped poor lost souls like me figure out where they should be.”
“Loved the announcement from the principal. Lots of student volunteers that were very helpful. Great overviews with organized teachers!”
“Everything was great! Thanks!”
“Loved being able to meet parent stakeholder groups!”
“I loved meeting the teachers and seeing other parents.”
“Every teacher was well organized.”
“This school is amazing. Staff cares and wants to help.”

Suggestions specific to the event:
“Possibly schedule a time and publicize for buying spirit wear. Also, information for parent support.”
“Seven (7) minutes between classes instead of five (5).”
“Please make sure that teachers who are new to a course can at least articulate the four (4) modules of the course to inspire confidence.”
“Give a reminder to come early for spirit wear.”
“More time to waddle between classes for us, older, waddler parents.”
“Make the time frame longer or consider splitting the night into 2 evenings – 1 A day and 1 B day.”
2019-2020

Student Member of the State Board
Of Education

Congratulations!
Welcome Back Teachers!
Welcome Back Students!

LPP Entry Day
Welcome Back Students!

Our students applying their knowledge in the classroom!
Early Entry Day
Early Entry Day!
Thank You Parents!!

Mr. Stevens donates to the PTSA.
Congratulations

David R. Heffren
Irene J. Sing
Aaron R. Tan

For being selected as
Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists.
This Fall, Towson High Theatre Presents:

Clue

November 21, 22, and 23!

Mock Auditions:
September 9
@2:30 in the Auditorium
Get some student feedback on your audition before you get in front of the director!

Auditions:
September 10 and 11
@2:30 in the Auditorium
Only attend one audition day.
No need to prepare any material, just come ready to have fun!

Callbacks:
If necessary, will take place on
September 12 @ 2:30 in the Auditorium.
Fact 1: Accepts Common App and Coalition
Deadlines: ED1 Nov. 15th, ED2 Jan. 2nd, Regular Jan 6th

Fact 2: Davidson is *need blind*, meets 100% of demonstrated need and therefore does not award loans as part of a student’s financial aid package

Fact 3: NBA player, Steph Curry, is a Davidson alumnus.
Seal of Biliteracy

Why is Maryland Awarding a Seal of Biliteracy? High school graduates who can function in two or more languages are equipped with the knowledge and skills to participate successfully in college, careers, and a diverse 21st century society. The purpose of the Seal of Biliteracy is to: “Recognize the value of language learning in public schools.” Encourage students to attain high proficiency levels in one or more languages in addition to English. “Affirm native or heritage languages.” Provide employers with a method of identifying individuals with language and biliteracy skills. “Prepare students with the critical skills necessary to function in a global society.” Strengthen cross-cultural communication, affirm the value of diversity and honor the multiple cultures and languages in our communities.

Heritage Languages in Maryland
Nearly 17% of Maryland’s students speak a language other than English at home. Some of these students take weekend classes in their heritage language for many years. These students will also be eligible to be recognized for their language proficiency with a Seal of Biliteracy in their heritage language. They must meet the same eligibility requirements listed in this brochure.

Cost? There is no cost to the student to apply for the voluntary Seal of Biliteracy. However, students are responsible for any assessment fees not covered by their school or school system.
Towson High School offers an online method of purchasing your student’s physical education uniform. There is a 4% charge and a $.35 flat fee to use the service.

Just go to this website: https://osp.osmsinc.com/BaltimoreCountyMD/
or simply go to the THS website and click the link!

You may purchase a complete set - shirt and shorts - for $13.00. Or you may purchase each individual item. The shorts are $8.00 and the shirts are $5.00. You MUST put your student’s P.E. teacher’s name in the NOTES portion of Step 3 of 4 at Checkout. If the order is over $10, you will receive a receipt. Quick and Easy!!

You may send cash or a check, made payable to Towson High School. (In the check memo, please write your student’s name.)

**P.E. Teachers**

Mr. Eastham  
Ms. Ensor  
Mr. Gavin  
Ms. McClenathan  
Mr. Salvino
UPCOMING EVENTS

September, 2019

23  Underclassmen Photo Day, Auditorium
24  Underclassmen Photo Make-Up, Auditorium
25, 26  Freshmen Elections in Social Studies Classes
30  Professional Day—No School for Students

October, 2019

3  Financial Aid Planning Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
4  LPP Freshmen Mentoring, 7:40 am, Cafeteria
9  Professional Day—No School for Students