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 Meredith Millis for her insightful observation about an ancient Latin inscription in Latin 3.

★ STARS to Mr. Malloy for his tireless behind-the-scenes work to support THS students in different capacities at THS as well as in our community.

★ STARS to Ms. Channel Queen who works tirelessly in the cafeteria and throughout the building to help keep our facilities running smoothly; and, who knows all the students she sees by name and asks them how they are doing. Thank you for going above and beyond to make our students feel acknowledged and valued!

★ STARS to Myla Billinger for recognizing the five (5) stages of grief reflected in a poem by Roman poet Catullus and then sharing with the class.

★ STARS to Ms. Roth and our SGA representatives that attended the Fall Leadership Camp at River Valley Ranch: Grace Adebogun, Noureen Badwi, Hugh Mason, Ligia Mardari, Maverick Irsin, Makenna Hakin, and Evelynne Stinns.

★ STARS to our staff for staying after school to assist our students with safe and secure procedures.

★ STARS to Officer Cardano for his outstanding communication and efforts and with our recent lockout.

★ STARS to the following staff members for assisting with afternoon dismissal procedures: Ms. McClenathan, Mr. Meyers, Ms. Richmond, Ms. Schrader, Ms. Hacock, Ms. Yelton, Ms. Williams, Ms. Pachilis, Ms. Lauten, Mr. Nash, Mr. Buick, Mr. Olson, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Bridges and Ms. Culbertson.

★ STARS to Ms. Karsos Ms. Cannon, Ms. Damon, Mr. Marx, Mr. Geckle, Ms. Schrader, Ms. Greenberg, Ms. Goldberg, Ms. Cannon, Mr. Olson, and Ms. Valsing for leading a professional development session.

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Senior Panorama Photo
October 16, 2019
10:30 am - Gym
Art Department

The school year is off to a great start, and the members of the art department are busy in the classroom and community. Here are some highlights:

The art department is excited to welcome Ms. Christina Marsh to Towson High School. Ms. Marsh holds a Master of Fine Arts in Photography from the University of Illinois. Ms. Marsh will be teaching Photography I/II, Advanced, and AP Photo. Her students have started the year strong with assignments that investigate composition and personal meaning.

Please congratulate Ms. Valsing, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Deskins in presenting at the BCPS Visual Arts Professional Study Day. Ms. Miller and Ms. Valsing shared their work writing curriculum over the summer. Ms. Deskins and Ms. Miller shared a poster design unit that they co-planned for Fundamentals of Art students.

Be sure to stop by the front lobby displays to see Art Pals. This exhibit features works of sculpture and drawings completed through correspondence between clay students at Towson High School and art students at Grange Elementary. The program was organized by Ms. Miller and funded through an Education Foundation grant.

Literacy in the art room takes many forms as students create, present, respond, and connect to artworks. In Ms. Marsh’s class, photography students are applying composition vocabulary when sharing art with their peers. In Fundamentals of Art, students are learning how artists use symbols in their work, as they prepare to create a drawing of an object that represents their personalities. Thank you Superintendent, Dr. Williams and Community Superintendent, Ms. Byers for stopping in the art room to see our students in action as they “read” and responded to artworks.
Our first art exhibit of the year began with a full spectrum of student art making by visualizing data with color. On the first days of school, students in all art classes, from Fundamentals to AP, completed a survey about themselves and their past art experiences. They picked their favorite response, and each question corresponded to a different color. That color became the subject of a small artwork that was collected and displayed in the art hallway. The data collected shows the way students think about art.

Be on the lookout for the National Art Honor Society Mural Committee! The group has begun work on repairing the murals on our portable classrooms and designing five new murals that will be painted on trailers 7-11.

The annual Teacher as Artist Show is on display at the BCPS Offices Greenwood Mansion. Ms. Valsing is participating this year with a charcoal drawing of the Rawlings Conservatory.

Looking for ways to get involved with the THS Art Community? Look no further than TAPA! The Towson Art Parents Association (TAPA) is a volunteer group of parents who support the visual arts programs at Towson High School.

There are many ways you can get involved in supporting our creative community, and we need your help! Our first meeting will be Tuesday October 8th at 5:00 pm. Stay in touch and keep up with all the art happening at THS!

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Commended Students
National Merit Scholarship Program

1st Row: Sophia Johnson, Micah Polsky, Rakrish Dhakal, Julia Cooke, Geoffrey Parsons
2nd Row: Adjoa Baidoo, Rebecca Glessner, Helen Logan, Robert Heffren
3rd Row: Anya Joseph, Sophie Mwaisela, Melissa Grogin, Eric Gorner, Yanjie Zhang, Lucas Yang, Nicholas Miller
Not Pictured: Logan Abaldo, Bill Zhao

In late September, more than two-thirds (about 34,000) of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT® receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Students who achieve top scores may receive recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. NMSC compares your PSAT scores with those of other students in your state using its own Selection Index, which falls on a scale between 48 and 228. The top 3 - 4% of scorers are named Commended Scholars.
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.
Welcoming our New Students to AP

Science
Lab Coat Day

Ms. Drake’s 1AB Biology Class

Ms. Drake’s 2AB Biology Class
Science
Anatomy & Physiology

Ms. Schrader’s Anatomy and Physiology students completing a pickle autopsy in order to practice anatomical vocabulary as well as dissection techniques.

Science
Aquatics Class

Students in Ms. Damon's Aquatic Science class ventured to the stream behind Towson High School this week. Groups tested various water parameters such as pH, dissolved oxygen, Nitrogen, phosphates, and turbidity. While outside, they also encountered animals and plants that are crucial to the health of the stream. Students concluded that the stream is healthy and within acceptable ranges for all tests completed.
Grace Null Performs with Maryland Opera « The Peabody Post

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Preparatory vocalist Grace Null was invited to perform as a soloist alongside professional singers in Maryland Opera’s “Opera in the Park” event on August 29, part of Mount Vernon Place Conservancy’s Summer in the Squares concert series. Grace, a junior at Towson High School, was one of two singers from Maryland Opera’s 2019 camp for high school students selected to perform. She studies at Peabody Preparatory with Madeleine Gray and is also a member of Peabody’s Children’s Chorus.
Towson High School’s marching band hosted the Perry Hall High School marching band recently for a combined football game performance, some team building games, and pizza and karoke. It was a smashing success!

Read what one parent had to say to Principal DiMino…

Ms. DiMino, Mr. Reed, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Olson and Mr. Rhen,

“I wanted to reach out to commend Mr. Rhen at Towson HS and Mr. Engel at Perry Hall HS. I am the father of a freshman in the Perry Hall HS band and was with the band this past Saturday for the Towson v. Perry Hall Varsity Game. It was truly a joy to see the two bands come together to play and have fun together. It is not often that you get a chance to see camaraderie like that displayed by the students, teachers and boosters of both bands. Watching the students interact over music, pizza and some solid karaoke team building was great. We often don’t share the good news when it happens and it was important to me for you to know what a great job these two faculty members at Towson and Perry Hall HS are doing for their students. I hope that they get together of the two bands on Saturday was the first of many and it should become a model for the district.”

Thanks,

Matthew Durington
MUSIC

[Images of band members practicing and performing.]
BCSC Fall Leadership Retreat
River Valley Ranch

Dr. Williams inspiring students.
Towson High School and Perry Hall High School recently competed in the 4th Annual Men’s Soccer Cancer Awareness game on Thursday, September 26th. THS Sports Boosters collected the donations and reported that $1,200 was raised in just donations and the money will go to the Brady Urological Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital. This event is in honor of long time varsity soccer coach, Mr. Randy Dase. The game raised money, but most importantly, it raised awareness and the students worked as a team in giving to a good cause! Thanks everyone for your support!
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.
UPCOMING EVENTS

September, 2019

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
15  Magnet Showcase, 6:00 pm, Auditorium
16  Senior Panorama Photo, 10:30 am, Gym
16  PSAT Test, grades 9-11 only (At School)
17  Parent-Teacher Conferences (2:15 pm - 4:00 pm)
18  Professional Development Day - Schools Closed for Students
18  Fall Blood Drive, Gym
21-25 Spirit Week
25  Homecoming Pep Rally
25  Homecoming Dance, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria
26  Homecoming Day - Game at 1:00 pm
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Graduation
Thursday
May 28, 2020