STARS to Mr. Blair, Mr. Jochmans, Ms. Nash, ★ Ms. Waters, and Ms. Zava for sharing valuable information relative to the SAT and student performance.

STARS to Leo Sarbanes ★ for welcoming incoming freshmen by playing a tune on the piano.

STARS to Ms. Travis for ★ her time and efforts with preparing and planning the 2015-16 schedule. Her attention to detail is key to having a successful school year.

STARS to our custodial ★ and clerical teams for working diligently to prepare for a new school year.

STARS to our SGA and ★ NHS for assisting on New Student Orientation Night.

Stars to our students ★ and staff that understand the value of safety.

**Important Calendar Info**

There was an error in the Student Agenda book. The Rosh Hashanah holiday is only Monday, September 14th. Schools and offices will be closed Monday, September, 14th ONLY. We apologize for any inconvenience.
Welcome to the 2015-2016 academic year! It is my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to you as we begin 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. It has been a pleasure getting to know our new students during this past week.

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
AP Boot Camp

This year, Towson High held its first annual AP Boot Camp. This program was designed to support first time AP students. A group of approximately thirty students utilized two of their summer days to prepare for their future AP courses. Students focused on strategies for success including time management, stress management, team building, and making use of available resources. Students were provided insights about the AP program from both AP teachers and former AP students. The camp was led by Ms. Bissell-Harris, Mr. Briggs, Ms. Richmond, and Ms. White with invaluable contributions from current successful AP students. The staff will continue to support the students involved throughout the school year.

Have You Heard the Latest about Cell Phones??

Cell phone and ear bud use will be allowed in the halls during class changes this year. However, cell phone misuse in the classroom will be handled at the teacher’s discretion and may include: verbal warning; phone call home to parent; or office referral.
Got ID?

Every day, we appreciate the efforts of our students and families! In the first week of school, we enjoyed observing quality instruction and reconnecting with our students and staff in the classrooms, hallways, and cafeteria. It is an absolute pleasure to observe all the outstanding accomplishments that occur each and every day in our school and community.

As we conclude our first week of school, you might be wondering why we are making such a big deal about wearing ID’s this school year. Last year, we distributed the ID’s and anticipated having to use them for attendance purposes upon entering the building. Half of the county schools began using scholarchip to monitor student attendance. Based on the input that was received from those schools, it was decided that we need additional time to make certain that the technology works to its utmost capacity.

Eventually, we will use the technology to tap in for attendance purposes but not until it works to support the excellence that has been established at Towson High School. We remind our staff and students of the importance of having all classroom doors and exterior doors locked throughout the school day with our staff.

So, why should we be required to have an ID visible? We care about each and every one of our students and recognize the need to ensure a safe a secure learning environment at all times. Think about if we had an extreme emergency and were required to evacuate the building. If we had to match each individual to a parent/guardian from a centralized location, the ID’s would increase the efficiency in reference to securing our students to safety. In addition, the ID badges assist us with getting to know all of our new Generals. We know that you belong to our school when we see the THS ID. Thus far this year, I have learned the names and faces of over 35 freshmen. The identification cards have assisted me with connecting the names and faces to memory.

Our identification badges also assist us to know if a person is not a student at Towson High School. When our students transition in the hallways and wear identification badges, we know that all of our students belong to Towson High School. So, requiring
our students to wear ID’s is not because we want to bother you. Rather, it is the opposite, we want to protect our students. We often take for granted the privileges and rights that we have. We want each of you to be safe at all times. We commend all of our students and staff for demonstrating leadership by displaying their ID’s! Please reference the pictures of our Generals that are demonstrating leadership by wearing ID’s this first week of school.

At this time in the school year, it is important that our upperclassmen inform their homeroom teacher if an identification card has been misplaced. As shared with our students and parents last year, the replacement cost is $5.00. Replacement cards have been printed and will be available during lunch shifts starting on Monday, August 31, 2015.

Some students have asked me what happens if we do not wear our ID. We have advised the students of the consequences during the Behavior we have a series of consequences in place as we do for any type of offense that is indicative of not adhering to school rules as stipulated in our Student Handbook.

Each county school is fortunate to have the support of The Office of Safety and Security. In addition to school personnel, The Office of Safety and Security monitors cameras on a frequent basis to ensure a safe learning environment.

I commend all of our students and staff that followed directions from Day 1 and understood how important you are as contributing members of Towson High School. Thank you for demonstrating leadership and making me proud to serve as your principal.

Charlene DiMino
Thank You PTSA!!!

A huge THANK-YOU!!
To the PTSA for providing breakfast and lunch for our teachers and staff during our Thursday workday!
Welcome Back Teachers

Towson High School’s marching band welcomed teachers as they returned for the 2015-2016 school year.
Check out our Generals demonstrating leadership by wearing their ID’s! Our JV Football team and freshmen class are ranked #1 for wearing their ID’s!
First Week Classes

Mr. Jochman’s Class

Calculating how many pennies will fit in the classroom
Ms. Bissell-Harris’s Class

Customizing Instruction

Working on varied problems based on needs assessment survey - pairs discuss problems specific to areas of need

Ms. Richmond’s Spanish Class

Writing an email message in the target language
Tweets from AP Psych
Thank You
# Math Help Calendar

## September 2015

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Please join us for the annual Magnet EXPO!

Explore the Possibilities.
Baltimore County Public Schools offers over 100 magnet programs for elementary, middle, and high school students.

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Radisson North Baltimore Hotel
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Featuring:
24 Schools with Magnet Programs
Student Performances
Original Student Art Work
Career and Technology Education Exhibits

Baltimore County Public Schools’ Office of Magnet Programs
invites you and your family to attend an exhibition of the Baltimore County Magnet Programs.

Saturday, September 26, 2015
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Radisson North Baltimore Hotel Atrium

The event is open to the public.
Visit with representatives from the 24 schools with magnet programs.
Learn more about the magnet application process.
Enjoy student performances in instrumental music, theatre arts, and vocal music.
Admire original art work created by magnet students.
Visit the Career and Technology Education exhibits; see hands-on demonstrations; receive information about future job-markets.

The Radisson North Baltimore Hotel is located at:
2004 Greenspring Drive
Timonium, MD 21093

2016-2017 Magnet Programs applications will be available.
The Magnet Application Deadline is November 30, 2015.

Apply ONLINE!
For additional information:
Contact the Office of Magnet Programs
(410) 887-4127
or visit www.bcps.org/offices/omp.
FREE Opioid Overdose Response Training

Who should attend?
If you are concerned that a loved one is at risk for overdosing on heroin or prescription pain medication, this training is for you.

What will I learn?
Training participants will learn:
- What is an opioid?
- How to recognize, respond to, and prevent an opioid overdose
- How to administer intra-nasal naloxone to reverse an overdose

What is naloxone?
It is a prescription medicine that reverses an opioid overdose. It cannot be used to get high and it is not addictive.

What will I get for completing the training?
You will receive a completion certificate, a prescription for naloxone, and a kit containing the medication.

Training Dates
Thursday, August 27, 6 to 8 PM
Victory Villa Community Center
404 Compass Road East, 21220

Thursday, September 17, 6 to 8 PM
Hereford Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.
901 Monkton Road, 21111

Tuesday, September 29, 6 to 8 PM
Randallstown Library
8604 Liberty Road, 21133

Thursday, October 15, 6 to 8 PM
Lansdowne Library
500 Third Avenue, 21227

Thursday, October 22, 6 to 8 PM
Towson Library
320 York Road, 21204

Register Online!
www.baltimorecountymd.gov/odresponse
Pre-registration is required and seating is limited!

No access to the Internet?
Call 410-887-3828 to reserve your space to attend this free training.
UPCOMING EVENTS

September

1  Meet the Fall Coaches Night (6:30 pm, Auditorium)
3  Meet the Music Night (7:00 pm, Auditorium)
7  Labor Day Holiday - Schools & Offices Closed
10 Back to School Nigh (6:30 pm, Auditorium)
14 Rosh Hashanah—Schools and Offices CLOSED
15 Senior Planning Night, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, Auditorium
23 Yom Kippur—Schools and Offices CLOSED
28, 29 Underclassmen Picture Day - English Classes, 6:30 am-4:30 pm

October

2  First Quarter Interims Distributed in Homeroom
2  AVID Induction Ceremony
5-16 HSA Exams
6  Magnet Showcase (6:00 pm)