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 A. Ehasz, Towson in General Morning Announcer, for his enthusiastic attitude and clear, accurate reporting of sports announcements. Alex’s genuine energy as he delivers the news, communicates not only the messages for the day but also demonstrates the true spirit of a General. Thanks Alex! (Sent by Ms. Mathena)

★ STARS to Mr. Olin and his 2nd Period Percussion Ensemble Class who were so jazzed about a piece they are performing for the Winter Concert that they invited Ms. Mathena (longtime percussion enthusiast) to hear them perform the number in its rehearsal stage. Their invitation not only showed an excitement about their coursework but demonstrated that they were confident enough in their abilities to let someone watch them in the learning stages. And the beat goes on!! (Sent by Ms. Mathena)

★ STARS to Mr. Nassar. He earned (2nd Place) in the 5K 2013 Race2College on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 2013 at UMBC. (Sent by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to Ms. Mathena and Mr. Weber for their assistance with this Friday’s Professional Development Session. (Sent by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to Ms. Zava for presenting on SAT writing at our Professional Development Session. (Sent by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to Mr. Stange and Mr. Faya and the members of our cross country team! REGIONAL CHAMPS! (Sent by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to Mr. Skeels for renewing his National Board Certification. Kudos Mr. Skeels! (Sent by Mr. Hyman)

★ STARS to Ms. Martin for supervising and coordinating this project. We are grateful for all the work you do with our art students! (Sent by Ms. Milligan)

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★ STARS to Mr. Brotman and Ms. Chaprnka for all of their time and efforts with the preparation for Senior Interviews. Outstanding job!! (Sent by Mrs. DiMino)

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★ STARS to Mr. Skeels for putting in extra time and effort to haul recycling after everyone else had left the building and for cleaning up the THS campus this week. (Sent by Ms. West)
"Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way."  

Jim Courier

Towson Athletics

Cross Country Team  
Regional Champions!

The Girls Cross Country team traveled to West Towson Elementary School on Wednesday, October 23rd to help the Girl Power Club practice their running skills and hand-out psyche bags before the Towson Downtown 5K. From Coach/Sponsor Krista Collier: "Thanks again for your support and involvement in the Girls Power Program at WTES. It is always a special treat when you bring the 'big girls' to our practice and cheer them on with the psyche bags."

Both the Boys and the Girls Cross Country teams also helped Stoneleigh Elementary School host their annual Cross Country races on October 22. Thanks to the teams for volunteering to help and for being such great role models for our younger runners!

Badminton Team  
County Champions!

Upcoming Games

Friday 11/8/2013 - 3A North Volleyball Regional Championship Game  
5:00 pm - Bel Air @ Towson (Towson Gym) - Winner advances to the State SemiFinals at UMD- College Park!

Saturday November 9, 2013

10:30 - Girls Cross Country State Championship Race @ McDaniel College  
11:30 - Boys Cross Country State Championship Race @ McDaniel College  
1:00 pm - Varsity Football - Dulaney @ Towson (Stadium Field) - Special $1 admission to all students wearing Towson Gear!

For athletic schedules, scores, updates or cancellations due to weather, etc., please visit: http://46389.digitalsports.com/

THE TOWSON PRIDE
Unique Gift Ideas

**SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions**, is designing a Towson High cookbook. Shortly, we will be asking students, teachers, and parents to submit their favorite recipes. Categories include appetizers, side dishes, main meals, desserts, and salads.

The cookbook will be pre-sold during November 10 through November 23 to insure that we have enough orders to make a profit. The price will be between $10 and $15. More information will follow on the THS website. A recipe submittal form will also be online. Start looking for those recipes!!

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**The Junior Class of 2015** will be selling flavored popcorn this year to raise money for their class. The top seller will earn 2 free Jr. Prom Tickets. Every seller who sells over $100 in products will earn one free Jr. Prom ticket. The sale will take place November 18 through December 1. The product will be delivered the week before Winter Break. Please support the Junior Class and order some popcorn from your favorite Junior. It’s Dee-licious!!

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**Panera Coupon Strip** - November 4 through November 15. Sponsored by the Art Honor Society.

**Turkey Grams** - Show your thanks by purchasing a Turkey Gram for $.50 each. (Delivered during homeroom.)

**Popcorn Palace**—Flavored Popcorn Sales - November 18 through November 30. Sponsored by the Class of 2015.

**THS Cookbook** - November through April. Sponsored by SADD.

*Make sure to watch future newsletters for more gift giving ideas!!*
Senior Interview Day
November 7, 2013

On Senior Interview Day, Towson High School’s seniors participated in an annual event that played host to over 35 members of the local business community who presented the students with authentic interview experiences.

Jeffry Brotman, one of THS’s School to Career Transition (STC) Coordinators, greeted interviewers with a bagel and coffee reception, reviewed the protocol for the day, and thanked the 23 morning volunteers.

Soon, the seniors, dressed in their professional best, arrived at the Media Center by their English classes. Students cycled through the seating arrangement, waiting their turn to interview with a community professional.

Each student arrived at the interview with both proper attire and a well-crafted resume – written, revised, and honed with help from their English teachers in the weeks prior to this day. Students were also prepared for the event in early October when Ms. Patricia Perrich and Jeffry Brotman, both part of Towson’s STC program visited English classes and presented them with interview expectations for dress, resumes and behavior.

When students reached an interview table, their “prospective employer” briefly reviewed the resume and proceeded to ask the student a variety of questions that required thoughtful introspection and poised presentation.

The community was well represented, with The Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce, Baltimore County Public Schools and a variety of financial organizations and local businesses creating a diverse interview pool at the school. Additionally, several students participated in off campus interviews with Towson University’s Division of Innovation and Applied Research.

Although it was clear that some students were nervous, our students (once again) showed their strengths as they impressed interviewers with their answers and overall interview acumen. Each interview lasted from 15 minutes to a half an hour. At the end of each interview, interviewers critiqued students’ performance and provided them with suggestions for both future interviews and resume development.

When interviews concluded at about 1:40, it was clear that students had worked hard to meet -- and in many cases, exceed -- those expectations that were presented in those class visits. The STC Office is proud to have provided students with an experience that will benefit them for years to come -- not to mention proud to show the community Towson High School’s brightest.

―Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it.‖
Bruce Lee
UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

12  Fall Athletic Awards (Auditorium - 6:30 pm)
18-22  AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
       Wednesday, 11-20—Visitaton Day
       Wednesday, 11-20—7:00 am - Coffee with the Administration
       Parents Welcome!!
20  PTSA Board Meeting (Library - 7:15 pm)
14  Distribution of Report Cards (First Quarter)
15  First Day of Winter Sports
21-23  Fall Production
21-25  Princeton Model Congress Trip
26  Winter Athletics Orientation (Auditorium - 6:30 pm)
28-29  Thanksgiving Holiday - School & Offices Closed

New Face at Towson!

Please welcome Nicholas Busselman to the English Department of Towson High!
Mr. Busselman recently relocated from California and he brings with him a great deal of
knowledge and experience.

We are fortunate to have found a new General to fill the shoes of Mr. Barr. While we could
never replace Mr. Barr and wish him the best in his retirement, we are confident that we
have found a great fit for the school.
Message from the Principal

Dear Towson High School Families:

In an effort to provide more access and opportunity for students and to best utilize our teaching staff, Baltimore County Public Schools is implementing new class schedule options for high schools. It is important to note that individual schools still have choices about which schedules to implement.

We have initiated discussions related to schedule options with our School Improvement and Leadership Teams, faculty, and student leaders. We will be sharing information and would like to obtain your input during American Education Week and at our upcoming PTSA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2013. We will also provide all ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students the opportunity to provide input prior to adopting a schedule for next school year.

We will continue to obtain input from students, staff and parents to determine the scheduling option that will best serve our students in earning 8 credits each year. If you would like more information about the high school scheduling evaluation and recommendations, please visit the school system website at www.bcps.org and look under the What's Happening section and click the High Schools Schedules Evaluation and Recommendations link.

Sincerely,
Charlene DiMino
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