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 Mr. Cohen—one of our parents sent a note of praise to the principal to commend his outstanding communication with parents.

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★ STARS to the AVID 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students for collecting over 115 pairs of socks and other winter weather items to be donated to local homeless shelters.

★ STARS to Towson High’s Staff for submitting STARS to recognize their coworkers, students, and parents!!

★ STARS to Emma Jablow, Marcus Shaw, and Tyler Anderson for representing THS at the monthly Baltimore County Student Council general assembly meeting at CCBC Catonsville on Thursday.

★ STARS to Lindsay Dugovich, Holly West, Matt Jochmans, Mary Elizabeth White, Brian Zeleny, Kevin Dalsimer, Andrea Bissell, Jen Meehan, Emily Berman, Debbie Richmond, Mary Collette Muirhead, Noah Belt, Cheryl Milligan and all the teachers who volunteered their classrooms and time for the Vertical Visits with Dumbarton Middle School. It was a very positive experience for all!

★ STARS to the Science and English Departments for helping the School Counseling Department with Navigation registration. You guys are awesome!!

★ STARS to Joslyn Travis, Traci Mathena, and Donna Lauten for their assistance in facilitating the Vertical Visits with Dumbarton Middle. You are greatly appreciated!!

★ STARS to Justin Nash for his time and efforts with the Fall Sports Ceremony and students.

★ STARS to Jenny Tarantola for laminating several hundred pictures in a very timely manner.

★ STARS to the AVID 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students for a successful fall season.
When I first started at THS way back in July, it took me a couple weeks to remember how to answer the phone:
-Career and Technology Education?
-School to Career Transition?
-Career Research and Development?
-Career Occupational Preparation?
-Work-based learning?
-Capstone Work Experience office?
No wonder people are confused about what we do.

**What we do is prepare students of all interest and academic levels for post-secondary success in the work world.**

Why is career development important? The traditional concept of a career, in which one could choose a career which would then unfold in an orderly way, has vanished. The current evolution of the workforce, which is being driven by technology and globalization, is constantly exposing organizations to change to the point that they are less willing to make long-term commitments.

Increasingly, therefore, job security lies not in employment but in employability. Today’s job seeker who wants to maintain their employability has no choice but to be willing to regularly learn new skills. Careers are no longer chosen, but constructed, through the choices an individual makes about learning and work. The CTE office says we are preparing students today for jobs that do not even exist yet. Career Research and Development students explore Maryland’s 10 career clusters (http://www.msde.maryland.gov/NR/rdonlyres/C46A5E1C-C622-4EBB-89F9-B29ABD3EB0A7/15595/CareerClustersLOWRES.pdf) in order to raise their awareness and prepare them for the rigors of a career path. Using their individual career skills and interests
students explore all aspects of the work world, including transitions, advancement, and job satisfaction. Our students are applying these skills in jobs varying from food service and retail, to the new Sky Zone (indoor trampoline park), where many of them are in training for the grand opening.

Our interns participate in the Capstone Work Experience program, earning 2 GT credits while spending 270 hours under the tutelage of a mentor, observing, exploring and discovering solutions to authentic problems in the workplace. The interns maintain a reflective journal of their experiences and develop a portfolio that includes an enrichment project related to their area of study. This year we have interns placed in medical, political, non-profit services, financial, computer, and video production fields.

And then there’s the extension of our services to the whole school community. Mock interviews were held on November 5th offering all our seniors to experience the interview process with experienced business and community leaders. We received positive responses from both our interviewers and interviewees.
Towson High School would like to congratulate Haley Hicklen, Abby Coccagna, and Claire Barmann for signing their National Letter of Intent (NLI) on November 12th, 2014. The NLI is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and an NLI member institution. Each prospective student-athlete agrees to attend the institution full-time and the institution agrees to provide financial aid (scholarship) to that student-athlete. Very few high school student-athletes are selected to sign a National Letter of Intent which makes this such an incredible honor. Congratulations once again to these exceptional student-athletes. Go Generals!

Haley Hicklen – University of Florida (Lacrosse)
Abby Coccagna – University of Tampa (Lacrosse)
Claire Barmann – Marist College (Water Polo)
Athletic Hall of Fame

Towson High School will be celebrating its athletic tradition of excellence by honoring 5 nominees into its’ Athletic Hall-of-Fame class on **Friday, November 21, 2014** during halftime of the Maroon and White Hall of Fame Faculty Basketball Game that begins at 3:00 pm. The inductees include:

- Carol Eustis (Class of 1963)
- Jimmy Hall (Class of 1963)
- Skip Lichtfuss (Class of 1970)
- Bill Thomas Sr. (Coach, Teacher)
- Randy Walker (Coach, Teacher, Athletic Director)

This year’s Hall-of-Fame induction class represents some of the very best who participated in Towson’s rich athletic history. Please help celebrate with us as we honor our inductees. The official induction ceremony will take place at halftime in the Towson High School gymnasium beginning around 3:45 pm.

**2014 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction timeline of events**

**Friday November 21, 2014**

- **11:30-11:45 am**
  Arrival of Inductees
- **11:45-12:45 pm**
  Luncheon for Inductees
- **1:00-2:15 pm**
  Assembly for all Towson High School athletes
- **2:30-3:00 pm**
  Tour of the School
- **3:00-5:00 pm**
  Maroon & White Faculty Basketball Game
  (HOF Induction at Halftime)
From the Theater Department
Auditions are completed and production is underway for THS’s fall production of *You Can’t Take It with You*. Our cast is hard at work and our crew has already begun assembling the set. This classic comedy will be sure to bring a smile to everyone’s face, so we hope to see everyone there. Performances will be November 20, 21 and 22 at 7pm. Put it on your calendar now so you don’t forget.

Senior News
Cap and Gowns will be ordered during lunch shifts outside the cafeteria November 25th & 26th. There is an early bird price of $9.90. After January, the price will jump to the regular price of $30.00 so plan to order early.

Please contact Mrs. Kromsky at jkromsky@bcps.org or Mrs. Krochta at ckrochta@bcps.org for any additional information.

**NEW** Accessing Previous Newsletters
Have you ever wanted to look back at an old newsletter? Well, now you can!!! Thanks to Mr. Alford, there is now a link on Towson High School’s website - “Newsletter Archive” - that will take you to past issues of the newsletter. Unfortunately previous years will not be available, however, you will be able to access the newsletters from this school year beginning with the September 5th issue. Check it out at our website - http://towsonhs.bcps.org.

Towson’s on Twitter!!!
Please follow us @THSGenerals69
PARENT VISITATION DAY
INFORMATION SESSION AGENDA
NOVEMBER 19, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  **GIVE US YOUR INPUT** - We value your input.
This is an opportunity to share your ideas and give input to the Administration. Join us in the Library.

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  **NAVIANCE** - Simon Briggs, School Counseling Chair
Library

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  **BCPS ONE INFORMATION SESSION**
Tami Evanosky - STAT Teacher
Library

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  **HELP ME PREPARE FOR COLLEGE**
NHS Representatives
Audience: 11th grade parents
Focus: Understanding the College Application process in advance.
Library—Right Side

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  **GETTING INVOLVED IN YOUR FIRST TWO (2) YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL**
Mr. Seward / Students
Library—Left Side

**PLEASE RSVP to dlauten@bcps.org.** RSVPs are requested so that we can provide your name badge and your student’s schedule at the door. In your RSVP email, please include all sessions that you plan to attend.

**Special Parking Information:** Our neighbor, First Church of Christ, Scientist located on Aigburth Avenue, has graciously agreed to allow our parents and staff to park at their facility during this program. Please make sure to not park on the street or block any of our neighbors’ driveways.
This week Towson High School welcomed back one of its own. Former THS student, Alec Tenne, represented the Naval Academy at College Visit Day this past Tuesday, November 11th.

Alec graduated from Towson High School in 2012 and is in his 2nd year at the Naval Academy.

Alec is a perfect example of how Towson High School alumni continue to succeed and thrive after graduation. Congratulations Alec!!

Students hear a presentation of what the Naval Academy has to offer from former Towson High School student, Alec Tenne (at left).
MORE NEWS

Class of 2016 Fundraiser

Fundraiser Dates: Thursday, November 6, 2014 to Friday, November 14th, 2014
All checks made out to Towson High School
All money turned into Mr. Schneider (room 122) during the week of November 10th to the 14th

PRIZES
If you sell at least one item, you will be entered in a drawing for a $25 Visa Gift Card
If you sell at least 10 items, you get $10 off J-Prom ticket
Top 5 male sellers and Top 5 females sellers will be nominated for J-Prom King and Queen

Thank you again for supporting the class of 2016
TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL
ID#01245

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and a year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 3, 2014 through March 19, 2015, TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

- Log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus select CUSTOMER REGISTRATION to register online using your Giant Card

NEW THIS YEAR: If you registered your card last year, you DO NOT need to re-register this year. You can visit the website to verify correct school assignment. Also, don’t forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean more Cash for our school.

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Giant using your Giant Card earns CASH for our school. Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at www.giantfood.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school’s educational needs.

*Phone numbers may not be used to designate.
UPCOMING EVENTS

November

17-21  American Education Week
19     Visitation Day, American Education Week
20-22  Fall Production of *You Can’t Take It with You* - 7:00 pm, Auditorium
21     Athletic Hall of Fame - Halftime - Hall of Fame Faculty Basketball Game
25     Winter Athletics Orientation - 6:30 pm, Auditorium
27-28  Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools & Offices Closed

December

2      Club Photo Day (Auditorium)
4      NAHS Celebration of Light - 5:00 pm
9      Financial Aid Planning Night - 6:30 pm, Auditorium
11     Winter Concert - Strings - 7:00 pm, Auditorium
12     Interim Report Distributed