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STARS to our PTSA for their hospitality during American Education Week.

STARS to the members of the NHS for presenting to parents during American Education Week.

STARS to Mr. Seward for hosting a student panel during American Education Week.

STARS to Mr. Briggs and Ms. Evanosky for hosting valuable sessions for parents during American Education Week.

STARS to our student panel that worked collaboratively with Mr. Seward to engage parents.

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STARS to the students of the NHS for participating in the annual clean up.

STARS to the Berger family that were recently featured in the Baltimore Sun.

STARS to Coach Dase and Coach West for leading the efforts of the Faculty Basketball Game.

STARS to Mr. Smith for lending a hand!

STARS to all of our students, staff, and parents of Towson High School! THANKFUL for YOU!

STARS to our fall athletes - 82% of our fall student-athletes received a 3.0 or higher for the 1st quarter 35 Student-Athletes received a 4.0 for the 1st quarter. Impressive!

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Thanksgiving presents us with the opportunity to reflect on the value of our friends and family. As a community, Towson High School has so many outstanding accomplishments. Each of you dedicates your commitment and time to sustaining and enhancing the excellence of Towson High School. I am fortunate to work with an outstanding group of dedicated professionals! Our parents excel at taking an active role in education. Our teachers share their time and talents and work diligently to engage and challenge our students. Our students bring smiles to our faces everyday and truly represent the future of America!

Thank you for representing Towson High School’s Excellence! Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Charlene DiMino
WHAT’S NEW IN SCIENCE LAND?

What’s new in Towson High’s Science Land?

We have a new member of the science department. Mr. Tim Evers is a certified special education teacher with a great deal of science teaching experience. He co-teaches with Mr. Doug Hanford and Ms. Shayna Kirschenbaum in their Honors Biology classes and assists Ms. West with HSA Biology remediation. He is a great addition to the department and we are happy to have him as part of our family. Several members of the Science Department are teaching new courses during the 2014-15 school year……Aquatic Science, AP Physics C Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism, AP Physics 1, and Zoology.

Mr. Rich Hanna teaches three sections of Aquatic Science. In addition to the Aquatic Science curriculum, Mr. Hanna’s classes are working on an aquaculture/aquaponics apparatus in order to raise tilapia in the big blue tank and grow EAVs (Emergent Aquatic Vegetation) in the smaller containers that receive the recycled water. A project on the horizon involves setting up a hydroponics system in which to grow lettuce and herbs.

Mr. Tyler Bradley, who has taught the online version of AP Physics C Mechanics in the past, has his own classroom sections of AP Physics C Mechanics and AP Physics C Electricity & Magnetism this year.

Mr. Matthew Jochmans teaches the brand new addition to the College Board’s AP Physics offerings, AP Physics 1. Students have the option of taking the AP Physics 2 course during their senior year.

Ms. Shayna Kirschenbaum teaches two sections of Zoology. Her students recently researched and created posters on the growth and development of their favorite animals. Check out the posters in the hallway near the chemistry rooms and learn about beluga whales, giant pandas, spider monkeys and many others.

We have another new addition to the science department……a Zeiss Primo Star microscope donated by Mickey Nymick, Dad of Towson High junior Christy. Mr. Nymick’s name was drawn during a quarterly lottery of Zeiss employees and he selected THS to receive a top of the line Zeiss microscope. Thank you once again to Zeiss and Mr. Nymick for their generosity.
From left to right: Ms. Dugovich, Mr. Nymick, Ms. Drake, Mr. Evers, Ms. Kirschenbaum, and Mr. Hanford during their Zeiss microscope training.

Let’s take a peak at what else is going on in Science Land.

Students have been conducting authentic research in Ms. Dugovich’s and Mr. Hanna’s GT Biology classes. They selected a food worthy of nutritional analysis, designed their own experiments, and conducted their research.

The final stage involved a symposium where the students discussed their research with their peers and visitors.
Students in Ms. Drake’s AP Bio class have been busy with a Cell Communication Lab and are conducting a respiration experiment in the photos below.

Students in Ms. West’s AP Environmental Science class set up a Bioassay Experiment with radish seeds in different salt concentrations.

Mr. Hanna’s Aquatic Science students joined Ms. Dugovich’s Environmental Science students for a canoeing field trip at Days Cove in October.
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Ms. Kirschenbaum’s Honors Biology students create posters on the human systems. Those posters and their content were reviewed during a gallery walk.

Outside of the school day and the school building, the Environmental Club keeps busy with campus clean ups and various campus beautification projects.

As you can see, they are serious about keeping the Towson High campus clean.

And they want to remind you to REDUCE, REUSE, and……………………

Thanks for your support. Enjoy the upcoming holidays.
The THS Science Department
Have You Heard the News????

NHS
NHS students care about our school! Annual clean up!

American Education Week
Students were an integral part of our presentations last Wednesday, November 19th during Parent Visitation Day in American Education Week.

There were two panels led by students discussing important topics for parents. The National Honor Society provided representatives to talk with 11th grade parents about the college application process. Thanks to our students: Katie Nenortas, Ellie Dinsmore, Sylvie Hullinger, Lindsey Sholander, Sarah Cai, Caroline Boyle, Greg Andreou, and James Miller.
American Education Week
(Continued)

The other panel spoke with parents about how their students can be more involved in their first two (2) years of high school. The representatives were: Jack Ware, Megan Perouty, Joe Boozer, Avi Kahn, Kyle Rivers, Kenny Young, Mirando Janello, and Isabel Townsend-Last.

Our parents who attended expressed their appreciation for the students and the information they were sharing.

Thank you again to all the parents who came out for American Education Week; to the students who took their time to share their experiences; to the PTSA for providing coffee and snacks as well as volunteers to help with sign-in; and, to the staff and faculty of Towson High School for all of their time and effort in making this year’s Parent Visitation Day a huge success.
Music Department

Scenes from the BCPS All Honors Rehearsal at Perry Hall High School. The fifty-one students from THS participated in a concert Monday evening, November 17th at Morgan State University. Congratulations to our Musical Super Stars!!

Have You Heard the News????
Faculty Basketball Game
This past Friday, Towson High School held the Faculty Basketball Game. For those of you that were not able to attend the event, the White Team won this year by 3 points. It sure was an exciting game throughout the duration. I think the victory might have resulted from a change of shoes or maybe it was because of Coach Dase???. Regardless of the reason for the victory, both teams were outstanding! Every player brought their game to the court!

Some of Mrs. DiMino’s favorite memories from the game were:
- Shots from Janessa Allen, cafeteria manager
- Ed Faya's player shoes
- The student created shirts that that said, COHEN
- Gabrielle dancing next to Pete Skeels and Pete simply looking on.
- Lindsay's enhanced hands that sort of resembled Shrek
- Erich Geckel's final shot of the game

- The glasses on the floor (John Stevens)
- Mr. Tyler's comments prior to the game
- Coach Dase and Coach West leading their teams with class!
- The band's tunes- Thunderstruck- Who knew?

These examples only represent several highlights of the game. We could go on and on about the teachers that dedicated their time and energy to make this event memorable! This event was one that will live in the memories of our students forever.
Special thanks to Justin Nash—Justin brought back the contributing members of Towson High School to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. His efforts with this event were greatly appreciated by all. The inductees shared their accomplishments and enjoyed the opportunity to revisit a part of their past.

Also, thank you to The Student Involvement Committee, students, and parents for all of their behind the scenes efforts! And let's not forget to thank Tom Blair for the towels!
Have You Heard the News????

Continued

Thanks to our wonderful announcers: 
Emily Berman & Debbie Richmond!

TEAM MEMBERS

**White Team**
- Ben Cohen
- Tim Gavin
- Ed Faya
- Rich Hanna
- Tyler Bradley
- Kate Santavenere
- Becca Moyer
- John Stevens
- Chad Knippenberg
- Dan Miller
- Harry McNeir

**Maroon Team**
- Matt Jochmans
- Brad Eastham
- Gil Stange
- Kevin Dalsimer
- Blair Muneses
- Lindsay Dugovich
- Nick Meyers
- Erich Geckle
- Janessa Allen
- Keith Seergae
TO: Parents or Guardians of Baltimore County Public Schools’ students

FROM: Lloyd Brown

DATE: November 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Microsoft Office 365 Student Advantage Program

As we move forward with the Students and Teachers Accessing Tomorrow (S.T.A.T.) 1:1 digital conversion initiative, Baltimore County Public Schools is participating in the Microsoft Office 365 Student Advantage Program. The program will give your enrolled student and other family members access to as many as five copies of the Microsoft Office 365 suite for personal computers, tablets, iPads, iPhones, and Android devices, all free of charge.

The Microsoft Office 365 suite contains all of the most widely used Office functions - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher software tools. Proficiency with the suite of applications is among the most commonly required skills among employers both nationwide and internationally.

To access and download Microsoft Office 365, BCPS students should go to www.bcps.org/Office365 and log in using their full BCPS username (including @bcps.org) and password. Students who do not know their BCPS usernames are asked to contact their school’s technology liaison for assistance. On the installation page, make sure the language is set to “English (United States)” and then click “install.” Microsoft Office 365 will automatically install the 32-bit version of its product; BCPS does not recommend installing the 64-bit installation due to compatibility issues (see attached instructions for installing Microsoft Office 365).

Students who encounter any problems installing the software, or would like instructions for installing Microsoft Office 365 on Apple or mobile devices, should click the “Troubleshoot Installation” link on the main installation page.

We hope our students and their families will take advantage of this great opportunity. Thank you for supporting your student as he or she continues to master the skills needed for their future.

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Creating a Culture of Deliberate Excellence
Instructions for Installing Microsoft Office 365

1) Open Internet Explorer or another Web browser.

2) Enter [www.bcps.org/Office365](http://www.bcps.org/Office365) in the address bar.

3) At the Sign in screen, login with your full BCPS username “abcdef@bcps.org” and your internal pass-word.

   ![Office 365 Sign in](image)

   Sign in with your organizational account

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   □ Keep me signed in

   Sign in

   Can’t access your account?

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Office

Install the latest version of Office

This will install the following apps on your computer: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Access, Publisher, Outlook, Lync, InfoPath.

Language:

Version:

32-bit
(Recommended)
Advanced

Note: Installing additional languages on a computer that already has this version of Office doesn’t count against your install limit (5).

Review system requirements

Troubleshoot installation

Install
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

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