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 the GT CAC for nominating Mr. Jochmans for a Maryland State Department of Education / Maryland State Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education award for work with gifted and talented students. (Sent in by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to Mr. Jochmans for being nominated by the GT CAC for Outstanding Educator in Gifted and Talented Education—Teacher as Leader. (Sent in by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to the faculty and staff for concluding an outstanding year of excellence at Towson High School. We look forward to a phenomenal 2014! (Sent in by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to Mr. Collins for organizing holiday cheer for the faculty. (Sent in by Ms. Travis)

★ STARS to Ms. Forthuber for wrapping our doors in festive holiday paper. (Sent in by Ms. Travis)

★ STARS to the Indoor Track and field team—last Saturday (12/14) at the Howard County Winter Track Festival, the Girls Distance Medley Relay team of C. Ryan, E. Eastman, C. Della Santina, and H. Voelker set a new school record with a time of 13:40.55. Congratulations Lady Generals! (Sent in by Coach Stange)

★ STARS to the KEY CLUB! They sponsored an afterschool assembly about homelessness on December 5th AND a charity Walk-A-Thon on December 6th! (Sent in by Ms. Mathena)

★ STARS to Ms. Petras for presenting the registration process. (Sent in by Ms. DiMino)

★ STARS to Ms. Chaprnka for her time and effort in photographing the student decorated gingerbread houses. (Sent in by Ms. Sengebusch)
NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION

Or...

An Exciting Event that Happened over Winter Break...

“I went to North Carolina and I got to meet my new born baby brother on Christmas day”
J. K. Green

“My New Year’s Resolution is to learn how to play the harmonica and learn to speak conversational Korean.”
K. Pugh

“Go to the BSO more often.”
H. Colombat

“To not be forever alone.”
C. Sorteberg

“To be less ginger and find a soul.”
A. Harrison

“To reach the average height of a 9 year old.”
C. Benassi

“To make at least one person smile a day.”
M. Kwiatkowski

“Focus on positives rather than negatives.”
M. Ikram

“Recover from the accident.”
J. Cochran

“Stop biting my nails.”
H. Prem

“I was prophesied to in a Goodwill in New York City. A man named Ignacio told my brother and I that we would be very successful musicians, and that he could sense the light of God shining around us.”
K. McGinnis

“Get into the school newsletter and meet Neil Patrick Harris!!”
V. Williams

“Become a nicer person!”
J. Pinckes
UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

2  School Re-Opens
Academic Planning Night, 7 pm—9 pm

8  Parent Meeting: Seeking Information About the High School Research Project?
7 p.m. in the “E” building room 114 on the Greenwood Campus
- All parents and students are welcome to learn more about The Research Project that has been piloted in high schools during the past 2 years.
- Hear from Alicia Fales, Supervisor, School to Career Transition, Career & Technology Education Office, and a student that has experienced the program.

9  Academic Planning Night, 7 pm—9 pm **Re-Scheduled from January 2nd**

20  Schools Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday

21  Schools Closed - Professional Day
Next Year Schedule Results

In preparation for the changes in curriculum coming next school year, our administration conducted a survey of parents, students, and faculty to determine if Towson would move to a four (4) period or an eight (8) period day. Below are the results of that survey.

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Based on this information, Towson High School will be moving to an A / B schedule with four (4) periods each day for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year.
Recently, Mr. Bill Jones, received an email from the staff of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association congratulating the staff of Colophon on being named a Crown Award finalist for 2014. The Colophon was selected from 1,236 publications to receive either a Gold or Silver Crown Award in March, 2014.

Mr. Jones has been invited to present a session during CSPA’s 90th Convention in New York City. And he’s been asked to speak during the upcoming 90th Anniversary Convention at Columbia University. The convention will be held from Wednesday, March 19 through Friday, March 21, 2014 at the University’s campus in New York City.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Jones, Mr. Belt, and our talented students for their submissions!! We are so very proud of you!!
All After School Activities Cancelled January 2nd.

Academic Planning Night has been Re-scheduled for Thursday, January 9th from 7 pm—9 pm