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 Jen Meehan for assisting Ms. Zava with the English bridge projects.

★ STARS to Ms. West, Ms. Bissell, Ms. Zava and Ms. White for all of their hard work with students as they prepare for and take the high school assessments. Their tireless efforts are supporting student success and helping them meet and exceed their graduation requirements. Your work is very much appreciated!!

★ STARS to the ACCESS Program Staff whose work assisting and supporting improved academic performance for the active participants in the program continues to prove that Academic Commitment Creates Empowered Successful Students: Mr. Alford, Mr. Greenebaum, Mr. Faya, Ms. Needer, Ms. Santavenere, Mr. Evers, Ms. Dugovich, Mr. Geckle, Ms. Adiele, Stevenson University student, Amanda Slonaker, and Towson University students, Alexan-

dra and Aileen Vlk. Additional thanks to the National Honor Society, as well as Math and Science Honor Societies for their assistance with the program.

★ STARS to AP Biology students and FutureMed club members who participated in the BCPS Employee Wellness Week by providing blood pressure screenings to THS faculty and staff.

★ STARS to the Student Government and Ms. Hardesty for an excellent job of coordinating the Blood Drive.

★ STARS to Students and Staff who gave blood during the blood drive.

★ STARS to Parents: Catherine Berger, Debbie Hawks, Chris Hartstein, Monica Henderson, Carol McDade, Elizabeth Melia, and Rebecca Palo for volunteering with the blood drive.

★ STARS to Mr. Blair, Ms. Berman, Ms. Dugovich, Mr. Jochmans, and Ms. Kirschenbaum for sharing the progress of their committees with the School Improvement Team.

★ STARS to Ms. White for representing Towson High School in the annual BCPS Teacher of the Year Ceremony. We wish her the best as she is one of the best in education!

★ STARS to Ms. Mathena and Ms. Evanosky for sharing valuable information with the PTSA.

★ STARS to Ms. Peper for the kindness that she has extended to the front office. You made our Valentine’s Day one to remember!

★ STARS to Mr. Dalsimer for being selected to lead the calculus training for all interested BCPS teachers this summer.

Thank you Dunkin’ Donuts for donating donuts to our Staff!
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Exciting things are happening with Towson High School Music Program and the beat goes on!

**TRI-M Coffee House**

The popular Tri-M Coffee House was postponed on January 29th due to a weather event but we hope to reschedule soon. Check the music website for regular updates. [http://TowsonHighMusic.com](http://TowsonHighMusic.com)

**Baltimore Symphony Youth Concert Orchestra**

Daniel Zipin, Daniel Schuck, Andrew Schuck, Christina Tancredi, Sophia Amberger, and Olivia Goodrich participated in a special concert with the Baltimore Symphony Youth Concert Orchestra on February 6th at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage! Way to go Generals!

**BCPS Honors Jazz Choir & Jazz Band**

Julia Brown, Sarah Cai, Ryan Foretich, Brennan Hula, Miranda Janello, Brian Seyler, Zakir Bulmer, Grant Davis, Micahal Herman, Zachary Jablow, Luke Powers, and Mari Wetherington performed beautifully with the BCPS Honors Jazz Choir and Jazz Band concert at the Walters Art Gallery on February 7th. It truly was a memorable event and they sounded so jazzy good!

**Vivaldi's Gloria**

Towson High School choral students and Patapsco High School choral students and alumnae joined forces with local professional musicians to present Vivaldi's *Gloria* on Tuesday, February 10th at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts and on Wednesday, February 11th at First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Towson. Antonio Vivaldi wrote this setting of the hymn, *Gloria in Excelsis* in 1715 using texts from the 4th century. Vivaldi's time-less masterpiece is an integral part of the Ordinary of the Catholic Mass and featured over 80 members from both music departments. Towson students Miranda Janello and Sarah Cai were highlighted singing a duet in the piece, and Naomi Element and Deborah Chang performed violin in the orchestra!

**BCPS Side-by-Side Orchestra**

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"I think music in itself is healing. It's an Explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."

~ Billy Joel
The following THS musicians were accepted by audition to perform in the BCPS Side-by-Side Orchestra!

Naomi Element, violin  Rey Sasaki, violin
Rose Alon, viola  Yuzhu Shi, flute
Leo Sarbanes, oboe  Anne Saba, oboe
Sylvie Hullinger, clarinet  Luke Powers, trumpet

They will perform side-by-side with Baltimore Symphony Orchestra professionals at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 10:30 am. The program includes the following repertoire:

- Rimsky-Korsakov Capriccio Espagnol
- Tchaikovsky March Slave
- Brahms Symphony No. 2 – Mvt. 4

Congratulations Generals!!!

Music Boosters’ Basket Bingo
The Towson High School Music Boosters’ Basket Bingo event was held on a frigid but fun evening on February 20th. The THS Jazz Ensemble performed as well as several guitarists and vocalists. Over 550 tickets were sold and everyone had a good time. The Towson community showed up en masse and it was great to reconnect with alumni parents and students from the past 12 years. A special “thank you” goes out to all of the Booster Club officers, parent and student volunteers, THS teachers, and administrators who were present!

Maryland All State Music
This year, 65 BCPS students in grades 7-12 participated or will participate in the Maryland All State Music Ensembles and 20 of them are from Towson High School! That is remarkable!

Maryland All State Junior Band, Orchestra, and Chorus
Julia Batavick, Alex Chrvala, Mason, Miller-Breetz, Rae Sasaki, Andrew Schuck, Rey Sasaki, and Daniel Schuck

Maryland All State Senior Band, Orchestra, Chorus
Music was my refuge.
I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness.

~ Maya Angelou ~

**Maryland All State Rehearsals**
The rehearsals for the MD All State Junior Band, Senior Band, Senior Orchestra, Senior Mixed Chorus and Senior Women’s Chorus occurred on Friday, February 20th & 21st and the concerts were held on Sunday, February 22nd at Murphy Fine Arts Center at Morgan State University. The rehearsals for the MD All State Junior Chorus and All State Junior Orchestra will be held on March 13th & 14th, and the concerts will be held on March 15th at Towson University. Check the Towson High Music website for more detailed information at: [http://TowsonHighMusic.com](http://TowsonHighMusic.com)

**BCPS Solo and Ensemble Festival**
The BCPS Solo and Ensemble Festival will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 8am to 3 pm at Dumbarton Middle School. Check the Announcements TAB on the music website for details. This year there are 40 THS musicians performing at this adjudicated event. If they achieve the highest score of “1” they may choose to continue on to the MD State Solo and Ensemble Festival in May. Good luck Generals!

**BCPS Music Assessments**
It’s time for the annual BCPS Music Assessments. This is comparable to HSA exams for music students and teachers and it’s an extremely important tool for measuring musical achievement. It also fosters school spirit and pride in the hard work that students and teachers commit to their craft daily. All BCPS High Schools are required to take at least 1 of each of their major performing ensembles to this event. We take ALL of our performing ensembles because we believe that live performance and professional assessment is the best way to demonstrate and evaluate excellent teaching and musical performance skills. Both THS bands, both THS orchestras, and three THS choral groups travel to Owings Mills High School (choral groups travel to New Town High School) to perform for four judges who then rate the ensembles. Orchestras perform on Tuesday evening, March 10th at OMHS. Bands perform on Wednesday evening, March 11th at OMHS, and Choral groups perform on Thursday evening, March 12 at NTHS. Each groups performs a warm-up piece, 2 adjudicated selections, and a sight-reading piece. The graded results of each school ensemble are then published in a booklet and sent to all of the principals and music teachers throughout the county. No pressure!!! More detailed information can be found on the [online calendar of events](http://TowsonHighMusic.com) and on the field trip form and information pages that are being send home to students and parents.


**MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**Hairspray, The Musical**

*Hairspray!* the musical is coming to Towson High School on March 19th, 20th, and 21st at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Mr. Rhen, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Fast, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Weber, and the entire cast and crew have been working very hard rehearsing the pit orchestra music, singing, choreography, dancing, acting, audio and visual production, and building the sets for this production. Please attend this spectacular show with a Baltimore theme!

**Spring Concerts**

We invite you to attend *at least* one of the spring concerts this year. They begin at 7 pm in the auditorium and are listed as follows:

- Spring Concert 1 - String and Full Orchestras - Thursday, April 23rd
- Spring Concert 2 - Bands, Percussion Ensembles, Jazz Band - Tuesday, April 28th
- Spring Concert 3 - Choral Ensembles - Thursday, April 30th

**THS Jazz Ensemble**

The THS Jazz Ensemble is once again in demand. They will perform at the Towson Gardens Day celebration from 11 am-Noon on Thursday, April 30th at the Towson Courthouse and also the very next day, May 1st at the same time for a special Law Day Ceremony featuring many local government officials and dignitaries! You always make us proud to be Generals!

About 40% of the THS student body is enrolled in a music class next year. That is a true indicator of the 5 star tradition of excellence at Towson High School. Whether it’s guitar classes, orchestra, band, jazz band, chorus, marching band, jazz choir, AP Music Theory, music technology, percussion classes, or an extra-curricular music group, there is something for everyone interested in music at THS.

We are grateful for the opportunities our music program provides and we understand the impact on student achievement in their academic and core subjects as well. Success comes from the support of our community, booster club, feeder schools, staff, administration, parents, teachers, and of course the students we are lucky enough to teach every day. THANK YOU!
The Blood Donor Program on February 25, 2015 was very successful. We collected 84 units of blood! Thanks to the many students and staff who were willing to donate, the Student Government for the excellent job coordinating it, and the parents who volunteered their time: Catherine Berger, Debbie Hawks, Chris Hartstein, Monica Henderson, Carol Mc Dade, Elizabeth Melia and Rebecca Palo.

The results are in!!!

Goal .................. 88
Collected............ 84
Registered......... 100
Deferrals .......... 16 (12 deferrals and 4 QNS—this is when the blood clots and does not flow. “Quantity Not Sufficient”)

84 Units of blood means that our students and faculty are helping to save the lives of up to 252 patients!! Remarkable!
BLOOD DRIVE

American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE

HELP SAVE A LIFE
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD
Towson High Spring Sports Registration

Registration for spring sports will take place February 17th, 18th and 19th during all lunch shifts with the Athletic Director, Mr. Nash.

The first day of spring sports practice/tryouts will take place on Saturday, February 28th. Students who participated in a fall or winter sport and have an updated physical are only required to turn in the athletic permit form during registration.

To access an athletic permit, go to towsonathletics.org and click on the forms section. Students playing a sport for the first time this school year are required to turn in the entire registration packet. Go to towsonathletics.org and click on the forms section for the complete registration packet.

If you have specific questions regarding tryouts, please contact the coach directly by email.

- Softball ......................... Lindsay Dugovich ................. ldugovich@bcps.org
- Baseball ....................... Brad Eastham .................. beastham@bcps.org
- Boys Lacrosse .......... John Cummings ....................... jdc13osu@gmail.com
- Girls Lacrosse .......... Jamie Giffuni ....................... jamie.guffuni@gmail.com
- Tennis ......................... Dan Miller ....................... dmiller16@bcps.org
- Track and Field .......... Rick Malloy ....................... rmalloy@bcps.org
- Cheerleading ............... Maureen Shannon ............... coachmothscheer@gmail.com
- Allied Softball .......... Shayna Kirschenbaum .......... skirschenbaum@bcps.org

Mark your Calendar:

- 2/28 .................. First day of spring sports tryouts
- 3/10 .................. Spring sports meet the coach night-6:30 in the auditorium
- 5/19 .................. Spring sports awards ceremony-6:30 in the auditorium
TOWSON CHEERLEADERS

Baltimore county cheer competition

At Towson home game.
Thursday, February 19, 2015—Team BCPS Employee Wellness Day

Wonder what that blood pressure was!!!

Several staff members took advantage of free blood pressure screenings during Thursday’s BCPS Employee Wellness Day!

Thanks to our wonderful AP Biology students and FutureMed club members for providing this potentially life saving service!
BCPS EMPLOYEE WELLNESS DAY
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Friday, February 20, 2015 - Hydrate Me Day!!
Have You Heard the News????

Senior News

- **Senior Night Live!** March 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM - Auditorium. This is a fun evening in February where our Seniors showcase their talent! If you know someone who wants to participate, they must complete a contract and audition. The next and final audition is January 28th from 2:30 - 4:30 in the auditorium. See Mrs. Kromsky in room 109 or Mrs. Krochta in trailer 3 to sign up.

- **Graduation Announcements.** You can still order graduation announcements online as well. Visit www.balfour.com.

- **Community & School Based Scholarships.** Have you applied yet? All seniors are encouraged to apply for the community and school based scholarships. Forms were given out in Senior English classes on Friday, February 20, 2015. Remember the deadline to turn your application in is March 20, 2015.

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Yearbook

The deadline for senior ads and portraits is rapidly approaching. Please visit www.jostens.com to purchase senior ads and yearbooks. Please contact Lifetouch as soon as possible to schedule a senior portrait.
**SENIORS: THE NEXT CHAPTER**

Congratulations to our seniors who have already been accepted into college!! Following are the colleges our seniors have selected:

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Have You Heard the News????

You won’t believe what our amazing students are up to!!!

**Connor Wenck** is a finalist for the Future Innovator Award!!

This award promotes excellence in technology advancement by a regional high school student. The award fosters new thinking in the understanding of technology and its place in the future careers of area students.

Congratulations Connor!!!

**Xueting Ni** was granted The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards on behalf of President Barack Obama.

This award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country.

Congratulations Xueling!!!
Have You Heard the News????

National Merit Scholarship Program
FINALISTS!!!

Out of 16,000 Semifinalists named in September, 2014, the following students have met all the requirements to advance to finalist standing in the competition. Because they have achieved this status, they will be considered for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2015. Good luck to each of you!!!
Have You Heard the News????

National Merit Scholarship Program
Finalists

Gregory T. Andreou

Shuting Sarah Cai

Stephen C. Palo

Walter K. Young

Sylvie K. Hullinger
NEW Designs for the former “Breakfast of Champions”

Throughout nearly a year of discussions and data collection and in consideration of all stakeholders, we are streamlining a longstanding Towson High School tradition giving recognition to student achievement. Based upon survey instruments that were distributed to THS staff, students, and parents, a decision has been made regarding the new design for the former “Breakfast of Champions.” Shown by a narrow margin in the results below, it has been decided that:

- A daytime ceremony for seniors will be held on the date of the Senior Slide Show during the last week for seniors in addition to the Senior Awards Night.
- A daytime recognition ceremony will be held during the last week of school for underclassmen.

Note that the previous date listed on the Towson High School calendar will be changed to reflect the new design. Final details, regarding awards given and dates and times for each event, will be determined shortly.

#1 Keep the ceremony and change the name so it is not a breakfast.

#2 Add senior recognition to the Senior Awards Night. Host a daytime recognition ceremony underclassmen during the last week of school.

#3 Host a daytime senior recognition ceremony during the last week for seniors. Underclassmen have individualized recognition ceremonies hosted by extracurricular activity sponsors during the school day after final exams are complete.

#4 Host a daytime senior recognition ceremony during the last week for seniors. Host the senior awards night. Host an underclassman recognition ceremony during the school days of school for underclass students.
BCPS PLANS SERIES OF COMMUNITY FORUMS TO SOLICIT MAGNET SCHOOL FEEDBACK

Baltimore County Public Schools will host a series of eight community forums in early March 2015 to solicit opinion about recommendations relating to the school system’s magnet schools and programs. The proposals are the result of a Magnet Task Force that was charged with examining the county’s magnet programs and providing recommendations for the program’s future. Those who are unable to attend one of the forums may contribute their viewpoints on an upcoming online survey.

Tues., March 3  7 – 9 p.m.  Woodlawn High School, 1801 Woodlawn Drive, Woodlawn 21207

Wed., March 4  7 – 9 p.m.  Kenwood High School, 501 Stemmers Run Rd, Middle River, 21221

Thurs., March 5  1 – 3 p.m.  Library County Campus Metro Centre at Owings Mills, 10302 Grand Central Avenue, Owings Mills 21117

Thurs., March 5  7 – 9 p.m.  Milford Mill Academy, 3800 Washington Avenue, Milford 21244

Tues., March 10  1 – 3 p.m.  Dundalk CCBC, Roy N. Station Building, Room 202, 7200 Sollers Point Road, Dundalk 21222

Tues., March 10  7 – 9 p.m.  Sollers Point Technical High School, 1901 Delvale Avenue, Dundalk 21222

• Wed., March 11  7 – 9 p.m.  George Washington Carver Center for the Arts and Technology, 938 York Road, Towson 21204

• Thurs., March 12  1 – 3 p.m.  Cockeysville Public Library, 9833 Greenside Drive, Cockeysville 21030

Background:
Feedback from the online surveys and community forums will be used to determine how best to assess the magnet school program and which recommendations to bring to the Board of Education for its consideration.
Have You Heard the News????

Curious About Stock Trading?

13 years old and up
Learn as you compete in a 10-week online investment game. Create and manage a virtual $100K portfolio of real-world stocks. Sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for Financial Literacy, Baltimore County Employees Federal Credit Union and the Friends of the Towson Library.

March 9, Monday 7:00 PM
— Game orientation & registration

April 20, Monday 7:00 PM
— Speaker Dr. Allen Cox

May 28, Thursday 7:00 PM
— Wrap-up & prize session

The Towson Library will be piloting a Stock Market Game from March-May. Our goal is to inform teens of the benefits of investing and making smart financial choices. Participants will trade real stocks with virtual money. We are offering $175 in cash prizes for the top 3 winners.
Central Area Education Advisory Council

SCHOOL STAFFING PLAN
2015-2016

DEBRA BROOKS, Executive Director
Department of Student Services
(JOINED BY A TABCO REPRESENTATIVE)

WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE CENTRAL AREA EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING. THEY WILL REVIEW THE PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015
7:00 – 9:00 PM
TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL
SPORTS BOOSTERS ANNUAL

Spring Gala

MARCH 28, 2015 7:00PM-11:00PM
The Country Club of Maryland
1101 Stevenson Lane
Towson, Maryland 21286

Buffet Dinner • Wine & Beer • Wheels
Silent Auction • Mystery Wine

Purchase tickets online!
WWW.TOWSONHIGHSPORTSBOOSTERS.COM

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$65 per person
$125 per couple

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- NO JEANS PERMITTED -

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Learn to think and problem solve like an engineer!

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Contact the Engineering Innovation Office for more details:
engineering-innovation@jhu.edu
(410) 516-6224
UPCOMING EVENTS

March

5  Winter Athletic Awards Night - 6:30 p.m. - Auditorium
6  Interim Reports Distributed
8  Daylight Savings Time Begins
10  Spring Athletic Orientation - 6:30 p.m. - Auditorium
12  Parent—Teacher Conferences - 2:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
19-21  Spring Musical - 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium
24  Junior Planning Night - Guidance - 6:30 p.m. - Auditorium
26  Art Showcase - 6:00 p.m. - Gym
27  Sophomore Ring Dance - 7:00 p.m. - Cafeteria
30  Junior Interview Day