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.

★ STARS to Ms. Mathena for supporting our students by attending the Honors Jazz and Chorus Concert. (Sent in by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to B. Garvey, K. Hill & K. Wilcox for their display of integrity and sharing their upstanding character.

★ STARS to Mr. Esbrandt and his staff for keeping the trailer park safe and clean during the ice event this week.

★ STARS to Officer Fiedler for going above and beyond the call of duty in off school hours. (Sent in by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to C. Tranks. “She found my Iphone and she was kind enough to get in touch with me to get my phone back. I would like her to be recognized as an example to others for doing the right thing. I will forever be thankful to her for returning my phone which is a big part of my life. It has all of my very important information that I would not like in the wrong hands. My thanks to her again.” (Sent in by Ms. Brown)

★ STARS to M. Lemon, M. Kaur, and S. Omani for earning a 2nd place victory for Towson High School. This was THS’s first year participating in the Baltimore Area High School Ethics Bowl. Junior B. Womack joined us at the competition, spending the day shadowing the girls as an available alternate. I really appreciate the dedication of all these students. (Sent in by Ms. Bardelli)

★ STARS to Officer Fiedler for accompanying Ms. DiMino to the Read Initiative at Rodgers Forge Elementary School—Beyond Reading. Mr. Stevens even showed his moves with the Chicken Dance!! (Sent in by Mrs. DiMino)

This week, Baltimore County Public Schools launched the BCPS 2014 Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey. This survey provides you with the opportunity to give us feedback about Towson High School and Baltimore County Public Schools. The survey has also been customized so that there are different (but related) questions for school-based staff, parents, students, community members and central office staff. If you are both a BCPS parent and a BCPS staff member or if you are a BCPS parent with children in more than one school, you are encouraged to take the survey more than once to reflect your different experiences in those different roles or with those different schools. Your input is essential for our goal of preparing students to become globally competitive. Your participation and responses will be anonymous.

You may access the survey by visiting https://bcps.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6RMPYsZT8iWZ49. The survey window will be open from February 5-28.

Thank you,
Charlene DiMino
Writing Award Winners
Ms. P. Brown

Seven Towson High School writers entered this year’s national Scholastic Art and Writing Awards program, and all seven have been recognized in the regional level of the competition. Senior A. Kingsbury won an Honorable Mention and a Silver Key for poetry. Senior S. McFadden won three Honorable Mentions for poetry. Junior K. McGinnis won a Silver Key and an Honorable Mention for poetry and an Honorable Mention for a personal essay. Senior H. Ross won Honorable Mentions for a personal essay and poetry. Junior H. Seyler won one Honorable Mention and one Gold Key for poetry. Senior A. Martinez won a Gold Key for her writing portfolio. Senior A. Kindahl won a Silver Key for poetry, flash fiction, and a personal essay, and a Gold Key for poetry and her writing portfolio. Gold Key award winners will now advance to the national level of the competition. Two Towson High poets have earned recognition for their submissions for the Eichner Award for Young Poets, a national competition sponsored by Notre Dame of Maryland University. Junior H. Seyler was named a semi-finalist in the competition, and senior S. McFadden won third prize and will have her poem “Purple Haze” published in Damozel, the literary magazine of Notre Dame of Maryland University.

Magazine Awards
Ms. P. Brown

The 2013 edition of Colophon, Towson High’s creative arts magazine, has been honored recently in two national competitions. It won the Highest Award from the National Council of Teachers of English in its Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines, an honor based primarily on the writing in the publication. Colophon was the only magazine in Maryland to win the award this year. The magazine has won that award thirteen times in the last twenty years. The Columbia Scholastic Press Association has notified Colophon that it will be a Crown award winner, an honor given to the finest magazines in the country. Final designation as either a Gold or Silver Crown winner will be announced at the CSPA convention in March.
Art Goes Digital -- On Wednesday, February 5, 2014, the Towson High School Art Department launched its video installation project called, "Found Art."
Just as is done on Vine, students “find” an artful moment and video tape it for 6 seconds (no more, no less). They will then Tweet their videos to Art Teacher Noah Belt by Monday 2/10. Students will review the video and edit them together to create the "Found Art" video. Students will also interview some of the artists and include their thoughts in the video. The finished piece will be tweeted, shown on the television in the THS Library Hallway Gallery, and shown at the THS Art Showcase -- maybe even YouTube!

Lingua Latina “Digitalis” -- On February 6, Latin students compared Google Earth satellite images of Roman ruins to artistic and digital representations of the same locations to contrast Roman realities with the modern world that replaced them. Additional digitally-driven activities for our Latin Scholars included: Prezi.com to teach their colleagues about the points of view and writing styles of ancient Roman authors. StudyBlue.com to create a virtual learning community based upon content covered in the AP Latin exam.
Senior News

It’s not too late to order your cap and gown. You can contact Mr. Watson from National Recognition at 410-685-2523 or via the website www.nrponline.com. You will no longer be able to get the discounted price, but you will still be able to get your order in on time for graduation.

**Talent Show**
This year’s Senior Talent Show will be held the evening of February 27 in the auditorium.

**Seniors!**
**Contracts** for the talent show try outs are due to Mr. Blair in Trailer 6 no later than 3pm on Monday February 10. Tryouts will be held on Tuesday February 11 in Trailer 6 and on Thursday February 13 in the auditorium. You cannot audition without a completed contract! The contract is located on pages 10 and 11.

Check out our talented students that performed in the Honors Jazz Concert at the Walter's Art Museum.
UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

13 Tri-M Recital - 7:00 pm
14 Parent Involvement Day
17 Schools Closed—Presidents Day
18 Edible Art - Cafeteria - 6:00 pm
19 PTSA Executive Board Meeting - 7:15 pm
21 Music Booster Basket Bingo - Tall Cedars of Lebanon
25 Winter Athletics Awards Night - Auditorium - 6:30 pm
26 Blood Drive - Gym - All Day
27 Senior Talent Show - Auditorium - 7:00 pm
TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL
SPORTS BOOSTERS ANNUAL

SPRING GALA 2014

ON APRIL 5, 2014
7:00PM - 11:00PM
THE COUNTRY CLUB OF MARYLAND
1101 STEVENSON LANE
TOWSON, MD 21286

* BUFFET DINNER * WINE + BEER * WHEELS * SILENT AUCTION
* MYSTERY WINE TABLE

TICKETS $65 PER PERSON- $125/COUPLE
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE BEFORE THEY SELL OUT !!!

towsonhighsportsboosters.com

OR

CONTACT Tracy Amos - TICKET SALES- TAMOS@GRABERCPA.COM
FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jenny Schneidereith Co CHAIR jennyschneidereith@verizon.net
Kelly Chesser Co CHAIR kchesser22@gmail.com

PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED- NO JEANS PERMITTED
Towson’s Annual Blood Drive

The Blood Drive is back!!

Towson’s annual blood drive will be held on Wednesday, February 26. According to the American Red Cross, about 44,000 pints of blood are needed in the United States. Donating blood just one time can save a life. Students must be at least seventeen years old and must weigh at least 110 pounds in order to donate. Keep a look out for sign-up sheets that will be coming around in homerooms!!

Spanish Honor Society

Spanish Honor Society applications are due to your child’s Spanish teacher by Friday, February 14th. Students in Spanish 3 and above are eligible to apply and applications were handed out in class. Please contact your child’s Spanish teacher or Mrs. Richmond with any questions.

Towson’s Got Talent!

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Baseball games, security blankets, dogs flying sopwith camels, and Beethoven Day. What can it all mean? It must be the spring production of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. Unless you need psychiatric help (which we offer for only 5 cents), set aside March 20, 21, and/or 22 for our performances at 7:00 PM in the school auditorium. Tickets are only $10. and will be available at the school and at the door. We hope to see everyone there.
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Please mark your family calendar now!

Exciting Raffles, Including Vera Bradley and 50/50!

Net proceeds benefit towson High musical ensembles! Thank you!

Doors open 6:00 pm; Tickets $20 each at the door

Questions? contact thsmusic-boosters@gmail.com

Thank you!

Join us! February 21, 2014
Class of 2014 Senior Talent Show Performance Contract

Towson High School’s Senior Talent Show features students from Towson High’s senior class only and serves the dual purpose of entertainment and fundraising. The show will be held Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7 PM in the auditorium. We are fortunate to be given this opportunity. Therefore, it is imperative that we produce a tasteful, entertaining, and well-rehearsed show.

As seniors, this is our chance to stand out in a positive manner. All performers and their parents/guardians must agree to these guidelines as well as the following conditions:

Auditions: Students must audition on either Tuesday, February 11 from 2:30-4:30 in Trailer 6 or Thursday, February 13 from 2:30-4:30 in the auditorium. See Mr. Blair in trailer 6 before school (7:00 -- 7:45) or afterschool (2:15 – 245) to sign up for an audition day and time.

- Each student must submit a completed/signed performance contract prior to the time of their audition. Students who have not submitted a performance contract will NOT be allowed to audition.

All students MUST be prepared and arrive on time. If all members of your act are not on time for your audition, you must wait until all other acts have auditioned. The program will be announced on Friday February 14, 2014.

Contents of the Acts: Talent show participants are not permitted to impersonate any specific students or groups of students in any way during any act. Subliminal comments, gestures, music or costumes that contribute to making fun of or impersonating specific students or groups of students are strictly prohibited. NO ORIGINAL MATERIAL CAN BE PERFORMED (See below for details).

Acting: Only pre-published, non-original sketches/skits/monologues/play excerpts are permitted. Theatrical performances are intended to be engaging for as many members of the audience as possible. Acts with profanity, violence, sexually explicit clothing or gestures, or inappropriate materials will not be accepted. A complete script of your act including the author and source must be turned in to one of your Class Advisors at your audition. During rehearsals, and on the night of the show, performers must follow the script from memory and without improvisation. Sets, props, and costumes are required for all dress rehearsals. Students not properly prepared for dress rehearsal will not be eligible to perform in the show.

Dance/Musicians/Singers: All performers who need musical accompaniment must provide their own audio in the form of a CD. It is the responsibility of the performers to provide their own musical instruments and equipment as needed. All dancing, music and costuming must be school appropriate. Use of profanity, violence or sexually explicit gestures or clothing will not be allowed. Sets, props, and costumes are required for all dress rehearsals. Students not properly prepared for dress rehearsal will not be eligible to perform in the show. During rehearsals, and on the night of the show, performers must adhere to the dance steps and/or music originally approved by the Class Advisors without improvisation.

MCs: MCs must develop and submit an original, entertaining script to introduce each act. Therefore, it is necessary to become familiar with each act prior to rehearsals. It is the MCs’ responsibility to gather this information prior to the rehearsal on Monday, February 24, 2014. Additionally, MCs must develop a “finale” act, in which the entire cast can participate on the night of the performance. MCs have a lot of responsibility for the production of the talent show. Therefore, a schedule of MC meetings will be distributed the first week of February.

Finale: All cast members will participate in a finale developed by the MCs. The finale will be rehearsed by the entire cast at the end of each rehearsal.
Name of Student: _______________________________ HR Teacher: _______________________________

Phone #: _______________________________ Email address: _______________________________

Title of Act: _______________________________

Description of Act: (Type of act, Title, author/composer, etc.)

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Description of Costume(s):______________________________

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Name/s of ALL Performers: (All members must be SENIORS. All members’ contracts must be signed and complete in order for you to audition)

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Sound, Video or Lighting Cues: If your act requires specific sounds, music, video or lighting cues, please list below, so the technical director can plan accordingly.

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By signing below you agree to abide by the conditions set forth in this contract and the following conditions:

I understand that while participating in the Senior Talent Show, all school rules and policies are in effect including Baltimore County Board of Education’s Code of Conduct, Board Policies, and Superintendent’s Rules. I fully understand that failure to follow Baltimore County Board of Education’s Code of Conduct, Board Policies, and Superintendent’s Rules will result in consequences set forth in the Student Behavior Handbook.

A parent or guardian must sign this contract and remind the student of the responsibilities involved in participating in the Senior Talent Show. Signed contracts must be returned to Mr. Blair by 3pm Monday February 10, the day before the first audition. Students who fail to submit a completed and signed contract will NOT be allowed to audition and therefore will NOT be eligible to participate in the talent show.

Printed Name of Student Performer _______________________________ Signature of Student Performer _______________________________ Date _______________________________

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian and phone # _______________________________ Signature of Parent/Guardian _______________________________ Date _______________________________

Mr. Blair, Co-Advisor, Class of 2014  Mr. Miller, Co-Advisor, Class of 2014

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