

TOWSON HIGH
SCHOOL

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The Towson Pride

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.

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 cast and crew of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. What a wonderful performance! Thanks for making us smile! Now we can't get those songs out of our head!!

★ STARS to Mr. Jones and Mr. Belt for the cookies at the Show.

★ STARS to Mr. Kimball, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Weber, Ms. Fast, and Ms. Roulet - the Brain Trust for the show.

★ STARS to Mr. Esbrandt and his crew (especially Jonathan) for unplugging the water fountain in the lobby during the *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* show.

★ STARS to Ms. Berman for the public relations work - Great Crowds!!

★ STARS to Ms. Fluharty - you run a tight ship in the ticket booth!!

★ STARS to Officer Fiedler and Officer Brown - thanks for keeping us all safe and guarding the money.

★ STARS to all supervising Staff at the show!

★ STARS to everyone involved in the play! J. as Snoopy was his best performance so far! (Submitted by Ms. Waldman)

★ STARS to a Towson Alumni, E. Tien. He is doing a "bike across the country for cancer" in honor of his aunt who recently passed away. <http://4kforcancer.org/profiles/eric-tien/>. (Submitted by Mr. Olson)

★ STARS to M. Gischel for turning in a cell phone that she found. (Submitted by Ms. Fast)



Colophon 2013 is one of ten magazines in the country to be named a Finalist for the Pacesetter award from the National Scholastic Press Association. NSPA is associated with the University of Minnesota. The winners will be announced at the annual convention on April 12 in San Diego.

Congratulations to Mr. Jones and the entire *Colophon* staff!! We are so very proud of you and all your efforts!

COUNSELING

Anthony Mooring
Department Chair

It has been a busy and exciting time in the Towson High School Counseling office. Our seniors are getting their college acceptance letters, juniors are preparing for their final year of high school, and our freshman and sophomores are preparing for finals. The counseling office has been busy doing junior conferences. If you have not scheduled one yet, please see Ms. Williams in the Guidance office.

WHERE TO GO? A TOP TEN LIST FOR SENIOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT COLLEGE

Admissions experts from Baruch College, a senior college in the City University of New York, offer some tips to help parents cope with the stress of guiding their child through that all-important question: Where should I go to college?

Academics:

1. Remember why your child is going to college in the first place – Now is the time for your child to reflect on what they truly want. Compare their preferences and ambitions to the resources that each school offers. Consider each school's academics, study abroad programs, student life, extracurricular activities, career services, internship programs, etc., and ask how it will further your child's educational and career goals. Reassure your child that it's okay to be uncertain about their career ambitions but, if they are, a college with flexible academic programs and multiple options is probably a good bet.

2. What happens to people who graduate from this school? – Look into what most of the graduates of the schools your child likes wind up doing.

3. The downside of high school success – Sometimes, even a top-performing high school student is surprised by the rigorous demands of college courses and professors. Even if your child was accepted at the school of their dreams, they need to understand that they're starting all over once they get to college; their sterling SAT scores won't matter if they skip class or studying. Have an honest conversation with your child about the level of commitment required at the schools they like and make sure they're prepared for it.

4. Factor college tuition into family budgeting – Try plugging the estimated cost of attendance (tuition, room and board, books, transportation, student fees) for each school at which your child is accepted into your family's budget. This will provide you with a better long-term financial plan. And don't forget about graduate school, if that is in your child's plans; it'll be upon you both before you know it.

5. Explore all avenues of financing – Don't count solely on the college's financial aid award for help. Learn about scholarships being offered by local businesses, community organizations and employers; your family could qualify for additional aid monies.

6. Get to know your school's financial aid team – Most financial aid departments offer free workshops on how to plan for the cost of attending college. Take advantage of such sessions, and don't be bashful; ask as many questions as occur to you. Now is the best time to consider all your options.

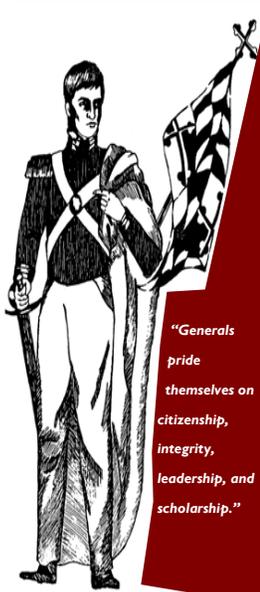
7. What's new at that school? – It's been several months since you and your child did all that college research. Go back on the colleges' websites and see what's up! Schools may be offering new programs, hosting unique events on campus, renovating facilities or announcing new faculty appointments—any of which could affect your child's decision.

8. Finding the right fit – Every school has a personality; you don't want to spend thousands of dollars on one that clashes with your child's. Visit the campus again (or for the first time if you haven't been yet!). Encourage your child to attend an accepted student reception; sit in on a class; go to a sporting event; and talk to current students—without you hovering in the background! Students will speak candidly to each other about real-life college issues like the social scene, academic pressures and drinking on campus—all things your child should be aware of in advance.

9. Safety first – Let's face it: sending your child off to college is scary enough without worrying about crime. Take note of a school's location and ask college officials about security: Is there a 24-hour security team? What kind of campus alert systems are in place? What are the crime statistics for the area? What security precautions exist in the residence halls? While you're asking questions, explore the college's mental health and counseling services—college can be stressful for kids as well as parents.

10. Breathe deeply and stay calm – Make clear to your child that you are available to talk things through, weigh the pros and cons, ask questions and visit campuses with them but that, ultimately, the decision about where to go to college must be theirs. It's hard—for both of you—to hand over the keys to their future, but when you watch them receive their diploma, you'll realize it was well worth it.

Courtesy NYC's Baruch College



"Generals
pride
themselves on
citizenship,
integrity,
leadership, and
scholarship."

Where Graduating Towson Seniors are Going to College

Alderson-Broadus University	sign	University of Mary Washington
Arcadia University	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Cedarville University	North Carolina State University	University of Maryland, College Park
Christopher Newport University	Northwestern University	University of Maryland, College Park - Honors College
Coastal Carolina University	Notre Dame of Maryland University	University of Maryland, College Park - Music Program
Colorado School of Mines	Old Dominion University	University of Michigan
Cornell University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Minnesota
Dean College	Penn State University	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Delaware College of Art and Design	Philadelphia University	University of Pittsburgh
Dean College	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Sciences
Dickinson College	Randolph College	University of South Carolina
Drew University	Ringling College of Art & Design	University of South Florida
Drexel University	Roanoke College	University of Vermont
Duquesne University	Saint Vincent College	University of Virginia
Eckerd College	Salisbury University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Elizabethtown College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Vanderbilt University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Virginia Commonwealth University-Art Foundation
Ferrum College	Shepherd University	Virginia Military Institute
Florida Atlantic University	Shippensburg University	Virginia Tech
Florida Atlantic University	Simmons College	Washington College
Florida International University	Spelman College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College	St. John Fisher College	Wesley College
Frostburg State University	St. John's University	Westminster College
George Mason University	St. Mary's College of Maryland	West Point Academy
Georgia Institute of Technology	Stevenson University	Widener College
Goldsmiths University of London	Susquehanna University	Wilkes University
Goucher College	Swarthmore College	York College of Pennsylvania
High Point University	Temple University	
Hofstra University	The Military College of South Carolina	
Hood College	Towson University	
Howard University	Tufts University	
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Tulane University	
James Madison University	University of Alabama	
Kansas State University	University of Arkansas	
Kingston University	University of Asbury	
LaSalle University	University of Baltimore	
Lebanon Valley College	University of California, Los Angeles	
Loyola University Maryland	University of Chicago	
Manhattan College	University of Cincinnati	
Maryland Institute of Art	University of Delaware	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Denver	
McDaniel College	University of Florida	
Moore College of Art & Design	University of Georgia	
	University of Greenwich	
	University of Hartford	
	University of Kansas	

Towson High School Sports Boosters

Not Just For Athletes Anymore

Despite what the name calls to mind, the *Sports Boosters* are not a group of former athletes who get together in secret to talk about sports. This is a group of dedicated parents who have a vision of THS with a beautiful entrance and exterior along with lighting, fields, walkways, sports fields, and support services such as outside restroom facilities and concessions that match the very strong and supportive academic environment inside the building. The SB group meets in the THS cafeteria once a month on Monday night and anyone interested is invited to attend the meetings.

All Towson parents are invited to attend the THS Sports Booster Spring Gala.

TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BOOSTERS SPRING GALA

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2014

7 – 11 PM

AT THE COUNTRY CLUB OF MARYLAND
1101 STEVENSON LANE
TOWSON, MD 21286

Dinner Buffet ★ Beer and Wine ★ DJ ★ Silent Auction
Wheels ★ 50/50 Raffle ★ Mystery Wine Table

All Proceeds go to Towson High School Projects



To purchase Spring Gala Tickets online – \$65/person \$125/couple
Click <http://bit.ly/1giyiv4>

To donate an item or a service to the Silent Auction at the Spring Gala or to contribute towards a Coach's ticket to the Spring Gala, Contact Gala Co-Chairs

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Kelly Chesser 410-377-7982 kchesser22@gmail.com

“We learn something from everyone who passes through our lives... Some lessons are painful, some are painless... but, all are priceless.”

Unknown

We Add Up!

The Environmental Club is selling WE ADD UP t-shirts during the next week as its annual fundraiser.

Why should you buy a WE ADD UP t-shirt?

They are comfy soft t-shirts made from 100% organic cotton.

Each t-shirt is unique with a message on the back and your own number on the front.

WE ADD UP is a great little mom and daughter company based in Ohio that doesn't use sweatshop labor and donates a minimum of 10% of its proceeds each year to environmental, humanitarian, and animal protection charities.

Our profits at THS go to the purchase of recycling materials....bins, bags, and bases. for the recycling containers in the cafeteria.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Environmental Club T-Shirt Sales - March 10 thru 28

Contact: Ms. West

The Environmental Club is selling t-shirts. Please see the attached flyer and then check out the website (www.weaddup.com) or a brochure in order to review your options.

Environmental Club members have brochures and there is one at Allison Whites' desk, and on the computer desk in room 120. Thanks for your support.



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:

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PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED- NO JEANS PERMITTED



UPCOMING EVENTS

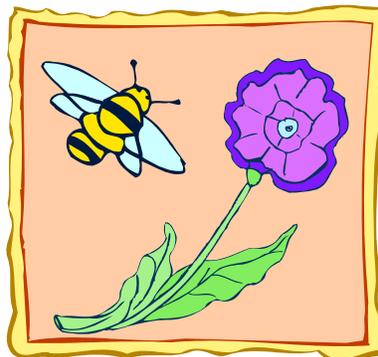


MARCH

28 Sophomore Ring Dance - Cafeteria - 7 pm - 10 pm

April

- 1 Spring Concert—Band - Auditorium - 7 pm
- 3 Spring Concert—Choral - Auditorium - 7 pm
- 14-18 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 21 NO SCHOOL - Holiday
- 23 PTSA Meeting



Towson High School 2014 PTSA Awards

Each year, the Towson High School PTSA awards four (4) scholarships to deserving seniors. The categories are: Civility (male & female), Spirit and Service. A small team of parents and other adults review and rank the nominations with input from the THS guidance office. On Senior Awards Day, four (4) Seniors walk away with \$500 checks from the PTSA - no strings attached. Anyone can nominate a deserving senior by completing the form on the next page of the newsletter. Listed below are the criteria for each category.

The deadline is April 25th. So, please get your nominations in as soon as possible!

CIVILITY Award (given to one young man and one young woman in the graduating class)

Recipients are respectful, honest and consistently kind toward others in the Towson High School community. They are people who pay attention to other's needs, value diverse opinions and are able to apologize and accept responsibility for their actions. In sum, they are good citizens of Towson High.

SPIRIT Award (given to a graduating senior)

Recipient brings a positive attitude to school each day. The nominee does not have to be an athlete, leader, or academic high achiever to receive this award. Rather, the award is given to the student who, without drawing attention to him/herself, displays a contagious, sense of humor or joy in life that encourages spirit and positive energy in the classrooms and the halls of Towson High.

SERVICE Award (given to a graduating senior)

Recipient has shown, throughout his/her years at Towson High School, an unusually strong commitment to giving of his/her time and talents for the betterment of the community. The student may have volunteered inside and/or outside of school, but should have dedicated him/herself to an activity or cause in some depth.

Four honorable mentions (one in each category) may be awarded to underclassmen.

The Awards will be presented at the School Awards presentation in May.

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Prom will be held at the National Aquarium in Baltimore on Saturday, May 17- less than 2 months away. Seniors planning to attend the Prom should be preparing for this big night in advance and not procrastinating until the last minute. Young ladies planning to attend the prom should start looking for a prom dress. If you plan on getting a dress from the internet or a shop that sells gently used dresses then you will also have to plan on having alterations made to your dress. These can take from 2-6 weeks. Gentlemen planning on going to the prom can start to look for their tuxedos. The Tuxedo House in Timonium is donating a portion from each rental towards the Senior Celebration. Mention that you are a THS student. You can also purchase a tuxedo - it will cost a little less than a suit and you will have it for other formal occasions. Just keep in mind that you will need to get alterations made as well if you make the purchase.

The Senior Celebration after the Prom will be held at Kenilworth Bazaar. It is not a bad idea to meet your mode of transportation, whether it be a limo or bus, at Kenilworth to avoid having to do a lot of driving that night. Talk to your friends and start to set up transportation ASAP. Limos and buses can be expensive, however when you split the cost between friends, it is an affordable convenience. The Senior Celebration Committee will be sending out more information about the after-party as we get closer to the event.

You should also make sure that your cap and gown have been ordered and PAID for. Mr. Blair distributed reminders to Senior homeroom teachers last week and emails home for most Seniors who have not yet paid. You need to purchase a Cap and Gown ASAP if you are planning to graduate this year.

Look for more information in the newsletter as we get closer to the end of the year activities for Seniors!



Scholarship Opportunities

19th Annual Cheryl Lillemoe Essay Contest Riderwood Elementary School PTA - \$1,200 - 1 Award (Deadline: April 25, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- 1) Must have attended Riderwood Elementary School for a minimum of three (3) years.
- 2) Must have completed the 5th grade at Riderwood Elementary School.
- 3) Must have an accumulated GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- 4) Plan to attend an accredited college as a full time student in the fall of 2014.

Applications, details and complete requirements are available at the guidance offices of all local public and private high schools and at the office of Riderwood Elementary School.

Your Favorite Car Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: April 30, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- 1) Must be attending an accredited post-secondary institution by the fall of 2014 at the latest.
- 2) Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a program that is at least two years in length.

Applications can be found by going to:

[http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/
scholarship_your_favorite_car_scholarship_8933.php?
&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org](http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_your_favorite_car_scholarship_8933.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org)

MCO Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: May 15, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- 1) Be attending college or university no later than December of 2014.
- 2) Be attending college or university on a full-time basis by December of 2014.
- 3) Submit an answer to the essay question no later than 11:59 PM EST on May 15, 2014.
- 4) Be currently in your last year of high school or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in college/university.

Applications can be found by going to:

[http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_mco_scholarship_8939.php?
&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org](http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_mco_scholarship_8939.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org)

Arctic Physical Therapy Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: Aug 31, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- 1) Be attending college or university no later than January of 2015.
- 2) Be attending college or university on a full-time or part-time basis by January of 2015.
- 3) Have achieved a GPA of 3.0 or greater during their last academic year.

Applications can be found by going to:

[http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_arctic_physical_therapy_scholarship_8938.php?
&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org](http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_arctic_physical_therapy_scholarship_8938.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org)

The Cast and Crew of
You're A Good Man Charlie Brown
would like to thank those
who worked behind the scenes to
make the production a success and
everyone who supported them by
coming out to see the play!!



You're a Good School Towson High!!

Towson High School

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 FAX: 410-583-1375



LOOKING AHEAD

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.

Stakeholders	8 periods per day	4 periods per day
Students	212	565
Parents	51	109
Faculty	21	41

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.**