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 Ms. Frazier for her outstanding and tireless work in tracking Towson High School’s finances.

★ STARS to the Latin Honor Society for piloting a peer mentoring program!

★ STARS to Everst Brooks for making Ms. Zava three doorstops for the fourth floor without being asked.

★ STARS to Jeremy McCord for overhauling the lighting, curtain, and wiring for the TV set. Jeremy also produced a technical “sketch up” model of the set for the fall play, “You Can’t Take it With You” in order to facilitate construction.

★ STARS to Ms. Jennifer Bolster for all of her hard work in organizing our “Community Clean Up” last Saturday. Towson High School students, along with parents, staff and students from Towson University all braved the cool, rainy weather to make the school grounds clean and beautiful!!

★ STARS to Ms. Kromsky and Ms. Krochta for their time and efforts with planning and implementing an organized Senior Activity Day.

★ STARS to Ms. Fluharty for her time and efforts with ensuring a successful Senior Activity Day.

★ STARS to Mr. Briggs and Ms. Mathena for their time and efforts with preparing for the PSAT.

★ STARS to all of our staff for their time and efforts with modifying the daily routine for the PSAT.

★ STARS to Ms. Bolster for organizing the community clean up @ Towson High School.

★ STARS to the Bolster Family, Dr. Fragetta, Mr. Schneiderith, Ms. Parts, Ms. Hayner, and Ms. Berger for their efforts and time with the Community Clean Up Day.

★ STARS to Ms. Mathena and Mr. Briggs for organizing and supervising the PSAT.

★ STARS to Ms. Kirschenbaum and Kyle Rivers for representing THS as this year’s Good News Ambassadors.

★ STARS to Drake Muse for carrying a heavy box for Ms. Kromsky.
NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Exciting things are happening with the Towson High School Music programs so let the music move you!

The Marching Generals are back from their 9th annual summer band camp at Camp Ramblewood and are moving to the music of their “Legends” field show. It features hit songs from legendary artists Stevie Wonder; Ray Charles; Aretha Franklin; Prince; James Brown; Earth, Wind, and Fire; and, Michael Jackson. The Marching Generals made lots of new friends in the Cardinal O’Hara Catholic High School band who were our sister band at the summer band camp. On a rainy day we all got together and learned how to do the Thriller dance! We recently travelled to Philadelphia to perform with them in their stadium outside under the “Friday night lights!”

The Marching Generals have performed at the Reisterstown Festival parade, where we won a first place trophy, and the Baltimore Columbus Day Parade. We conclude our season the weekend of October 24-26 with the Homecoming Pep Rally at school on Friday afternoon; THS Music Boosters’ Fall Social at the Towson Sheraton (adults only!) on Friday night; Homecoming Varsity Football Game on Saturday afternoon; Hagerstown Halloween Parade on Saturday night; and, the BCPS Marching Band Showcase at Woodlawn High School on Sunday afternoon and evening. Whew! Now that’s a big weekend! Stop by our website: towsonhighmusic.com for all the details.

Here’s something noteworthy!!! There were 101 students from the THS music ensembles that recently auditioned for the Baltimore County Public Schools All Honors Orchestra, Band, or Chorus. That’s a huge number of students attempting the rigorous audition music and judging process. Of the 101 who auditioned, 53 qualified for the ensembles! That means a full 20% of the entire BCPS Honors Music Ensembles are representatives from Towson High. That’s an incredible statistic! They will perform a concert on Monday evening, November 17th at Morgan State University after weeks of practice and several rehearsals with exceptional guest conductors.

About 40% of the THS student body is enrolled in a music class this 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 invite you to come to at least one of the winter concerts this year. They begin at 7 pm in the auditorium and are listed as follows:

- Winter Concert 1 - Orchestras/GT guitar - December 11th
- Winter Concert 2 - Bands, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band - December 16th
- Winter Concert 3 - Choral - December 18th

Each is a relaxing and entertaining evening during a busy time of year that may just inspire you!

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. All of our 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. THANK YOU!
It’s Academic
It’s Academic travels to WJZ Saturday, October 18th. The first round match will be taped at the studio at 11 a.m. Good luck team!!!

From the Theater Department
Auditions are completed and production is underway for THS’s fall production of You Can’t Take It with You. Our cast is hard at work and our crew has already begun assembling the set. This classic comedy will be sure to bring a smile to everyone’s face, so we hope to see everyone there. Performances will be November 20, 21 and 22 at 7pm. Put it on your calendar now so you don’t forget.

Look how hard our Test Coordinators work!! And it was the weekend!!!

Thanks Ms. Mathena and Mr. Briggs for all you do!!!
Senior News -- Class of 2015

The Seniors have kicked off their fall fundraiser. Help your favorite senior earn a free prom ticket by purchasing something from their brochure. They have cookies, cheesecakes, pizzas, pretzels, and gift wrap just to name a few of the wonderful items they are selling.

Seniors are voting for Senior Superlatives. Seniors received an online link from the yearbook staff for voting for their favorite seniors in special categories. They have until next week to cast their votes.

Balfour will be selling graduation announcements and other class items October 20 & 21st during all lunch shifts. That's NEXT WEEK. Ask to check out the brochure that your child received during the assembly. It's time to plan ahead and order graduation materials. It's also not too late to order a class ring or class spirit items.

NRP will be selling caps and gowns during lunch shifts November 25th and 26th. The EARLY BIRD discount price is $10 for the cap and gown. After January, the price will be $30, so please save money by ordering early.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Julie Kromsky at JKromsky@bcps.org or Claudia Krohta at CKrohta@bcps.org.

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Thank you all so much for the time, effort, flexibility, and good humor that made this PSAT testing administration a success.

Special thanks to the Guidance Counselors and Mrs. Evanosky for undertaking the task of collection, counting, sorting and organizing materials after testing and after school. A Herculean task made easy by capable hands.

Finally, a laurel...and hardy handshake to Mr. Briggs, whose cool demeanor and task-oriented style kept things moving.

Thanks to everyone who made today a success.
October is National Principals Month!

We have been blessed with an awesome principal - Mrs. DiMino!! She exemplifies qualities she expects from the staff and students at Towson High School - qualities such as Professionalism, Integrity, Communication, and Dedication. Her vision for Towson provides a student centered learning environment allowing all to reach their potential. Her high expectations for herself, our students and staff encourage us all to strive to be our best each and every day.

Under her leadership and guidance, Towson High School will continue to lead the way as a nationally recognized school of distinction.

Please take this opportunity to let Mrs. DiMino know how much you appreciate her.

Thank You Mrs. DiMino!!
Towson High School will be celebrating its athletic tradition of excellence by honoring 5 nominees into its’ Athletic Hall-of-Fame class on Friday, November 21, 2014 during halftime of the Maroon and White Hall of Fame Faculty Basketball Game that begins at 3:00 pm. The inductees include:

Carol Eustis (Class of 1963)  
Jimmy Hall (Class of 1963)  
Skip Lichtfuss (Class of 1970)  
Bill Thomas Sr. (Coach, Teacher)  
Randy Walker (Coach, Teacher, Athletic Director)

This year’s Hall-of-Fame induction class represents some of the very best who participated in Towson’s rich athletic history. Please help celebrate with us as we honor our inductees. The official induction ceremony will take place at halftime in the Towson High School gymnasium beginning around 3:45 pm.

2014 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction timeline of events  
Friday November 21, 2014

11:30-11:45 am  
Arrival of Inductees  
11:45-12:45 pm  
Luncheon for Inductees  
1:00-2:15 pm  
Assembly for all Towson High School students  
2:30-3:00 pm  
Tour of the School  
3:00-5:00 pm  
Maroon & White Faculty Basketball Game  
(HOF Induction at Halftime)
Around Towson

Thanks to all the students, parents, staff and Towson University students

Thanks to Ms. Jennifer Bolster for all her hard work in making the clean up day possible!!
Around Towson

Thanks to Towson University students for coming out to help!

who came out to brave the cold, rainy weather last Saturday! The campus looks amazing!!
TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL
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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

October

24    Homecoming Pep Rally
24    Senior Portrait Make-Ups
24    Music Boosters Fall Dance - 7:00 pm - Towson Sheraton
25    Homecoming Day
25    Homecoming Dance - 7:00 pm - Cafeteria
27    Freshmen Elections
27    Senior Portrait Make-ups
31    1st Marking Period Ends

November

3    All Schools Close three (3) hours early
4    Election Day - Schools & Offices Closed
13   Report Cards Distributed
17-21  American Education Week
27-28  Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools & Offices Closed
One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.

Bob Marley