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THE TOWSON PRIDE

On a bi-weekly basis, we acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our staff and students. We encourage our staff to submit accolades for recognizing the dedication of others. The accolades appear on the first pages of our newsletter. As contributing members to Towson High School, we represent 5 STAR Generals.

We appreciate our staff and students for demonstrating leadership, citizenship, scholarship, and integrity. If you would like to submit an accolade for one of our students/staff members for the great work that they do within our community, please submit the information to cdmino@bcps.org and cc_dlauten@bcps.org. Help up recognize the outstanding efforts of our students and staff.

STARS to the members of Towson High School’s Re-Entry Team for their efforts with preparing for student return to in-person learning.

STARS to Mr. Justin Nash for earning the MSADA District Athletic Director of the Year Award. *Please view additional information inside the newsletter.*

STARS to the coaches as they prepare to connect with their athletes in person.

STARS to Ms. Raley for her efforts with educating our school and community on Wellness Wednesday.

STARS to Ms. Schrader for her dedication and efforts to lead professional opportunities that are focused on instruction.

STARS to Ms. Valsing and Ms. Carr for creating a staff survey to gather input related to student support.

STARS to members of the Faculty Council for creating a survey to gather staff input related to the planning for student re-entry.

STARS to Ms. Bridges for her efforts with the Re-Entry team.



Important Upcoming Dates

- March 15FALS students return to the building
- March 22.....9th graders return to the building
- March 29—April 5Spring Break
- April 610-12 graders return to the building



As with most departments, the Career Technology Education (CTE) Department has faced many challenges this year. But in spite of the challenges, we are working diligently to provide our students with the best experience possible in our limited “virtual” classrooms. Our department prides itself on its hands-on approach to education and we have done well to adapt.

Our traditional hands-on approach in our Food and Nutrition classes, has shifted a bit as Ms. Wilson has moved online and is working with students to create a virtual restaurant. Students are learning about all aspects of the industry so that they can design their restaurant, create their menus and set the hiring requirements for the staff. It is true that students have not been able to cook and savor their culinary successes; however, this year has provided them with the opportunity to gain a detailed understanding of how complex the restaurant industry can be.

As our student body has grown, so too has our need for staff. Our engineering team added a new teacher to the department this year, Ms. Rahimpour. Together with Mr. Palumbi and Mr. Rivers, they are leveraging technology to provide Towson’s students with a unique approach to the engineering process. Mr. Palumbi has provided students with his self-made quick videos that delve into a variety of engineering concepts. Mr. Rivers has met his challenges by trying to stay as hands-on as possible by creating grab and go packages of supplies for students to pick up in order to work from home on their bridge projects.

Ms. Nash has used the virtual setting to invite several speakers into her Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM) classroom. Most notably, BCPS’s Director of Human resources, Homer McCall. She has also held sessions with the school social worker to introduce her future teachers to the importance of support professionals in the school environment.



Justin Nash, THS Athletic Director



Congratulations to Mr. Nash on earning the MSADA District VI Athletic Director of the Year Award.

Mr. Nash has served as an athletic director for the past 15 years. In this capacity, he has positively contributed to the social-emotional and academic development of student athletes. Mr. Nash has devoted countless hours to support students and members of the Towson High School community.

Mr. Nash has brought a unique perspective to the responsibilities associated with his position based on his previous experiences as a special educator. His patience and adaptability allow for students to achieve their greatest potential. Mr. Nash recognizes the competencies and abilities of all students, moving beyond a competitive focus to provide supportive and nurturing opportunities.

Extending his influence beyond athletic competitions, Mr. Nash initiated a Student-Athletes Leadership Team known as (SALT). The team involves the leadership of over 100 athletes that are dedicated to improving leadership skills and promoting service in the community. Understanding the value of commending students for their contributions, Mr. Nash started a monthly newsletter to highlight program achievements and honor student-athletes.

Recognizing the need to support incremental student growth, Mr. Nash has increased opportunities for incoming students by initiating an annual Open House. He has also worked diligently to prepare students for post-secondary success. Mr. Nash established an annual

College Coaching Panel for student-athletes to ask questions and receive feedback from local Division I, II, and III coaches. He also formed a partnership with Positive Coaching Alliance to assist with the professional growth of students, families, and staff. Mr. Nash has offered workshops for student-athletes and parents to learn more about the college recruiting process. He has also scheduled games at local colleges and universities for athletes to experience competing at the collegiate level.

Committed to supporting the total school community, Mr. Nash has collaborated with representatives to enhance the facilities at various school settings. He has implemented campus improvement and beautification service projects that have involved coaches, students, parents, and community members. He has planned and implemented various community events including an annual Alumni Hall of Fame Recognition Ceremony, and Faculty Basketball and Cancer Awareness Soccer Games to support local charities. Mr. Nash has worked closely with The One Love Club, a student organization, to help raise money for their charitable efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS MR. NASH- 5 STAR GENERAL



Towson High School Re-Entry Team

Members of the Towson High School Re-Entry Team are working diligently to develop a practical and safe plan for students to re-enter the building on the designated dates this upcoming March. Each member has been assigned to work in one or more of the following focus areas:

- Scheduling
- Transportation
- Class Procedures & Protocol
- Common Areas (hallways, bathrooms, etc.)
- Health & Safety
- Cafeteria
- Communication
- Instruction & Technology
- 9th Grade Transition
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Each focus group meets several times a week and attends a weekly Re-Entry Team Meeting to share their groups' progress. Information will continue to be discussed with our Instructional Leadership and Faculty Council Teams throughout the process. Once plans are finalized, we will share a video and description of the Re-entry Plan components (E.g. hallway transitions, bathroom use, cafeteria use ETC.) We are confident that our team will be able to bring our students back safely and successfully into the schoolhouse. Towson High School Admin Team would like to thank the members of our Re-Entry team for their dedication and efforts.

Team Members:

Kim Culbertson
Felicia Schrader
Michelle Smith
Mary Williams
Carly Raley
John Stevens
Cindy Greenberg

Rachel Valsing
Glen Lane
Simon Briggs
Lauren Hanley
Laura Russo
Julie Kromsky
Erin Hancock
Jenn Yelton

Scott Olson
Brad Eastham
Sarah Carr
Tony Cardano
Bruce Ickes
Kirsten Surak
Donna Lauten
Tom Blair

Course Registration 2021-2022

All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students need to register for courses for the 2021-2022 school year at Towson High School using the online FOCUS Student Portal by Friday February 26th. The FOCUS Student Portal is accessible to students 24-7, so students are able to register at any time for their courses between now and February 26th.

To ensure that students are able to successfully register online for their 2021-2022 courses, please use the attached step-by-step directions and the Academic Planning materials on our website which can be accessed using this link, <https://towsonhs.bcps.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=244436&pageId=66716261>, or by visiting our website, <https://towsonhs.bcps.org>, and selecting 'Academic Planning 2021-2022' under 'Announcements' on the homepage.

The academic planning materials on our website include:

- Step-by-step written directions for using the FOCUS Student Portal to register for courses.
- Step-by-step video directions for using the FOCUS Student Portal to register for courses.
- Grade-level presentations to learn about courses and graduation requirements that are specific to students' grade level next year.
- Department-based presentations and handouts to further explore our course offerings and course progressions.
- Grade-level course planning guides to assist in course selection.
- Contact information for our School Counselors and Department Chairs who are available to answer specific academic planning questions.
- A link to request a 1-1 appointment with School Counselors.
- A link to the Course Request Correction form.

School Counselors will be available throughout the registration window to meet with students via two options. First, students can informally drop-in to the School Counseling Registration Google Meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:00AM to 9:00AM, 10:50AM to 12:00 PM, and 2:00PM to 3:00PM; and on Wednesdays from 8:00AM to 9:00AM and 2:00PM to 3:00PM. The Google Meet join code for these drop-in sessions is THSCounseling1. Second, students can schedule a 1-1 appointment with their school counselor using the request link on our Academic Planning website (see link above).

Academic planning and student registration are pivotal processes in helping us to achieve our vision of preparing our students to become lifelong learners and productive global citizens, and we thank you for partnering with us in these processes.



Towson Generals 2021

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go online to <https://towsongenerals21.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Sunday February 28th, 2021 (11:59pm EST)

Gildan Dryblend 50
Cotton/50 Poly T-Shirt 8000
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2 Colors

Gildan Dryblend 50
Cotton/50 Poly Long Sleeve
T-Shirt 8400 (S) SENIORS
LOGO



3 Colors

Jerzees Nublend Crewneck
Sweatshirt 562M (S)
SENIORS LOGO



2 Colors

Gildan Dryblend Pullover
Hooded Sweatshirt 12500
(S) SENIORS LOGO



2 Colors

Next Level Unisex Pullover
Hood 9303 (S) SENIORS
LOGO



District Perfect Tri Tee
DM130 (S) T STAR LOGO



3 Colors

Gildan Dryblend Pullover
Hooded Sweatshirt 12500
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District Perfect Tri Long
Sleeve Tee DM132 (S) T
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2 Colors

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CLASS OF 2024 APPAREL SALE!



ONLINE STORE LAUNCH: DECEMBER 18TH

ONLINE STORE CLOSE: JANUARY 10TH

Support your Class of 2024 and *elevate* your closet with some new THS gear! Great for holiday gifts and these cold winter days!

Items will be available for shipment to your home or pick up at the Time Out for Sports warehouse (9716 Belair Road, Nottingham MD.)



More items online...check it out!



2 Colors

Get yours Now!

Virtual THS Senior Talent Show!

Live-streamed on
Thursday, March 25th



**SEND IN VIDEOS OF
YOUR TALENT BEFORE
MARCH 12 TO
CDAMON@BCPS.ORG.**

Videos should be no longer
than 5 minutes in length

EAT *for* ART



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Towson High Art Parents Association. Come in to the Chipotle at **801 Goucher Blvd** in Towson on **Tuesday, February 23rd** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Towson High Art Parents Association.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP
Use code **QTFTVB6** before checkout
in 'promo' field.

Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.

**CHIPOTLE**

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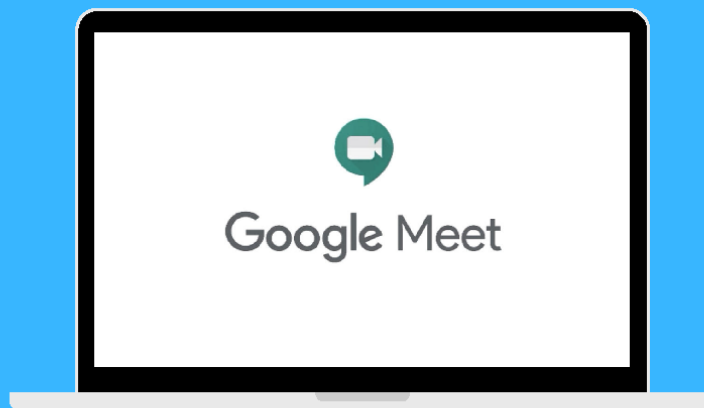
All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

NEED TUTORING FOR ANY SUBJECT?
COME TO...

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TUTORING!

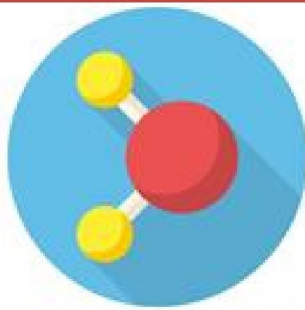
EVERY FRIDAY FROM 3-4PM
STARTING OCT. 23RD

GOOGLE MEETS CODE: THSNHS2020TUTOR



Every Tuesday & Thursday! From 2:15-3:15

SNHS TUTORING!



Do you need help with any science class?
Sign up for Science National Honor Society
tutoring!

Meeting code:
[thssnhstutoring](https://www.zoom.us/j/9198217111)

Email or talk to your
science teacher to have
them sign you up!

Life Hacks: Topics in STEM and Leadership

Aberdeen Proving Ground's C5ISR Community Outreach Program is offering a series of FREE interactive virtual opportunities for students through our STEM@Home programming.

World-class scientists and engineers who work at Aberdeen Proving Ground will be guest speakers at many of our STEM@Home events, each of which has been designed to engage and inspire the next generation of STEM experts- your student among them.

For high school students, we are offering our "Life Hacks: Topics in STEM and Leadership" online from 5:00 to 6:0pm on Thursday, February 18th. This month's topic is Learn to Lead: The Leader as Helper. Please see the attached flyer for more details as well as the registration link.

The "Life Hacks" program is a monthly interactive event for students' grades 9-12 focusing on topics and issues designed to help youth prepare for the next steps in their academic and professional lives. Each event will feature experts who will offer advice and answer questions.

This FREE opportunity is offered exclusively to High School students in Baltimore City/County, Cecil County, and Harford County.



THE C5ISR CENTER COMMUNITY OUTREACH
"STEM@HOME" PROGRAM PRESENTS:

Life Hacks: Topics in STEM and Leadership

A monthly virtual event for students grades 9-12



February's Topic: Learn to Lead: The Leader as Helper.

Leadership is not simply telling people what to do. Instead, the best leaders establish trusted partnerships, a culture of teamwork and common vision. Whether you're a student leader today or a future leader of tomorrow, this session is for you.

Thursday February 18, 2021
5:00 PM—6:00 PM

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST

**MS. KIMBERLY
PLOSKONKA**

DEPUTY DIRECTOR
C5ISR CENTER, SPACE AND
TERRESTRIAL
COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTORATE (S&TCD)

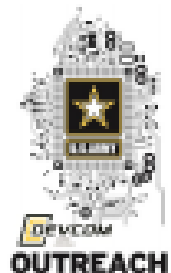


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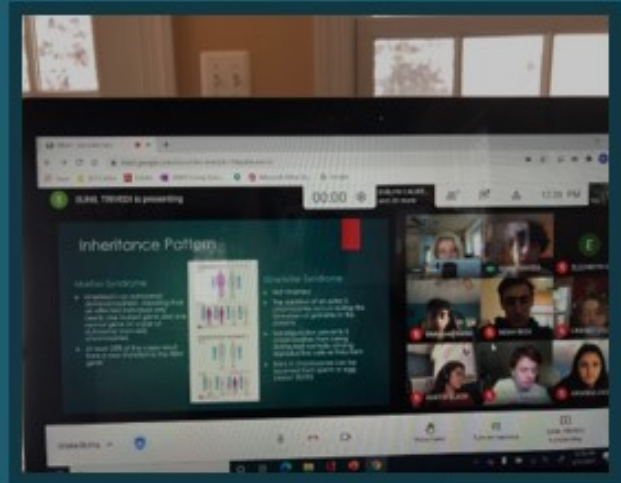
[https://
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REGISTRATION OPEN
THROUGH February 15, 2021

This FREE opportunity is
offered exclusively for High
School students.

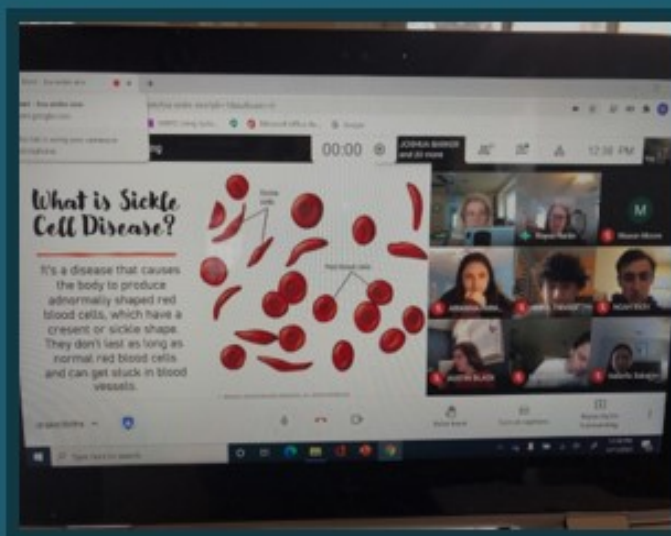


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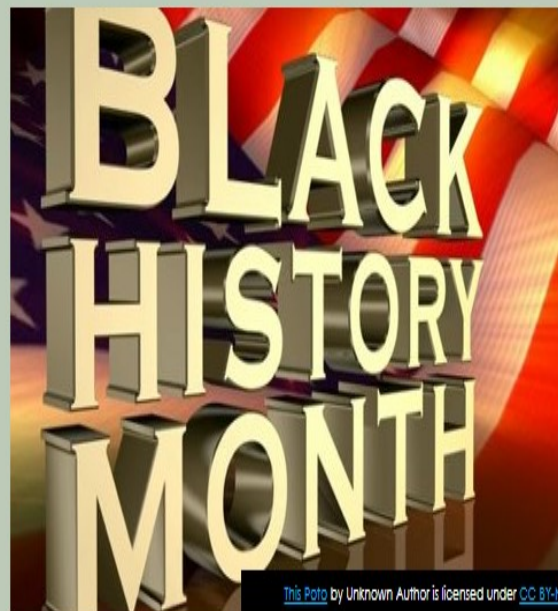
Students in Ms. Drake's AP Biology Classes educated and wowed each other as they shared their Genetic Disease research presentations!

"Put a white coat on them and position them behind the podium and no one would suspect they are High School kids!" S. Drake



BSU- Thursday at 4 PM code: thsbsu21

- Feb 5 -**Black Out**- Post pictures on Instagram wearing all black to bring awareness to Black History Month
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- Feb 8-19 **Door Decorating Contest** - Theme: Favorite Black Figure (This event is in collaboration with the SGA)
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- Feb12- **Movie Night**- Hidden Figures
-
- Feb19- **Black Trivia Night**
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- Feb26- **Black History Assembly Video**- Create a video of what Representation mean to you



Email Ms. Jacobs to get Involved!

School Portraits - Underclassmen

Dear Parents/Guardians of Underclassmen,

The yearbook staff would like to make certain that your student/s are represented with a photo portrait in their class section of the yearbook. We are asking for your help in making this possible.

Please submit a portrait of your student [HERE](#) by February 1, 2021. This photo may be taken with a camera or a smartphone and uploaded to the Google Form.

Please follow these guidelines for appropriate dress, background, and formatting:

- Please send a digital copy of a portrait of your student in portrait format rather than landscape format. Please make sure that the digital portrait is either a .jpeg or a .png type file. Please make sure that the portrait is free of watermarks.
- This portrait should be of the upper third of the body only; please no full body images.
- Please make sure that the background of the image is a single color, for example a painted wall. The standard portraits have a blue/grey background that is designed to showcase the student. Please keep this in mind when taking the portrait.
- Please send a photo where the student is wearing clothing appropriate for a student portrait, free of emblems, logos, images, or writing of any kind.
- Please make sure that the portrait is well lit and clear.
- Please make sure that the face of the student is fully visible and free of headwear. If the student wears headwear that honors their religious beliefs please make sure that it is free of writing, logos, emblems, or images and does not obscure the face of the student, unless it is necessary for religious observance.
- Please see the following models for portraits; keep in mind that these are examples of senior portraits and this level of formal attire is not required.



If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Claire Fluharty at cfluharty2@bcps.org. Thank you for your support!

School Portraits - Seniors

Dear Parents/Guardians of Seniors,

At this time, you should have received information regarding senior portraits from Prestige Portraits, a division of Lifetouch. Senior Portrait retakes at Towson High have been scheduled for February 8-11. If you have not received information about scheduling your senior's portrait, please contact Prestige at [\(410\) 525-1700](tel:4105251700) or access their [website](#).

However, if you and your family feel uncomfortable participating in a traditional portrait session please feel free to choose from the following options:

- You may schedule a private portrait session with the professional photographer of your choice. OR
- You may take the photo yourself and send the picture into the school.

In either case, please follow the guidelines for appropriate dress, background, and formatting:

- Please send a digital copy of a portrait of your senior in portrait format rather than landscape format. Please make sure that the digital portrait is either a .jpeg or a .png type file. Please make sure that the portrait is free of watermarks.
- This portrait should be of the upper third of the body only; please no full body images.
- Please make sure that the background of the image is a single color, for example a painted wall. The standard portraits have a blue/grey background that is designed to showcase the senior. Please keep this in mind when taking the portrait.
- Seniors portraits would normally be taken with students in either a black tuxedo jacket and white shirt or in a black, boatneck, velvet drape. Please approximate this look as best you can. In the event that you are unable to approximate the traditional portrait clothing, please send a photo where the student is wearing clothing appropriate for a senior portrait, free of emblems, logos, images, or writing of any kind.
- Please make sure that the portrait is well lit and clear.
- Please make sure that the face of the senior is fully visible and free of headwear. If the senior wears headwear that honors their religious beliefs please make sure that it is free of writing, logos, emblems, or images and does not obscure the face of the senior, unless it is necessary for religious observance.
- Please see the following models for senior portraits:



If you would like to submit a portrait for a senior, please click [here](#) to complete the form and upload the file.

The deadline to submit senior portraits is March 1, 2021.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Claire Fluharty at cfluharty2@bcps.org. Thank you for your support.

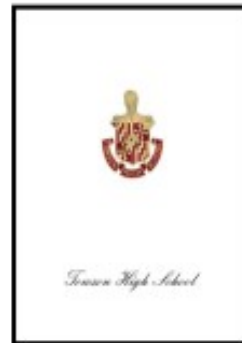


All Parents and Guardians are encouraged to check out the Yearbook page on the Towson High website for important information and updates regarding Underclass Portraits, Senior Portraits, and Senior Recognition Ads!



Attention Towson Students & Parents Graduation Ordering Time!

Greetings parents! We aren't able to get into school this year due to Covid, but we have set up everything online for you to order and purchase your graduation materials and announcements!



ORDER TODAY!

To order other graduation products—go to www.balfour.com

Catalog available [HERE](#)

Questions??

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Senior Group

Please make sure that you are signed up for the **Senior group** on Schoology. We frequently post updates on colleges and scholarships and there is important information in the Resources folder. The Senior group is called "Grade 12 THS School Counseling." If you need information on accessing the group, please contact Ms. Wright at swright7@bcps.org.

FERPA

Please complete the FERPA waiver form so that we can send out your transcripts to colleges. The FERPA waiver form is available on the Grade 12 THS School Counseling Schoology page. Click on the 'Resources' folder and click on the 'FERPA waiver form' folder. When complete, send your FERPA form to Ms. Wright at swright7@bcps.org

College Visits

Colleges are virtually visiting Towson most days of the week. Please make sure to check Naviance regularly for college visit updates. Sign on to BCPS ONE, click on the Naviance button, click on Colleges, scroll down to College Visits.

Ms. Wright and Mr. Briggs are available on Wednesday afternoon for Seniors to drop into our College Google Meet group. Seniors can stop by and ask a question and receive support with their college applications. Check the Grade 12 THS School Counseling Schoology group for information about meeting times and the room name.

We have a Senior sign-up sheet that is available on Schoology should you need to meet with your counselor individually regarding your college applications.

We are here to help and support you! Please reach out to us if you have any questions.



Do you have questions about how to use Naviance to request transcripts and letters of recommendation? Please check out this Powerpoint presented by our College Counselor, Mrs. Wright, that will answer many of your questions.

https://bcpscloud-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/g/personal/swright7_bcps_org/EdgjfeSHpBu4IeotfwSgEBJ-ZUMZIEg-FiOSwbYvvCMQ

We know that many of you have additional questions around Naviance and college applications. The School Counseling Team want you to know that we're here for you!

We will host a Google Meet Session each Wednesday at 1.30pm-2pm for Senior college help. To access the room go to **thsseniorcollegecounseling**

Also, colleges will be visiting Towson High School virtually this fall to meet with our Seniors. We will send out information about college visits on Naviance and Schoology.

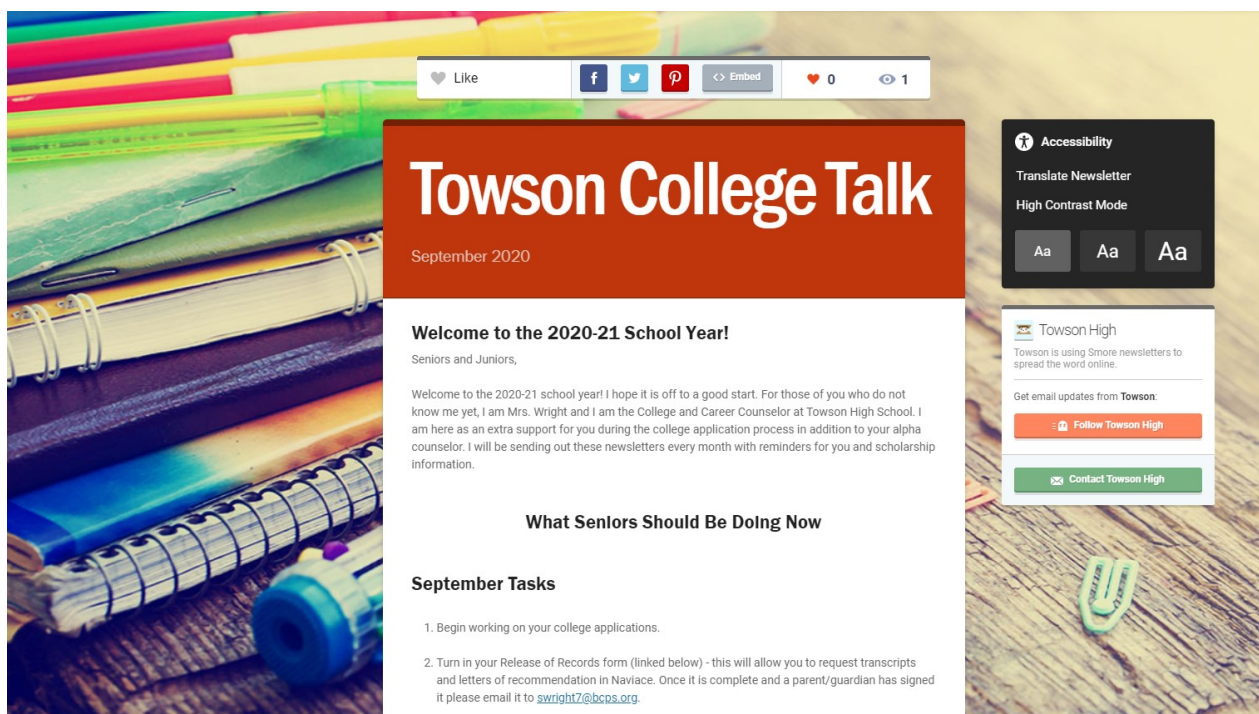
The School Counseling Team



Towson College Talk

September 2020

Ms. Wright has created a “senior/junior college newsletter” on Smore with lots of links and info for seniors and juniors.



This is a great resource for the college application process and support. Check it out!

Here is the link: <https://www.smore.com/gw8p2>

UPCOMING EVENTS

February, 2021

15 President's Day - Schools and Offices Closed

March, 2021

15 FALS students return to the building
22 9th Graders return to the building
25 Maryland Day
26 Spring Break Begins at the end of the School Day

April, 2021

5 State Mandated Holiday - Schools & Offices Closed
6 Schools Reopen - Grades 10-12 return to the building
16 Third Marking Period Ends - High Schools in Session Full Day
29 Report Cards Distributed



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