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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](mailto:cdmino@bcps.org) and cc [dlauten@bcps.org](mailto:dlauten@bcps.org). Help us recognize the outstanding efforts of our students and staff.*

★ **STARS to Daniel Melia**, recipient of a National Merit Scholarship.

★ **STARS to Griffin Mekler-Culbertson** for earning the NROTC Scholarship (\$180,000) - 4 years of free college then he will join the Marines as an officer! He is the first student to be awarded this competitive scholarship in the Baltimore area in a very long time. Congratulations!

★ **STARS to Officer Fiedler** on his retirement. Please see page 2-7.

★ **STARS to Julie Kromsky and Scott Olson** for their planning efforts for Law Day.

★ **STARS to Gil Stange, MC Expert**, at the annual Law Day.

★ **STARS to David Hoefler, Randi Jones, Dan Collins, Svetlana Wright, and Cary Sonneborn** for their participation in Law Day.

★ **STARS to Ms. Hutson** for her efforts and time with Law Day.  
★ **STARS to Kim Culbertson and Felicia**

★ **Schrader** for their detailed planning and collaboration with the principal for Professional Development.

★ **STARS to Nicole Bridges and Cyndi Greenberg** for their behind-the-scenes efforts for planning for the graduation ceremony.

★ **STARS to Mary Williams and Donna Lauten**  
For their behind-the-scenes efforts with planning for the awards ceremony.

★ **STARS to Glenn Lane** for thinking of others.

★ **STARS to Camryn Joseph** for being selected to receive a \$2,500.00 Equitable Excellence Scholarship!

★ **STARS to Mr. Buick and his son, Ryan** for devoting efforts and their own time to beautifying the sign on Cedar Avenue.

★ **STARS to the BSU.** May is Mental Health Month and they created a mental Health Awareness IG post.

★ **STARS to Ms. Richmond** for thinking of others.

★ **STARS to Scott Olson** for applying his technical expertise to host a live feed of Towson High School's Law Day.

★ **STARS to Erika Nash** for her community outreach.

★ **STARS to Jeff Brotman** for his expertise with planning for the graduation ceremony.

★ **STARS to Simon Briggs and Nicole Bridges** for their time and efforts in preparing for Senior Awards

★ **STARS to Regan Roth, Derrick Jackson, Debbie Richmond, Nick Meyers, Jeff Brotman, Erika Nash, Rachel Valsing, Tom Geilfuss, Jeff Greenebaum, Kelly Alexander, Dan Miller, Andrew Hinrichs, Heather Brotzman, Mary College Muirhead, Claudia Krochta, Margot Goldberg, Randi Jones, Rick Malloy, and Courtney Jacobs** for demonstrating leadership.

# *Congratulations to Officer Fiedler*

## *THANK YOU for 19 years of Service to the Towson High School Community!*

There is no dollar amount in this world that could ever represent Officer Fiedler's value. We are incredibly grateful for his service to our school and community. If I were asked to describe Officer Fiedler, I would say that he is a man of ethics and moral principle, a team player, a courageous and thoughtful leader, an unselfish contributor and provider, a family man, an officer of dignity and unwavering service, a dedicated professional, and humble hero. We admire and appreciate Officer for his incredible work ethic. He has always taken initiative and assumed responsibility with a variety of tasks that extend way beyond his call of duty. Every day, Officer Fiedler would interact with students in the lunchroom and hallways, before and after school, and at social events. Beyond his ability to problem solve and assist others with law related problems, Officer Fiedler would even fix things that were broken throughout the building. His dedication never waived during his time at Towson. Here is just a recent example..... During Teacher Appreciation Week, as we were placing items in containers for Teacher Appreciation Week, Officer Fiedler was right alongside us offering a helping hand.

Officer Fielder has always been dedicated to helping ALL individuals. He has earned a place in the hearts and minds of many! Officer Fiedler will be missed incredibly by our school and community, but he has an incredible team of his own..... His Family! Officer Fiedler will be able to enjoy and experience life's greatest treasure in the years ahead.

We were incredibly grateful and happy for Officer Fiedler as he continues to influence what matters the MOST. We look forward to learning about Officer Fiedler's future endeavors. We are confident that he will continue to involve himself with a variety of services based on all that he has accomplished with our school and community.

Congratulations Officer Fiedler. We will miss YOU!

*Principal DiMino*

# Thank You for Your Service!



## *Happy Retirement!*



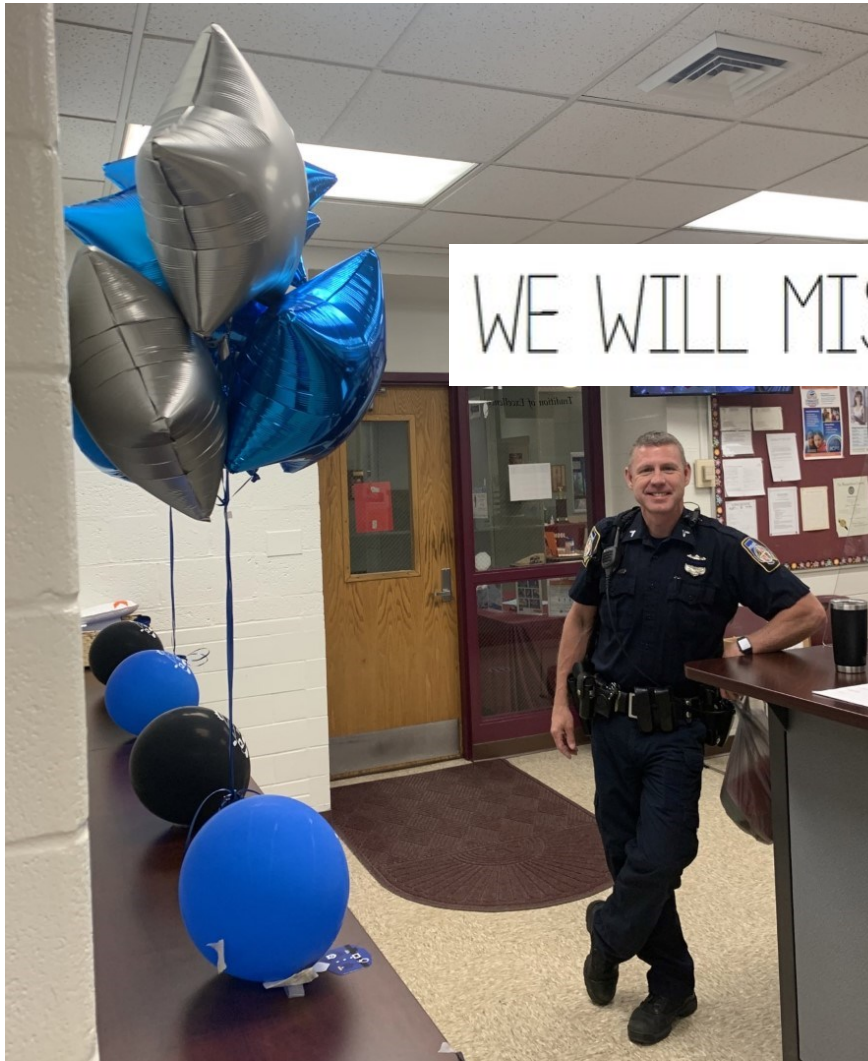






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# TWS VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

*featuring:*

**Sunstream Cabaret  
Senior Art Shows  
& Art Auction**

*Join Us!*

**Sunday, May 23rd  
2pm - 4pm  
69 Cedar Ave,  
Main Entrance**

*RSVP NOW!*







The LPP Magnet Program held a Law Day Celebration on Wednesday, May 5th, 2021.

The Theme this year was: Advancing the Rule of Law Now: The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties—in times of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Day theme—reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice. Guest Speakers included Comptroller Peter Franchot and 2015 Alumnus Autumn Grant, MPA. Nick Dimitriades read his first place Law Day Essay to the group. Many achievements for the year were recognized. The LPP Seniors participated in their completion ceremony, celebrating finishing 4 years in the magnet program.

Congratulations to all the Law Day Award Winners:

Community Service Award: Anngelina Cucinotta

Student of the year Finalists:

9th: Tovosj Dada, Dylan Carson, Rose Deguet-Delury, Nick Dimitriades, Cece Layfield

10th: Hable Fitsum, Vinny Guida, Jackson Kerner, Lindsey Lark, Hannah Stoitchkov

11th: Royce Hartin, Kara Janishefski, Yiyun Li, Zipporah Ogabo, Cynthia Ogu

12th: Sophie Bouton, Caleb Chastain, Yasmin Pang, Jordan Van Doren, Kayla Yup

Student of the Year Winners:

Jesse Van Doren (9th),

Sarah Strolger (10th),

Brandon Yoon (11th)

Evelynne Stins (12th).

4 years of Excellence & Leadership Award: Julia Kallaur, Jennifer Oluka, Josh Valega, Helen Wang, Isabelle Zhang

Secretary General: Grace Parcover

Congressional Award: Cate Hutson

Ambassador Award: Elliott Morton

Chief Justice Award: Noah Rich



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*Law Day*











# LAW DAY 2021





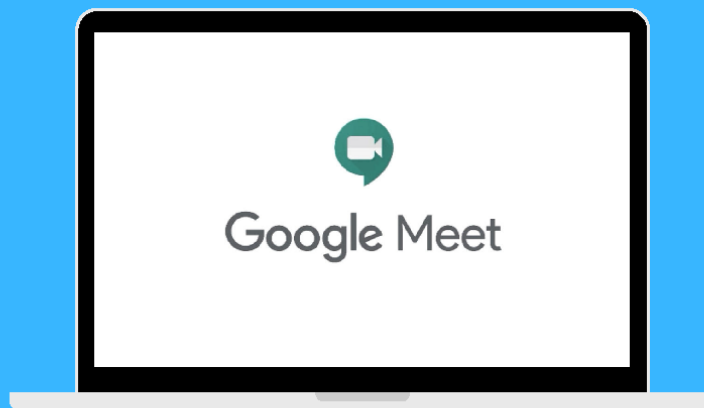


NEED TUTORING FOR ANY SUBJECT?  
COME TO...

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TUTORING!

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

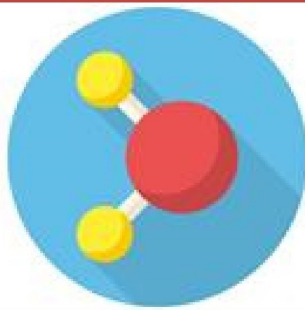
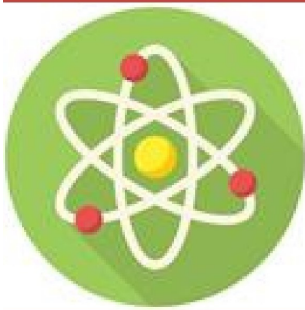
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Every Tuesday & Thursday! From 2:15-3:15

# 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/thssnhstutoring)

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

# Living Systems

**POLLUTION**

POLLUTION IN THE OCEANS HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM FOR MARINE WILDLIFE IN RECENT YEARS

AS THE WATERS BECOME MORE POLLUTED AND MORE TOXIC FOR MARINE ORGANISMS, THEY WOULD FIND IT HARD TO SURVIVE

POPULATIONS IN MARINE ORGANISMS WOULD LOWER DRASTICALLY, DUE TO THE CHANGES IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT, AND THE FOOD CHAIN WILL SUFFER

THIS WOULD CAUSE MANY MARINE SPECIES TO BECOME EXTINCT- BOTH PREDATORS AND PREY

*Blue footed boobies and behavior of isolation*

**Behavioral isolation definition:** There is little to no sexual attraction between two species.

**Extinction definition:** Termination of a group of organisms or species.

There are many different causes of extinction, one of them is behavioral isolation. There are three birds, they are called blue footed boobies. To attract their mates, the males like to do this dance to get the females attention. But, some of the females are not attracted to the dance or some males don't do the dance. If the females are not attracted to the males, they will not mate. This can lead to the extinction of the species.

Students in Mrs. Schrader's Living Systems Class applied their knowledge of causes of extinction and speciation to create drawings and cartoons representing the processes. Check out some of their work here!

**Extinction cause**

One huge cause of extinction is habitat loss. Habitat loss is when there's habitat destruction and the habitat is no longer capable of supporting its native species. Habitats from that habitat have a high chance of dying, which when they die it ends up reducing their species.

**Cause of extinction: change of environment**

This illustration represents a change in environment, which is one of the causes of extinction because the environment was from a body of water where fish could survive, so a desert where the fish could no longer survive and therefore went extinct.



# Living Systems

John Trappan  
4/30/2021

## SOMETHING NEW WITH SCIENCE

Breaking news: a made-fraud exciting new information about evolution. What did find? What did he discover? Who is this man? We just interviewed a scientist from Clara's College Cambridge. This man and what he discovered will change the study of biology forever. This was a man that Charles Darwin.

Mrs. Darwin why did you go to the Galapagos Island. Mrs. Darwin says "well I was on a mission to study the theory of natural selection on animals. A new island with an humans to see was great I could study on my research alone with no distractions." I see and what did you find there? Mrs. Darwin says "Well the finches were fascinating they were like the finches at my home but with different beaks. Some had big strong beaks to crush nuts and berries other had long thin beaks to find worms and bugs in trees. I thought well what made this change and it clicked it was the environment that they were in. These finches changed over time to suit the challenges of the Galapagos islands."

The interviewer "intriguing so animals evolve overtime to adapt to their environment?" Mrs. Darwin says, "yes precisely. This proves my theory of natural selection." The interviewer "What is your theory Mrs. Darwin?" Mrs. Darwin says, "my theory is that all animals go through natural selection a process in which an organism better adapted to their environment tend to survive and produce more offspring."

The interview was ended shortly Mrs. Darwin was discovering things every day like a gift that keeps on giving and he wanted to learn more. After he's research is done, he's going to make some books for the fellow scientists that were studying the same thing. This is the New York times signing off.



Students in Mrs. Schrader's Living System's class created Twitter Profiles and News Articles to describe the life and work of Charles Darwin. Students created their profiles using a Google Template and were able to explain the role Darwin played in the development of the Theory of Natural Selection. Check them out!

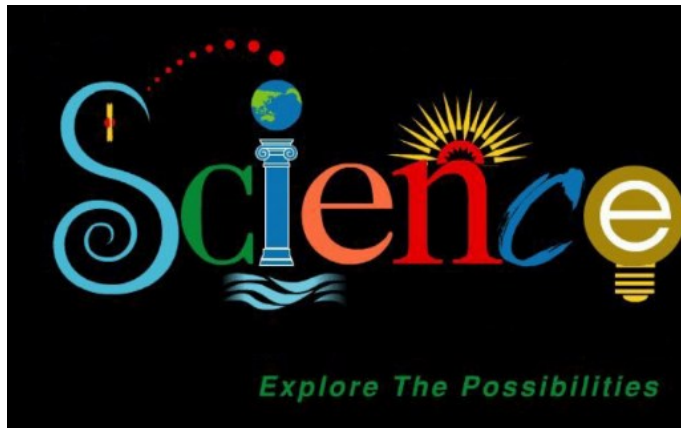




## Environmental Club



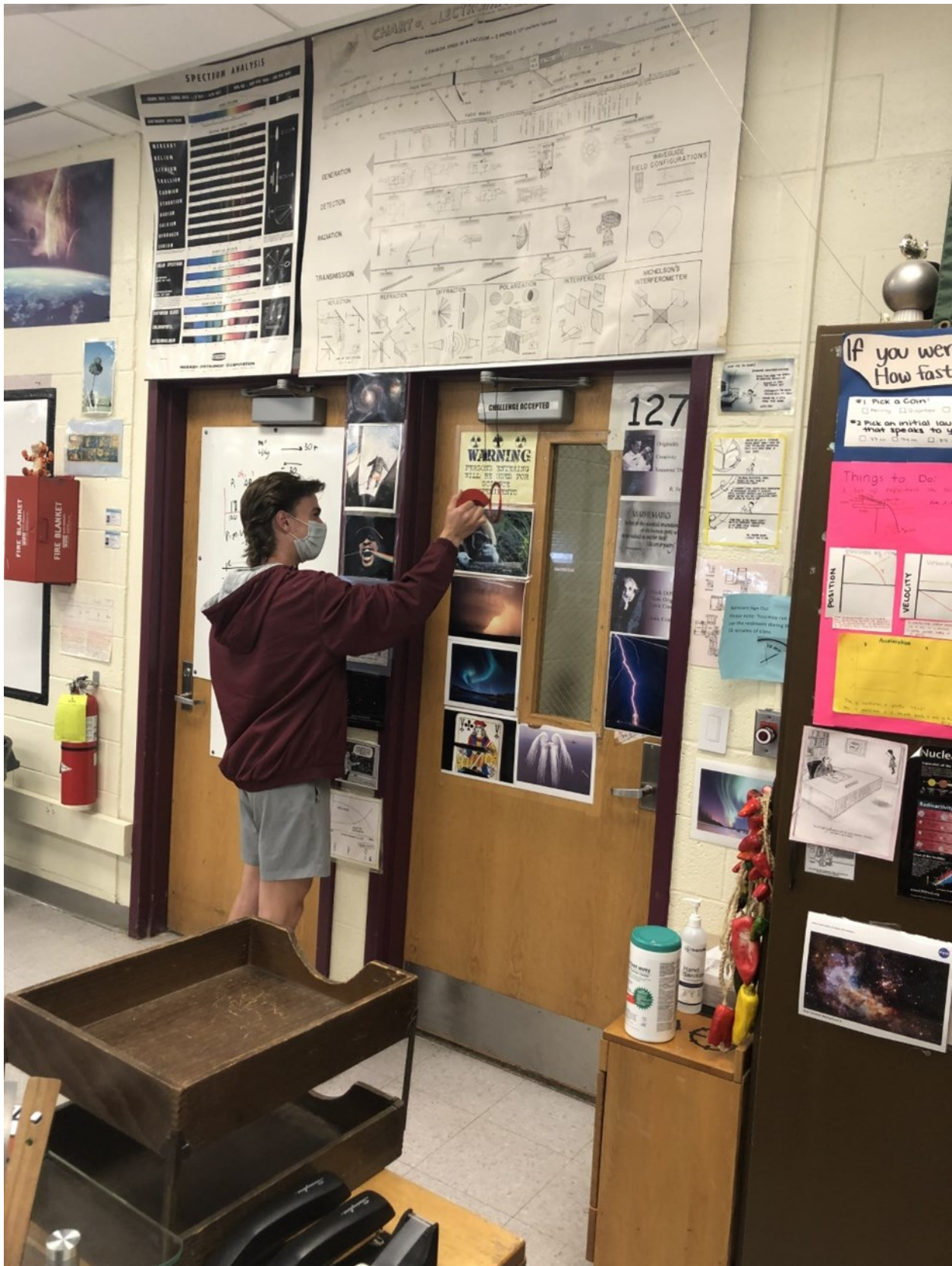
















# Last Day of School for Students

June 22, 2021



# Class of 2021 Graduation

## May 26, 2021

10:00 am (A-L)  
2:30 pm (M-Z)



## **Baby Photo Yearbook Submissions**

The yearbook needs your help to recognize how far our seniors have come! We are asking that you complete the form linked below where you can upload a baby photo of your student. Please make sure that the photos are appropriate for publication (no professional watermarks or naked babies please!). Thank you for your support! <https://forms.gle/7ZnD7uzwBmCeCW3fA>

## **Class of 2021 Apparel**

TimeOut for Sports sent out an email notifying students, parents, and guardians that their apparel purchases are complete and ready for pick up. At the time of purchase, there was an option to ship your items via UPS or to pick them up from the store location (TimeOut for Sports). If you elected to have your items shipped, you should have received them by now. If you elected to pick them up, you can now pick them up from the store location. If you have an issue being able to pick up your order, please contact Catherine Damon (class of 2021 advisor) and she can assist with item pick up if needed.

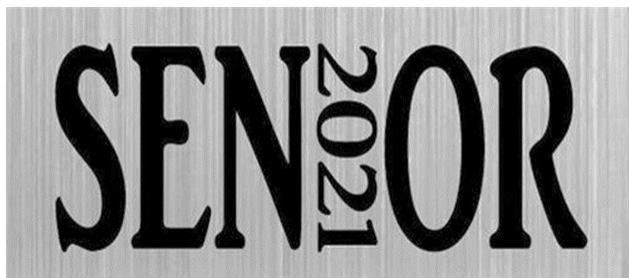
## **Stay Informed!**

Please continue to utilize the biweekly newsletter to stay informed of senior events and information. We also have an Instagram account (@Towson2021) where we post updates and reminders as well. Encourage your students to listen to/watch morning announcements for updates.

If you have any questions regarding senior activities, please email the Class of 2021 Advisors, Catherine Damon ([CDamon@bcps.org](mailto:CDamon@bcps.org)) and/or Brian Tregaskis ([BTregaskis@bcps.org](mailto:BTregaskis@bcps.org)).

Thank you for your patience and support for the class of 2021!





## Wednesday, May 19, 2021

- 8:00 am **GRADUATION REHEARSAL** for Students with Last Names A-L
- 10:30 am **SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY** - Information will be forthcoming to participant families. (It is our intent to livestream this event.)
- 1:00 pm **GRADUATION REHEARSAL** for Students with Last Names M-Z

## Saturday, May 22, 2021 - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### End of the Year Senior Celebration

The senior class celebration (in place of a traditional prom) will be held at Towson High School on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Seniors will receive some SENIOR SWAG and will have the opportunity to participate in some Senior traditions. More information and sign-ups for students will be forthcoming. This is not a graduation date. It is an event for seniors only. *See additional information on page 28.*

## Wednesday, May 26, 2021

- 10:00 am **GRADUATION** for Students with Last Names A-L
- 2:30 pm **GRADUATION** for Students with Last Names M-Z.

*\*\*Additional information, specific to each event, will be shared by class sponsors, graduation coordinators, and lead agents of Senior Awards soon.*

# SENIOR NEWSLETTER (May 14<sup>th</sup> updates)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Important Dates

- **Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - 8:00 AM: Graduation Rehearsal for students with last names A-L
    - Location: THS
    - More information on rehearsal is forthcoming so please read the Class of 2021 Schoology group ((Code: QK8R-CR2Z-VTGSP) updates regularly as well as email correspondence from the [school](#)
  - 10:30 AM: Senior Awards Assembly-Information will be forthcoming to participant families.
  - 1:00 PM: Graduation Rehearsal for students with last names M-Z
    - Location: THS
    - More information on rehearsal is forthcoming so please read the Class of 2021 Schoology group (Code: QK8R-CR2Z-VTGSP) updates regularly as well as email correspondence from the [school](#)
- **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>:**
  - Senior Celebration Event sponsored by THS from 12 PM-4 PM (1 hour time slots). More information below.
- **Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - 10:00 AM: Graduation for students with last names A-L
  - 2:30 PM: Graduation for students with last names M-Z

## End of the Year Senior Celebration on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Ticket "sales" close Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM
- This event is RAIN OR SHINE!
- This event is FREE for all current THS [seniors](#)
- All seniors will receive a mask for graduation, a yard sign, and other gifts including a sweet treat from Miss Twist or Kona Ice that will be on site!
- Wear your THS apparel OR apparel that tells us about your [future plans](#) for next year!
- Decorate your cars/bikes!
- Park and arrive in the Aigburth Parking Lot
- Upon arrival, you will receive a "map" and directions for the event. It will also be posted on our Schoology page (Code: QK8R-CR2Z-VTGSP) and our Instagram page (@Towson2021)
- If you cannot make it to the event, we still have gift items for you! Please email Ms. Damon (CDamon@bcps.org) and Mr. Tregaskis (BTregaskis@bcps.org) to find a time to pick-up your items!



## Graduation Information

- **DATE:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - *Please see times below.*
- **TIME**
  - 10:00 AM: Seniors with a last name A-L
  - 2:30 PM: Seniors with a last name M-Z
- **PLACE:** SECU ARENA
- **GUESTS:** Each senior will be allowed two guests. A socially distanced pod will be accessible for the two guests of each senior.

## Graduation Name Pronunciation

Please complete the following google form so the graduate name is pronounced correctly. (Note: You must be signed into a BCPS google chrome account to access the form). Click on the link below or scan the QR code using your phone.

- <https://forms.gle/F2mJFK5e3Ach7xpu8>



## Questions?

- For questions about the senior celebration event or senior activities, email Ms. Damon ([CDamon@bcps.org](mailto:CDamon@bcps.org)) and Mr. Tregaskis ([BTregaskis@bcps.org](mailto:BTregaskis@bcps.org)).
- For questions concerning graduation, rehearsal, and/or cap and gowns, please email Ms. Greenberg ([CGreenberg@bcps.org](mailto:CGreenberg@bcps.org)).

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May, 2021

- 19 8:00 am - Graduation Rehearsal Last Names A-L at THS  
10:30 am - Senior Awards Ceremony at THS  
1:00 pm - Graduation Rehearsal Last Names M-Z at THS
- 21 Last Day for Seniors
- 22 Senior Celebration, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 23 Fine Arts/Music Showcase, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 26 Graduation, 10:00 am (A-L); 2:30 pm (M-Z)
- 31 Memorial Day - Schools & Offices Closed





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