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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.

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★ **STARS to Ms. Karsos** for stepping up as a leader to provide department support.

★ **STARS to Mr. Blair, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Cheung, Mr. Dalsimer, Ms. Monacelli, and Mr. Tregaskis** for sharing their teaching expertise for our students and a colleague in a time of need.

★ **STARS to Mr. Ellinger** for his dedication and support of students.

★ **STARS to Ms. Bridges, Ms. Ellis, and the members of the BSU** for their efforts with planning events for Black History Month.

★ **STARS to Mr. Olin** for demonstrating responsiveness regarding an upcoming event.

★ **STARS to Ms. Bowman** for her dedication to planning and program implementation.

★ **STARS to the members of the Teacher Academy of Maryland and Mrs. Nash** for supporting our staff with daily commendations during Love Teaching Week.

★ **STARS to Ms. Fryer, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator,** for her efforts with preparing for senior recognition at the basketball game.

★ **STARS to Alum Cliff McCormick (Class of 2010)** for his donation of calculators to the Math Department.

★ **STARS to Mr. Constantine and Ms. Monacelli** for helping a colleague study for a test.

★ **STARS to Mr. Clark, Ms. Lauver, and Ms. Miller** for their efforts and talent associated with *In/Edible Art*, an annual showcase of student artwork from our school and community.

★ **STARS to Mr. Allen, Mr. Bannon, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Olson, Ms. Richmond and Mr. Stange** for sharing creative and innovative teaching activities.

★ **STARS to all the Seniors** who collaborated to put on three (3) weeks of amazing Senior Art Shows!!

★ **STARS to Ms. Lauver and Mr. Clark** for their hard work on the latest art department events!

★ **STARS to Mr. Buick** for his open mindset and ongoing collaboration to meet the needs of students.

★ **STARS to Ms. Miller** for her commitment to growing educators professionally.

★ **STARS to Mr. Skeels** for sharing suggestions for implementation.

★ **STARS to Ms. Jones, Ms. Pendergast, Mr. Rogers, and Ms. Rogers** for their patience and daily efforts to maintain school safety.

★ **STARS to Mr. Ickes** for his expedient response to technology concerns.

★ **STARS to Coach McShane, Coach Stange, and the members of the Cross Country team** for their accomplishments that resulted in an upcoming recognition in Annapolis.

★ **STARS to Ms. Flynn** for earning Teacher of the Month for the month of February.

★ **STARS to Ms. Battle** for her dedication.

★ **STARS to Ms. Wells** for her flexibility.

★ **STARS to Mr. Biddison** for his efforts with supporting the Red Cross Club in preparation for the upcoming blood drive.

★ **STARS to Ms. Weir,** THS parent and PTSA President of Ridgely Middle School for working to secure a guest speaker.

Science

FORENSICS

Towson forensics students are showing off their creative side with their presentations.

PHYSICS

Students in Mr Jochmans' Physics classes are engaged in some amazing discoveries and interactions over the past few days.

In our Gifted Physics classes, students were smashing carts and measuring the speeds of their rebounds to determine the forces that the carts underwent in their collision. From there, students are going to become automotive engineers and design the impacts to lessen the force of the collision to save lives. Ask your student about how they observed the smashing of the car, and why bouncing back is worse for the collision!

In our Honors Physics classes, students were discovering the idea of how Gravity is not just for Earth, but occurs between all objects that have mass. Students are taking a page from NASA and are calculating what gravity should be on a given planet/moon or exoplanet of their choice. It turns out that astrophysics studies and appreciation can start in high school!

Don't be afraid to ask your student what they did recently in their physics class. The answer will surprise you! And as always, feel free to reach out to the science teachers if you have any questions, resources, or things you want to share!

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT - Sonneborn

Black History Month News
Students in Mr. Sonneborn's American Government classes were given the opportunity to role play historians as part of our observance of BHM. First, government students were introduced to the "tools" that historians use to interpret the past: primary and secondary sources in addition to artifacts. Student then went on an in-school field trip to the main lobby where the BSU has decorated the showcases with the story of eight historical African Americans. Students used the information in the showcases to interpret American culture and explain how it has been impacted by these celebrities. We also gained knowledge and understanding of some individuals who were unfamiliar to us – especially the inventor of the potato chip – George "Crum" Speck!

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Oil Spill Clean Up Lab: students tried out best methods for cleaning up ocean oil spills.

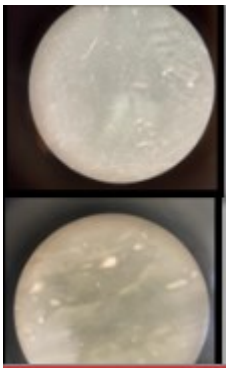
Students modeled biomagnification of Persistent Organic Pollution (POPs) through a food chain.

Students dissected an albatross bolus to observe the amount of plastic

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE - *Continued*

Students set up a serial dilution to examine Biological Oxygen Demand of yeast on milk.

Students measured the amount of carbon emissions from their own vehicles and ranked them.



Students caught particulate matter in their own house to explore indoor pollution.

EARTH SYSTEMS

Students designed their own experiment to model sea ice and land ice melt to determine which type of ice has more of an affect on sea level rise. (left)

Students created graphic illustrations to depict how carbon increase, ice melt, temperature increase, and sea level rise affects ecosystems.

GT LIVING SYSTEMS AND AQUATIC SCIENCE

Students in Mr. Schenning's have been taking excellent care of their fish, while observing them as they learn about fish anatomy and their importance in the world's ecosystems!"

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

NAHS 31st Annual In/Edible Art!

Artists created stunning edible and inedible creations for this years event!

Best in Show
Inedible: Maegan

Best in Show Edible:
Annika, Sara, Wren

THANK YOU to the Towson Arts Parents Association for their help making this event happen!
THANK YOU to the parents and local businesses who donated prizes!

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

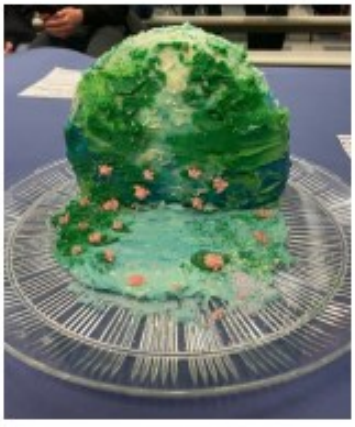
NAHS 31st Annual In/Edible Art!

Judges:
Ryan Twentey, BCPS Visual Arts Coordinator, Camille Gibson-BCPS Visual Arts Supervisor, Taylor Boren-Logan Elementary Art Teacher

While the judges judged, NAHS hosted an art challenge! Teams had to create an artwork inspired by a famous food themed artwork.

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

NAHS 31st Annual In/Edible Art!



FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Registering for Art Classes 2023-2024!

Students are registering for classes for the next school year. Now is a great time to think about how art can be part of your schedule next year.

Fundamentals of Art is the only fine arts class that acts as a graduation credit. After Fundamentals of Art, the possibilities for art making are endless!

If you have any questions about the art program, contact lmiller19@bcps.org

Use this chart to plan your pathway in Fine Arts, Photography, or Sculpture. Stude take more than one pathway. For instance, a senior could take Studio Art II (AP) a Advanced (AP)

	FINE ARTS	PHOTOGRAPHY	SCULPTURE
Grade 9	FUNDAMENTALS OF ART		
Grade 10	Intermediate Art	Photography I/II	Design in Clay I/II
Grade 11	Studio Art I (AP)	Photo Studio Advanced (GT)	Design in Clay Mixed Media
Grade 12	Studio Art II (AP)	Photo Studio Advanced (AP)	AP Studio Art: 3D Design

Alyssa Cobb

Quinn Bailey

Ben Hough

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

In search of...

We are looking for some items that will help our students make art!

For Photo:

If you have a **35mm film camera** that you no longer use, maybe you'd like to donate it to the Art Department!
Our photography students learn to process and print 35mm film. Cameras with manual settings are most helpful for them (especially Pentax K100s because they are the most basic and easy to learn).
Camera donations we'd appreciate:

- will have manual control of the shutter speed and aperture
- will have a working light meter
- will be functioning and have no broken or missing parts

For Fundamentals of Art and Drawing and Painting courses:

Unique everyday objects that would be interesting to draw (lots of details, parts, asymmetrical) and can be held in one hand.
Example- game controllers that don't work, old over the ear headphones, small tools, kitchen gadgets or electronics, small toys

Questions? Email lmiller19@bcps.org
You can drop off these items or send these items to school with your student to room 310

Looking for ways to get involved with the THS art community? Want to support our student artists?
Look no further!

TAPA!

Towson Art Parents Association

TAPA is a volunteer group of parents who support the visual arts programs at Towson High School. There are many ways to get involved in supporting our creative community, and we need your help!

TAPA Members:

- Help with managing art events, like the Art Auction, Showcase, Edible Art, Field Trips
- Gather donated prizes from local businesses for our annual community Edible Art contest
- Donate items for student led art projects
- Select the winner of the Senior Purchase Award- a scholarship given to a Senior artist whose work is then permanently installed in the THS Gallery

Natalie Frank- Purchase Award 2021

Joyce Zheng- Purchase Award 2022

Anya Joseph- Purchase Award 2020

Meetings are virtually held throughout the school year the second Tuesday of the month from 5:00pm-5:30pm.

Learn more about THS ART:

Towsonhighschoolart.weebly.com/

Parent Representative:
If you are interested in being the Parent Representative for the 2022-23 school year, please contact lmiller19@bcps.org

@TOWSONHSART

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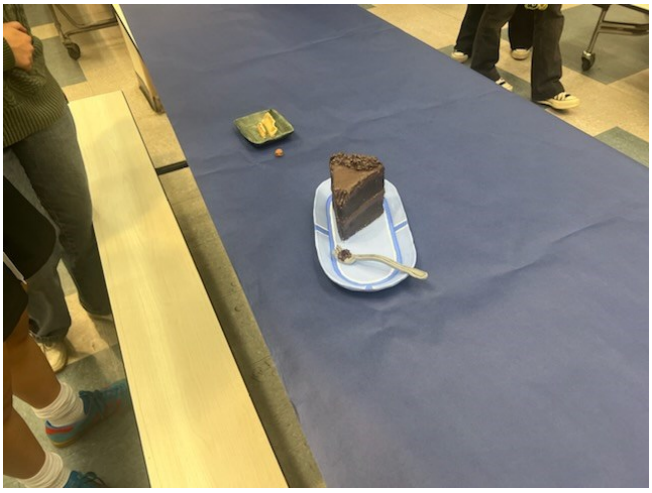
Visual Arts Department:
Lindsay Miller-Instructional Coach, Sculpture
Julie Lauver- Photography
Dylan Clark- Drawing/Painting

ART DEPARTMENT

Edible Art



In/Edible Art
Entry Form
TITLE:
Circle one: Edible Inedible
Artist(s):
Ingredients:
PLACE THIS FORM BY YOUR CREATION

Teacher of the Month

February, 2023

For the 2022-23 school year, Mrs. Flynn teaches AP English Language and Composition, English 11 Honors, and Film: Appreciation & Criticism. In addition, she is the advisor for both the National English Honor Society and Jewish Student Union. Having worked as a professional writer—primarily with education, non-profit, and environmental organizations for decades—she changed careers to make her childhood dream a reality and became a secondary English Language Arts teacher in 2015. "Best. Decision. I. Ever. Made" says Flynn.

Towson High has been her school since 2016. Learning from students is her favorite part of the job - their lives, their aspirations, their challenges, their passions, their worldview, their humanity, their mesmerizing teenage brains! The support and inspiration her THS colleagues and friends deliver every single day makes the job all the sweeter.

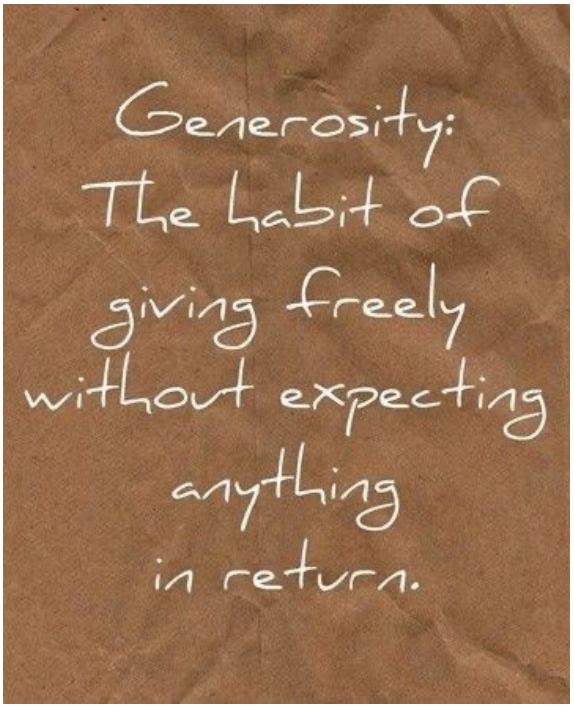
Congratulations!

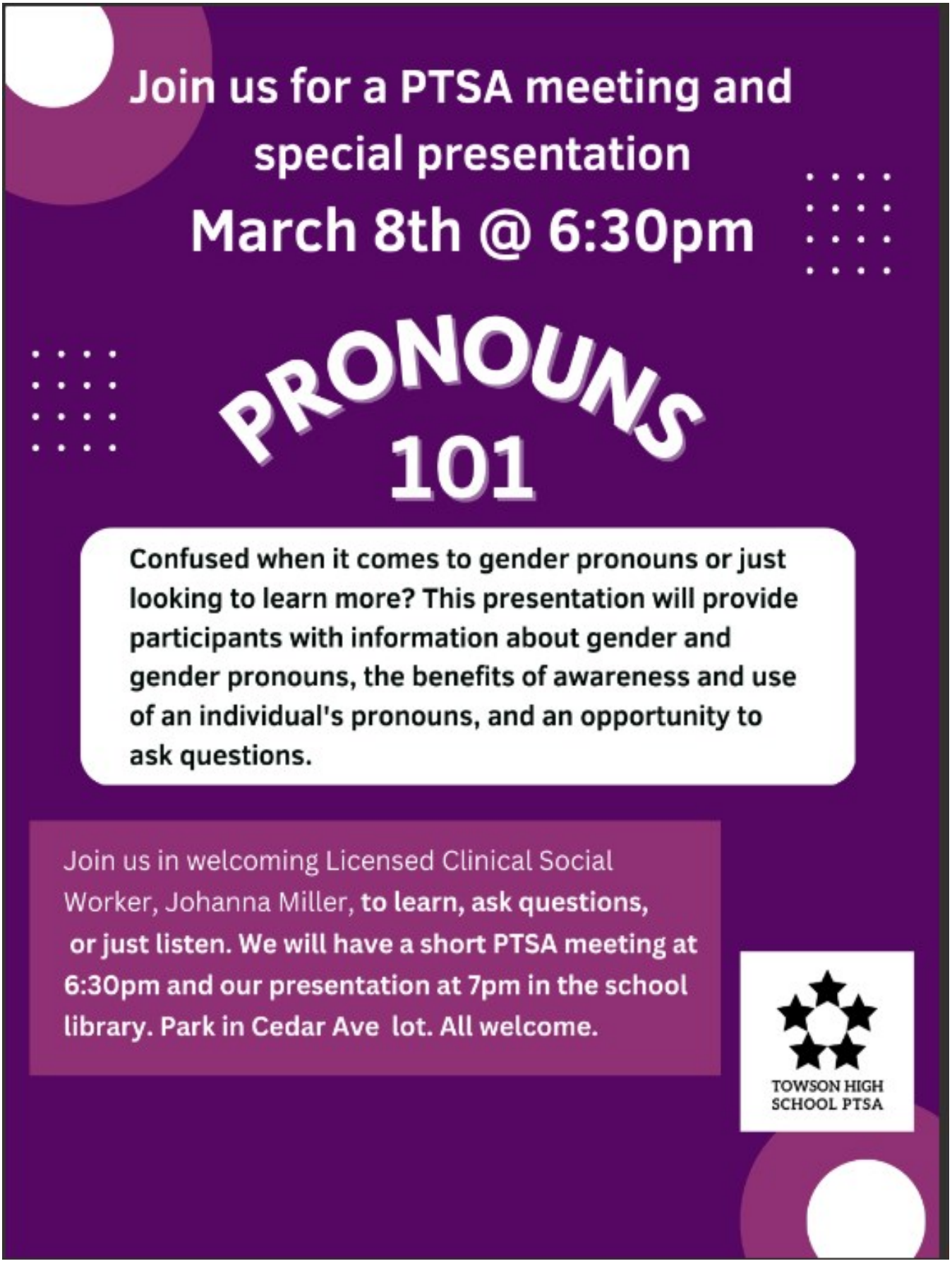
Mr. Hobbs, Max Abubucker

Congratulations to Max Abubucker for advancing to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program!

KARMA
APPAREL | GIFTS | ACCESSORIES

A great big thank you to an amazing woman with a huge heart of gold! Teresa Molesworth Blatchley, owner of Karma Fashion Boutique in Lutherville, is one of a kind. She made a large donation to the THS clothing closet for those students in need.




Join us for a PTSA meeting and special presentation
March 8th @ 6:30pm
PRONOUNS 101
Confused when it comes to gender pronouns or just looking to learn more? This presentation will provide participants with information about gender and gender pronouns, the benefits of awareness and use of an individual's pronouns, and an opportunity to ask questions.
Join us in welcoming Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Johanna Miller, to learn, ask questions, or just listen. We will have a short PTSA meeting at 6:30pm and our presentation at 7pm in the school library. Park in Cedar Ave lot. All welcome.
TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

TAM
TEACHER ACADEMY
OF MARYLAND

Teacher Academy of Maryland and Educators Rising students are learning how to plan a field trip! From the school forms required to before, during, and after activities, our future teachers are truly prepared to plan & execute their own trip! We enjoyed learning how the aquarium plans for the students to visit and all the behind-the-scenes activity needed to prepare. Students will be creating their own activity to be used by BCPS Elementary schools in the spring when they visit the aquarium.

THS One Love preparing for Valentine's Day!

#Towsonlovesbetter

#Loveteachingweek 2023
February 13-17

#LoveTeaching Week is a grassroots campaign started by teachers in 2015 as an opportunity to celebrate teaching, leading, and learning in a way that unites and invigorates educators and those they inspire all around the world.

Every year, Valentine's Day a week-long conversation that aims to illuminate why teachers enter and remain in the field of education, offering a mindset shift from the seemingly singular focus on the challenges of the profession.

And this year it is needed more than ever!

TAM & Educators Rising celebrated our teachers this week and advisories helped out.

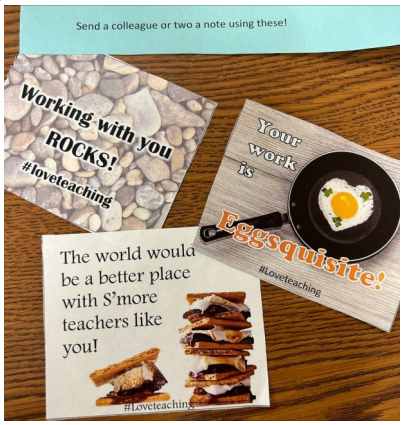
Feb 13..... Candy grams to our beloved teachers. Students discussed qualities that make a great teacher.

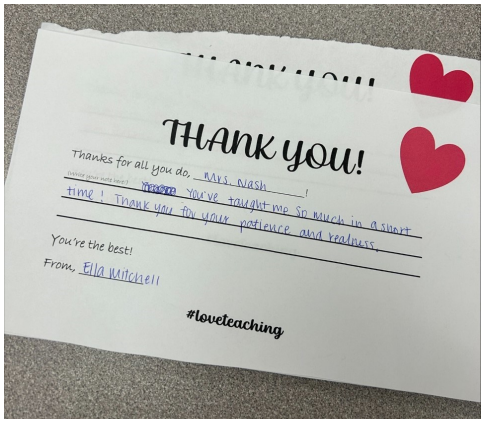
Feb 14 ..... Chalk your walk....check out the sidewalks! Students learned about prominent African Americans in education.

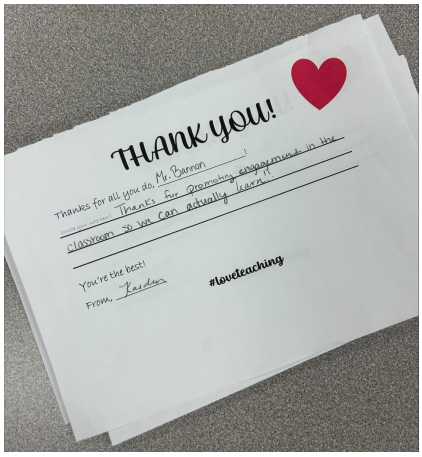
Feb 15 ..... Notes to teachers from students. Students heard the teacher of the year speak.

Feb 16 ..... Teachers sent a shout out to a colleague whom they #LoveTeaching with or beside. Students wrote 6 word stories about their educational experience at THS.

Feb 17 ..... Teachers signed the #I Love Teaching banner to affirm their commitment to the greatest profession in the world! Check it out in the main lobby! Students learned some fun facts about teaching.


Send a colleague or two a note using these!
Working with you ROCKS!
#loveteaching
Your work is Eggsquisite!
#Loveteaching
The world would be a better place with S'more teachers like you!
#Loveteaching


THANK YOU!
Thanks for all you do, Mrs. Nash
You've taught me so much in a short time ! Thank you for your patience and kindness.
You're the best!
From, Ella Mitchell
#loveteaching


THANK YOU!
Thanks for all you do, Mr. Barron
classroom so we can actually learn
You're the best!
From, Kaden
#loveteaching

NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

The Towson High Speech & Debate team would like to thank everyone for their support of the last tournament of the regular season on February 11th. Classrooms throughout the building were used for debates, speeches, and preparation for competition. Many volunteers from LPP and the general school population helped visiting coaches and students find their way around the school, acted as runners, and helped with administrative duties in the Tab Room. Guests expressed many comments about the positive messages throughout the school and strong support evident for inclusion, diversity, and scholarship.

Attention THS students!

Are these issues important to you? Are you interested in learning more about these topics and discussing them in a safe space?

The Students Promoting Positive Action Club is excited to announce *Teen Talk on the Road*, coming to THS on Tuesday, February 28th!

This Peer-Led workshop, sponsored by the Planned Parenthood of Maryland Peer Education program, will focus on the topics of Consent & Boundaries, Flirting vs. Sexual Harassment, and Healthy Relationships.

We are proud to have THS Senior and SPPA Club President Emily Chen, lead this program. Emily has been working as a Peer Educator for Planned Parenthood, completing more than 50 hours of training, and leading previous Teen Talk sessions.

This after-school program will take place on **Tuesday, February 28th, from 2:35 pm to 3:35 pm in the library. All THS students are invited to attend but space is limited, so please register using the QR code!**

Students will be treated with respect, and staff from Planned Parenthood and THS will be available to provide support & answer any questions appropriately and factually.

REGISTER NOW

Teen Talk: Consent, Harassment, & Healthy Relationships. Tuesday 2/28 @ 2:35 in the THS Library THS Students Only!

Planned Parenthood's Peer Education Program began in 2000. The Peer Education Program was created to combat the high rates of teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, and intimate partner violence occurring in our communities. Research shows that peer education is an extremely effective method of providing information to young people, and the Teen Advocate program has reached thousands of young people each year with teen-friendly information on reproductive and sexual health.

Planned Parenthood®
Care. No matter what.
Planned Parenthood of Maryland

PPM + SPPA

Planned Parenthood of Maryland + Students Promoting Positive Action

February 28th
Library 2:30PM

Come learn about Consent, Healthy Relationships, and Flirting vs. Sexual Harassment

You must register using the QR code. Pizza will be served following the presentation

Support Baltimore Safe Haven!
a non-profit organization in Baltimore city which supports Trans-LGBQIA youth

The THS GSA is currently collecting donations to support Baltimore Safe Haven.

HOW TO DONATE:

Credit Card: via BCPS online school payments system 'GSA Club Fundraiser'

Cash donations: given directly to Ms. Russo, room 233, or Ms. Lauver, 309. *All money donated goes directly to Safe Haven.*

Items needed: drop off any items to Ms. Russo in room 233

Kitchen Items:
Reusable Plastic Bowls
Reusable plastic cups
Kitchen utensils
Silverware organizer
Kitchen garbage can
Pots and pans

Small Kitchen Appliances:
Toaster
Coffee maker
Blender
Toaster
Crockpot
Microwave
Crockpot

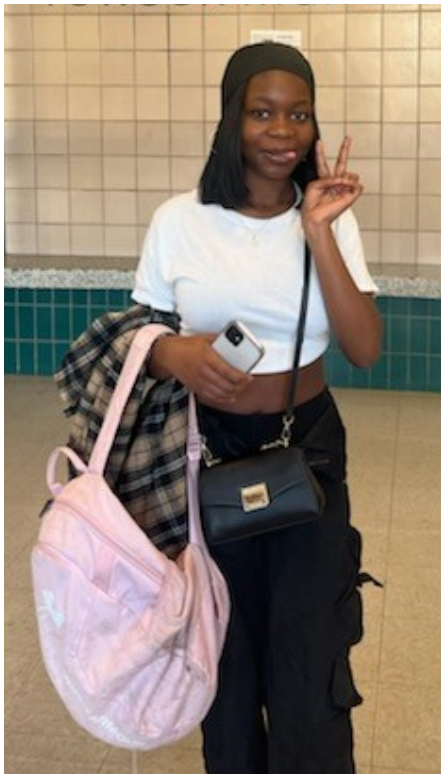
Bed & Bath:
Bath mat
runner
Bath towels
Wash cloths
Personal Hygiene Products
Blankets
Laundry hamper

Amazon Wishlist & Other Items:
Vacuum cleaner, Area rugs, or check out baltimoresafehaven.org to view the amazon wishlist for more ideas!

JOIN THE THS THEATRE BOOSTERS FOR
TRIVIA NIGHT
NEO PIZZA & TAPHOUSE
1 W PENNSYLVANIA AVE, SUITE 112
8TH MARCH AT 6:00 PM
TRIVIA RUNS FROM 7PM TO 9PM
20% OF ALL SALES GO TO
THS THEATRE BOOSTERS

THE BSU PRESENTS
OUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH
SPIRIT WEEK
TUESDAY (2/21)
DECADE DAY
WEDNESDAY (2/22)
HBCU Day
THURSDAY (2/23)
Culture Day
FRIDAY (2/24)
BLACK OUT DAY
MONDAY (2/27)
Career/Professional DAY
TUESDAY (2/28)
GENERAL DAY

DECADE DAY



HBCU DAY

THE
TOTE BAG
MARC JACOBS

HOWARD
UNIVERSITY

MORGAN STATE
BEARS

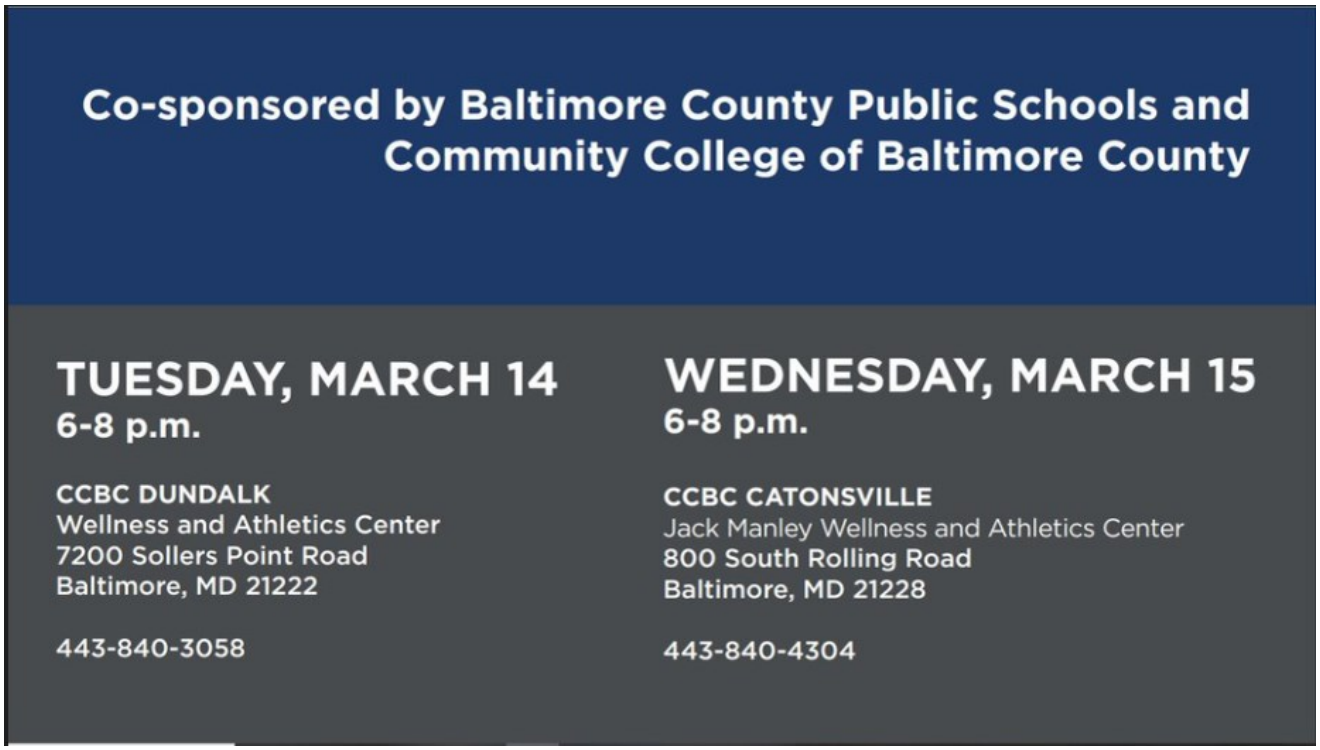
Black Student Union Poetry SLAM!

Peer Tutoring Schedule

2022-2023

All Subjects ..... Wednesdays - 2:30 p.m. Room 303
Art..... Tuesdays - 2:30 p.m. Room 310
French .....Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 2:30 p.m. Room 211
Latin.....Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 2:30 p.m. Room 238
Math..... Wednesdays - 2:30 p.m. Library
Science ..... Tuesdays - 2:30 p.m. Room 123
Social Studies ..... Thursdays - 2:30 p.m. Trailer 11
Spanish..... Tuesdays & Thursdays - 2:30 p.m. Rom 240

Save the date for the upcoming CCBC College Fairs!



SENIORS

Share your good news with the school community! Stop by the school counseling office to write the name of your college or your plans for after you graduate on a paper balloon. We will put the balloons on our bulletin board outside the school counseling office.

Your journey will inspire others!

Also...

Please complete the local scholarship and senior award form in order to be considered for the local scholarships!

https://forms.gle/1LNAcoTU8z3fZLuy6

FAFSA®
Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

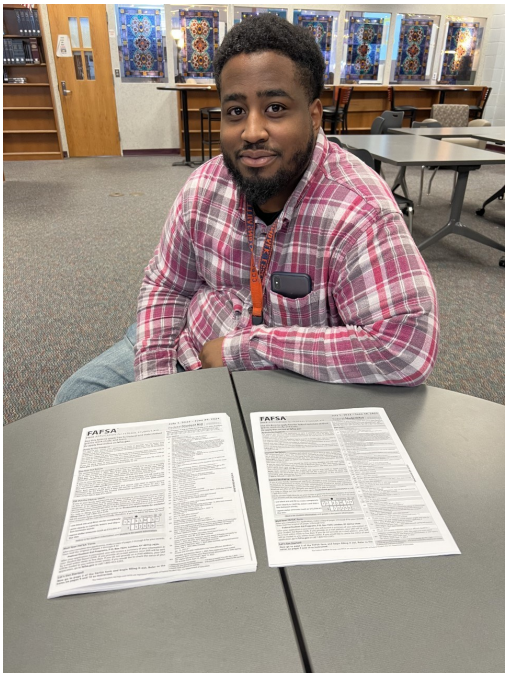
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is due on March 1st! Required by all schools when awarding federal student aid to those who qualify. The FAFSA form helps you get access to:

- Federal Loans
- Federal Work-Study
- State Grants and Scholarships
- Federal Student Loans
- State Loans
- Grants and Scholarships from other organizations

Visit fafsa.gov to complete the FAFSA form.

CCBC FAFSA EVENT

Many thanks to Antonio Gardner from CCBC for meeting with our students and parents at the FAFSA event hosted by the Towson High School Counseling Office this week. We want to remind our Seniors that the deadline for FAFSA completion is March 1st.



At Towson High School, we are fortunate to have the support of community leaders and local organizations who contribute to several local scholarships. Local scholarships support our Seniors on their journey to post-secondary education. In order to be considered for a local scholarship or a Senior award, please complete the form linked below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPSmA1cCsxcb2HmEcEVnp3P68OxKg4QiDaoFm2JIxUvxNxVA/viewform?usp=sf_link

SAT Day for Juniors

Is

Tuesday, April 25th

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Class of 2024 Officers, we hope you had a relaxing holiday season and winter break. Back to school means Junior Prom! Your class officers and advisors are hard at work to plan the best night of the year.

Theme: .....Under the Stars
When:.....Friday, April 14th, 2023
Where: .....Towson High School Cafeteria
Cost:.....$35.00/person
Attire: .....Formal
Activities: .....Live DJ, snacks, drinks, popsicles, etc.
Prom Dates:.....Sure! As long as they are enrolled at Towson High School
Fun?.....Yes

Timeline of events leading up to the big date:

March

Mar. 20-31	Junior Prom Ticket Sales – Purchase through School OSP
Mar. 31	Junior Prom Attendance Contract Due – See Schoology Mar. 1

April-May

April 14	2:30 – 5:30 PM: Parent help to set up Junior Prom @ THS Parent Volunteer Sign-Up
April 14	7:30 - 9:30 PM: Junior Prom (Doors open at 7:15 PM)

Please feel free to reach out to any of us with questions, comments, concerns, or ideas! We will share more details as they come.

Jeffery Carter, Advisor jcarter15@bcps.org
Catherine McCusker, Advisor cmccusker@bcps.org
Henry Kline, President
Nick Dimitriades, Vice President
Clara Fitch, Secretary
Runa Matsushita, Treasurer

JUNIOR CONFERENCES

YOU'RE INVITED TO MEET WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR!

Discuss your **goals** for *after* high school.
Get guidance to make sure you are taking the necessary steps to have the future you want!

TALK TO MS. WILLIAMS OR MS. PACHILIS

In the School Counseling Office to make an appointment!
443-809-3613

What colleges do you want to get into?
Are you looking at trade schools?
Do you plan to join the military?
How are you going to make it happen?
Your School Counselor can help!

SCAN ME

Jostens is your official supplier of custom graduation announcements and accessories. Place your order today and take advantage of the 3 or 4 payment, payment plan. Your custom GENERALS graduation announcement can be seen and ordered at **jostens.com** or simply scan the QR code with your phone

Order the GENERALS Package or the Announcement bundle. Both are the most popular packages sold.

SENIOR 2023
TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP
The Towson High School PTSA is giving away two $1,000 scholarship to two PTSA student members. Scan QR Code to join today, it's only $5
SCAN ME
NEXT STEPS & DEADLINE
Student must submit their response or video no later than 12 am on February 28, 2023. Email PTSA Vice President, Kiana Roberts (kjroberts1977@gmail.com) with your name and the email connected to your PTSA membership for submission instructions.
TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA SCHOLARSHIP
Open to all Towson High School Seniors
STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT A RESPONSE OF NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS OR 3 MIN VIDEO ON ONE OF THE TOPICS (PROMPTS) BELOW
• Why are you interested in pursuing post-secondary education or training?
OR
• How has the pandemic impacted your life and your post-secondary plans?
EVALUATION CRITERIA
Entries will be evaluated based on the following:
• Clear (i.e., easy to follow and understand)
• Compelling (provide a strong and convincing rationale based on prompt)
• Creative and interesting (held the readers/viewers' attention)
• Student answered one of the two questions/prompts?

This is the primary fundraiser for the post prom event. We still have 600+ tickets to sell! There is a chance to win great prizes. This fundraiser is open to all students and their families, but especially seniors! Hopefully this event will happen each year for the senior class.
Pay it forward and get in it to win it !
Tix on sale through Feb 25th.

MARCH MADNESS

31 CHANCES TO WIN | $10 TICKETS | ALL PRIZES WORTH $50 +

SUPPORTS

THE CLASS OF 2023

AFTER PROM

SENIOR SOIREE

PRIZES INCLUDE GIFTS FROM

NACHO MAMAS, OCEAN PRIDE, PAPI'S TACOS, QUIET STORM ,
STARBUCKS, SUSHI HANA, TARK'S GRILL, ABOUT FACES, BANDITOS,
BLUESTONE, BREAD & CIRCUSES, CHARLES VILLAGE PUB,
CHARM CITY RUN, DULANEY NAILS, IL BASILICO, KARMA, MICHAEL'S ++

TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

BUY A BUNDLE

SCAN ME

THS CLASS OF 2023
AFTER PROM
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TO ALL SENIORS
PTSA NEEDS YOU
TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN - HERES'S HOW:
BUY TIX FOR
MARCH MADNESS
SELL TO YOUR
FRIENDS + FAMILY
SHOP @ KARMA
SAT FEB 11 10-4
1500 RIDERWOOD RD
LUTHERVILLE
or online: shopths2023

SUPPORT TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BOOSTERS

FOOD, MUSIC & LOTS OF FUN!

MUSIC BY: DJ DAN

CATERING BY: ATLANTIC CATERERS

YOU CAN USE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

BULL & OYSTER ROAST

March 18, 2023

6:30-10:30pm

Tall Cedar Hall

2501 Putty Hill Ave.

50/50 Raffle

Wine Wheel

Money Wheel

Silent Auction

TOWSON

GOOD STUFF:

- On the Pit: Beef, Turkey & Smoked Ham
- Raw Oysters on the Half Shell
- Pulled Pork BBQ
- Pasta with Veggies
- Maryland Crab Soup
- Sides, Salad, Desserts
- Wine and beer

CASH PREFERRED AT THE EVENT

Get Your Tickets NOW before they SELL OUT!

Via Ticket Spicket — Towson Booster Club

Tickets: $60 each

LIMITED CREDIT CARD OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT

TOWSONSPORTSBOOSTERS.COM

Sponsored By the THS Athletic Boosters

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SPRING SPORTS INFO
2022-23
TRYOUTS START MARCH 1st
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
GENERALS
2022-23

TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL • MARCH 9th
SPRING SPORTS MEET THE COACH NIGHT
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
THURSDAY, MARCH 9th @ 6:30 PM (Auditorium)
At 6:30 PM we will welcome Towson High families and share updated sports guidelines for the spring.
Immediately following, parents/guardians will transition to sports specific meetings.
#GOGENERALS
TOWSON GENERALS
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TOWSON SPORTS MEDICINE

2022-23
-SPORTS AWARDS SHOW-
MAY 30th at 6:30 (Auditorium)
Fall-Winter-Spring Sports Invited
TOWSON
GENERALS

Towson High Athletics Open House

All Incoming Freshman Generals Are Welcome

Please join us on June 6th for a Towson High Athletics Open House. Meet our coaches; meet our players; and meet our staff. Learn more about high school athletics at Towson High. Contact Athletic Director Justin Nash with any questions @ jnash3@bcps.org.

- **-Meet the Coaching Staff**
- **-Meet the Athletic Director**
- **-Tryout Information**
- **-Registration Information**
- **-Purchase Spirit Wear**
- **-Volunteer Opportunities**
- **-Learn about the Sports Booster Club**
- **-Booster Club Membership Sign-up's**
- **-Purchase a Sports Pass**
- **-Meet our student-athlete representatives**

What: Athletics Open House

When: **June 6, 2023**
6:30-7:30 PM

Where: Towson High *Gymnasium*
69 Cedar Avenue
Towson 21286

Attendance Matters! #EveryDayCounts #BCPSRollCall

Research has shown that attendance is a leading predictor of academic achievement and adult success. Students who find attending school important are more likely to attain goals like attending trade school, college, or getting a job. By showing up to school every day, students develop a positive work ethic and prepare for future success by developing healthy and productive habits.

Our goal is for students to attend school at least 94% of the time. By missing just 2 days a month, students will end up missing 10% of the school year. Below are some tips and reminders to help your student attend school regularly. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in ensuring that all of our Towson Generals become life-long learners and productive global citizens.

- Student attendance records are available to review in real-time on FOCUS. Follow the directions on our website to access your student's information in the FOCUS Parent Portal. Go to https://towsonhs.bcps.org, hover over "Parent Resources," and select "Parent/Guardian FOCUS Account Access." If you notice a discrepancy in your student's attendance record, please contact the Main Office.
- "Weekly Attendance Reports" are emailed to each custodial contact on Friday afternoon. Please review this report with your student. Please contact your student's teacher(s) with any concerns.
- The school day begins at 7:35 AM. If a student arrives late to school during 1st period, they are to report directly to first period, and their 1st period teacher will record their attendance as tardy but present for the day. If a student arrives to school after 1st period (after 9:00 AM), they are to report directly to the Main Office. If the lateness is excused, the student should bring an excuse note from their parent/guardian.
- After an excused absence, students should bring an excuse note from their parent/guardian so the absence can be marked as excused. Excuse notes should be dropped off in the bin outside of the Main Office. If your student is absent for multiple days, please contact your student's School Counselor and inform them of the absence. School Counselors will notify teachers and can collect missing work for your student.
- Attendance is reported on students' high school transcripts. Colleges and future employers that receive students' transcript will be able to see the number of absences that were accrued each school year.
- Students who are under 16 and are applying for their Learner's Permit must complete the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration Verification of School Attendance form. The form asks school officials to sign and seal that the student has not had more than 10 unexcused absences during the prior school semester.

Internships

Applications for our internship program (for rising seniors) are available on Schoology. Students should swing by room 201 to scan the internship QR code on the door or make an appointment to speak directly with Mr. Brotman. The application, program requirements, and expectations are outlined in the Schoology group, but feel free to email Mr. Brotman with questions at jbrotman@bcps.org.

Partnerships

Our internship department is always looking to partner with organizations, firms, and businesses, who might be interested in hosting a Towson High student as an intern. Should you, or someone you know be interested in providing an authentic experience in a professional field of interest like law, medicine, or business, to name a few, please reach out to Mr. Brotman at jbrotman@bcps.org

Interview Day

Our interview day Is scheduled for April of 2023. Seemingly a long time from now, however in preparation, we are making an early call for anyone in our community who may be interested in being a part of this rewarding experience. All juniors will be interviewed that day, and we want to ensure that we provide them with an authentic interviewing experience. If you would like to volunteer as one of our interviewers, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Brotman at jbrotman@bcps.org.

Looking for a job? Interested in posting a position you need filled?

For students interested in looking for a job, or curious about how to go about doing so, swing by room 201 to make an appointment to discuss the finer points of finding a part time job. Mr. Brotman can help with resumes, what to expect, and how to find a job. Additionally, we have a jobs board available on Schoology for anyone who is ready to work. Join the Schoology group by scanning the QR code on the door of 201. Additionally, Mr. Brotman is open to posting for legitimate part-time positions in the community. If you are a local business in need of a part-time employee, please contact Mr. Brotman at jbrotman@bcps.org. (ALL positions will need to be vetted prior to posting)

SECAC Meeting Schedule for the 2022-2023 School Year

Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC)
BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Co-Chairpersons
Dawn Greenberg
Julie Zielinski
Past Chair
Megan
Stewart-Sicking
Secretary
Aviva Goldman
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Director, Department of Special Education
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Find us on facebook
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On the Web:
https://dci.bcps.org/department/special_education/special_education_citizens_advisory_committee

TEAM BCPS

Our areas of focus continue to be **education and advocacy**. Our voices will continue to be used in a positive, organized effort to help parents and professionals convey information and experiences to leadership, to support the Department of Special Education in their goals, and to advise the Board of Education and top-level decision makers in Baltimore County Public Schools.

We hope you will consider joining us for any or all the scheduled SECAC meetings below. Registration is **not** required. All meetings are open to the public.

Date	Topic
October 3, 2022	BCPS Department of Special Education Updates & SECAC Stakeholder Feedback and Goal Setting
November 7, 2022	Superintendent Dr. Darryl Williams
December 5, 2022	A Parent's Perspective: What We Wish We Knew Then
January, 2023	NO MEETING SCHEDULED
February 6, 2023	Planning Summer Opportunities
March 6, 2023	Transition
April 17, 2023	Executive Functioning: Developing Self-Advocacy and Working Toward Independence
May 1, 2023	Stakeholder Feedback (*Meeting will be in person at the BCPS Greenwood Campus in Towson)*
June 5, 2023	Educational Options & Digital Resources

Meetings are from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Meetings will be held virtually via Google Meets using the join code: https://meet.google.com/fak-czqt-dvf. We hope to schedule and in-person meeting during the second semester. If you need to call in or have difficulty joining email egalvez@bcps.org.

If Baltimore County Public Schools are closed, or close early for any reason the SECAC meeting will be cancelled.

To join the SECAC email contact list for updates on meetings and events please complete our online form: http://bit.ly/sercnewssignup

UPCOMING EVENTS

March, 2023

17 Schools & Offices **Close 3 Hours Early**

24 2nd Marking Period Ends - **Schools Close 3 Hours Early**

25 Maryland Day

31 Spring Break Begins at the End of Day

April, 2023

3-7 Spring Break - **Schools and Offices Closed**

10 Easter Monday - **Schools and Offices Closed**

11 Schools Reopen

12 Report Cards Distributed

21 Systemwide Professional Day - **No School for Students**

21-22 Spring Theatre Production - *Mean Girls*, 7:00 pm, Auditorium

23 Spring Theatre Production - *Mean Girls,* 2:00 pm, Auditorium

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