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The Towson Pride

TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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STARS to our Staff, Parents and Students

Each week, individuals will be recognized for their contributions to the school. Staff members are encouraged to submit accolades that are worthy of the General's Star.

Our staff and students strive for excellence on a daily basis. The comments listed below represent some of the recognition for our staff and students.

★ STARS to **Ms. M. E. White** for a very organized magnet test on Saturday January 4th. (Sent in by Ms. Travis)

★ STARS to **Ms. Petras** and **Mr. Mooring** for a concise and complete presentation to our students on the registration process this past Thursday, January 2nd. (Sent in by Ms. Travis)

★ STARS to **Ms. Travis** for planning and implementing Academic Planning Night. (Sent in by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to **All Department Chairs** that were involved with Academic Planning Night. (Sent in by Mrs. DiMino)

★ STARS to **Mr. Seergae**. A student was overhead talking with another student during registration. One student said they were taking Honors Trig next year and the other said, "Maybe you will get Mr. Seergae, he is a great teacher!" (Sent in by Mr. Hyman).

★ STARS to **Ms. Travis and the Guidance Office** for all of their work in Course Registration for our students. (Sent in by Ms. M. A. White)

★ STARS to **Ms. White and Ms. Fast** for all the work they do to keep things running and for always being friendly and helpful.

★ STARS to **Mr. Hyman, Ms. West, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Collins** for all of their help with the January administration of the HAS. Without your timely assistance and willingness to help each other, it would not go as smoothly as it does. Thank you! (Sent in by Mr. Stevens)

★ STARS to **the members of the Science National Honor Society** at Towson High! Veteran members (inducted last spring) are include E. Borgnia, E. Healy, A. Kahn, C. King, R. Morgan, H. Thomas, and H. Voelker. The newly selected members of the THS chapter are G. Andreou, K. Beahn, L. Bender, Z. Bulmer, K. DeMallie, C. Fu, H. Grant, J. Miller, CJ Reuland, and C. Wenck. These young scholars have excelled in all of their academic courses and have maintained at least a 3.5 GPA in GT and AP level science courses that they've taken at Towson High.

★ STARS to the following 1st place finishers from the Indoor Track and Field meet held Thursday, 1/9/14 at the Fifth Regiment Armory: **E. Eastman**, Girls 800m run; **I. Chestney**, Girls 1600m run; **S. Mercer**, Girls 3200m run; **C. Pomykala**, Girls High Jump; **L. Bender**, Boys 1600m run; and **V. Parts**, Boys 3200m run.

★ STARS to the **Math Department** for preparing students who took the HSA this week.

World Languages Update

By Mrs. Richmond

The World Languages Department at Towson High School would like to thank all of our students for a wonderful year so far. As we move into the planning phase for the 2014-2015 school year, we would like to encourage all of you to continue in your World Languages sequence. One of our departmental goals is to provide students with language skills that they will carry with them in their future endeavors. Whether you take Spanish, French, Chinese, or Latin, we would like to see you continue your language for all four years of high school. There are many benefits to continuing your World Languages study. In order to acquire proficiency in another language, consistency is crucial. It is very difficult to stop taking a language in high school and pick it up again at a later date. Many students who discontinue their study of a language find that they are required to take a language in college or that they need language skills for their profession. It is also possible to take more than one WL course. We have a growing number of students who are continuing their study of a language and at the same time taking level I of another language. With the new schedule of 8 classes next year, students can easily add another WL choice as an elective. If you have any questions about placement or course options for next year, please contact your child's WL teacher or Mrs. Richmond. (drichmond3@bcps.org)

We also would like to recognize our World Languages Honor Societies. We have chapters of the National French Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society, and the National Chinese Honor Society. Our students have been having fun this year celebrating cultural events for their respective languages. In addition to celebrating and having fun, our honor society students also volunteer their time tutoring their peers after school. Applications for our honor societies will be given out during class within the next month. If you have any questions about the WL honor societies you may contact Mrs. Waldman for French, Mrs. Richmond for Spanish, Mr. Buick for Latin, and Mrs. Zhao for Chinese.

Thanks again for a wonderful year!!

Now's the time to order your copy of the first ever *Towson Cookbook.*

Please complete the order form and turn in to your child's home-room teacher.

Sponsored by SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions

MORRIS PRESS COOKBOOKS

Advance Sales Cookbook Coupon

Price Per Book $ 12

Number of Books _____

Total $ _____

Sold by _____

Purchased By:

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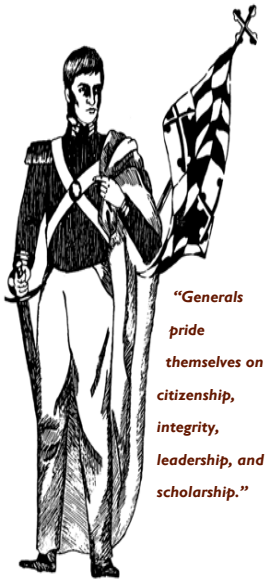

"Generals pride themselves on citizenship, integrity, leadership, and scholarship."

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Will Rogers

Senior News

The representative from the Cap and Gown company will be here during all lunch shifts on Thursday, January 23 and Friday, January 24. Please order your cap and gown at these times in order to get the early order price of $9.95. If you misplaced your order form, we should have more available before January 23rd. Listen to the morning announcements for more details. The rep will also be taking orders for graduation announcements and other commemorative products at this time.

This year's Senior Talent Show will be held the evening of February 26 in the auditorium. Auditions for the talent show will be held at the end of this month. Listen to the morning announcements and look for future articles in the newsletter for more details.

SGA At Work

On December 22, members of the SGA and other student organizations were chosen to sit in the Ravens' Honor Row to recognize the work that the student government does in the community. The students were accompanied by Ms. DiMino and other chaperones to watch the Ravens play the Patriots. In addition to attending the game, and the group was able to spend almost 30 minutes on the field during pre game warm-ups. Arthur Jones high-fived our students as he ran by and we were able to cheer for other favorites such as Torrey Smith and Jacoby Jones as they prepared for the game.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

20 **Schools Closed** - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday

21 **Schools Closed** - Professional Day

Message from our Superintendent—Dr. Dallas Dance

Good afternoon Team BCPS:

I am excited to invite your participation in our inaugural "We Are Team BCPS" Day, Wednesday, January 15!

We ask all Team BCPS members – including current, former and future teachers, staff, students, parents, volunteers, and supporters – to wear blue on this day to show pride in Team BCPS. We are calling it "BCPS blue" but, on this day, any shade of blue will count as BCPS blue. I hope that you will choose to join us in creating a veritable sea of blue across the county and beyond.

Please send us photographs and videos of you, your colleagues, students, and community members displaying their "BCPS blue" pride. Submissions can be sent via Twitter (@BaltCoPS, #BCPSblue) or Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/BaltCoPS). The best images and videos received on January 15 will be featured on the BCPS Web site (www.bcps.org).

Also on January 15, please visit our Web site to see the new "We Are Team BCPS" page, where you can learn more about how we are encouraging even greater engagement in our schools and school system; watch our new Team BCPS public service announcements; and explore other ways that you can be a part of the campaign.

This is just the beginning of our campaign and, over the course of this year, we will launch many more campaign elements.

We appreciate your support, and I look forward to seeing your Team BCPS spirit.

We are Team BCPS. GO BLUE!!

TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL

SPORTS BOOSTERS ANNUAL

SPRING GALA 2014

ON APRIL 5, 2014

7:00PM -11:00PM

THE COUNTRY CLUB OF MARYLAND

1101 STEVENSON LANE

TOWSON, MD 21286

*** BUFFET DINNER * WINE + BEER * WHEELS * SILENT AUCTION**
*** MYSTERY WINE TABLE**

TICKETS $65 PER PERSON- $125/COUPLE

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE BEFORE THEY SELL OUT !!!

towsonhighsportsboosters.com

OR

CONTACT Tracy Amos - TICKET SALES- TAMOS@GRABERCPA.COM

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jenny Schneidereith Co CHAIR jennyschneidereith@verizon.net

Kelly Chesser Co CHAIR kchesser22@gmail.com

PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED- NO JEANS PERMITTED

CCBC Life Enrichment Classes in Your Neighborhood

Move. Groove. Paint. Sing. Learn. You name it, CCBC has it. Whether you've always imagined yourself doing yoga, painting, or sewing, you can find a course here, close to your home or office.

Cockeysville Middle School
10401 Greenside Drive
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Towson High School
69 Cedar Avenue
Towson, MD 21286

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES – SPRING 2014

COCKEYSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Starting 1/28		
Basic French 1A	$179	7-9:10pm
Calligraphy Beginning	$80	7-9pm
Floral Design I	$61	7-9pm
Sewing Concepts: Introduction to Sewing	$41	7-9pm
Stained Glass I	$62	6:30-9pm
Starting 1/30		
Advanced Sewing-Part One	$82	6:30-9:30pm
Basic French 3A	$179	7-9:10pm
Basic Italian 3A	$179	7-9:10pm
Basic Spanish 2A	$179	7-9:10pm
Yoga	$89	6:45-8:15pm
Starting 2/4		
Introduction to Drawing	$89	7-9pm
Starting 2/6		
Astrology - Beginning	$59	7-9pm
Tarot Card Reading	$59	7-9pm
Starting 2/11		
Stocks, Bonds, Real Estate, and Investing	$85	7-9:30pm
Starting 2/18		
Discover Oil Painting	$85	7-9pm
Sewing - Beginning	$90	6:30-9:30pm
Starting 2/20		
Chair Caning	$95	7-9pm
Starting 2/27		
Introduction to Felting	$62	6:30-9pm
Starting 3/4		
Floral Design: Corsages and Boutonnieres	$55	7-9pm
Interior Decorating	$62	7-9pm
Starting 3/6		
Getting Started with Italian	$109	7-8:30pm
Quilting	$82	6:30-9:30pm
Starting 3/13		
Advanced Sewing Part Two	$82	6:30-9:30pm
Starting 3/18		
Healing Power of Painting	$124	6:30-9pm
Starting 3/20		
Advanced Crochet	$59	7-9pm
Starting 3/25		
Calligraphy Continued	$65	6:30-9pm
Starting 3/27		
Tarot Card Reading	$59	6:35-9pm
Starting 4/1		
Sewing Continuing	$73	6:30-9:30pm

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Starting 1/27		
Basic Chinese Mandarin 1B	$179	7-9:10pm
Basic German 3A	$179	7-9:10pm
Basic Italian 1A	$179	7-9:10pm
Basic Italian 1B	$179	7-9:10pm
Basic Spanish 1A	$179	7-9:10pm
Sign Language 1	$179	7-9:10pm
Soaring Crane, Crouching Tiger Qi Gong	$79	6-7:15pm
Tagalog I	$179	7-9pm
Zumba	$89	7:30-8:30pm
Starting 1/29		
Aerobics-Low Impact Cardio	$89	7:30-8:30pm
Basic German 1A	$179	7-9:10pm
Basic Italian 3B	$179	7-9:10pm
Basic Spanish 1B	$179	7-9:10pm
Bridge: Brush-Up	$82	7-9pm
Elementary Japanese Language I	$179	7-9:10pm
Green Eating	$59	6:15-8:15pm
Starting 2/3		
Flutopia Baltimore	$129	7:30-9pm
Starting 2/5		
Ballroom Dancing-Introductory	$99	7-9pm
Starting 2/10		
Flute Ensemble	$79	6-7pm
Starting 2/19		
Home Improvement and Repair Mini Series	$105	6-9pm
Starting 3/5		
Discover Oil Painting	$85	7-9pm
Getting Started with Japanese	$109	7-8:30pm
Getting Started with Spanish	$109	7-8:30pm
Starting 3/17		
Basic Spanish 1B	$179	7:00-9:10pm
Starting 3/19		
Bridge: More Brush-Up	$82	7-9pm
Introduction to Felting	$62	6:30-9pm
Starting 3/26		
Healing Power of Painting	$124	6:30-9pm
Starting 3/31		
Surrealism and Cinema: 1920's to Present	$62	7-9pm
Starting 4/2		
Nature Inspired Jewelry Design	$69	7-9pm
Starting 4/23		
First Time Home Buyers	$79	7-9pm

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For more information or to register, visit www.ccbcmd.edu/ceed or call 443.840.4700

ENTER THE
2014 PLAY IT SAFE
POSTER DESIGN CONTEST!!!

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF "PLAY IT SAFE"?

"To encourage high school graduates to make informed, healthy choices while having responsible fun without the use of alcohol and other drugs "

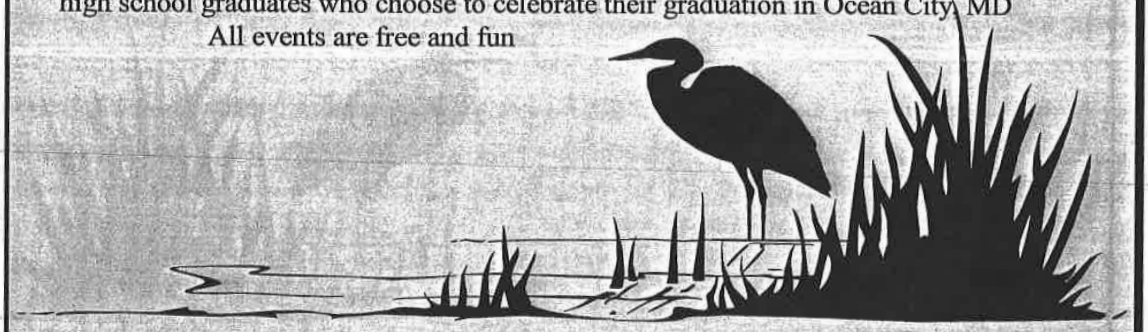
WHAT IS THE "PLAY IT SAFE GRADUATION PROJECT"?

The Ocean City Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee (OCDAAPC), Inc., the Town of Ocean City, MD and the Worcester County Health Department have worked together since 1989 to plan, develop, and implement the "Play It Safe" project for all high school graduates across Maryland. The project culminates in Ocean City during June each year.

THE WORK OF "PLAY IT SAFE" INCLUDES:

- Developing, printing, and distributing "Play It Safe" booklets to high school seniors
- Planning and implementing a statewide multimedia campaign
- Sponsoring special alcohol and drug-free events during June which honor visiting high school graduates who choose to celebrate their graduation in Ocean City, MD

All events are free and fun



The poster design contest is open to any high school student in Maryland. The contest rules are:

- **Poster needs to be an 8 ½" x11" camera ready, portrait format (*not landscape*), black and white image. (OCDAAPC, Inc., reserves the right to color the design as deemed appropriate and the designation of 25th Anniversary will be added.)**
- ***Design must be an original pen and/or ink drawing by the artist, not computer-generated***
- **Design should not include indications of body piercing, tattoos, alcohol/drug use or tobacco use**
- **Design should include the following wording:**
  - **"Play It Safe" must be predominantly displayed, preferably at the top of the design**
  - **2014 High School Grads**
  - **Ocean City, MD**
  - **A Passport to Fun**

- **Signature of artist is to be in lower right corner**
- **Entries must include the name and address of the artist on the back of the design**
- **The entry must be accompanied by a letter, on school letterhead, from the respective school administrator and/or other school personnel.**

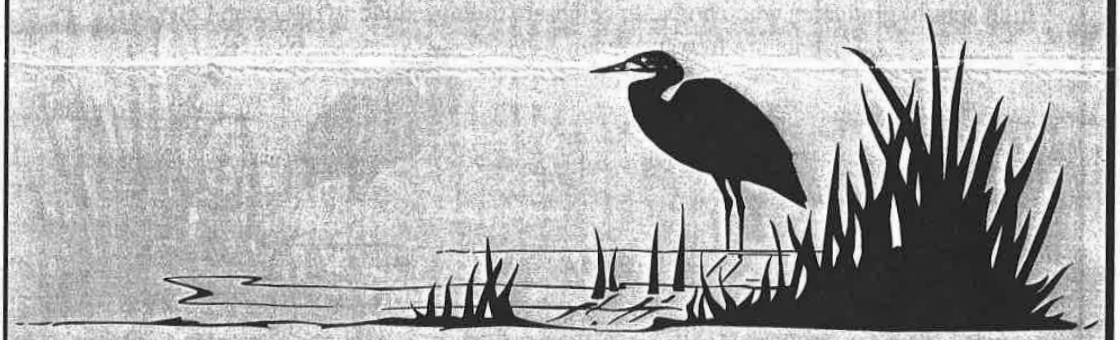
Winning entry will be posted on the Play It Safe web site.

GRAND PRIZE is a $100 savings bond, and...

The winning design will be placed on thousands of "Play It Safe" T-shirts, 75,000 booklets and 500 posters!

The grand prize winner will also be recognized at a major press event in Ocean City, MD on May 27, 2014

"Play It Safe" entries must be postmarked no later than February 21, 2014



Go to www.playitsafeoceancity.com for contest details.

Mail your "Play It Safe" entries to:

Worcester County Health Department/Prevention Office
Attn: **Play It Safe Poster Design Contest**
P.O. Box 249
Snow Hill, MD 21863

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (410) 632-1100, ext 1106.

The "Play It Safe Graduation Project" is made possible by
Ocean City Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee, Inc.,
the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention,
the Town of Ocean City, MD,
and the Worcester County Health Department.

** All entries become the property of Worcester County Health Department

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

March 20, 21,and 22
7:00 PM
School Auditorium

Tickets available at the school and at the door

We hope to see everyone there!

B	I	N	G	O!
Save the Date! February 21, 2014	Live Music!	Come With family!	Towson High School Music Boosters	Music begins 6:15 pm, Bingo starts 7:00 pm.
7	Delicious Cheap eats!	Come with friends!	Basket Bingo!	Discounted tickets available if paid before 1/30/14
14	Longaberger Baskets filled with valuable prizes For Bingo Winners!	Free parking space!		Each ticket buys a seat for a night of great company, live music and a 18-game packet of bingo cards!
21	Lots of Fun!	Support a Great Cause!	Tall Cedars of Lebanon, 2501 Putty hill avenue Parkville	Questions? contact thsmusic-boosters @gmail.com
Please mark your family calendar now!	Exciting Raffles, Including Vera Bradley and 50/50!	Net proceeds benefit towson High musical ensembles! Thank you!	Doors open 6:00 pm; Tickets $20 each at the door	JOIN US! February 21, 2014

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FAX: 410-583-1375

Faculty Agenda
Monday, January 13, 2014

- SAT Examples
- Expanding our Knowledge of the PARCC Rubric
- CD Framework
- Updates
  - Magnet / Technology
  - Staffing / Scheduling

We have some exciting "SPIRIT NIGHT" games coming up for our Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams. At these games - all students wearing TOWSON HS gear will get in for a special reduced admission of $1. Additionally we are asking all our current coaches and athletes to attend these games wearing TOWSON HS gear. We expect a packed house and look forward to everyone having fun and hopefully cheering us on to victory!

We look forward to a great SPIRIT NIGHT on the following dates:

FRIDAY Jan 10 - Boys' Basketball vs Kenwood - JV @ 5:30 and Varsity @ 7pm

FRIDAY Jan 17 - Girls' Basketball vs Lansdowne - JV @ 5:30 and Varsity @ 7pm

Come on Out & Support Our Generals!!!!!