

TOWSON HIGH
SCHOOL

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The Towson Pride

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 **Mrs. Sengebusch** for the delicious food at the Breakfast of Champions. The tables in the cafeteria were decorated and arranged beautifully with muffins, fruit, quiches, ham biscuits, punch and more. Patti consistently gives of her time to make sure all events for the school involving food are perfect. Hats off to a tireless worker! (Submitted by Ms. Forthruher)

★ STARS to **Mr. Tom Blair** for his efforts and time with his *Pennies for Patients* initiative.

★ STARS to **H. Ross**, 12th grader. She won the Louis/Bourne Student Poetry Award from the Poetry Society of America. "This prize is awarded for the best unpublished poem by a student in grades 9 through 12 from the United States."

★ STARS to **H. Seyler and A. Kindahl**. H. Seyler won a Silver Medal for poetry and A. Kindahl won a Silver Medal for poetry and a Silver Medal with distinction for her writing portfolio. Both have been invited to receive their award at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

★ STARS to the fantastic **LPP Magnet Class of 2014** who visited the National Museum of Crime and Punishment in Washington, DC on Friday 3/14. The seniors toured the museum and participated in a forensics workshop. Thanks to everyone involved for a great field experience.

★ STARS to all the students who went above and beyond the Pi day challenge and memorized 200 digits or more. **A. Markowitz** – 336; **V. Williams** – 322; **G. Teuten** – 207

★ STARS to **Ms. Mathena** for her tireless efforts and leadership to put together the Breakfast of Champions awards ceremony on Thursday, March 20th.

★ STARS to **Ms. Sengebusch, Ms. Frasier, Ms. White, Ms. Fast, Ms. Underwood, Ms. M. Williams and all the staff** who contributed their time and efforts to make the Breakfast of Champions a professional and classy celebration of our students' achievements.

See Page 3 for information on how you can get one of these fab *We Add Up* t-shirts and support THS recycling efforts!!



SCHOOL TO CAREER TRANSITION

Patricia Perrich
Department Chair

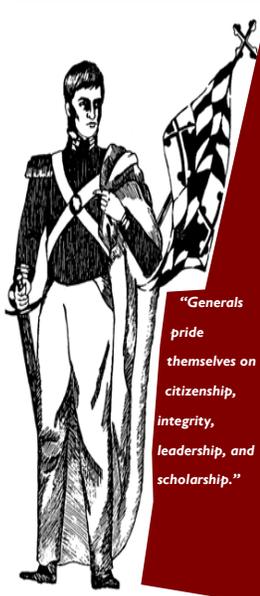
School to Career Transition offers the following Program Benefits:

- An opportunity to learn from a rigorous structured exposure to the workplace
- An opportunity to learn the various aspects of an industry or career
- A school-based coordinator to reinforce and develop both general and specific employability skills and attitudes
- A written learning plan assists the student in obtaining the greatest benefit from the workplace experience
- A competitive edge in obtaining marketable career skills and experience
- A sampling of a career without the pressures and commitments of full-time employment
- A structured and directed exploration of the world of work.
- An opportunity to develop a network of people who can be helpful in future job searches

Career Research and Development can be taken as an Honors elective or as a completer. Seniors R. Ford and E. Ford will graduate with dual completers – Academic and School to Career Transition. Having met the requirements, they also will receive three articulated credits from CCBC. R. Ford reflects that the best part of the program is learning how the real world works and how to prepare for the future. E. Ford reports that she has learned how to pay bills, live as an adult, and how to be a good employee. J. Belz has learned how to be smart with money. He says, “You don’t have to be famous to be rich; you just need to know how to save.”

Internships link student interests and coursework to specific placement sites. This Honors or GT program provides an extra something not everyone has on a transcript. High school internships demonstrate in the college application process that the student has in-depth knowledge in a particular field of study. B. Wysong, an intern at Rodgers Forge, has learned to work with all types of people. C. Gaines, an intern in the County Executive’s Office, has learned how to cooperate with many personalities in an office setting. She has completed many college applications, kept up with her class work, worked part-time, and participated in six after school organizations. Another student who is an intern at State’s Attorney’s Office, reports that the best part of the program has been being able to work closely within the legal field and seeing behind the scenes. K. Pilarski says, “The best part about my internship is working with my amazing mentor and my adorable third grade students. Even on my worst days, I leave Timonium Elementary with a smile on my face and a feeling that I am making a difference by reaching the next generation!” M. Lemon, who spent one semester in a business setting and another in a school, reflects that she has liked the freedom of being able to leave school early and participate in something she is really interested in – much like college. E. Hurwitz, an intern in Johns Hopkins physics department, has used this experience to figure out what he does and doesn’t like to help narrow what he intends to study in the future.

School to Career Transition offers an education that *works*.



“Generals pride themselves on citizenship, integrity, leadership, and scholarship.”



S. McFadden interns at Dumbarton Middle



Educate · Empower · Employ



S. Chapagain interns at St. Joseph Medical Center.

We Add Up!

The Environmental Club is selling WE ADD UP t-shirts during the next week as its annual fundraiser.

Why should you buy a WE ADD UP t-shirt?

They are comfy soft t-shirts made from 100% organic cotton.

Each t-shirt is unique with a message on the back and your own number on the front.

WE ADD UP is a great little mom and daughter company based in Ohio that doesn't use sweatshop labor and donates a minimum of 10% of its proceeds each year to environmental, humanitarian, and animal protection charities.

Our profits at THS go to the purchase of recycling materials....bins, bags, and bases. for the recycling containers in the cafeteria.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Environmental Club T-Shirt Sales - March 10 thru 28

Contact: Ms. West

The Environmental Club is selling t-shirts. Please see the attached flyer and then check out the website (www.weaddup.com) or a brochure in order to review your options.

Environmental Club members have brochures and there is one at Allison Whites' desk, and on the computer desk in room 120. Thanks for your support.



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:

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PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED- NO JEANS PERMITTED



UPCOMING EVENTS

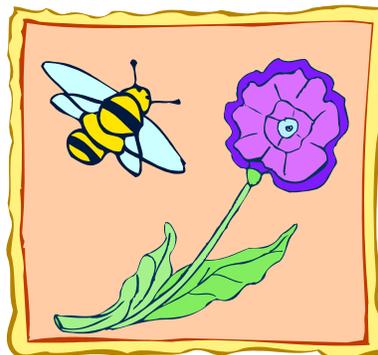


MARCH

28 Sophomore Ring Dance - Cafeteria - 7 pm - 10 pm

April

- 1 Spring Concert—Band - Auditorium - 7 pm
- 3 Spring Concert—Choral - Auditorium - 7 pm
- 14-18 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 21 NO SCHOOL - Holiday
- 23 PTSA Meeting



Towson High School 2014 PTSA Awards

Each year, the Towson High School PTSA awards four (4) scholarships to deserving seniors. The categories are: Civility (male & female), Spirit and Service. A small team of parents and other adults review and rank the nominations with input from the THS guidance office. On Senior Awards Day, four (4) Seniors walk away with \$500 checks from the PTSA - no strings attached. Anyone can nominate a deserving senior by completing the form on the next page of the newsletter. Listed below are the criteria for each category.

The deadline is April 25th. So, please get your nominations in as soon as possible!

CIVILITY Award (given to one young man and one young woman in the graduating class)

Recipients are respectful, honest and consistently kind toward others in the Towson High School community. They are people who pay attention to other's needs, value diverse opinions and are able to apologize and accept responsibility for their actions. In sum, they are good citizens of Towson High.

SPIRIT Award (given to a graduating senior)

Recipient brings a positive attitude to school each day. The nominee does not have to be an athlete, leader, or academic high achiever to receive this award. Rather, the award is given to the student who, without drawing attention to him/herself, displays a contagious, sense of humor or joy in life that encourages spirit and positive energy in the classrooms and the halls of Towson High.

SERVICE Award (given to a graduating senior)

Recipient has shown, throughout his/her years at Towson High School, an unusually strong commitment to giving of his/her time and talents for the betterment of the community. The student may have volunteered inside and/or outside of school, but should have dedicated him/herself to an activity or cause in some depth.

Four honorable mentions (one in each category) may be awarded to underclassmen.

The Awards will be presented at the School Awards presentation in May.

SENIOR NEWS

Leading up to the Senior Events, I would like to include some helpful information for the Seniors each week starting with this newsletter.

The Senior Prom will be held at the National Aquarium in Baltimore on Saturday, May 17- less than 2 months away. Seniors planning to attend the Prom should be preparing for this big night in advance and not procrastinating until the last minute. Young ladies planning to attend the prom should start looking for a prom dress. If you plan on getting a dress from the internet or a shop that sells gently used dresses then you will also have to plan on having alterations made to your dress. These can take from 2-6 weeks. Gentlemen planning on going to the prom can start to look for their tuxedos. The Tuxedo House in Timonium is donating a portion from each rental towards the Senior Celebration. Mention that you are a THS student. You can also purchase a tuxedo - it will cost a little less than a suit and you will have it for other formal occasions. Just keep in mind that you will need to get alterations made as well if you make the purchase.

You should also make sure that your cap and gown have been ordered and PAID for. Mr. Blair distributed reminders to Senior homeroom teachers on Friday and will be emailing contacts listed for each student who has not yet paid or ordered these mandatory graduation accessories. Look for more information in the newsletter as we get closer to the end of the year activities for Seniors!

LPP MAGNET CLASS OF 2014 WHO VISITED THE
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT
IN WASHINGTON, DC ON FRIDAY 3/14



The Class of 2015 is in search of a spinning wheel to use for their Vegas Themed Junior Prom. If you can help us locate/borrow one, please contact Mrs. Kromsky at JKromsky@bcps.org.

Scholarship Opportunities

19th Annual Cheryl Lillemoe Essay Contest Riderwood Elementary School PTA - \$1,200 - 1 Award (Deadline: April 25, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- 1) Must have attended Riderwood Elementary School for a minimum of three (3) years.
- 2) Must have completed the 5th grade at Riderwood Elementary School.
- 3) Must have an accumulated GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- 4) Plan to attend an accredited college as a full time student in the fall of 2014.

Applications, details and complete requirements are available at the guidance offices of all local public and private high schools and at the office of Riderwood Elementary School.

Your Favorite Car Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: April 30, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- 1) Must be attending an accredited post-secondary institution by the fall of 2014 at the latest.
- 2) Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a program that is at least two years in length.

Applications can be found by going to:

[http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/
scholarship_your_favorite_car_scholarship_8933.php?
&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org](http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_your_favorite_car_scholarship_8933.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org)

MCO Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: May 15, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- 1) Be attending college or university no later than December of 2014.
- 2) Be attending college or university on a full-time basis by December of 2014.
- 3) Submit an answer to the essay question no later than 11:59 PM EST on May 15, 2014.
- 4) Be currently in your last year of high school or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in college/university.

Applications can be found by going to:

[http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_mco_scholarship_8939.php?
&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org](http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_mco_scholarship_8939.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org)

Arctic Physical Therapy Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: Aug 31, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- 1) Be attending college or university no later than January of 2015.
- 2) Be attending college or university on a full-time or part-time basis by January of 2015.
- 3) Have achieved a GPA of 3.0 or greater during their last academic year.

Applications can be found by going to:

[http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_arctic_physical_therapy_scholarship_8938.php?
&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org](http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_arctic_physical_therapy_scholarship_8938.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=cdimino%40bcps.org)

In an effort to improve the ways in which we provide activities, interact communicate our vision, and interact with all stakeholders, we ask that you please share with us your comments and suggestions in reference to:

The Breakfast of Champions Selection Criteria: _____

The Breakfast of Champions Ceremony: _____

Other: _____

Please email tmathena@bcps.org with your feedback.

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LOOKING AHEAD

In preparation for the changes in curriculum coming next school year, our administration conducted a survey of parents, students, and faculty to determine if Towson would move to a four (4) period or an eight (8) period day. Below are the results of that survey.

Stakeholders	8 periods per day	4 periods per day
Students	212	565
Parents	51	109
Faculty	21	41

Based on this information, **Towson High School will be moving to an A / B schedule with four (4) periods each day for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year.**