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BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

2019-20 PA meetings

September 12
 October 10
 November 14
 December 12
 January 9
 February 13
 March 12 (cancelled)
 April 7
 May 7
 June 11 (videoconference)

All meetings are on a Thursday and will start at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted.

Executive board meetings immediately precede at 5pm.

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Message from the PA Presidents

Dear BTHS families,

We write to you with a grave and serious mindset this week. The Parent Association executive board is a dedicated group of parents of diverse backgrounds; we do our best to sponsor projects and engage in activities that benefit all BTHS students and families equally. We typically do not take positions on issues that are not directly related to delivery of basic educational programs to our students.

However, we currently see our kids struggling with a situation where basic education is challenged to go forward as usual without first facing up to challenges outside the scope of regular "book learning" and preparations for college. The COVID-19 crisis has not only turned our daily routines on end, it is now stretching the very fabric of our civil society to the tearing point. It is difficult to concentrate on "the Three R's" and the SAT while the ideals of our free society are being challenged and cast in doubt by blatant and callous brutality on our streets and chaotic events and unrest swirl around and through the BTHS community.

Recently, BTHS students have participated in a series of online "town hall" meetings where they have exchanged views and discussed the burning issue of racial inequity throughout our nation and in our school.

We are inspired by the calm and serious way BTHS students are addressing the issue and earnestly seeking solutions. Kids' comments reflect a sense that racial and cultural inequality is a problem not just for those discriminated against or the people overtly mistreating them, but is actually a broader malady affecting many facets of life in modern America. Equity in education is surely fundamental to assuring equal opportunity and freedom from oppression to all people regardless of race or cultural background. Equal access to education is instrumental in lifting underprivileged families out of poverty, and fostering educational debate that honestly challenges complacency and hypocrisy is key to allowing

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students of different races, backgrounds and circumstances to look each other in the eye and honestly say "our strength is our unity; we are here for each other."

As parents, our first wish is for our kids to be well prepared for the challenging and troubling issues of the world as they graduate and move forward from BTHS. As your PA representatives, we are dedicated to enhancing our kids' educational experience at BTHS. We are actively seeking ways to help our school positively engage our wonderfully diverse student body, to build a more inclusive community where everyone is valued for their contributions without discriminatory bias and the whole is much greater than the sum of its parts. Let's own this challenge together; BTHS parents, we can make a difference!

We are grateful to AP for Student and Parent Engagement Ms. Kelly Nottingham for her insights as we prepared this message. She has always been and continues to be a true inspiration to us!

As always, we appreciate your comments and input. We are here for you. Please email us at papresident@bths.edu.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue

[\(请在此处点开中文翻译\)](#)

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June Parent Association General Meeting



We will be holding our final PA meeting of the year on Thursday, June 11th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held via a videoconference link that will support up to 1,000 participants! Please use this link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81492826953>

You may also dial into the meeting by telephone at 929 205 6099. The meeting ID is: 814 9282 6953.

School Principal Mr. Newman will join us at this meeting and will respond to your questions. We will also have a presentation from the school Equities Team.

We ask that you to email your questions in advance to papresident@bths.edu. Please send your questions no later than noon on Thursday, June 11th.

家长会将于6月11日（星期四）下午6点30分使用视频会议频台开展本学年最后一次全体会议。请使用上面的链接加入远程会议。如果您想提出问题，欢迎在6月11日星期四12:00中午之前通过电子邮件致papresident@bths.edu提交。

Key Dates

重要日子

- Tuesday June 9 to Friday, June 12 and Monday June 15 - Final Exams
See [schedule](#) here
- Wednesday, June 10 - Wishing Our Seniors Good Bye notes due
- Thursday, June 11 - Monthly Parent Association General Meeting
- Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16 - Makeup days for finals
- Monday, June 22 - Senior Awards Ceremony broadcast (pre-recorded)

- Monday, June 22 to June 30 - AP Exception Testing Dates
- Friday, June 26 - Graduation Ceremony

Equity Team Work

The Brooklyn Tech Equity Team is a task force of teachers, counselors and school administrators that is working to create an anti-racist school community - from the administration, to the faculty, to students. Although the Team has been working on this mission since last year, uprisings in response to ongoing anti-Black racism on streets across America and literally on the streets outside of Brooklyn Tech have reinforced the urgency of the Team's work. As part of the [SEL Day](#) initiative, on Friday June 5th, the Team hosted several online "town hall" sessions designed to help students understand the current moment and how we got here as well as sessions designed to give students pro-active steps for change.

Student Reminder for AP Exception Testing Makeup Exams

The window for requesting a makeup exam has closed. If students have two makeup exams scheduled at the same time or are unable to take or complete the makeup exam, they'll be able to take one exam in the makeup testing period and the other in the final [exception testing](#) period in late June.

Please see [here](#) on how to request for Exception Testing as well as Exception Testing Schedule.

See below for previous announced information on students' confirmation email:

In their confirmation email, students will receive instructions about what to do if they have two exams at the same time. They should take one exam on the makeup date and request to take the other one during the **June 22-30 exception testing dates**.

Although the majority of students have successfully submitted their exams, we've instituted a backup email submission process for browser-based exams. This option will only be available for students who weren't able to submit in the standard process-and they must then email their responses immediately following their exam.

These students will see instructions about how to email their response on the page that says, "We Did Not Receive Your Response." The email address that appears on this page will be unique to each student and exam question. Email submissions are not available for AP Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish Language and Culture exams.

AP补考将于6月22-30日举行。检查完整的[时间](#)。



The quarantined Class of 2020 deserves special recognition for their achievements and hard work in the face of unusual challenges! We are collecting wholesome, personalized photos, messages, and videos to cheer on our seniors. Students, parents, and teachers are all invited to submit memorabilia by filling out the forms attached below.

There are two options for the forms. Both forms will be open until June 10th. If you would like to send ONE SENIOR message(s) please fill out this [form](#). If you would like to send the SAME MESSAGE(S) to MULTIPLE SENIORS please fill out this [form](#).

Graduation - A prerecorded, virtual graduation ceremony will be broadcast June 26th at 3pm. More info will be emailed by the end of next week as seniors who wish to participate will have be invited to submit a few items to make this graduation super unique and memorable.

Prom - Seniors, you voted YES to a prom so the school making it happen! Currently, scheduled for January 6th, 2021, public health and safety concerns permitting.

Yearbooks - Yearbooks will be mailed to homes in August. [Remember](#) to make sure your address is up-to-date!

Caps and gowns - Processing caps and gowns for shipment began last week. School will let the Senior Class know when they've been shipped.

Senior Awards Night - Senior Awards night will be pre-recorded and aired on June 22nd at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to tune in!

2020年的隔离班值得特别表彰,他们在面对不寻常的挑战时所取得的成就和辛勤工作! 我们正在收集健康,个性化的照片,消息和视频,为我们的毕业生加油。学生,家长和老师都被邀请通过填写下面附加的表格提交纪念品。

我们将提供两种不同的表格,有效期至6月10号。如果你想为一位毕业生留言,请填写此[表格](#)。如果你想为多位毕业生发相同的短信,请填写此[表格](#)。

毕业-预先录制的虚拟毕业典礼将于6月26日下午3点播出。

毕业舞会- 目前,如果公共卫生和安全问题允许,计划于2021年1月6日。

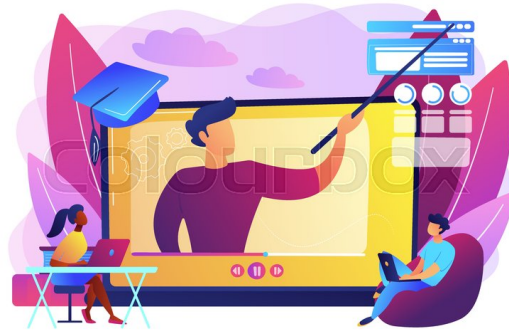
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毕业帽穗和礼服上周开始装运。

颁奖典礼晚会-毕业颁奖仪式将预先录制,并在6月22日下午6点播出。欢迎大家收听!

Online Workshops for Parents

远程家长研讨会



The PA Events Committee continues to bring you valuable programming in the comfort of your home. Please see below for details of new offerings.

Topic: Private College vs Public College.

Date: June 10th 7 pm & June 13th 10 am

Number of slots: 60 per session

Presenter: Art Chang

Admissions to private liberal arts colleges and universities offer two distinct differences from the public university process: a holistic admissions process and, for well-endowed schools, generous financial aid packages to back truly need-blind admissions. Click [here](#) to sign up.

私立大学 与公立大学录取过程分别

Previous Online Workshop Presentations

We would like to thank Mr. Shapiro, from New York Writing for the informative workshop he gave last week, guiding parents on how to help to write the College Application essay. Please click the link below to access the presentation materials, which are chock-full of useful resources! Additional workshop presentations are also referenced in previous Tech Talk Edition.

Topic: Strategies for Writing the College App Essay

Presenter: Jonathan E. Shapiro from New York Writing

PowerPoint Presentation: [Personal Statement](#)

Connections Matter

社交、情感和学术方面的指导资源



The Guidance Office successfully rolled out the second "Social, Emotional, Learning Day" of the academic year on Friday, June 5th, 2020, with a theme of "Connections Matter." A team of 40 teachers, counselors, and social workers across departments organized this fun and engaging day for our students. A big "Thank You" to the SEL Day team!

Making positive connections with self and others is pivotal to enhancing one's personal development. On SEL Day II students explored various topics to find creative ways to connect and stay engaged with the world around them. Topics included "How to Spend your Summer"; "Cultivating a Non-Toxic Online Presence"; "Closing out the School Year"; "Being Seen and Heard"; and "Taking Care of Self."

The Guidance office has also compiled a long list of resources to support social, emotional and learning needs available to our school community. For more detailed information, please click [Guidance Resource Page](#).

Guidance Counselors are also available three days a week via Google Meet or Google Classroom. Please feel free to contact AP for Guidance Mr. Johnny Ventura at jventura2@schools.nyc.gov if you have questions.

BTHS Library EBooks Logins

图书馆电子书登录

The Brooklyn Technical High School Library has added to its ebook collection. In order to check out these ebooks, you will need to log in with your username, which is also the prefix to your@nycstudents.net account. You can look up your username [here](#). Your password is your OSIS #.

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The checkout period is 14 days, after which the book will automatically be returned. You can have 3 ebooks out at any one time.

If an ebook is not available, you can click the "Hold" button. Remember to not place paper books on hold! Emails will only go out weekly about available holds.

If you cannot find the ebook you want, or it is out, please check the [public libraries](#). Every NYC resident can get an NYPL ecard. There are lots more ebook options [here](#)!

Please don't worry about the due dates or the fines for the school library books you already have at home. Please hold onto those books to return in the future.

Summer School Information

暑期学校信息



The NYC Department of Education announced that students enrolled in summer school will do so remotely. This applies to high school students who failed a class or need to continue a course, and students with 12-month IEP's. The summer schedule for high school students will be five days a week for grades 9-12 and students with disabilities.

The dates are:

Grades 9-12 - Monday, July 13 - Friday, August 21

Students with 12-month IEPs - Wednesday, July 1-Thursday, August 13

The last day of the traditional school year is June 26, 2020. For more information, please click [here](#).

College Corner Updates

BTHS 大学联络办公室最新讯息

Click here to [access](#) College Corner Newsletters.

请查看最新版的《[大学申请联络办公室通讯](#)》

JUNIORS:

Some great new items in the 5/29/20 edition of College Corner feature online college fairs and tours! Dream big, plan now; take some tours while you shelter in place. Your Decision Day less than a year away!

SENIORS:

Bored at home while waiting for graduation? Why not try for another scholarship or two? Start by reading through [College Corner](#) and checking out [Ms. Lucisano's newsletter](#) for lots of ideas. 想了解毕业班奖/助学金咨询机会的, 请点以上链接。

Seniors should also update their Naviance accounts and let us know which colleges have accepted you and where you plan to go. This information is very helpful to Juniors -- you remember those scattergrams? The data comes from you! 大学办公室谨在此提醒高中四年级的学生, 请他们更新他们的Naviance帐户, 并让我们知道哪些大学接受了您, 以及您打算去哪所高校!

Seniors also need to complete their **MANDATORY EXIT SURVEYS**. Please see [instructions here](#). 高四毕业生得填报毕业问卷。请打开[此链接](#)了解细节要求。

Ms. Quinn of the College Office has some great resources to evaluate financial aid offers. See this [presentation](#), and [video](#) from her previous meeting. You can also [email](#) her with questions.

ALL PARENTS

Brooklyn Tech's [College Office](#) has loads of information to offer you and your student about the college vetting and application process, including the College Handbook. You can read the [College Office newsletter](#) to get the latest ideas. 访问[此链接](#)浏览大学联络办公室最新资讯。访问学校大学联络办公室网站资源在[此链接](#)。

Grading Policy During Remote Learning

远程学习评分策略

On May 4 Principal Newman sent [this email](#) regarding the new grading policy for remote learning. You may also refer to the entry for April 28 at this [link](#) for more background information from the NYC Department of Education. Please note this grading policy is only applicable for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

5月4日, Mr. Newman 校长发了这封关于远程学习的新评分政策的[电子邮件](#)。您还可以在[此链接](#)获取4月28日来自纽约市教育局的更多信息。请注意, 此评分政策仅适用于剩余的2019-20学年。

Reminders from Previous TechTalks

再度提醒您

- Previous Online Workshop Presentations prior to June 5, 2020:

Topic: COVID-19 and College Admissions

Presenter: Ms. Imen Boussayoud, NYC Outreach Manager from The Princeton Review

PDF Presentation: [COVID-19 Deck](#) and [Recommended Timeline for SAT Testing](#)

Topic: 11th-Grade Focus: College List Building

Presenter: Ms. Veronica Quinn, BTHS college guidance counselor

PowerPoint Presentation: [Junior College List Building](#)

Topic: The College Checklist - Year by Year, Grades 9-12

Presenter: Ms. Paula McKinnon, BTHS College Guidance Counselor

PowerPoint Presentation: [College Checklist](#)

- Seniors, please double check your home address on PupilPath. The school is preparing to mail your caps, gowns, and yearbooks to your home addresses soon. If you need to submit a [change of address](#), please fill out the change of address form and the [residency questionnaire](#).
 - 如果您需要更改地址, 请填写地址变更表格和居住问卷。

School Calendar Notes

学校的行事历的近期重点摘要

- Check out the [school calendar](#) 查看学校的行事历。
- Check out the [Dept of Education's calendar](#) for the 2019-20 school year. 查看教育局的行事历。

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