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BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

## 2020-21 PA meetings

September 24

(others TBD)

Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings and will start at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted.

Executive board meetings immediately precede at 5pm. Please email [papresident@bths.edu](mailto:papresident@bths.edu) if you would like to attend an exec board meeting.

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## Message from the PA Presidents

Dear Tech families old and new,

Teachers will be returning to school for the first day of the 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday, September 8. Teachers will spend the first week of the new year preparing and participating in professional development. Students will start school on Wednesday, September 16, and all kids will attend 100% remotely during the first three days of school, August 16, 17 and 18.

On Monday, September 21 students who opted for blended instruction will start school in classrooms at the Tech building, beginning with Cohort A. Some parents are on Facebook trying to make carpools with other families in their neighborhood.

Many of you have written in to us or cc'd us on emails to Mr. Newman about how breakfast and lunch will work. Mr. Newman has told us he does not have any answers just yet so stay tuned.

Some big news- we finally have a school schedule for this year!!!! Available at [this link](#).

Please remember, our first PA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, beginning at 6:30pm, via zoom of course. We will send a link closer to that date. Our main focus of September's meeting will be getting ready for PA Executive Board elections in October. Thank you to those who volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee!

We are grateful to announce that guidelines for holding remote elections have just been released, available at [this link](#). Please see descriptions of all open positions at [this link](#). The PA By-laws, available at [this link](#), contain more detailed rules about PA Executive Board elections. More general information about the PA and its mission is available at [this link](#).

If you would like to run for a position on the PA Executive Board, please email [PAelections@bths.edu](mailto:PAelections@bths.edu) with your name, student's name, what position you would like to run for and a one paragraph description of why you are running or what you think you can bring to the position. Please consider enhancing our executive board with your passion for making Tech a better place for all our students!

Until next week,

Cindy Kue and Lisa Sullivan  
 BTHS PA Co-Presidents

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## Back To School Updates

返校的最新消息

School begins remotely for all students on  
**Wednesday September 16th.**

From Wednesday, September 16 to Friday, September 18 students will engage in online activities to reacclimate them to the school environment, including social emotional learning and introductions to their teachers and fellow classmates in each of their scheduled classes. Please see Principal Neman's September 3 [email](#) for additional details.

Please check updated [email](#) from AP Nottingham regarding students' group assignment. If parents still want to apply for fully remote learning format, they may do so by completing the [Learning Preference Survey](#). If parents need to put their child into full remote or switch a group due to SIBLING assigned into different groups, please contact AP Nottingham at [knottingham@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:knottingham@schools.nyc.gov).

If your student(s) are in need of borrowing a device for remote learning, browse the DOE's [iPad Request](#) web pages.

For further information from the NYC DOE, browse the DOE's [Return-to-School-2020](#) web pages.

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## Important School Apps

重要学校应用软件包

### NYC Schools Account (NYCSA)



Receive the latest news about distance learning, your student's grades, attendance, fitness results, schedule, etc. To get the latest updates, make sure your [NYC Schools Account](#) is activated and up to date. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Anderson directly at [eanders6@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:eanders6@schools.nyc.gov).

### PupilPath

Pupil Path is a student information system for parents and students. Pupil Path allows parents and students to view important student and school information such as student attendance records, class schedule, assignment due dates and grades, graduation eligibility, school announcements, and more. PupilPath is a convenient tool for both parents and students to keep up with classwork and student performance.

PupilPath Instruction [Link](#)

Parent Registration [Link](#)

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## First PA Meeting for School Year 2020-2021

Thursday, September 24, 2020, 6:30pm

Please plan to attend our first virtual PTA meeting for School Year 2020 - 2021. This meeting is important for all Tech parents because it is a pre-election meeting. Please see [this link](#) for position descriptions. All positions are volunteer and require your sincere time and commitment. If you wish to run for a position, please email the Nominating Committee at [PAelections@bths.edu](mailto:PAelections@bths.edu).

## Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

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- [Class of Senior 2021 Portraits](#)

- Seniors and Parents of the Class of 2021, you may schedule your portrait appointment at this [link](#). *Instructions on how to prepare for your portraits will be on the scheduling page.*
- **One School / One Book**
  - This summer we've selected "How to be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi for our Our One School/One Book program. "How to be an Antiracist" is available at NYC public libraries without a wait.
- **Summer Reading**
  - If you are not done with your summer assignment, please refer to [summer reading](#).
- **NY Public Library Card Information**
  - Tech students can get a or a NY Public Library card regardless of which borough they live in. Find information on public library ecards [here](#).
- **Brooklyn Tech Library Catalog**
  - Website: <https://bthslib.weebly.com/>
  - Login: Prefix of Username @ [nycstudents.net](http://nycstudents.net) ([lookup tool](#)),
  - PW: OSIS, except 9th graders temporary
  - PW: nyclub16
- **Princeton Review Discounts for Tech Students**
  - The Princeton Review test preparation company offers discounted rates to Brooklyn Tech students. In-person session might have been canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - See this [Princeton Review Link](#) for Brooklyn Tech Students.
- **College Corner**
  - 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.

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