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# TechPA

BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

## 2020-2021 PA Meetings

September 24  
October 22 (4th Thurs.)  
November 19

**December 17**

January 21  
February 11 (2nd Thurs.)  
March 18  
April 15  
May 20  
June 17

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month and will start at 6:30pm.

Executive Board meetings immediately precede at 5:30 pm. Please email [papresident@bths.edu](mailto:papresident@bths.edu) if you would like to attend an Executive Board meeting.

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Dear Parents and Families,

Happy Holiday Season!

Last week we sent a survey out composed by our guidance department in response to several emails from parents about their observations that their child is unmotivated, disengaged from school, having a hard time with school and life this year. We heard you and guidance heard you. We need more of you to respond. If you haven't already, please complete this quick survey [here](#). Mr. Ventura, AP of Guidance, will go over the results and fill us in on how his department and its resources can help at our PA meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Your voice is important! Look for a link to this week's PA meeting in an email later this week.

On Friday, the PA Diversity and Community Engagement Committee held its first meeting. The committee discussed our virtual Lunar New Year celebration and the next selection for the Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Club (see details below). If you weren't able to attend last Friday's meeting, don't worry, the meeting was recorded and will be posted shortly on our new [Tech PA YouTube Channel](#). If you would like to learn a Lunar New Year dance performed by a group of parents volunteers (all from the comforts of your own home) or if your child has a talent they would like to share, please let the committee know and we will be sure to get you on board! Email the PA Diversity Committee at [bthsdiversitycommittee@bths.edu](mailto:bthsdiversitycommittee@bths.edu).

Have a great week and please complete the social-emotional needs survey [here](#).

Best

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## Key Dates for the Week

**December 17th - 6:30 pm - BTHS PA Meeting**

*For a complete view of important dates, see the school's [calendar](#) and DOE's [calendar](#).*



## Upcoming Brooklyn Tech PA Events

*Every Tech Parent is a member of the Tech PA. We encourage and welcome your participation on committees and in events. The upcoming virtual workshops are intended for parents of all grade levels.*

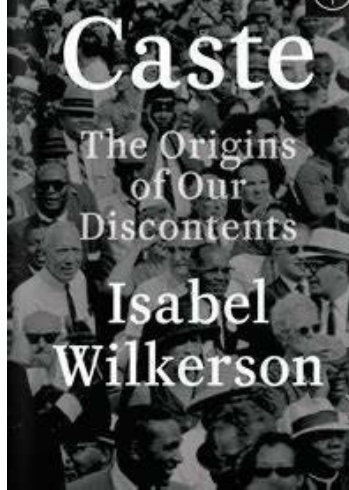
## Save the Date!

### PA Diversity Committee Events

**January 2021**

**January 8th - The Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Club** 1st Meeting  
Book 1 - "**Caste**" by Isabel Wilkerson





February 2021

February 5th - Lunar New Year Celebration

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## Highlights from recent BTHS PA events

The **PA Diversity Committee** is in the process of preparing for the PA's upcoming fourth annual celebration of the Lunar New Year which will be held virtually this year. We welcome all Tech parents and students to join in this unique and exciting event. We have added a "Talent Show" category to make the event more exciting and diverse. This new category will allow for many Tech community members to participate in the fun! In addition to creating wonderful memories, participating students will earn 2 club credits toward the requirements of the Brooklyn Tech Diploma and those who perform outstanding could have a chance to win a prize! See more details and possible activities [here](#). If you have any ideas or questions, please [email us](#).

The **PA Events and Volunteers Committee** organized and hosted the December PA Parent Workshops yesterday with four workshops from 9:30am - 5:00 pm on topics such as navigating Naviance, understanding the college process, DDP for Freshman and helping Freshman students acclimate to Tech. If you were unable to attend, resources will be shared in an upcoming edition.

## A Message of Thanks from the PA

The PA would like to thank the volunteers who volunteered to help out on the Bylaws Committee and the Annual Audit Committee. Additionally, special thanks to the parent volunteers and Tech student volunteers who co-presented during the November and December *Navigation BTHS for Freshman* workshops.

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## BTHS Library News

Tech Librarians, Joanna Drusin and Joy Ferguson, are encouraging all Tech students and staff to use Sora to access our ebooks and audiobooks and to connect to the public libraries. They are offering a short, after-school Zoom session tomorrow to help all Tech students access these features.

**What is Sora?** It is  
a new ebook and audiobook platform geared towards students.

**Why is Sora helpful?** It streamlines so neatly to the public library resources and has great highlighting and notetaking tools.

**Who should attend tomorrow's Zoom session?** Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are especially encouraged to attend. Almost all Freshman students have already learned about Sora in our library orientation but are still welcome to attend.



Register [here](#) to attend **tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 14th** at **2:30 - 2:50 PM**. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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## College Corner

Visit The BTHS [College Office](#) for loads of information about colleges and the application process!

### SCHOLARSHIPS

For registration information and details, please see the College Office's [newsletter](#). Some scholarships listed have a closing date as early as tomorrow!

### REMINDERS for SENIORS

Please see the December 10th update from Yearbook Advisor, Mr. Johnson [here](#). Some items have **Dec. 15th** deadlines.

## Resources, Forms and Waiver Information

- See [here](#) for additional resources such as **CUNY/ SUNY/ Financial Aid**.
- See [here](#) for **BTHS College Office Forms** for the 2020-2021 school year.

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## Tutoring & Academic Resources

**BTHS Tutoring:** Tech offers several opportunities for peer tutoring:

**Mathematics**

Algebra 1& 2, Geometry and & Precalculus - BTHS Mu Alpha Theta  
Monday - Friday 2:30 - 4:00 PM via discord  
Interested students should sign up [here](#).

**Chemistry**

ACS Chem Club Tutoring  
Monday - Wednesday 2:30-3:30 PM  
Interested students should sign up [here](#).

**Computer Science Principles**

Online Tutoring Club  
Tutoring in various subject areas including AP CSP.  
Interested students should visit their Discord server [here](#).

**NHS Tutoring Committee:** The NHS Tutoring Committee matches students with a tutor for virtual one-on-one sessions during free periods or after school. Interested students should email [nhs.tutoringserv@gmail.com](mailto:nhs.tutoringserv@gmail.com) noting the class(es) and their availability.

**Albert.io for the 2020/2021 School Year:** With Albert.io, students work through practice questions to help them prepare for difficult academic subject tests such as the AP exams, Regents, SAT, and ACT. See [here](#) for additional details.

**BTHS Library Resources:** Please see [here](#) for resources and information from our librarians.

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## Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

**Joining Clubs:** It's not too late to join clubs! Please see [here](#). Find out more about the SGO sticker and purchase one [here](#).

**Princeton Review Discount for Tech students:** Please see this [link](#) for details.

**BTHS Test Policy:** See [here](#) to review the new Assessment Schedule for Hybrid and Remote Learning, its rules and details for Make-up exams and more.

**Support & Services During Remote Instruction:** The following support and services are available during the current school closures:

**Take-out Meals for Students & Families:** Visit [here](#) for additional details, menus and locations. Weekdays -9:00 a.m. and noon. No identification or registration needed.

**Technology Support:** [Tech Support](#), [DOE iPad issues](#), [Internet connection issues](#) or call the **DOE IT Helpdesk** at **718-935-5100** and press **5**.

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