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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 if you would like to attend an exec board meeting.

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Quick Links

BTHS website

Tech PA website

BTHS Calendar

DOE website

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TechTalk Archives

Techfreshman

CLICK HERE for freshman specific info

Follow Brooklyn Tech PA announcements in Chinese on the WeChat social media

WeChat ID:

Message from the PA Presidents

Parents and caregivers,

Well, it is almost here, the first day of school! All we know for sure is it will be a first day like no other. As everyone should know by now, this week Wednesday through Friday will be social and emotional learning, as well as getting to meet teachers and classmates all in the virtual environment.

Class schedules for all students and Pupilpath account log-in information for all incoming students should be sent out via email to students no later than Tuesday.

The first day of regular instruction will be a Monday, September 21st. It will be virtual for all **EXCEPT** those in cohort A who will go into the building.

We will be having our first virtual PA meeting of the year on Thursday, September 24th at 6:30pm, a link to participate in this meeting will be sent out next week. As a reminder, we will be holding virtual elections during our October meeting. Anyone interested in running for any of our board positions should refer to last week's Tech Talk for details and the email address where you can send in your information.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have; we always do our best to answer each one. Our email address is Papresident@bths.edu.

Stay well,

Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue

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Back To School Updates

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Chancellor Carranza and Principal Newman sent another email for school reopening updates. Please see below email links.

Chancellor Carranza's <u>Email</u> updates Principal Newman's <u>Email</u> updates

School begins remotely for all students on **Wednesday, September 16th.** Students will receive the schedule for the fall on Tuesday, September 15th.

Below is the schedule for classes for September 16th and 17th. The students will receive the invite to these 2 days from each of their teachers. The students will attend 30-minutes classes to become familiar with teachers and classmates.

Wednesday September 16th

12:30PM - 1:00 PM Period 1 class

1:05PM - 1:35PM Period 2 class

1:40PM - 2:10PM Period 3 class

2:15PM - 2:45PM Period 4 class

Thursday September 17th

12:30PM - 1:00 PM Period 5 class

1:05PM - 1:35PM Period 6 class 1:40PM - 2:10PM Period 7 class 2:15PM - 2:45PM Period 8 class

Friday, September 18th will be a day of social emotional learning. The schedule and activities for next Friday will be sent next week.

In-person instruction and remote instruction will begin on **Monday September 21st**.

If your student(s) are in need of borrowing a device for remote learning, browse the DOE's <u>iPad Request</u> web pages. For those who has a DOE-loaded iPad, a separate email will be sent to you for how to prepare your device to prepare for remote learning this fall.

For further information from the NYC DOE, browse the DOE's <u>Return-to-School-2020</u> web pages.

The calendar for 2020-21 school year is now available at this link.

Travel Advisory

In accordance with New York Governor Cuomo's executive order, if you have traveled from one of the designated states with significant COVID-19 community spread, you must quarantine for 14 days when you return to New York from traveling in states with high coronavirus infection rates.

For further information, including a list of the designated states, review this New York travel advisory: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory

In addition, there is a federal quarantine order, also for 14 days, on all international travel. Please refer to this site for details https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html

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Important School Apps

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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 MYC Schools Account is activated and up to date. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Anderson directly at 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 <u>Link</u> Parent Registration <u>Link</u>

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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.

Summer Passion Projects

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Students participating in the BTHS School Library's Summer Passion Project program devoted time this summer researching topics they are passionate about, reflecting on what they learned, and sharing the results through presentations designed to be useful and inspirational to others.

As anticipated, Passion Projects showed a wide range of interests. Students also shared their learning in a wide range of formats, such as educational websites, computer games, blogs, a fundraising campaign and programs for younger students. Check out student summer work at this

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 <u>link</u>. 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 (lookup tool),

PW: OSIS, except 9th graders temporary

PW: nyclib16

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 <u>College Office</u> 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 <u>College Office newsletter</u> to get the latest ideas.

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