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2020-21 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 5pm. Please email papresident@bths.edu if you would like to attend an Executive Board meeting.



Quick Links

BTHS website

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BTHS Calendar

DOE website

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Message from the PA Presidents

Hello Tech Families,

There are just a few things we would like to highlight for you this week:

The deadline is **November 15th** to opt into the blended learning school model. You can choose to switch to 100% remote at any time. The DOE has announced that this is the final time that you will be able to opt into the hybrid model for the rest of the school year. There is a letter writing campaign in the works to protest this; as soon as we have the link, we will share it.

Mr. Newman has changed our Parent-Teacher Conferences to November 30th and December 1st. December 1st will be a half day. Being that these dates have been changed, please note that this Friday, November 13th, will be a full, regular school day. Please see the school calendar with these dates noted here.

Lastly, just a thought we'd like to share about students leaving their cameras on during class. If your student is involved in anything that involves leadership, inside or outside school (i.e., scouting, President of a club or Student Government), consider having a conversation with your student about how leaving their camera on during class and participating is a true sign of leadership. They will be helping to create relationships and community and will help/ invite others do the same.

Please feel free to reach out to us with your questions and concerns. We can be reached at papersident@bths.edu.

Stay well, Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue

CLICK HERE for freshman specific info

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Key Dates for the Week

Tuesday, Nov. 10th and Thursday, Nov. 12th

11th Grade Town Hall - 2:20 - 3:00 p.m. Join via Google Meet using this link.

• Wednesday, Nov. 11th - Schools Closed for Veterans' Day

For a complete view of important dates, see the school's <u>calendar</u> and DOE's <u>calendar</u>.

Random COVID-19 Testing at BTHS

Monthly COVID-19 Testing at BTHS - In his Nov. 2nd <u>email</u>, Principal Newman explained the COVID-19 testing details for BTHS students and staff, in addition to the guidelines in place in the event a student or staff member tests positive. For more information, including Student COVID-19 Testing Consent Forms, please see here.

Upcoming Parent Workshops

The Brooklyn Tech PA is offering the first round of FREE virtual workshops relevant to Tech parents on Saturday, November 21st. These virtual events are intended for parents of all grade levels, and not for students.

Learn about subjects including how to navigate Tech and how to pay for college. Read more about the workshops here. Parents must register for sessions at this link.

College Corner

The BTHS College Office has loads of information about colleges and the application process!

SAVE THE DATE

For registration information and more, please see the College Office's latest newsletter.

Tomorrow, Nov. 9th 6pm - Open House

John Jay: Forensics and Other STEM Majors

• Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 12pm - Open House

Manhattan College - Engineering Awareness Day University of Rochester

Reminder: Monday, Nov. 16th - Naviance Deadline. See here for more information.

Did You Know...?

College Now is a free program designed to prepare high school students for college. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, see here for additional details about the Spring 2021 programs.

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.
- SAT fee waivers are not available yet.

Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

Opt into Hybrid Learning - Families that wish to switch from Remote to Blended/ Hybrid can read more and complete the required survey here. The survey must be completed by Sunday, November 15th.

<u>The BTHS New Testing Policy</u> - See <u>here</u> to review the new Assessment Schedule for Hybrid and Remote Learning, its rules and details for Make-up exams and more.

Academic Resources

<u>Tutoring Help:</u> 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 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.

<u>Free New York Times Subscription:</u> All Tech students were enrolled for free accounts through 9/21 on bths.edu accounts. Last year's account are still active for 10th -12th graders. Ninth graders should check their bths.edu account for a message with the subject "NYTimes.com Your New York Times Digital Subscription"

Princeton Review Discount for Tech Students: Please see this link for details.



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