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Greetings from the PA President

Dear BTHS Families and Caregivers,

I hope all are well and had a safe winter break.

March is Women's History month- a time for us to reflect and celebrate women's contribution while also inspiring each of us to create an even more inclusive culture together.

Tomorrow, March 7, our Diversity & Community Engagement Committee will hold the second discussion on the book *The Narrow*. The author is the first black woman writer with book sales topping a million copies for her novel *The Street*. Whether you've read the book or are just interested in it, please join us.

Our Events and Volunteer Committee will hold two online workshops of "*Understanding College Financial Aid and Paying for College*" on March 12, one in English and one in Chinese. Please see details and register ASAP in the section of "PA Upcoming Online Workshops" below, so you can receive the Zoom links timely.

The next PA General Meeting will take place on March 24. The PA spring election is coming, and the election date will be announced in the PA meeting. Parents are encouraged to step up and run for PA executive board positions. The more parents engage, the more we can do for our students. Executive board positions and descriptions can be found on our [PA website](#).

Junior parents, summer is just around the corner. It's time for students to think about colleges, reach out to counselors, and start planning college essays.

Senior parents, please check your inbox for an email from Mrs. O'Neal about senior events and deadlines.

Please continue to reach out to me at papresident@BTHS.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

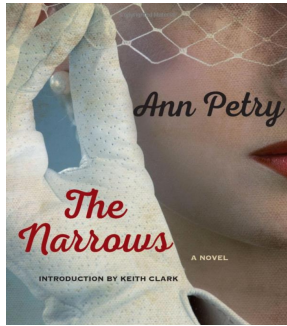
Keep well and be safe,

Lincoln Favours
Brooklyn Tech PA President

Important Dates

- 03/07/2022 - Diversity Committee Book Club
- 03/08/2022 - PSAT Exam (in school), Special Schedule, followed by major fair for Sophomores at 3:10 pm
- 03/12/2022 - PA Online Workshop: Understanding College Financial Aid and Paying for College
- 03/13/2022 - Daylight saving time ends
- 03/23/2022 - SAT Exam (in school)
- 3/24 - 03/27/2022 - Spring Musical: *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!*

For a complete view of important dates, see [BTHS calendar](#) and [DOE calendar](#).



The Narrows Diversity Committee Book Club

No one thinks twice about seeing a bi-racial couple these days. In 1950s America, however, this was a rarity and in many states, actually illegal.

The Narrows, by **Ann Petry**, explores the relationship between Link Williams, a college-educated 26-year-old African American man, and Camilo Sheffield, a wealthy married white woman in a sleepy

New England town. Their love story offers a window to the way this town deals with class, race, and love in midcentury America.

The author is the first black woman writer with book sales topping a million copies for her novel *The Street*.

Whether you've read the book or are just interested in it, please join us on **Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:30 pm**. As always, we welcome all voices and opinions for discussion. The Zoom link will be sent out in a separate email.

Recap: PA February General Meeting

The PA general meeting took place on Thursday, February 17th, 2022 at 6:30 PM and was well attended. Thanks to Mr. Newman, Mrs. Mary Huhn, and parents who participated. If you missed the meeting, you can check out the [meeting minutes](#) and [video record](#).

PA Upcoming Online Workshops

Understanding College Financial Aid and Paying for College 大学奖助学金筹划与申请

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022

Session one: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm (English)

Please click [here](#) to register.

Presenter: Bill Smith, Managing Director, ScholarFITS LLC

Learn about the different types of financial aid and how to choose a college you can afford.

Do you know if you'll qualify for need-based aid? Do you know how to find colleges that will award scholarships based on your student's grades and academic qualifications? Are you confident that you can pay for four years of college without the student or the parents taking on excessive debt? Attend this session to learn how to answer these questions. Take control of your student's college cost by making sure the student has a list of affordable colleges before he or she applies. This presentation takes the mystery out of financial aid and college cost.

Topics include:

- New changes coming to the FAFSA
- Types of aid: grants, scholarships, work/study, loans.
- How do colleges decide how much aid to give?
- Need- and merit-based aid, what's the difference, how to get it?
- What do you need to know about financial aid applications: the FAFSA and the Profile forms?
- Using net price calculators to estimate your cost after aid at any college.
- Estimating the 4-year bottom line: how much will you pay for a college degree?

- How can you estimate how much college debt you'll need?
- How can you decide if college debt is reasonable and affordable?

About the presenter: For many years Bill Smith worked with colleges to program their financial aid policies into online financial aid estimators known as Net Price Calculators. His clients included Bowdoin, MIT, the University of Arkansas, Yale, and many others. Bill became an expert at determining eligibility for need-based aid using both the FAFSA and the CSS Profile methods. He learned how colleges decide how much merit and need-based aid to award, and the mix of grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study. Bill is a frequent speaker at high schools and college admissions and financial aid professional associations. He operates ScholarFITS LLC, working with families throughout the US from his office in Portland Maine. Bill's BA is from Williams College, he has an MBA from Northwestern University, and a Certificate in College Counseling from UCLA.

Session two : 4:00pm - 5:30pm (Mandarin 中文)

请点击[此处](#)注册

会议主题: 大学奖助学金筹划与申请

讲解人: Lucia (卢迪)

从9年级到12年级, 如何规划每一年才能考上梦想大学? 作为家长, 怎么筹划才能拿到心仪的 Financial Aid offer? 快来聆听资深理财师和升学顾问的指导建议。

卢迪: 资深理财顾问, 伊利诺伊大学香槟分校 (UIUC) 金融学硕士, 有10余年金融业的从业经验, 成功帮助数百个家庭进行有效财务规划, 也多次作为嘉宾, 应邀在媒体普及财税知识和大学奖助学金申请的技巧。

COVID Policy Updates

The Department of Education (DOE) has announced that face coverings will be optional on school grounds for students in kindergarten through grade 12 beginning Monday, March 7.

Visitors are still required to show proof of vaccination and complete the daily health screening (healthscreening.schools.nyc) before entering a DOE building.

See more in the [email](#) from the Principle.

School updates

AP Exams

- Thank you to those families who paid for their child's AP exams. The testing office will contact remaining families this week.

PSAT Exam

- March 8th is the special schedule date due to PSAT exam. See the [special schedule](#).

Major Selection

- MAJOR Fair for Sophomores are to be held at 3:10 - 5:10 PM on March 8th. This event is only for students. Major Section windows will be from 3/8 to 3/14; notification of acceptance of majors will be notified on 3/18.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

- PT conferences will be held on April 7 and April 8, in the afternoon. Stayed tuned for more information in mid-March.

Attendance Issues

- Please ignore robo-calls you get regarding your child's absence. If s/he wants to double check, the student can talk to his/her third (or fourth) period teacher to be certain s/he was marked present. Double check Pupil Path also.
- All Attendance Inquiries are to be emailed directly to attendanceoffice@bths.edu and must include your child's name and OSIS

number.

- If your student tests positive for Covid, please fill out this [form](#). More info at bths.edu on the home page.
- For non-covid illness, please go to parent engagement on BTHS.edu, where you will find a list of forms, including the [absence form](#).
- For early dismissals, please go here for [visitor policies](#).

Grades

- To view grades, sign into Pupil Path and go to your "transcript" where you will find the new grades as part of your transcript. There will be no report card grades under "report card". Under transcripts you will notice the new grades with your grades from former terms and years as well.

BTHS College Office Updates

- Click and access the updated [BTHS COLLEGE HANDBOOK \(2021-2022\)](#) for information, resources, and guidance on the college application process.
- The BTHS College Office has updated its [website](#) to help guide students and families through the college application process.
- The BTHS College Office has lots of information about scholarships and financial information on its [Facebook page](#).
- The [College Corner](#) newsletters are updated twice a month. Please take a moment to read it and find information that might be specific to your grade and interests.

Current and previous Tech Talks can be found [here](#).

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