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2020-21 PA meetings

September 24

June 17

October 22 (4th Thurs.) November 19 December 17 January 21 February 11 (2nd Thurs.) March 18 April 15 May 20

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 exec board meeting.

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Message from the PA Presidents

Greetings Parents and Caregivers

We hope everyone is doing well and the first full week of remote learning is in the books. Our first PA meeting of the year took place this past Wednesday and we had almost 500 parents on the call, it was an amazing turnout! An update and recap of the meeting is included in this Tech Talk. As we mentioned our next virtual meeting will be October 22nd and we will be having elections for both the PA and the SLT.

As always please continue to email us with any questions or concerns you have, we always try our best to answer all emails in a timely fashion. Our email address is: PApresident@bths.edu

Stay well,

Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue, BTHS PA Co-Presidents

This Week's Edition

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CLICK HERE for freshman specific info

Follow Brooklyn Tech PA announcements in Chinese on the WeChat social media app. WeChat ID: BrooklynTechPTA

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Reminder from Previous Tech Talks

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First PA Meeting Recap - 9/24/20

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Thursday's meeting was chock full of information about what has been going on in school and what is coming up. Here is a <u>summary</u> of topics addressed by PA Presidents Sullivan and Kue, as well as Principal Newman and Ms. Nottingham, our Assistant Principal for Parent and Family Engagement.

Please remember, we will be holding our annual election for PA Executive Board officers and School Leadership Team (SLT) representatives at the October meeting.

All guidelines for holding remote elections have 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.

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.

Back To School Updates

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Monday, 9/28/2020 - Yom Kippur, school closed.

Tuesday, 10/1/2020 In-Person Learning Start Dates for Group A students only.

FOR THOSE IN BLENDED LEARNING ONLY - If you are entering the building on or after October 1st, you will need to fill out the NYC Health Screening

survey **EACH TIME** you enter the building. The link for the survey is <u>here</u>.

Important Emails from School and Chancellor:

- Some housekeeping Rules Entry, Moving about and exit procedures for blended students
- **Emails from Chancellor Email** dated Sept 23rd about health screen for school aged children.
- **Daily Announcements** School sends out daily announcements, please read them as they contain very useful information.

You may also refer to DOE's Return To School Updates for updates.

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

College Corners!

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Welcome back seniors!

BTHS College Office Newsletter has a new <u>edition</u> for the week of Sept 14-18th, 2020. Please see updates for important BTHS office events/deadlines.

ALL PARENTS

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.

Important School Apps

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NYC Schools Account (NYCSA)

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Families can 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>

Brooklyn Tech Library News

Students are helping the librarians create some class and homework organizational <u>templates</u> for our students.



- FREE BTHS <u>STUDENT</u> SCHEDULE TEMPLATE
- ALSO, HELPFUL <u>HOMEWORK</u> <u>TEMPLATE</u>
- AND ORGANIZATIONAL TIPS!

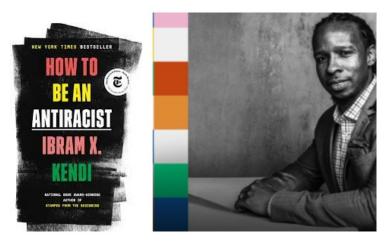
Brooklyn Tech High School Library

If you would like to share your favorite tools or other ideas, please reach out to your librarians at <u>library@bths.edu</u>.

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

One School One Book



"How to Be an Antiracist" is an important book for examining racism, especially anti-Black racism. Thank you for those of you who have read the book. It is not a required book, and there are no prizes or awards for reading it. However, we hope that students, staff and parents will want to read it and join in conversations about it. You will keep hearing about this book at events and activities throughout the year, and it would be wonderful to have a common language for these conversations. Reading, thinking, writing and discussing help us understand and take antiracist actions. If you haven't read the book, please listen to Ibram X. Kendi online (there is a Ted Talk and many other recordings about "How to Be an Antiracist) which provides an introduction to the author's ideas. The ebook is available at the public libraries and BTHS library. Wait times are usually not as long as the estimates.

Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

- New PA Budget for Academic Year 2020-21Approved
 - July and August 2020's Treasury Report at this <u>link</u>.
 - Proposed PA budget for the new academic year at this <u>link</u>.
- Thank you for our July and August Donors!
- Travel Advisory:
 - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html
 - https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory
- Summer Passion Project

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-link.

• New York 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 <u>here</u>.

• 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.

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