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BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

2020-21 PA meetings

TBD

All meetings are on a Thursday and will start at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted.

Executive board meetings immediately precede at 5pm.

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Nominating Committee Selection

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Parent Association Executive Board Elections

家长会执委候选人提名委员会报名启示



The PA Executive Board is inviting volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee to oversee Executive Board officer elections in the fall.

The duties of the Nominating Committee include:

- Canvassing the PA membership for eligible candidates (via e-mail, the Tech PA website and Tech PA social media, all with support from the PA Communications team);
- Preparing and distributing notices of meetings about the nomination and election process;
- Preparing ballots, attendance records and other materials pertaining to the election;
- Verifying the eligibility of all candidates prior to the election;
- Ensuring ample opportunities for nominations, including self-nominations;
- Officially closing nominations at an appropriate time before the election;
- Scheduling the election at a time chosen to ensure maximum participation;
- Ensuring that only eligible PA members receive a ballot for voting;
- Ensuring that the election results are certified by the Principal or his/her designee immediately following the election.

Serving on the nominating committee is a very important service to the PA. All parents or guardians of Tech students are eligible to serve. However, members of the nominating committee may not also run for office on the PA executive board in the same year. Further details are also available in Section 4 of the BTHS PA By-Laws, available at [this link](#).

The PA Executive Board encourages everyone who is interested in serving to send an email to the PA Presidents at PAPresident@bths.edu.

Normally, PA Executive Board officer elections are held each Spring before the end of each school year. But this year, because on-site, in-person PA meetings were cancelled due to COVID, the Chancellor ordered elections be deferred to the fall. The PA expects to designate a nominating committee before Labor Day; the nominating committee will then coordinate with the current PA executive board to hold an election later in

September. Several of the current members of the exec board will be "graduating" with their kids this year or moving on to other commitments; other current members may also run for re-election. The Executive Board encourages everyone who is highly motivated to contribute to their kids' educational experience at Tech and wishes to stay in close touch with events at the school to volunteer for service with the PA. It's absolutely the best forum for parents to exchange views, organize and stay informed about the academic and social environment for their kids at Tech! Please send your email to PAPresident@bths.edu.

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School Opening Plans - Updates

9月开学计划 -- 更新消息



In an email to the school community on August 13, Principal Newman provided some new updates to the school reopening plan for the fall. Because the number of students who have opted for fully remote instruction is considerably higher than initially anticipated, Principal Newman has decided that students who are coming into the building for instruction under the hybrid model will be able to come in every 3 days, not 4 as initially proposed. There will be a 3 day rolling rotation: Group A (Monday), Group B (Tuesday), Group C (Wednesday), Group A (Thursday), etc. Due to the high percentage of fully remote students this plan will actually still have less students in school and each classroom each day than initially anticipated.

Mr. Newman has also taken heed of concerns regarding lunch in classrooms; he is now looking into providing bag lunches to students as they leave the the school building at the end of each day (likely at 1:30 or 2:20 depending on their schedule.)

Besides these modifications, the proposed plan remains as Mr. Newman outlined in his Town Hall meeting on August 5.

BTHS will still operate as a split session school, with student cohorts divided into two separate start times. By arranging for students to enter the school through 4 entrances at 2 different start times, only 140 students will need to pass through each entrance at each time. Faculty members will utilize 2 separate entrances also at 2 different start times.

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Passion Projects!

学生暑假情趣项目成就



The School Library's Summer Passion Project program involves students (or groups of students) developing their own projects and learning about something they are passionate about, then sharing the learning in a way that may be useful or inspirational to others, and reflecting on their experience.

Here are some examples of student created projects:

- Project Inspire, a summer mentoring program for younger students. [Sign up](#) for a link to attend their Storytelling Exchange Celebration on 8/23 or 8/24.
- A daily [updating election map](#) based on multiple sources and a complex mathematical formula.
- A [website with study tips](#).
- Two ongoing student blogs: [Imran on Medium](#): Politics, history, books and tech, and [On the Minds](#), mental health, self help and current events.

If you are interested in sharing your Passion Project with the school community, please mail your finished presentation (Video file, PowerPoint, Google Slides, Presi, etc.) to the [BTHS Library](#) by Aug 25th; we can't wait to see it!

Learning + Making + Sharing + Reflection = Passion Project!

See the [Passion Projects website](#) for more information.

Summer Reading



We encourage students to spend lots of time reading during the summer. Reading has long been the safest way to "travel the world" -- now more true than ever! The English Department also has expectations for students to engage in some free reading during the summer months. Here is the school [summer reading assignment](#).

Tech students can get a Brooklyn Public Library card or a NY Public Library card regardless of which borough they live in. Find information on public library ecards [here](#).

The Brooklyn Tech School Library also has a small collection of ebooks and audiobooks that students can borrow. [Brooklyn Tech Library Catalog](#):
Login: Prefix of Username @[nycstudents.net](#) ([lookup tool](#)),
PW: OSIS, except 9th graders temporary PW: nyclub16

For students that have school books at home (textbooks/library books): We are still waiting for plans to get back books that students have at home from last year. Please continue to hold onto them.

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.

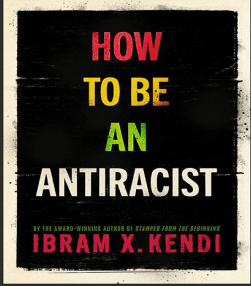

SUMMER 2020
BROOKLYN TECH

One School, One Book

ALL TECH STUDENTS, PARENTS,
TEACHERS, STAFF & ADMINISTRATORS
ARE INVITED TO READ
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HOW TO BE
AN ANTI-RACIST

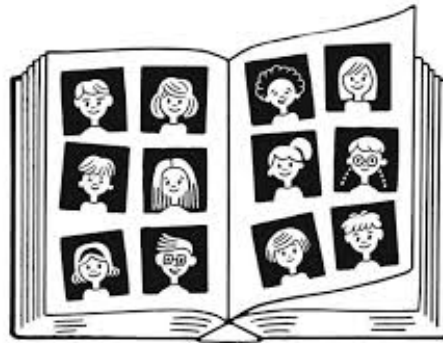
THIS SUMMER AND RETURN IN THE FALL
TO DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT WORK
AND ITS RELEVANCE TO EQUITY AND
RACIAL JUSTICE WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY.

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Class of 2021 Senior Portraits Updates!

高四2021级拍年鉴照 - 更新!



Dear Seniors and Parents of the Class of 2021:

New appointments are being offered by the Portraits USA website on a rolling basis.

We are working with a changing local and national situation and the studio is working with us to get portrait slots scheduled on a rolling basis after August. At this point, Portraits USA is scheduling portrait appointments 2 weeks in advance. In order for the 1500 BTHS seniors to get their portraits in a socially distanced manner, we thought it important to start as soon as was possible. When September comes around, watch for email updates and announcements from Mr. Johnston, check for updates on with Portraits USA's scheduling page <https://SeniorPortraitsScheduling.as.me/BTHS>, or email Portraits USA directly at: info@portraitsusainc.com.

To make an appointment, click the school scheduling link below to select a date and time! There is a \$10 sitting fee due when getting photographed that can be paid in advance online, in EXACT cash, or by check or money order when getting photographed. Location: 1254 Prospect Avenue, Brooklyn, 11218.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. WALK-INS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. YOU MUST ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT, READY TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED. TIMES ARE LIMITED!

Instructions on how to prepare for your portraits will be on the scheduling page! Schedule your portrait appointment at this [link](#).

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Princeton Review Discounts for Tech Students

考试预备补习公司给BTHS学生开优惠

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 link below for specific updates.

[Princeton Review Link](#) for Brooklyn Tech Students.

College Corner Updates

BTHS 大学联络办公室最新资讯

Click here to [access](#) College Corner Newsletters.

请查看最新版的《[大学申请联络办公室通讯](#)》

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- 1) SENIOR High School to College Transition Checklist
- 2) Helpful Documents for College Students & Their Families
- 3) Summer Internships - All Ages 15 - 18

JUNIORS: Develop your college plans!

Some great new items in the 06/30/20 edition of College Corner feature timeline for juniors to-do list for the summer, such as SAT Fee Waivers, COVID Impact on Testing. In addition, the 06/30/20 edition has many updates on online college fairs and tours! Dream big, plan now; take some tours while you shelter in place. Your Decision Day less than a year away!

ALL PARENTS

Brooklyn Tech's [College Office](#) 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 [College Office newsletter](#) to get the latest ideas.

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PupilPath Tutorial

PupilPath系统启蒙

Parents, please use PupilPath to keep in touch with teachers. This applies to questions about your students' grades, homework assignments, attendance, as well as other important school messages.

See instructions for accessing the PupilPath website or app at this [link](#); access the PupilPath website [here](#).

欢迎您参阅[此链接](#)上有关访问PupilPath网站或应用程序的说明；在[此链接](#)有个简便的中文PupilPath登记手册。

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