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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 Selected for Parent Association Executive Board Elections

家长会执委候选人提名委员会报名启示



A big "Thank You" to everyone who responded to our message last week seeking volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee. Thanks to your participation, the Executive Board has already successfully empaneled a Nominating Committee.

In the weeks to come, the Nominating Committee will be canvassing the PA membership for eligible candidates to serve as officers of the PA Executive Board. Executive Board offices include: President or Co-Presidents, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Co-Recording Secretaries, Co-Corresponding Secretaries, Co-VPs for Fund Raising, Co-VPs for Events & Volunteers, Co-VPs for Diversity, Co-VPs for Communications, Co-Senior Class Parent Reps, Co-Junior Class Parent Reps, Co-Sophomore Class Parent Reps and 5 Freshman Class Reps, totaling 26 seats. All parents or guardians of currently enrolled BTHS students are eligible to run for an office. Further details are also available in the BTHS PA By-Laws, available at [this link](#). Serving as an officer on the PA Executive Board is an excellent way to volunteer to serve the school community.

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



On Friday Principal Newman announced that students participating in the hybrid instructional model will soon be notified which days they will be scheduled to attend classes in the school building during the Fall semester.

On Thursday August 20 New York City Mayor DeBlasio and Chancellor of Schools Richard Carranza announced the city's Back-to-School Pledge outlining the city's safety and health commitments to students, parents, and the school community prior to the start of the school year.

The New York City Back-to-School Pledge 2020

Health and Safety Always Come First

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies will be supplied to all schools, and the New York City Department of Education (DOE) will have a 30-day supply on hand at all times - with a hotline for principals to call for immediate resupply for their schools.
- There will be 2 full-time nurses on duty in the Tech school building.
- Any school building or room that does not have adequate ventilation will not be used by students or staff.
- Students and staff will practice physical distancing in all school buildings.
- Students will remain in pods for as much of the day as possible.
- Students and staff will wear face coverings throughout the school day; if they do not have them, they will be provided for free.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
- City-run testing sites will prioritize free COVID testing and expedited results for school staff; free testing is also available to all students, families, and New Yorkers citywide.
- DOE is encouraging all DOE employees to be tested monthly.
- **NYC Department of Health and Test + Trace Corps** will immediately investigate confirmed cases to prevent spread of the virus.
- Schools will communicate with all students and families when there are confirmed cases in schools.
- When necessary, classrooms or school buildings will temporarily close to maintain safety of school communities and prevent spread of the virus.
- School buildings will close if the percentage of positive COVID-19 tests in New York City is 3% or more using a 7-day average.

NYC Public Schools Will be Cleaned and Disinfected, Day and Night

- All school buildings will be disinfected overnight, every night.
- High-touch zones will be cleaned multiple times throughout each day.

- Electrostatic disinfectors will clean surfaces daily with zero physical contact.

Students Will be Learning Five Days a Week, No Matter What

- Whether in-person or online, students will study in supportive environments with rigorous academic standards.
- Remote students will still interact with their teachers every day.
- Student schedules - both remote and in-person - will be preset and consistent to allow families to plan.
- Academic instruction will integrate social-emotional learning and trauma-informed care to support students holistically.
- Teachers will have a 20-minute "office period" each day to engage one-on-one with students and families.

For further information from the NYC DOE, browse the DOE's [Return-to-School-2020](#) web pages.

To get the latest updates, make sure your [NYC Schools Account](#) is activated and up to date.

Also, consider attending the next DOE [Return to School Family and Student Online Information Session](#), at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 27.

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Passion Projects!

学生暑假情趣项目成就



The School Library's Summer Passion Project program challenges students to develop their own projects and learn about something they are passionate about, then share the learning in a way that may be useful or inspirational to others, and also reflect 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.

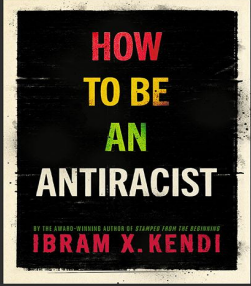

SUMMER 2020
BROOKLYN TECH

One School, One Book

ALL TECH STUDENTS, PARENTS,
TEACHERS, STAFF & ADMINISTRATORS
ARE INVITED TO READ
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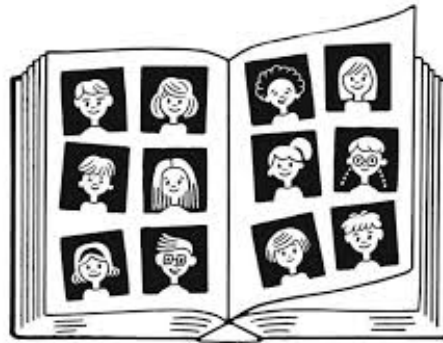
THIS SUMMER AND RETURN IN THE FALL
TO DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT WORK
AND ITS RELEVANCE TO EQUITY AND
RACIAL JUSTICE WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY.

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Class of 2021 Senior Portraits

高四2021级拍年鉴照



Seniors and Parents of the Class of 2021, you may schedule your portrait appointment at this [link](#).

Instructions on how to prepare for your portraits will be on the scheduling page.

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College Corner

BTHS 大学联络办公室最新资讯

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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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.

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