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BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

## 2019-20 PA meetings

September 12  
 October 10  
 November 14  
 December 12  
 January 9  
 February 13  
 March 12 (cancelled)  
 April 7  
 May 7  
 June 11 (videoconference)

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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Hello BTHS Families,

On top of all the fears about the COVID-19 pandemic, we are deeply concerned about the unrest exploding around the country, and even near our beloved school in Brooklyn. This week's headline news stories were, simply put, disgusting. Our hearts hurt right along with those directly impacted by these events. Justice should be color blind. Everyone should be equal under the law.

Your PA is dedicated to supporting the well-being and academic advancement of our diverse student body inclusively and with respect for the wonderful array of cultures represented in our community. The PA will continue this devotion in all decisions we make in service to our Brooklyn Tech community.

It is also heart-searing that so many students will be leaving Tech "remotely", without the customary graduation ceremony and other culminating rites of passage and carefree celebrations they had been getting more and more excited about during the four years they have been at Tech. High school graduation is the first step in our students' adult lives

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as they step forward toward an uncertain future. Graduating high school is a top-of-the-mountain high point milestone for every one of our students, and we want to celebrate them with great fanfare!

We're glad that school administration is stepping up to provide our Senior Class with a fitting and memorable send-off in the face of challenging circumstances.

In particular, this week we are pleased to highlight the special "Wish a Senior Goodbye" initiative. Students, parents and teachers are invited to contribute personalized messages, photos and videos. Surely, the offering up of collective goodwill and creative energy will blossom and flower into a unique and endearing "time-capsule" that each 2020 graduate will fondly carry with them forever. Please see [details below](#) about how to submit your memorabilia to make the bound-to-be-legendary Class of 2020 even more memorable!

We also want to take this early opportunity to remind everyone that our next monthly Parent Association general meeting will held Thursday, June 11 at 6:30pm. This time around we will use a videoconference platform that supports 1000 participants! Log-in details to follow soon.

As always, should you have questions, please contact us at [papresident@bths.edu](mailto:papresident@bths.edu).

Kind Regards,

Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue

亲爱的家长们，您们好！

很遗憾看到这么多学生将不得不远程庆祝离开Tech，没有一惯的毕业典礼，没有令人兴奋的仪式，没有绽放自我的活动来庆祝他们在Tech无比难忘的四年高中生活。高中毕业是我们学生成长走向未来的第一步。高中毕业对于我们的每一个学生来说都是一个非常重要的里程碑，我们希望能够大张旗鼓地为他们庆祝！

虽然处在如此困难的环境里，我们还是非常欣慰地看到学校管理部门正在加紧为毕业生量身定制难忘的欢送仪式。

特别在本周，我们很高兴地提出了一个非常特别的“祝福中欢送毕业生”的倡议。届时学生，家长和老师将会被邀提供针对性，个人化的短信，照片和视频，把所有善意的祝福，富有创意的作品囊括在一颗独特而且可爱的“时间胶囊”之中发芽、绽放！这将令每个2020年的毕业生都会毕生难忘。请看[下面细节](#)如何提交您的纪念品，使势必成为传奇的2020届更加难忘！

我们也想借此机会提醒大家，下月的家长协会将于6月11日（星期四）下午6:30举行。这次，我们将使用可支持1000名参与者的视频会议平台！登录信息将会在短时间内公布。

一如既往，如果您有任何疑问，请通过[papresident@bths.edu](mailto:papresident@bths.edu)与我们联系。

祝安康！

丽莎·沙利文（Lisa Sullivan）和辛迪·奎（Cindy Kue）

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## Key Dates

重要日子

- Monday June 1 - Friday June 5 - AP Exam Make-Up Dates
- Tuesday, June 2 - Former Regents day is a regular day of instruction
- Thursday, June 4 - Teacher Professional Development day; non-instructional day for students, no classwork.
- Friday, June 5 - Social-Emotional Learning Day; Special teacher office hours (instead of regular classwork)
- Tuesday June 9 to Friday, June 12 and Monday June 15 - Final Exams  
See [schedule](#) here
- Wednesday, June 10 - Wishing Our Seniors Good Bye notes due
- Thursday, June 11 - Monthly Parent Association General Meeting
- Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16 - Makeup days for finals
- Monday, June 22 - Senior Awards Ceremony broadcast (pre-recorded)
- Friday, June 26 - Graduation Ceremony

## Student Reminder for AP Makeup Exams

Students who requested a makeup exam should have received either an email confirmation or additional information about their request on May

**28. Makeup exams take place June 1-5.** Check the [full schedule](#).

In their confirmation email, students will receive instructions about what to do if they have two exams at the same time. They should take one exam on the makeup date and request to take the other one during the **June 22-30** exception testing dates.

Although the majority of students have successfully submitted their exams, we've instituted a backup email submission process for browser-based exams. This option will only be available for students who weren't able to submit in the standard process-and they must then email their responses immediately following their exam.

These students will see instructions about how to email their response on the page that says, "We Did Not Receive Your Response." The email address that appears on this page will be unique to each student and exam question. Email submissions are not available for AP Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish Language and Culture exams.

AP补考将于6月1-5日举行。检查完整的[时间表](#)。



The quarantined Class of 2020 deserves special recognition for their achievements and hard work in the face of unusual challenges! We are collecting wholesome, personalized photos, messages, and videos to cheer on our seniors. Students, parents, and teachers are all invited to submit memorabilia by filling out the forms attached below.

There are two options for the forms. Both forms will be open until June 10th. If you would like to send ONE SENIOR message(s) please fill out this [form](#). If you would like to send the SAME MESSAGE(S) to MULTIPLE SENIORS please fill out this [form](#).

Graduation - A prerecorded, virtual graduation ceremony will be broadcast June 26th at 3pm. More info will be emailed by the end of next week as seniors who wish to participate will have be invited to submit a few items to make this graduation super unique and memorable.

Prom - Seniors, you voted YES to a prom so the school making it happen! Currently, scheduled for January 6th, 2021, public health and safety concerns permitting.

Yearbooks - Yearbooks will be mailed to homes in August. [Remember](#) to make sure your address is up-to-date!

Caps and gowns - Processing caps and gowns for shipment began last week. School will let the Senior Class know when they've been shipped.

Senior Awards Night - Senior Awards night will be pre-recorded and aired on June 22nd at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to tune in!

2020年的隔离班值得特别表彰,他们在面对不寻常的挑战时所取得的成就和辛勤工作! 我们正在收集健康,个性化的照片,消息和视频,为我们的毕业生加油。学生,家长和老师都被邀请通过填写下面附加的表格提交纪念品。

我们将提供两种不同的表格,有效期至6月10号。如果你想为一位毕业生留言,请填写此[表格](#)。如果你想为多位毕业生发相同的短信,请填写此[表格](#)。

毕业-预先录制的虚拟毕业典礼将于6月26日下午3点播出。

毕业舞会-目前,如果公共卫生和安全问题允许,计划于2021年1月6日。

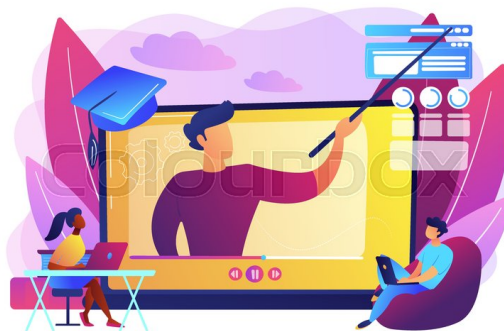
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帽子和礼服-帽子和礼服上周开始装运。

颁奖典礼晚会-毕业颁奖仪式将预先录制,并在6月22日下午6点播出。欢迎大家收听!

## Online Workshops for Parents

远程家长研讨会



The PA Events Committee continues to bring you valuable programming in the comfort of your home. Please see below for details of new offerings.

### Topic: Strategies for Writing the College App Essay

Date: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Number of Parents: 30

Participants will learn effective writing strategies and read successful models for writing the personal narrative, which is very different than the academic analysis and argument most high school students are trained in. Particularly, language choices are very different, as is the role of tone, and organization. Also, the college app essay asks students to delve into themselves and share deeply, and some students struggle with this inner journey. Awareness of all of the above can help the student and parent find the process more rewarding and less stressful.

The talk will address how to write the essay as well as the contingent challenges/opportunities that come with writing personal narratives for college admissions. This session is already fully booked, but if you would like to add your name to the wait list, please send an email to

[bthspaonlineworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:bthspaonlineworkshop@gmail.com) and we will let you know if an overflow space is available.

撰写大学应用论文的策略: 该会议已经预订满, 但是如果您想在等待列表中添加姓名, 请发送电子邮件至[bthspaonlineworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:bthspaonlineworkshop@gmail.com), 我们将通知您是否有可用的溢出空间。

### Previous Online Workshop Presentations:

We would like to thank Ms. Imen Boussayoud, one of the NYC Outreach Manager from The Princeton Review for the informative workshops she gave last week, guiding parents on how to help their kids with the college admissions impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. Please click the links below to access the presentation materials, which are chock-full of useful resources!

Topic: **COVID-19 and College Admissions**

Presenter: Ms. Imen Boussayoud, NYC Outreach Manager from The Princeton Review

PDF Presentation: [COVID-19 Deck](#) and Recommended [Timeline for SAT Testing](#).

We would like to thank Ms. Veronica Quinn and Ms. Paula McKinnon, two of our College Office student advisors, for the informative workshops they gave on the week of May 23, guiding parents on how to help their kids with the college application process. Please click the links below to access the presentation materials, which are chock-full of useful resources!

Topic: **11th-Grade Focus: College List Building**

Presenter: Ms. Veronica Quinn, BTHS college guidance counselor

PowerPoint Presentation: [Junior College List Building](#)

Topic: **The College Checklist - Year by Year, Grades 9-12**

Presenter: Ms. Paula McKinnon, BTHS College Guidance Counselor

PowerPoint Presentation: [College Checklist](#)

## Social, Emotional, Learning Guidance Resources

社交、情感和学术方面的指导资源



The Guidance Office is gearing up for another SEL Day **Friday, June 5th, 2020**. A team of 40 teachers, counselors, and social workers across departments is organizing a fun and engaging day for our students.

**Theme:** "Connections Matter". Making positive connections with self and others is pivotal to enhancing one's personal development. The Guidance Office has designed a selection of activities for our students that are most

relevant and encourage positive connections. SEL Day Part II is a direct response to the need for us to find creative ways to connect with the world and everything in it.

**SEL Topics:**

- How to Best Spend your Summer?
- Cultivating a Non-toxic Online Presence
- Bringing a Sense of Closure to the School Year
- Feeling Seen and Heard
- Taking Care of Self

**Activities:**

Students will be immersed in various virtual learning experiences, creating their own content to share with the school community, sharing powerful stories of triumph during this time, and standing for the right side of what it means to be a young adult a complicated and fast-changing world. Students will be asked to participate in at least TWO experiences and respond to ONE.

**Staff Office Hours:**

Students also have an opportunity to engage with their teachers/counselors in discussion via established office hours. The purpose of the office hours is for staff and students to have open ended conversations concerning the importance of making positive connections. Office hours will be held from 1:00pm-2:50pm.

**Attendance:**

All students will have access to a Google form in order to submit their attendance for the day. The form will have up to 4 exit type questions that refer to the experience of the day.

Additionally, the Guidance office have compiled a broad list of resources to support social, emotional and learning needs available to our school community. You may find link to valuable and helpful resources on tutoring, mental health and engaging activities, among others. For more detailed information, please click [Guidance Resource Page](#).

Guidance Counselors are offering virtual office hours 3 days a week via Google Meet or Google Classroom. Counselors have sent an email to the students on their caseload in reference to the days and times they are available.

## BTHS Library EBooks Logins

图书馆电子书登录

The Brooklyn Technical High School Library has added to its ebook collection. In order to check out these ebooks, you will need to log in with your username, which is also the prefix to your@nycstudents.net account. You can look up your username [here](#). Your password is your OSIS #.

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The checkout period is 14 days, after which the book will automatically be returned. You can have 3 ebooks out at any one time.

If an ebook is not available, you can click the "Hold" button. Remember to not place paper books on hold! Emails will only go out weekly about available holds.

If you cannot find the ebook you want, or it is out, please check the [public libraries](#). Every NYC resident can get an NYPL ecard. There are lots more ebook options [here!](#)

Please don't worry about the due dates or the fines for the school library books you already have at home. Please hold onto those books to return in the future.

## Summer School Information

暑期学校信息



The NYC Department of Education announced that students enrolled in summer school will do so remotely. This applies to high school students who failed a class or need to continue a course, and students with 12-month IEP's. The summer schedule for high school students will be five days a week for grades 9-12 and students with disabilities.

The dates are:

Grades 9-12 - Monday, July 13 - Friday, August 21

Students with 12-month IEPs - Wednesday, July 1-Thursday, August 13

The last day of the traditional school year is June 26, 2020. For more information, please click [here](#).

## College Corner Updates

BTHS 大学联络办公室最新讯息

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

请查看最新版的《大学联络办公室通讯》



**JUNIORS:**

Some great new items in the 5/29/20 edition of College Corner feature 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!

**SENIORS:**

Bored at home while waiting for graduation? Why not try for another scholarship or two? Start by reading through [College Corner](#) and checking out [Ms. Lucisano's newsletter](#) for lots of ideas. 想了解毕业班奖/助学金咨询机会的，请点以上链接。

Seniors should also update their Naviance accounts and let us know which colleges have accepted you and where you plan to go. This information is very helpful to Juniors -- you remember those scattergrams? The data comes from you! 大学办公室谨在此提醒高中四年级的学生，请他们更新他们的Naviance帐户，并让我们知道哪些大学接受了您，以及您打算去哪所高校！

Seniors also need to complete their **MANDATORY EXIT SURVEYS**. Please see [instructions here](#). 高四毕业生得填报毕业问卷。请打开[此链接](#)了解细节要求。

Ms. Quinn of the College Office has some great resources to evaluate financial aid offers. See this [presentation](#), and [video](#) from her previous meeting. You can also [email her](#) with questions.

**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. 访问[此链接](#)浏览大学联络办公室最新资讯。访问学校大学联络办公室网站资源在[此链接](#)。

## Grading Policy During Remote Learning

远程学习评分策略

On May 4 Principal Newman sent [this email](#) regarding the new grading policy for remote learning. You may also refer to the entry for April 28 at this [link](#) for more background information from the NYC Department of Education. Please note this grading policy is only applicable for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

5月4日，Mr. Newman 校长发了这封关于远程学习的新评分政策的[电子邮件](#)。您还可以在[此链接](#)获取4月28日来自纽约市教育局的更多信息。请注意，此评分政策仅适用于剩余的2019-20学年。

## Reminders from Previous TechTalks

再度提醒您

- Seniors, please double check your home address on PupilPath. The school is preparing to mail your caps, gowns, and yearbooks to your home addresses soon. If you need to submit a [change of address](#),

please fill out the change of address form and the [residency questionnaire](#).

- 如果您需要更改地址, 请填写地址变更表格和居住问卷。
- The Princeton Review test preparation company offers [discounted rates](#) to Brooklyn Tech students. This year they are offering numerous SAT and ACT prep sessions at or around Tech.
  - Princeton Review 考试预备补习公司给BTHS 学生优惠

## School Calendar Notes

学校的行事历的近期重点摘要

- Check out the [school calendar](#) 查看学校的行事历。
- Check out the [Dept of Education's calendar](#) for the 2019-20 school year. 查看教育局的行事历。

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