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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

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

Executive board meetings immediately precede at 5pm.

Message from the PA Presidents



Dear Parents and Caregivers:

As we come to the close of the school year we normally would have had our elections, voted on our budget, set the dates for the upcoming year, but this school year was like no other. Although this is the final regular Tech Talk for this school year, rest assured we will still be communicating with all of you over the summer. There are so many things still up in the air regarding school in September. It is more important than ever for us to keep the lines of communications open. As we find things out, we will certainly let you know.

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate the class of 2020, you should be proud of yourselves, parents, caregivers and loved ones too, congratulations. A special thank you to our senior parents on the PA board and SLT we thank you for your help and support and will miss you all.

As always, we appreciate your comments and input. Please feel free to reach out to us with your questions, ideas and suggestions at time by email to papresident@bths.edu. We are here for you.

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 会)

Stay well,

Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue

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Parents of Graduating Seniors:

Congratulations! Please ask your kid if s/he remembered to upload a nice personalized photo at this [link](#) before the end of the day on Monday! This is in preparation for the online graduation ceremony that will be held on Friday, June 26.

毕业班学生的家长，请提醒您的学生在周一当日最迟通过[此链接](#)上传个性化肖像！为了周五的视频毕业典礼备用。

June 18, 2020 Diversity Committee Meeting Notes

A group of about two dozen parents and students met via videoconference on the evening of June 18 to discuss ways the PA might be able to support inclusiveness and appreciation of diversity in the Tech Community.

Some ideas were suggested to promote greater inter-racial good will among students and staff, including: forming a joint PA / Equity Team book club (the Equity Team is a group of teachers who are studying social bias issues at Tech), advocating for a required core course for all freshman students that would augment the DOE's Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education initiative and offering educational and training workshops for parents and students, among others.

It was also suggested that the school should step up efforts to train and encourage teachers to intervene in student interactions involving hate speech.

We encourage all parents to share their ideas about ways to celebrate the diversity of the Tech community; please feel free to email papresident@bths.edu or bthsdiversitycommittee@bths.edu.

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On-Line Workshop 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 offering.

Topic: College Admissions Session: What's changed and what stayed the same in the time of coronavirus?

Guest Speaker: Rachel Coates, an independent college consultant in Brooklyn, will lead a panel discussion with representatives from Binghamton University (SUNY), Syracuse University, SUNY Oswego, Hunter College (CUNY) and the University of Rochester about how to approach college admissions this summer, fall, and beyond!

Date: Saturday, June 27th, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Zoom Login: [Link](#)

参加6月27日上午11:00讲座; 题目为“目前大学申请新趋势”。届时, 点开上面的[此快捷键](#)即可。

Summer Opportunities

暑假机会



1) BTHS Library Summer Passion Project

With the lack of summer jobs, internships, and other opportunities in 2020, students are looking for ways to learn and expand their experiences while at home. An independent passion project (aka 20% time project) is a great way to take advantage of this time to delve into personal interests and it also shows student initiative. Projects that involve research and learning can be shared with teachers who write recommendation letters, be incorporated into college essays, and included on college applications.

The Summer Passion Project involves a student (or a group of students) developing their own project and learning about something they are passionate about, but also sharing the learning in a way that could be useful or potentially useful.

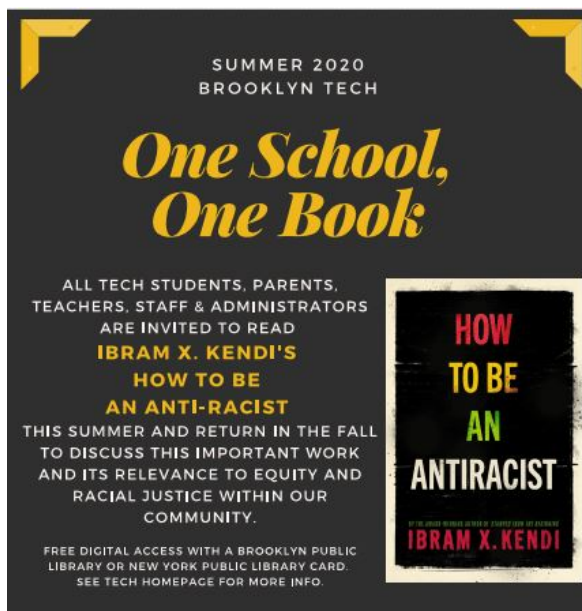
Students: Follow your own desires to learn and reach out. Mix and match what you would like to do: make games, websites, videos, Ted Talks, design, art, etc. with your interests: children, elderly, equity, politics, health, environment, science, English Language Learners, etc. The project you design must include time spent learning through books, research articles, interviews, testing, etc. Project goals and outlines are due by 7/10 and evidence of completion by 8/25 for a certificate. See here for more information:

<https://bthslib.weebly.com/summer-passion-project> and sign up.

You don't need to have a plan to sign up!

2) **Summer Working Papers** - Students who need working papers for a job this summer can get them from school. They need to fill out the [form](#) found on this page and bring a doctor's note. 暑假工作许可证件[填表](#)

3) **Summer Reading** -



More information coming soon!

Thanks to Mr. Malchiodi for all the Good News!

Students at Brooklyn Tech have surely been garnering accolades and winning awards since Tech was founded almost a century ago, but for the first 94 years, the Tech community was mostly left unaware of these accomplishments. Then venerable Brooklyn Tech English teacher Giancarlo Malchiodi stepped into the part-time role of Good News Coordinator. You have probably seen, and hopefully enjoyed, his bimonthly "Good News" letter detailing Tech students' achievements in sports, arts and letters and charitable work, as well as awards bestowed upon our distinguished faculty members that would otherwise escape our attention. In his own words, his mission was "To better inform ourselves about the special place we come to every day and all the good things that happen here so that a greater sense of community may be established...[and] To better educate the City-at-large about all the good that happens or starts here so that our profile as a school is increased."

If you have not already seen it, take a look at the [latest issue here](#). The issue features student achievements ranging from the winner of an environmental poetry contest to 3-D printing of PPE for a senior citizens home in Brooklyn. Mr. Malchiodi even highlighted his own accomplishment - a formal course in College Advisement through a scholarship he won via Teachers College. Mr. Malchiodi has served many roles during his more than 20 years at Brooklyn Tech, including Co-Coordinator of the Gateway Science Program, Co-Coordinator of the College Office and perhaps most notably, teacher of the Science Fiction & Fantasy Senior Elective English class, enjoyed by Tech students for many years.

Unfortunately, this issue of "Good News" will be the last from Mr. Malchiodi; his tenure as the official "good news guy" is up at the end of this school year. Stay True Blue, Mr. Malchiodi, and thanks for all you do!

Survey Updates

市政教育局邀请广大家庭就远程教育的看法和感受递交民意调查答卷

Per [DOE's website](#), the Chancellor reminded families to fill out the following surveys.

1) **2020 Census** - The [Census](#) is a headcount of the U.S. population that happens once every ten years. It is extremely important to fill out because it determines critical educational resources available to New York City, as well as other vital government benefits and electoral representation.

2) **How to Vote for the June 23 Primary Election :**

- In-person voting, including early voting, is still available. You may do so during the early voting period from now until **Sunday, June 21**, or on **Election Day, June 23**. To find your early voting site, Election Day site, and poll site hours, visit [visit here](#).
- To register to vote in future elections, update your existing registration, find your assigned poll site, check your registration status, or get more information on voting [visit here](#) or call 3-1-1.

3) **2020 Return To School Survey** - BOE created a short, anonymous survey to help administrators to understand what is most important to parents and students in terms of considerations to [return to school in the Fall of 2020](#). Parents or students should take the survey to voice your concerns about returning to school this fall. For those families who cannot take the online survey, they may call 3-1-1.

- [Parent Survey](#)
- [Student Survey](#)

4) **2019 /2020 NYC School Survey** - The 2019/2020 NYC School Survey's deadline has been extended to **June 26th**, please take this [survey](#) if you have not done so. School leaders use feedback from the survey to reflect and make improvements to schools and programs. Survey results are also used to help measure [quality](#).

- [Parent Survey](#)
- [Student Survey](#)
- [Survey Look up Code](#)

Student Course Requests 2020-2021

2020年-2021年学生课程选择更新消息

Tentative course program for the 2020-2021 school year has been sent. Some of the elective courses are not listed due to the ambiguity of next year's budget. If any courses are there in error, or your student no longer wishes to take an AP section of a class, your student may speak with his/her guidance counselor before June 26th.

College Corner Updates

BTHS 大学联络办公室最新消息

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](#)》

NEW - [College Office Newsletter 6 12.pdf](#)

- 1) College Board Test Updates
- 2) COVID Updates For Colleges and Universities
- 3) 10 Scholarships with Upcoming Deadlines

Financial Aid and Scholarship Info Session presentation slideshow from Ms. Amy Lucisano can be downloaded [here](#). Note that the prefects and email addresses for all college counselors (on the last slide) have been updated.

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.

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

Look out for an email coming soon regarding end of school year procedures, including what students are entitled to with grading policy. Specifically, if you failed a class or if you are not happy with the numerical grade you receive, there are new grading policies instituted to assist you.

Previous announced advisory : 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 and Key Dates

提醒和重要日期

- **AP Make Up Exams:** The window for requesting a makeup exam has closed. If students have two makeup exams scheduled at the same time or are unable to take or complete the makeup exam, they'll be able to take one exam in the makeup testing period and the other in the final [exception testing](#) period in late June.
 - Please see [here](#) on how to request for Exception Testing as well as Exception Testing Schedule.
- **Final Dates for the School Year:**
 - Monday, June 22 - Senior Awards Ceremony broadcast
 - Monday, June 22 to June 30 - AP Exception Testing Dates
 - Friday, June 26 - Last day of school
 - Friday, June 26 - Graduation Ceremony broadcast
- **Summer School:** High school students who failed a class or need to continue a course, and students with 12-month IEP's will attend Summer School remotely. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Promotion Decision:** Families can view their student's promotion decision and summer school information by logging into your [NYC Student Account](#) and students can view their summer school information by signing into [Teaching Hub](#).
- **Seniors:** Please double check your home address on PupilPath. The school will be mailing your yearbooks and your diplomas to your home addresses. 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。

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