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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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Mr. Newman Announces Town Hall!



Principal Newman will be hosting a Town Hall for BTHS families on **Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 PM.**, where he will answer questions about school reopening plans in progress. Parents and families wishing to ask specific questions should submit them in advance. Please send questions for consideration by email to the PA Co-Presidents

at papresident@bths.edu by **Tuesday August 4 at 10:00 AM.**, questions will be answered during the live event.

The Town Hall will be available at this [link](#);

Or by telephone at +1 347-966-4114, Conference ID: 808 567 810#

Recap from Previous Tech Talk:

Tech will be offering the hybrid remote model that has in person instruction for each student every 4 days, 25% of the students coming in each day with additional in person time for social emotional learning, advisory, and meeting with guidance counselors. Daily synchronous instruction are planned. Students will likely follow a schedule at home as well as in school. There will be daily live teacher office hours as well. In-person classroom experience will focus largely on the labs, hands on classes, major classes, specialty classes, and electives.

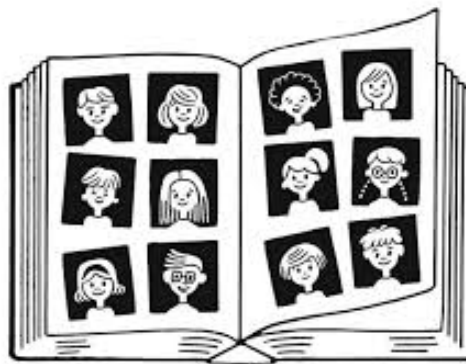
Families also have the choice to opt-in to an all-remote schedule next fall. Families will have the option to transition to hybrid blending learning during set time periods for their child. Families who opt for all remote in the fall, will be taught by Brooklyn Tech teachers and be in classes with Brooklyn Tech students.

To opt for complete remote, by August 7th, please use this link: <https://www.nycenet.edu/surveys/learningpreference>

We look forward to seeing everyone on August 5th!

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Class of 2021 Senior Portraits



Dear Seniors and Parents of the Class of 2021:

Our Yearbook Advisor Mr. Johnston has set up a yearbook photo sitting at the Portrait USA Studio because the photographers are not allowed to enter Brooklyn Tech at this time due to Covid restrictions. The photos are in a normal circumstance taken during Regents week in the café.

Here are some things you need to know from Portraits USA:

- All staff from the studio will be wearing masks
- All props will be sanitized between students handling them.
- The gowns will be cleaned by a UV cleaning product between students wearing and handling them.
- No other school will be at the session besides Brooklyn Tech students
- Everyone must be 6 feet apart and enter wearing a mask
- The \$10.00 covers the cost of the studio rental space (larger studio rented for the size of our class)
- The company is hoping that session will be in 15 minute intervals. The amount of students inside will be limited.
- Get there on time for your time slot-so there is not a waiting period.
- Bring something to do in case you do have to wait a bit.
- The photographers will tell you how to move verbally only.
- Dates for pictures will be added throughout August. The dates must be staggered due to the size of our class and Covid Guidelines.
- To secure your spot the company does ask for a credit card. This is legit.
- **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](#).

Questions? Contact Mr. Johnston at ejohnston@schools.nyc.gov or the studio at info@portraitsusainc.com.

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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. Passion 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 program 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, and reflecting on their experience.

Students in the program are following their own desires to learn and reach out, mixing and matching among their diverse interests. The projects include time spent learning through books, research articles, interviews, testing, etc. Students in the program are writing and sharing songs, blogs, websites, stories and a novel, poems, computer code, interviewing alumni, teaching classes and mentoring projects for younger students, doing a Ted Talk, making and editing videos, making masks, and starting a baking business. Some will be learning and teaching about the Chinese Exclusion Act, food science, fogponics, gentrification, current politics, the crisis in Yemen, comparing Covid in different countries, discrimination in health care, climate change, how to reduce plastic in businesses, sharing college advice, staying organized with schoolwork, how not to raise a serial killer, photography, how to make miso and more!

While the deadline has passed to sign up, students can do their own passion projects and submit them for sharing; there is still almost a month before projects are due.

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 here for more information:

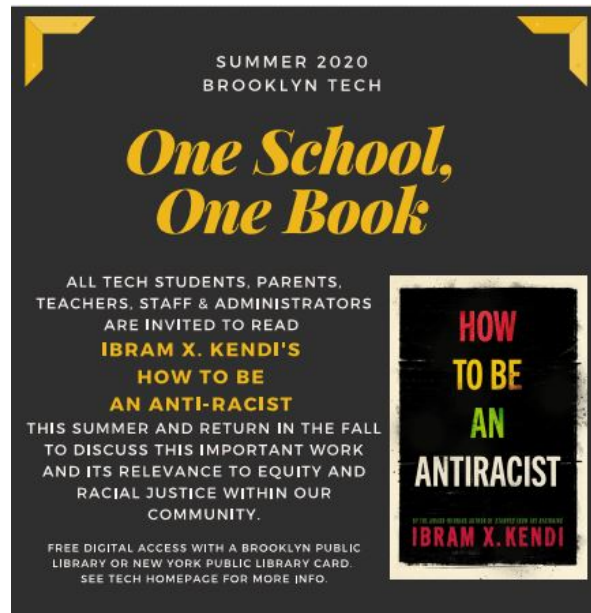
<https://bthslib.weebly.com/summer-passion-project>.

2) Summer Reading

Students should check the Tech homepage for [summer reading assignments](#). Summer homework is due by September 21.

3) One School, One Book

Please see [more information](#) about our chosen book for students, staff and families: "How to be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi. NY Public Library and Brooklyn Public Library have unlimited copies and any New Yorker can [get a library card online](#).



Survey Updates

教育局调查问卷更新消息

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

2020 Return To School Learning Preference Survey - DOE created a short, anonymous survey to help individual schools administrators to know your preference of 100% Remote Learning or Combination of In-Person and Remote Learning. This [survey](#) is due on August 7th, 2020.

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](#)》

SENIORS:

NEW - [College Office Newsletter6.30.pdf](#)

- 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

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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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