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2020-21 PA Meetings

September 24 October 22 (4th Thurs.)

November 19
December 17
January 21
February 11 (2nd Thurs.)
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month and will start at 6:30pm.

Executive Board meetings immediately precede at 5pm. Please email papresident@bths.edu if you would like to attend an Executive Board meeting.



Quick Links

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Message from the PA Presidents

Hello Tech Families,

We hope this issue of Tech Talk finds everyone well. These are uncertain days. As of the drafting of this message, we do not know how much longer inperson learning will take place. We encourage everyone to keep abreast of the news. Rest assured that regardless of what happens, our students will still continue to receive the amazing education that we have come to expect at Brooklyn Tech. Some parents have expressed frustration with a possible halt to in-person learning. There are several petitions/email drives to the Mayor and Chancellor in circulation; if you are interested in sending them a message, we have included a link.

Our next PA meeting is **Thursday**, **November 19th** at **6:30pm**. The link for the PA meeting will be sent out in a separate email. At our meeting we will have a few guest speakers. Principal Newman will be with us and answering as many questions as possible. We are also excited to have Tara Williams from the Guidance Department. She is new to Tech and will introduce herself to all of us, speak about the college process during COVID and touch upon exams (i.e., SAT, ACT, lack of testing sites, etc.). In addition to Tara, we will hear from Christina Santiago-Campbell, our AP of L.O.T.E. There have been many questions about L.O.T.E. this year and Christina will do her best to answer our questions. Please send an email to us at papresident@bths.edu if you have any questions about language for AP Santiago-Campbell.

We look forward to "seeing" all of you on Thursday.

Regards, Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue **CLICK HERE** for freshman specific info

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Key Dates for the Week

Wednesday, Nov. 18th - Marking Period 1 ends

Wednesday, Nov. 18th and Thursday, Nov. 19th 12th Grade Town Hall
2:20 - 3:00 p.m. Join via Google Meet using this link

Thursday, Nov. 19th - November PA Meeting - 6:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 21th - PA Parent Workshops
10:00 a.m. - Understanding Financial Aid/Paying for College
4:00 p.m. - The Art of Motivation
1:00 p.m. - Navigating BTHS (presented in Mandarin)
For details, see here and register here.

For a complete view of important dates, see the school's <u>calendar</u> and DOE's <u>calendar</u>.

COVID-19 Updates

COVID-19 Email Alerts - In Friday's <u>email</u>, Principal Newman outlined the **three** possible circumstances that could be mentioned in any COVID alert email he may send out to families.

Monthly COVID-19 Testing at BTHS - The COVID Testing provider is scheduled to be at Tech *within the next week*. For more information, including Student COVID-19 Testing Consent Forms and guidelines in place in the event a student or staff member tests positive, please see Mr. Newman's Nov. 13th email.





Upcoming PA Events

Every Tech Parent is a member of the Tech PA. We encourage and welcome your participation on committees and in events. The upcoming virtual workshops are intended for parents of all grade levels.

Please Join Us...

- **Saturday**, **Nov. 21**, **2020** Learn about subjects including how to navigate Tech and how to pay for college. Read more here. Register at this here.
- Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, 6:30 pm The PA's Diversity and Community Engagement Committee's first meeting of 2020 2021 school year. Read our past events, such as Lunar Celebration, Movie Nights and Social Justice/ Racial Equity Book Club here.

Save the Date! Parent Teacher Conferences

Sign up here to meet with teachers on either date:

- Monday, November 30th 5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 1st 12:40 p.m. 2:50 p.m.

Note: Report Cards are scheduled to be available in Pupil Path on **November 24th.**

To **register** on Pupil Path, tosee a **Quick Guide to Pupil Path** or to review the **Pupil Path Parent-Student Guide**, please see here.

College Corner

The BTHS College Office has loads of information about colleges and the application process!

Tomorrow, Nov. 16th - Important Deadlines for Seniors

- Non- Electronic Transcript Request Form see here for more information
- Naviance Deadline see here for details.

SAVE THE DATE

• Thursday, November 19th -

University of Cincinnati Open House 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Friday, November 20th & November 21st -

UNCF Virtual College Readiness Conference

Saturday, November 21st -

National Hispanic College Fair

Did You Know...?

The BTHS College Office has a self-reflection tool for **Seniors** (and **Juniors**) to utilize when determining which instructors to ask for recommendations. See here for more information.

Resources, Forms and Waiver Information

- See here for additional resources such as CUNY/ SUNY/ Financial Aid.
- See here for BTHS College Office Forms for the 2020-2021 school year.



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Thank you for the generous financial support received during these uncertain times. This helps us continue to nurture the Brooklyn Tech community for our kids.

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Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

<u>The BTHS New Testing Policy</u> - See <u>here</u> to review the new Assessment Schedule for Hybrid and Remote Learning, its rules and details for Make-up exams and more.

Academic Resources

<u>Tutoring Help:</u> The NHS Tutoring Committee matches students with a tutor for virtual one-on-one sessions during free periods or after school. Interested students should email nhs.tutoringserv@gmail.com noting the class(es) and their availability.

Albert.io for the 2020/2021 School Year: With Albert.io, students work through practice questions to help them prepare for difficult academic subject tests such as the AP exams, Regents, SAT, and ACT. See here for additional details.

BTHS Library Resources: Please see here for resources and information from our librarians.

<u>Free New York Times Subscription:</u> All Tech students were enrolled for free accounts through 9/21 on bths.edu accounts. Last year's account are still active for 10th -12th graders. Ninth graders should check their bths.edu account for a message with the subject "NYTimes.com Your New York Times Digital Subscription"

Princeton Review Discount for Tech Students: Please see this link for details.

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