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BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

## 2020-2021 PA Meetings

September 24  
October 22 (4th Thurs.)  
November 19  
December 17  
January 21  
February 25  
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 5:30 pm. Please email [papresident@bths.edu](mailto:papresident@bths.edu) if you would like to attend an Executive Board meeting.

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Dear Tech Families,

We are sooooo excited about our 4th annual Lunar New Year celebration this Friday, February 5th. A huge shout out to our Diversity committee and all the families that contributed to our first ever virtual Lunar New Year [celebration](#).

As the new semester starts this week, Mr. Newman said there will be some schedule changes to allow for a short break during the school day. Hurray!!! Also, Advisory will start for Freshman students. These are all reasons to celebrate as we try to get through this unprecedented - and trying - school year.

Rest assured, the School Leadership Team members have been hard at work formulating our C.E.P. (Comprehensive Educational Plan) goals for the 2021-22 school year. We are reexamining the CEP goals for 2020-21 for follow through. As we make the goals for next year, we are keeping in mind the effects that this school year is having on our students. The next School Leadership Team meeting will be held this Thursday, Feb. 4th. All are welcome to attend - please note that only members make speak during the meeting and vote. If you would like to find out more or join us, please see [here](#).

Until next time... take care.

Cindy Kue and Lisa Sullivan  
BTHS PA Co-Presidents

## In This Week's Edition

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## Upcoming Important Dates

Feb. 1, 2021 - School Closed for students/ PD Day for Staff

Feb. 2, 2021 - Spring Term Begins/ Junior Naviance Night

Feb. 4, 2021 - Freshman/ Sophomore Naviance Night

Feb. 5, 2021 - Lunar New Year Celebration

Feb. 10, 2021 - Social Justice & Racial Equity Book Club

Feb. 12, 2021 - Schools closed for Lunar New Year

Feb. 15 - 19, 2021 - Schools closed for Midwinter Recess

Feb. 23, 2021 - Panel Discussion: HBO's Between the World and Me

Feb. 24, 2021 - Junior Financial Aid Night

Feb. 25, 2021 - February PA Meeting - 6:30pm

*For a complete view of dates, see the school's [calendar](#) and DOE's [calendar](#).*

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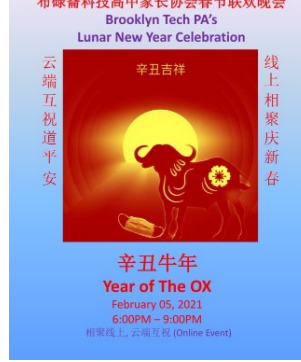
## Upcoming Brooklyn Tech PA Events

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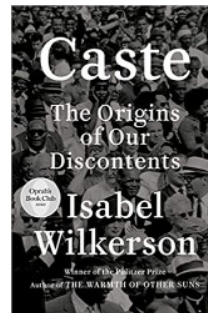
**Save the Date!**

**February 5, 2021 6:00 - 9:00 pm**  
**Lunar New Year Celebration**



We are collecting photos that reflect people's positive lives and work during the pandemic. Students, parents and Tech staff are encouraged to participate. Students who participate will get 2 club credits! We have a dance, [a talent showcase](#), [a raffle](#) and more planned for this exciting event.

**February 10, 2021 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**PA's Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Study Group**



Please join us on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 for the PA's Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Study Group for parents and staff of Brooklyn Technical High School. Please [register here](#) to receive the Zoom meeting link for the next meeting.

We will be completing our discussion of the New York Times bestseller and Oprah's Book Club pick, "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson. This compelling book examines social and racial division in the United States using comparisons with India and Nazi Germany.

We will discuss Part Seven: Awakening - pages 361-395 and ways in which we can collaborate as parents/guardians/teachers to have a world without caste.

In addition, we will be soliciting ideas for our next book selection - works of fiction are also welcome suggestions.



## Recent Brooklyn Tech PA Events Recap

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The **Diversity and Community Engagement Committee** meeting was held on Monday, January 22nd. The group discussed details for the upcoming Lunar New Year Celebration on February 5th. Plans were announced for a movie night featuring the HBO film "Between the World and Me" with a possible panel discussion with members of the cast and crew. Meeting participants also shared suggestions for future events. These suggestions included a panel discussion with various religious leaders as well as an International Cookbook featuring recipes from the diverse Tech community. The committee is also seeking suggestions for the next book for the Social Justice/Racial Equity book club. Feel free to email suggestions to us at [bthsdiversitycommittee@bths.edu](mailto:bthsdiversitycommittee@bths.edu).

Last month, the **BTHS PA's Events and Volunteers Committee** organized and hosted three workshop during our January PA Parent Workshop Series. The resources from two of the workshops were in last Sunday's Tech Talk. Please see the final resource from the workshops below:

- **Anxiety and Test Anxiety** - see [here](#)

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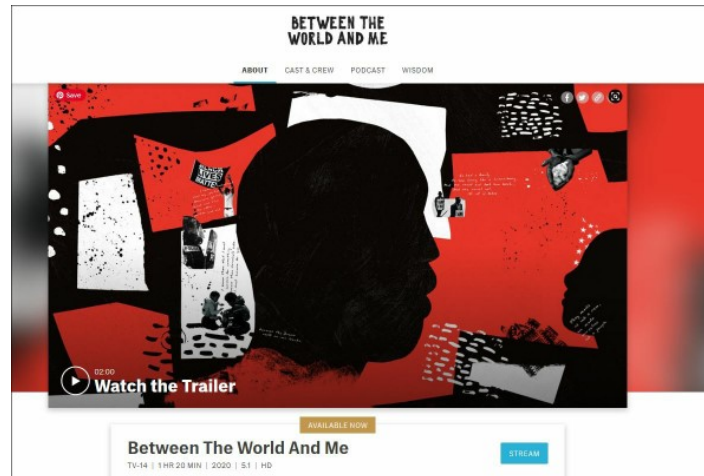
## Upcoming Panel Discussion HBO's Between the World and Me Tuesday, February 23, 2021 7:00 - 8:30 PM

A message from AP of English, Jess Bonilla:

I just wanted you all to pencil in a date for an upcoming event that I am very excited about. On **Tuesday, Feb. 23rd** from **7:00-8:30 pm**, Tech will host a panel discussion on HBO's **Between the World and Me**. We will be joined by guests who helped create this powerful film--including Tech alum, Tech parent and film producer, **Ms. Alisa Payne**. The Tech community will be able to view the movie prior to the live panel discussion. The evening event will be a unique opportunity for students, families, and faculty to come together to talk about race

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More details are coming soon!



Click the image to watch the trailer!

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## College Corner



*The College Office has shared several ways to stay updated on events, information and scholarships. Please feel free to follow them via:*



[BTHS College Office webpage](#)

Students can follow them on [Google Classroom!](#)

**JUNIORS:** If you missed JUNIOR NIGHT, please visit [here](#) for the resources.

## Upcoming BTHS College Office Events Students & families are welcome!

Naviance College and Career Readiness Nights:

- **JUNIORS-** Feb. 2th - 5:30pm - 7:00 pm. RSVP [here](#).
- **9th & 10th Grade** - Feb. 4th - 5:30pm- 7:00 pm. RSVP [here](#)

## Junior Financial Aid Night

- **JUNIORS** - Feb. 24-5:30 - 7:00 pm -RSVP details are forthcoming.



The National Merit Scholarship Program is allowing a spring SAT to qualify in lieu of the PSAT. To be considered, students must complete this online form no later than **April 1, 2021**. Read more about it [here](#).

### **Attention Seniors:**

**EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN!**

**DUE February 11, 2021**

The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free. For more information, please [click here](#).

**UFT Shanker Scholarship deadline is now FEBRUARY 1st!**

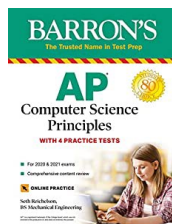
**For more information about other scholarships, see [here](#)**

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## **Tutoring & Academic Resources**



**The Princeton Review** offers a great variety of course offerings, including online prep course, homework help and academic tutoring in a number of subjects at discounted rates for BTHS students. For more information, please click [here](#) and [here](#).



Kindle editions of some Barron's AP prep books are FREE on Amazon right now. They do not have all courses, but there are quite a few. To download use this [link](#).



**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.

## Reading Challenge 2020/21

**BTHS Library Resources:** Tech Librarians, Joy Ferguson and Joanna Drusin, encourage families to participate too ! Join in the fun and get details at <https://bthslib.weebly.com/reading-challenge.html>



**BTHS Tutoring:** peer tutoring is still available.

- **Mathematics** -Algebra, Geometry & Pre-calculus - sign up [here](#)
- **Chemistry** - ACS Chem Club Tutoring- sign up [here](#)
- **Computer Science Principles** - Online Tutoring Club- see [here](#)

**Joining Clubs:** It's not too late to join clubs! Please see [here](#). Find out more about the SGO sticker and purchase one [here](#).

**BTHS Test Policy:** See [here](#) to review the new Assessment Schedule for Hybrid and Remote Learning, its rules and details for Make-up exams and more.

**Support & Services During Remote Instruction:** The following support and services are available during the current school closures:

**Take-out Meals for Students & Families:** Visit [here](#) for additional details, menus and locations. Weekdays - 9:00 a.m. and noon. No identification or registration needed.

**Technology Support:** [Tech Support](#), [DOE iPad issues](#), [Internet connection issues](#) or call the DOE IT Helpdesk at 718-935-5100 and press 5.

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Please visit the [PA Website](#) for information about the Brooklyn Tech Parent Association.

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