

#### 10.12.20 Volume 9/Edition 6

#### **Stay Connected**











### 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 exec board meeting.



#### **Quick Links**

**BTHS** website

**Tech PA website** 

**BTHS Calendar** 

**DOE** website

**HowTechWorks** 

**TechTalk Archives** 

Techfreshman

# Message from the PA Presidents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope everyone and their Tech students have had a good and healthy week! A couple of important items to note in this weeks TechTalk;

- Tech had its first positive COVID case in a student this week. All DOE
  protocols were followed. In case you missed it, here's the link to Principal
  Newman's communication about the <u>case</u>. Like all of you, we knew there
  would be cases with the school's reopening and at this time it appears to
  be one student. Our thoughts and prayers are with this student and their
  family.
  - 2.Our communications team in partnership with the election committee sent out an email about our elections on Oct 22nd. Please save the date to attend this meeting. More details on how to vote virtually will be forthcoming.

We also sent out another <u>survey</u> about how school is going which has a deadline midnight tonight. We use the responses in these surveys to bring concerns to Principal Newman to help make our school the best it can be.

Lastly, we have heard parents' concerns about some students being marked absent whent they are actually attending class remotely and we are addressing this issue with Principal Newman and the school administrators. As soon as we have something definitive, we will be sure to pass it along.

As always, feel free to reach out to us at PApresident@bths.edu

Stay well.

Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue BTHS PA Co-Presidents **CLICK HERE** for freshman specific info

Follow Brooklyn Tech PA announcements in Chinese on the WeChat social media app. WeChat ID: BrooklynTechPTA

## This Week's Edition

- PA Elections
  - 0 000000
- School Updates/Survey Reminder
  - 0 0000
- College Corners
  - 0 0000000000
- Library News
  - o BTHS=====
- Reminder from Previous Tech Talks
  - 0 0000

# **PA Election Updates**

000000

Our second PA meeting for this school year will be hosted on Oct 22nd 2020 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm . We will conduct our regular PA business including electing five new Freshman representatives to the PA, Executive Positions and other Executive Positions and five School Leadership Team positions. Please refer to this <a href="mailto:em

Web conferencing link, registration and voting instructions will be provided closer to the meeting date.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must be a parent or guardian of a student registered and attending Brooklyn Tech. For other qualifications, refer to <u>Bylaws</u>.

**Nominations:** Nomination of candidates will be accepted now through to the meeting on October 22 by sending an email to <a href="mailto:paelections@bths.edu">paelections@bths.edu</a>. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the election meeting on October 22.

**Term Limits:** Officers shall be elected for two consecutive one-year terms. See <u>Bylaws</u> where an officer has reached the maximum two-year term and wishes to be a nominee.

**Voting:** The qualification for voting is that you must be a parent or guardian of a current Brooklyn Technical High School student. Each parent or guardian is entitled to one vote.

Due to COVID 19 impacts, DOE updated their guidance for schools to held virtual elections. Please see link below for Virtual Election Guidance for School Year 2020-2021.

- English: <u>Virtual Elections: Guidance for PA/PTAs and Presidents' Councils</u>
- Chinese: 00000000/000000PA/PTA00000000

# School/Survey Updates

0000000

## **COVID Test Consent Form Updates**

Parents can sign the in-school testing consent from your account. Here is how:

- 1. Sign into your NYCSA account.
- 2. On the Home screen you will see information about COVID testing and click the "Manage Consent" button to get started.
- 3. Follow the directions to give consent for your child to get tested
- 4. Learn about the COVID testing program <a href="here">here</a>.

## Family Income Inquiry Form

All New York City Public School students receive free lunch. However, this form is a key factor in determining if our school is eligible to receive Title I federal funding which could make a big difference in our budget for next year. Please use this <u>link</u> to complete your Family Income Inquiry Form.

## Switching to all remote Instruction

If parents would like to switch their students to all remote instruction and have not done so as yet please fill out this <u>form</u>.

## Safety

Make sure your students take their temperatures at home before they come in. If there are any symptoms of sickness in the household or the student does not pass the health screening please stay home. Each student must complete the health screening prior to arriving at school each day. It can be found <a href="here">here</a>, see <a href="printable">printable</a> form here if needed. See additional email about <a href="here">entry/moving/exit procedures</a> for blended students if needed.

Please remember that masks are mandatory, and must be worn inside the building at all times. Gaiters or bandanas are *not* acceptable, and masks must *not* have any sort of exhalation valve without a filter. Please see Principal Newman's email about updated Bell Schedules/Textbook Return Schedules.

## **BTHS Website**

The October <u>Calendar</u> has been updated on the BTHS website, and now includes Cohort information. The calendar for 2020-21 school year is also available at this link.

#### **Take Out Meals**

Remote Learning Students and parents may pick up a free breakfast and lunch at select locations from 9:00am - 12:00pm. See here search your <u>nearest</u> location.



# START YOUR YEAR OFF RIGHT!



## STAYING ORGANIZED

- PAPER PLANNER
- DIGITAL TOOLS
- SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR YOU

Brooklyn Tech High School Library

Check out the latest on the <u>BTHS Library Blog</u>, where our student teacher shares some tips and tools about how to stay on top of school work. Clubs are starting soon and there will be even more to organize!

Please see <u>here</u> to see the last updates emails from our librarians for some free resources from our library.

# **College Corners!**

BTHS -----!

## Welcome back Class of 2021!

BTHS College Office Newsletter has a <u>new edition</u> for the week of October 12-16, 2020. Senior families, please check out the long list of on-line college fairs and open houses!

All parents: Please note SAT fee waivers are not available yet. We'll let you know as soon as we find out more . . .

Brooklyn Tech's <u>College Office</u> has loads of information to offer you and your student(s) about the college vetting and application process, including the College Handbook. You can read the <u>College Office newsletter</u> to get the latest ideas.

# Parents, did you know-

Your student has a free NYT subscription, thanks to the BTHS library!





All Tech students were enrolled for free accounts through 9/21 on bths.edu accounts

- 10-12th graders: last year's accounts are still active
- 9th graders: look for email to bths.edu account with subject "NYTimes.com: Your New York Times Digital Subscription"

BROOKLYN TECH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

# Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

0000

- Important School Apps
  - Make sure your **NYC Schools Account** is activated and up to date.
  - PupilPath Instruction Link
  - PupilPath Parent Registration <u>Link</u>
- New York Public Library Card Information
  - Tech students can get a or a NY Public Library card regardless of which borough they live in. Find information on public library ecards here.
- Princeton Review Discounts for Tech Students
  - 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 this <u>Princeton Review Link</u> for Brooklyn Tech Students.

We know you *love* the Tech PA.

But do you



like



the Tech PA?



Please **like** the <u>PA's Facebook page</u>. We post information about school, notable stories about Tech, cool stuff in Brooklyn, and info about city, state, and national education.