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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE TECH PA

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Greetings from the PA Presidents

Hi, BTHS community:

With this week's PSAT for juniors and seniors bearing down on college applications, we're deep into a busy if bountiful autumn. Our PA's fundraising initiatives are kicking in with a vengeance: in addition to our annual direct appeal to families and the in-person Lunar New Year celebration on February 3rd, we're also planning our spring in-person gala, an auction, with a date and venue to come. Our VP for Fundraising, Samantha Abeysekera, will head up a committee of volunteers and needs your help with these priorities:

- Solicitation for parent donations
- Solicitation for business donations
- Suggestions for an event venue
- Suggestions for music options, such as DJs, etc.
- Suggestions for decorations and vendors, such as flowers, paper lanterns, etc.
- Pre-event promotion

Please reach out to us if you'd like to join—this is an excellent way to support our school. And may everyone have a safe and festive Halloween!

Best wishes,

Mia Lu & Hamilton Cain
Co-Presidents
BTHS PA

Important Dates

- **Nov. 8** - NO SCHOOL - Election Day
- **Nov. 9** - Wednesday - 7 PM Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Club
- **Nov. 10** - Thursday - Masquerade Ball - Seniors only
- **Nov. 11** - NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- **Nov. 17** - Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Nov. 18** - Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal
- **Nov. 24-25** - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov. 29** - Tuesday - 6:00 PM BTHS PA Meeting - Online
- **Dec. 15** - Thursday - 6 PM BTHS PA Meeting
- **Dec. 24 - Jan. 3, 2023** - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
- **Feb. 3, 2023** - Friday, Sixth Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

For a complete view of important dates, see the [BTHS calendar](#) and [DOE calendar](#).

October PA General Meeting

The October PA general meeting was held on **Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6 PM** in the library at BTHS.

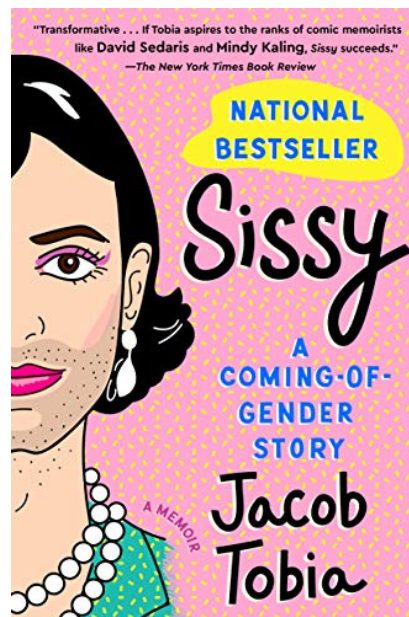
The meeting was led by PA co-presidents Hamilton Cain and Mia Lu. Principal Newman opened the meeting. It was action-packed -- elections were held for the freshmen class reps as well as one open seat on the SLT. The meeting is available to be viewed on YouTube [HERE](#).

The current treasurer's report can be viewed [HERE](#).

JUPITER ACCOUNTS

We know that many parents did not receive invitations to a Jupiter account. If you did not get the invitation from Mr. Newman, please fill out this form [HERE](#).

Parent Coordinator Mrs. Mary Huhn says new invitations will be sent out, probably on Nov. 1, or sooner. Please share this form with both parents, if only one of you is receiving this email.



Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Club

Wednesday, November 9, 7 PM

The Tech PA's Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Club is happy to announce that the first book discussion will be about *Sissy: A Coming of Gender Story* by Jacob Tobia.

“Sissy is a complex, introspective piece about gender and sexuality and how society's view can impact self-worth. Jacob Tobia recounts experiences throughout their life that have impacted them in the manner of their gender and sexuality and their self-acceptance. A heart-wrenching, eye-opening and giggle-inducing memoir about what it's like to grow up not sure if you're (a) a boy, (b) a girl, (c) something in between, or (d) all of the above.”

This meeting will not be recorded as this is a safe space intended to be free of bias, conflict, criticism, or potentially threatening actions, ideas, or conversations. We ask that everyone be respectful as we have these difficult, uncomfortable, but necessary discussions.

We will be joined by a special guest, **Erin Kyle**, who started her gender transition in her 40s. Erin will share her own life experience and reflection. See you there!

Please join us for the Brooklyn Tech PA's
6th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

Friday, February 3, 2023 at 6:30pm
Affable Eatery
912 65th Street Brooklyn

Early Bird
Pricing ends
12/15/22
\$800 per table
(10 people)
\$85 for Single
Ticket



After 12/15/22,
price increases
\$900 per table
(10 people)
\$95 for Single
Ticket

Deadline to
purchase
tickets is
1/15/2023

Click here to purchase your tickets now!

You do not need to be a Tech parent to attend. Family and Friends are welcome!

Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets

Dinner/Breakfast with the Principal: New Sessions

Principal Newman is hosting a series of informal gatherings to meet with Tech parents and caregivers. These meetings are in-person and held in the principal's conference room.

This is your chance to hear Principal Newman's educational philosophy and learn more about our school. Parents can ask questions or listen to questions from other parents.

No prior experience at PA events is required. Each session is limited to 25 seats. Accordingly, only one parent of each student will be permitted. Proof of vaccination is required.

Please note: New sessions are only open to parents who have not signed up for a prior session during this school year.

New sessions:

- Monday, 11/14, dinner
- Tuesday, 11/15 breakfast
- Thursday, 12/22 dinner
- Friday, 12/23 breakfast

Sign up [HERE](#).

College Prep Workshops

Understanding College Financial Aid and Paying for College
REPLAY Available

The PA hosted this workshop on October 22. Learn about financial aid and take control of your student's college cost by making sure the student has a list of affordable colleges before he or she applies.

[CLICK HERE \(in Mandarin\)](#)

Workshop: Strategies for Writing the College App Essay REPLAY Available

The PA hosted this great workshop hosted by Jonathan Shapiro on October 6. A number of attendees were shut out of this meeting, so we've made this workshop available on the PA's YouTube channel.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Reminders

Early dismissals: **Students under 18 must be picked up by a parent or guardian** . If your child is ill, please ask him or her to go to the nurse's office. Policies are [HERE](#).

NYC Schools Account: Because Pupil Path is no longer used, please follow your child's progress and grades on **the NYC Schools Account** (NYCSA). If you need need a creation code, please contact parent coordinator **Mrs. Mary Huhn**. Please be patient and include your child's OSIS #, then she will get it for you.

Absences: Do not call or email the school to report an absence. Instead, fill out the form: https://www.bths.edu/parents/forms/Absence_Form_BTHS_3-9-19.pdf
For extended absences or extenuating circumstances, email your child's guidance counselor or Mrs. Huhn.

Incorrect absences: If your child is erroneously marked absent, late and/or you are getting robo calls, ask him /her /them to talk to the 3rd and 4th period attendance teachers. Then, email the attendance office to make amends: attendanceoffice@bths.edu.

Shop to Donate

The Tech PA benefits from the following vendor when you click through the link below or designate the PA as your charity.

- Designate "Brooklyn Tech Parent Association" on smile.amazon.com as your charity or [click here](#) and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be donated to the Tech PA. Bookmark the page, so whenever you shop, you're supporting Tech.

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