

# techtalk

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE TECH PA

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## Greetings from the PA President

Dear BTHS Families and Caregivers,

I hope all are well and safe.

Our Events Committee is working on Parents' workshops planned for after the winter break. I look forward to attending these workshops, and I hope you will join me.

The Office of Health and Safety has concerns about kids jumping in the stairwell. There have been several head injuries reported. Parents, please remind your kids not to jump in the stairwells.

Elevators are to be used only by students with passes who cannot use stairs, and social distancing of three feet is to be observed.

The policy for the auditorium has changed: starting on Wednesday, February 2, the mezzanine was closed. All students assigned to the auditorium for lunch, gap lunch, more lunch, or study period must use the first floor only, periods 4 through 9. Furthermore, all students who do not have class periods 1-3 will be assigned to the cafeteria. Students need to report to their assigned locations in school each period.

Remember, sick students should remain at home, and any positive Covid test should be reported to the school.

Here are some reminders:

- The PA Executive Board meeting is on **Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm**. Please email [papresident@bths.edu](mailto:papresident@bths.edu) if you would like to attend the meeting.
- The Diversity Committee Book Club is on **Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30 pm**. We look forward to discussing *The Narrows* with you.
- The upcoming PA general meeting is on **Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 pm**. Please save the time and join us.

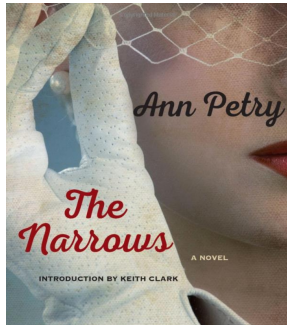
Keep well and be safe,

Lincoln Favours  
Brooklyn Tech PA President

## Important Dates

- 02/14/2022 - Senior Dues Deadline
- 02/15/2022 - School Leadership Team Meeting
- 02/16/2022 - Diversity Committee Book Club Meeting
- 02/17/2022 - PA Meeting
- 02/21 - 02/25/2022 - Midwinter Recess, SCHOOL CLOSED
- 02/28/2022 - AP exam fees due. Invoices were attached to your child's college board account.
- 03/12/2022 - PA Online Workshop: Understanding College Financial Aid and Paying for College

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



## *The Narrows* Diversity Committee Book Club

No one thinks twice about seeing a bi-racial couple these days. In 1950s America, however, this was a rarity and in many states, actually illegal.

*The Narrows*, by **Ann Petry**, explores the relationship between Link Williams, a college-educated 26-year-old African American man, and Camilo Sheffield, a wealthy married white woman in a sleepy

New England town. Their love story offers a window to the way this town deals with class, race, and love in midcentury America.

**The author is the first black woman writer with book sales topping a million copies for her novel *The Street*.**

Whether you've read the book or are just interested in it, please join us on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm**. As always, we welcome all voices and opinions for discussion. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date.

## PA February General Meeting

**The PA Monthly General Meeting will take place at 6:30 PM on Thursday, February 17, 2022.** Please save the date and join us. The Zoom link to the meeting will be sent to parents in a separate email prior to the meeting.

### PA Meeting Tentative Agenda

- I. Call to Meeting Order**
- II. Lincoln Favours, President's Report**
  - a. Health and Safety concerns
    - i. Students jumping in the stairwell causing head injuries
    - ii. Elevator usages
    - iii. Students must be in assigned location
    - iv. The policies for the auditorium
  - b. Information of Spring Elections
    - i. PA open positions and possible dates
    - ii. SLT open positions and possible dates
  - c. Special Thanks:
    - i. Fundraising: Patricia Corregge
    - ii. Wishlist to help students: Shanny Bang and Michelle Cheung
    - iii. LNY Committee: Kim Jalet , Jennifer Lu, Vito LaBella and volunteers
    - iv. Communications: Mia Lu and team
- III. Michelle Cheung, Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Budget Review
- IV. Sarah Hu, Samantha Abeysekera and Chris Zhang**
  - a. Upcoming Workshops for Parents
- V. Patricia Corregge and Susan Small**
  - a. Family appeal
- VI. Jemal (Mel) Carter and Judy Clare**
  - a. Senior graduation
- VII. Mrs. Mary Huhn (Parent Coordinator)**
- VIII. Mr. David Newman (The Principal)**

The **treasury report** for January 2022 can be found [here](#). Previous reports can also be found [here](#).

**PA Family Appeal**  
**Help Us Win a \$20,000 Matching Gift**

**A generous donor has offered the BTHS PA a matching gift of \$20,000 if 40% of the school's families make a donation.** The dollar amount is up to you — we suggest a donation of **\$600** per family — but it is most important that each family contributes. **No amount is too small — every dollar counts. What matters is that we all do what we can to participate.**

### How to Contribute:

- **CLICK HERE** for a one-time or recurrent donation
- If paying by **check**, download the donation form **HERE**. Please make your check payable to “Brooklyn Tech PA” and send to:  
Brooklyn Tech PA ~ ATTN: PA Treasurer  
29 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217
- Check with your employer to see if it offers matching gifts.

### THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO DATE!

Your donation is already counted toward our school-wide participation.

### List of Donors - January 2022

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## PA Upcoming Online Workshops

### Understanding College Financial Aid and Paying for College 大学奖助学金筹划与申请

**Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022**

#### Session one: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm (English)

Please click [here](#) to register.

**Presenter:** Bill Smith, Managing Director, ScholarFITS LLC

Learn about the different types of financial aid and how to choose a college you can afford.

Do you know if you'll qualify for need-based aid? Do you know how to find colleges that will award scholarships based on your student's grades and academic qualifications? Are you confident that you can pay for four years of college without the student or the parents taking on excessive debt? Attend this session to learn how to answer these questions. Take control of your student's college cost by making sure the student has a list of affordable colleges before he or she applies. This presentation takes the mystery out of financial aid and college cost.

#### Topics include:

- New changes coming to the FAFSA
- Types of aid: grants, scholarships, work/study, loans.
- How do colleges decide how much aid to give?
- Need- and merit-based aid, what's the difference, how to get it?
- What do you need to know about financial aid applications: the FAFSA and the Profile forms?
- Using net price calculators to estimate your cost after aid at any college.
- Estimating the 4-year bottom line: how much will you pay for a college degree?
- How can you estimate how much college debt you'll need?
- How can you decide if college debt is reasonable and affordable?

**About the presenter:** For many years Bill Smith worked with colleges to program their financial aid policies into online financial aid estimators known as Net Price Calculators. His clients included Bowdoin, MIT, the University of Arkansas, Yale, and many others. Bill became an expert at determining eligibility for need-based aid using both the FAFSA and the CSS Profile methods. He learned how colleges decide how much merit and need-based aid to award, and the mix of grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study. Bill is a frequent speaker at high schools and college admissions and financial aid professional associations. He operates ScholarFITS LLC, working with families throughout the US from his office in Portland Maine. Bill's BA is from Williams College, he has an MBA from Northwestern University, and a Certificate in College Counseling from UCLA.

#### Session two : 4:00pm - 5:30pm (Mandarin 中文)

请点击[此处](#)注册

**会议主题:** 大学奖助学金筹划与申请

**讲解人:** Lucia (卢迪)

从9年级到12年级，如何规划每一年才能考上梦想大学？作为家长，怎么筹划才能拿到心仪的 Financial Aid offer？快来聆听资深理财师和升学顾问的指导建议。

卢迪：资深理财顾问，伊利诺伊大学香槟分校 (UIUC) 金融学硕士，有10余年金融业的从业经验，成功帮助数百个家庭进行有效财务规划，也多次作为嘉宾，应邀在媒体普及财税知识和大学奖助学金申请的技巧。

## Final Grades

Final grades have been posted in [Pupil Path](#) under transcripts and [NYC Student Accounts](#) website.

For those who wish to CR their Fall 2021 grades, see link [here](#).

For those who wish to appeal their grades, see link [here](#).

## Tutoring

This is the [homepage](#) for Tutoring Schedules for ALL students with BTHS teachers.

- Social Studies Department Tutoring Schedule – 2021 – 2022 : See [Link](#)
- World Language Department Tutoring Schedule – 2021 – 2022: See [Link](#)
- Mathematics Department Tutoring Schedule – 2021 – 2022: See [Link](#)
- Biology Department Tutoring Schedule – 2021 – 2022: See [Link](#)

## Updated Procedures for Reporting Positive COVID cases

### Take Home COVID Tests for February Break

DOE provides guidance about COVID-19 home test kits for use before returning to school after the Midwinter Recess. Please see here for [details](#). Chinese translated service updates can be accessed [here](#).

### Important Contacts/Links Regarding COVID/Attendance

- Complete the Student Survey for Positive Covid Test - [Link](#)
- **Non Covid Illness Attendance Form – [Link](#)**
- Questions on how to report positive COVID cases - [reportCOVID@bths.edu](mailto:reportCOVID@bths.edu)
- Email your teachers to request Asynchronous Assignments/Office Hours schedules.
- Questions on Take-Home Test Kit- Contacts: [stayinghealthy@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:stayinghealthy@schools.nyc.gov)
- Consent Form for parents to consent students to be tested at school: [Link](#)

## BTHS College Office Updates

Updated Scholarship Information - The BTHS College Office has lots of information about scholarships and financial information from Facebook [here](#).

2021 – 2022 BTHS College Office Forms - These [forms](#) are how you will communicate your early deadlines, fee waiver requests, and other critical information to college and guidance staff.

Scholarships by University - Scholarships by Universities are listed alphabetically for all students [-link here](#).

College Corner Newsletter – [Newsletters](#) are updated twice a month. Please take a moment to read it and find information that might be specific to your grade and or interests.

- All students – See College Handbooks [here](#).
- Scholarship Newsletters for Seniors [here](#).
- Scholarship Newsletter for Juniors [here](#).

**Current and previous Tech Talks can be found [here](#).**

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Thanks to parent volunteers: Iris Chen, Karen Li, Lisa Marsh



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