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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE TECH PA

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Greetings from the PA President

Dear BTHS Families and Caregivers,

We hope this issue of Tech Talk finds everyone well and you all had a great Thanksgiving. A few things I want to highlight for you this week:

- Please join us for a very special Diversity Committee Book Club on Monday, December 6 at 7pm.
- Our next PA event, “Meeting with Principal” is scheduled on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 PM.
- Our next PA meeting is Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 PM. The link for the PA meeting will be sent out prior to the meeting. We will have guest speaker, Laurel Hanson from Kaplan to talk about Kaplan prep classes for BTHS students.

Please continue to reach out to me at papresident@BTHS.edu.

Keep well,

Lincoln Favours
BTHS PA President

Thanks to Donors!

We would like to thank to all the parents who made Brooklyn Tech PA Giving Tuesday campaign a success!!!

MAKE TODAY YOUR OWN GIVING TUESDAY!!

Donate to BROOKLYN TECH PA

brooklyntechpa.org/donate

November 22nd PA Meeting Notes

We would like to thank Principal Newman as well all the guest speakers, including, Parent Coordinator - Mary Huhn, Johnny Ventura, Assistant Principal of Pupil Personnel Services, and Lia Aran – Founder of LUK for their time to speak to us at this past PA meeting. We also want to thank all our PA executive team members for bringing our school communities up to date with our meeting agendas. The meeting minutes have been uploaded to the PA website, which can be accessed [here](#). For those who missed the meeting, the recording can also be accessed [here](#).

Below is information from LUK:

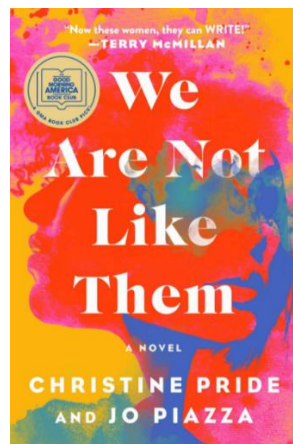


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PA Event - Book Club

Please join us for a very special Diversity Committee Book Club on **Monday, December 6 at 7pm.**

Authors Jo Piazza and Christine Pride will be joining us to discuss their bestselling book:



From Simon & Schuster: Told from alternating perspectives, an evocative and riveting novel about the lifelong bond between two women, one black and one white, whose friendship is indelibly altered by a tragic event—a powerful and poignant exploration of race in America today and its devastating impact on ordinary lives.

It's an incredibly timely book that deals with many of the issues we as a society are dealing with in real time. Please join us whether you've read the book or not -- this conversation promises to be topical, and we will all learn something from it.

Below is the link to the meeting:

Topic: *Diversity Committee Book Club Zoom Meeting*

Time: *Dec 6, 2021, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

Join [Zoom Meeting](#)

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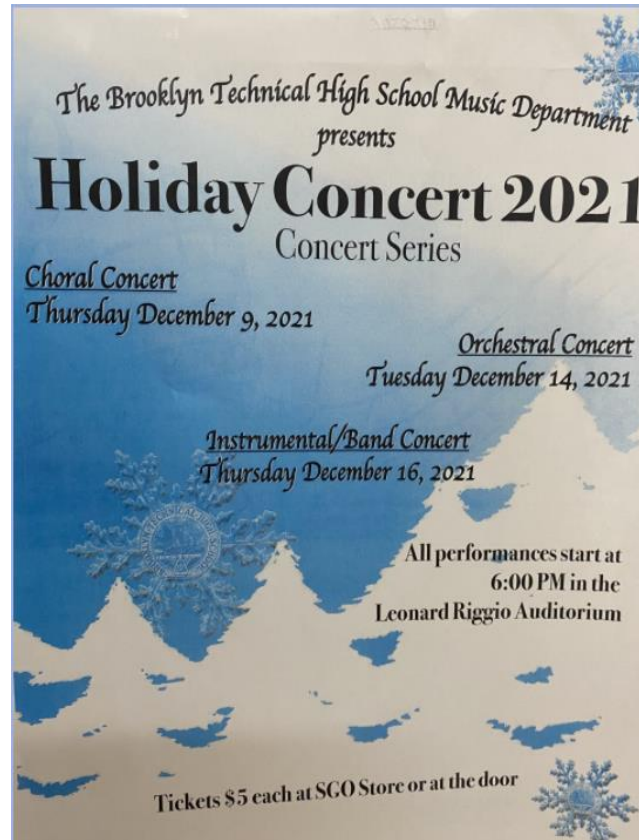
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[Translation App Learning Sessions in FIVE Languages](#)

Parent Coordinate, Mary Huhn sent parents about registration link to join a session to learn how to use translation apps. Translation Tools for Families will be presented on Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. (presented in English) and 6 p.m. for separate sessions presented in Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic and Bangla. See below for separate registration links for language preferences.

- Meeting Registrations for Dec 8, 2021, 10:30 AM – [English Session](#)
- Meeting Registrations for Dec 8, 2021, 06:00 PM – [Chinese Session](#)
- Meeting Registrations for Dec 8, 2021, 06:00 PM – [Spanish Session](#)
- Meeting Registrations for Dec 8, 2021, 06:00 PM – [Bangla Session](#)
- Meeting Registrations for Dec 8, 2021, 06:00 PM – [Arabic Session](#)

Music Concerns: Chorus, Orchestra & Band



- **Choral Concert** - Thu, December 9, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- **Orchestral Concert** - Tue, December 14, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- **Instrumental/Band Concert** - Thu, December 16, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 - Location: Leonard Riggio Auditorium
 - Tickets \$5 each at the SGO store

NYC Department of Education School Visitor Policy

Please see below for School Visitor Requirements, as well as this [link](#) for more information.

In addition, visitors must complete the DOE Health Screening form and wear a face covering at all times. Digital access to the health screening can be found at this [link](#). Please visit this [link](#) to complete a paper copy in advance.



Brooklyn Technical High School

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Dear Brooklyn Tech Community,

The Music Department would like to invite you to this year's Holiday Concerts, which will take place in the Leonard Riggio Auditorium at Brooklyn Technical High School. We are very excited as these are the first live performances to take place since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Tickets for all attendees are \$5.00 and will be available for sale in the G.O. Store as well as at the door. Please note that Brooklyn Tech must adhere to all NYC Department of Education COVID protocols in order to enjoy live performances once again.

Concert Schedule

Concert	Date	Time
Choral- Ms. Revi	Thursday, December 9 th	6:00 PM
Orchestra- Mr. Tasopoulos	Tuesday, December 14 th	6:00 PM
Band- Mr. Withers	Thursday, December 16 th	6:00 PM

NYC Department of Education School Visitor Policy Please visit this [link](#) for more information.

All visitors, except DOE students, must show proof of at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination to enter a DOE building. An acceptable COVID-19 vaccination includes one dose of any COVID-19 vaccine fully authorized or authorized for emergency use by the FDA or WHO.

Acceptable proof of vaccination is **one** of the following:

- A CDC Vaccination Card; a photo or photocopy is also acceptable.
- A NYC Vaccination Record or other official immunization record from within or outside the US, including from a health care provider; A photo or photocopy of this card is also acceptable.
- NYC COVID Safe App on Android or iOS.
- Excelsior Pass or Excelsior Pass Plus
- DOE COVID-19 Vaccine Portal

In addition, visitors must complete the DOE Health Screening form and wear a face covering at all times. Digital access to the health screening can be found at this [link](#). Please visit this [link](#) to complete a paper copy in advance.

Sincerely,

Gustave Trombetta

Mr. Gustave Trombetta
Assistant Principal Social Studies & Music

PA Event - Meet Principal Newman

Principal Newman will host a series of informal gatherings to meet with Tech parents for all grades in Zoom meetings.

These meetings are very informal -- a chance for a group of parents to hear Principal Newman's educational philosophy and learn more about our school. Parents can ask questions, or just listen to other parents' questions -- often questions you didn't even know to ask.

Please join us! No prior experience at PA events is required. 100 seats limited per session.

Scheduled dates are Dec. 15, 2021, Wednesday, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Sign up [here](#).

PA Event – 2022 Lunar New Year Celebration



The Diversity and Community Engagement Committee has begun planning for the 5th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration to be held virtually on Friday, January 28, 2022.

Thanks to Gianluca Zhang (Class of 2023) who designed the logo for the celebration!

Last year, we had some amazing performances and look forward to another fabulous show this year. If you are a singer, a dancer, a musician, an artist, a chef or have another amazing talent, please consider submitting

a video to the Lunar New Year Celebration Planning Committee. **Please try to limit your video to three minutes.**

Any Tech students who are selected to perform in the show will receive two (2) club credits. Tech parents and staff are also invited to audition for the show. All videos should be sent via email to bthsdiversitycommittee@bths.edu. The LNY committee will notify you if your video is selected. Look for more information to come in Tech Talk in the following weeks.

Tickets for our LNY Mega Raffle will be available soon and we will also be posting a link for donations to help us make our 5th LNY Celebration the best one yet!

Academic Resources

Library Resources

Our librarians are thrilled to be back and happy that students can access the library and borrow actual paper books this year! We would love to share our **new library website**, which allows students to browse our catalog, use our subscription-based databases (password is **bthslibrary**), learn about **Sora**, our **awesome and convenient ebook platform**, check our daily calendar and visit our blog.

brooklyntechlibrary.com → “Search our catalog”

- Check for titles or topics, availability, and call numbers
- Login with your DOE credentials to check your account or renew your books

Looking for *ebooks*?

- Sora **ebook** website and detailed video **tutorial**; **download the app here**.

Looking for *research materials*? Access our databases 24/7

brooklyntechlibrary.com → “Search Our Databases” (use password)

- Password is: **bthslibrary**

Please check out our website at BrooklynTechLibrary.com. You can follow us on our blog or on Instagram (@BrooklynTechLibrary).

Check Out our Librarian-Created **Resource Guides**, including:

- Research 101
- Primary Sources
- Image Searching
- College and Test Prep
- Citing Sources
- Annotated Bibliography

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