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BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

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 Executive Board meeting.

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- [BTHS Calendar](#)
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Message from the PA Presidents

Hello Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to November! Daylight saving time ended this morning; remember to set clocks ahead one hour. We are well and truly in the thick of it now. All of our students should be set with their schedules and have the proper technology. If your student doesn't have the technology necessary, please have them reach out to RLD@bths.edu; they should be able to help.

Thank you for completing our Parent Survey. We need to have as many responses as possible by tomorrow, Monday, November 2nd. If you haven't done so already, please take a few minutes to complete it [here](#). The results will be included in next week's Tech Talk.

As Mr. Newman mentioned in his October 28th [email](#), the DOE has announced that there will be only ONE opportunity to switch from Remote to Blended/Hybrid this year. This is different from what the DOE had announced earlier. Families that wish to switch can read more and complete the required survey [here](#).

Please feel free to reach out to us with your questions and concerns. We can be reached at papresident@bths.edu.

Stay well,
Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue

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Featured in this Edition:

- Key Dates for the Week
- New Policies for Testing & Grading
- College Office News

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- College Office News
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

Key Dates for the Week

- **Monday, 11/02/2020**
 - **Opt into Hybrid Learning begins until November 15th**
- **Tuesday, 11/03/2020**
 - **Election Day - Fully Remote Instruction for all Students**
 - No hybrid students are to come to the school building.
 - Remote classes will follow the regular [bell schedule](#).
 - Remote Learning Resources, including internet and technology resources, can be found [here](#).
- **Wednesday, 11/04/2020 (Odd Day) & Thursday 11/05/2020**
 - **10th Grade Town Hall** 2:20 - 3:00 p.m.
 Hosted by Tech's Support Staff (Guidance Counselors, School Social Workers); **Location:** Google Meet using this [link](#).
 - **Note:** Freshman Town Hall was held last week; Juniors/Seniors Town Hall are upcoming.
- **Thursday, 11/05/2020 -**
 - **Meningitis Vaccination**
 - Students, ages 16 and 17, who have **not** returned the required documentation for the meningitis vaccination will **not** be able to attend school (in-person or remotely) after this date. Please see the specific [email](#) for additional details.

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

New Policies for Testing & Grading

- **Tech's New Testing Policy** - Tech's new testing policy details specific information for days (Odd/Even) that tests can be given, the amount of notice before tests, the make-up schedule and schedule rules.
- **DOE New Grading Policy** - The Department of Education has outlined a new grading policy. It contains information about flexibility of families in determining final grades displayed on students' records, "courses in progress" and more.

Read more about policies mentioned above [here](#).

Note: Until November 30th, families have the option to change their students' grade to 'CR' instead of a numerical grade. Please see more information on the [survey](#).

Parent - Teacher Conferences

Please save the dates for Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Monday, November 30th Time: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 1st Time: 12:20 pm - 2:50 pm

College Corner!

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Brooklyn Tech's [College Office](#) has loads of information to offer you and your student(s) about the college vetting and application process.

Seniors:

- **Naviance** is a required part of the college application process. Seniors have until **November 16th** to finalize their list. See [here](#) for more information.
- See [here](#) for additional resources such as **CUNY/ SUNY/ Financial Aid**.
- See [here](#) for **BTHS College Office Forms** for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

All parents can visit the College Office for information about their students.

You can read the [College Office's Newsletter](#) to get the latest information.

Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

COVID Test Consent Form Updates: Parents can sign the in-school testing consent from your [NYCSA](#) account. Once parents logged in, on the Home screen you will see information about COVID testing and click the "Manage Consent" button to get started. Follow the directions to give consent for your child to get tested. Learn about the COVID testing program [here](#).

Tutoring Help - The NHS Tutoring Committee is here to help! You'll be matched with a tutor from the Tutoring Committee who can work virtually with you one-on-one during free periods or after school. If you're interested, please email nhs.tutoringserv@gmail.com with the class(es) that you need help with and when you are available for tutoring sessions.

Albert.io for the 2020/2021 School Year -

Albert helps students prepare for difficult academic subject tests such as the APs, regents, SAT, and ACT. Students work through interactive engaging practice

questions to help them solidify and retain their understanding of key concepts. See [here](#) for additional details.

Library Resources: Please see [here](#) to see the last updates emails from our librarians for some free resources from our library.

Free New York Times Subscription:

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

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

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