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TechPA

BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

2020-2021 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 5:30 pm. Please email papresident@bths.edu if you would like to attend an Executive Board meeting.

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Hello Parents and Caregivers,

We hope this message finds you all well. Our December PA meeting took place this past Thursday. A summary of the meeting can be found below. We were fortunate enough to have AP Ventura and his team speak with us at the meeting. They went over some of the findings of our recent survey. We decided to open the survey again with the hopes of getting more parent responses. More feedback would allow us to be better equipped to develop the best plans to fit the needs of our students. The survey is currently open for responses and can be found [here](#).

Finally, we will be taking next week off from Tech Talk and will be back in full force on January 3rd. Here's to a healthy and happy 2021. We wish all of you happy holidays and all the best in the new year!

Best,
Cindy Kue and Lisa Sullivan
BTHS PA Co-Presidents - papresident@bths.edu

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Key Dates for the Week

Dec. 21st - School Device Drop-off, Pick-up and Swap (*details below*)

Dec. 23rd - Special Schedule for SEL

Period 1 8:32am - 9:24am

Period 2 9:32am - 10:24am

S.E.L. 10:30am - 12:00pm

Period 3 12:06pm - 12:58pm

Period 4 1:06pm - 1:58pm

Office hours 2:00pm-2:20pm/3:30pm - 3:50pm

Dec. 24, 2020 - Jan. 1, 2021 Winter Recess

Jan. 4, 2020 - School Resumes

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 19 - Jan. 22, 2020 - Finals Week

Jan. 21, 2020 - January PA Meeting

Jan. 26, 2020 - PSAT *subject to school opening*

Jan. 29, 2020 - Grades Due

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



Upcoming Brooklyn Tech PA Events

Every Tech Parent is a member of the Tech PA. We encourage and welcome your participation on committees and in events. The upcoming virtual workshops are intended for parents of all grade levels.

Save the Date!

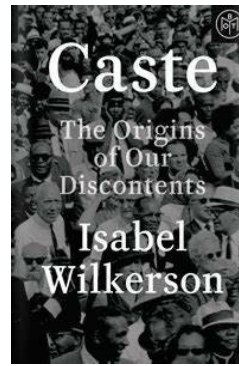
PA Diversity & Community Engagement Committee Events

January 2021

January 8th - The Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Club Meeting

Grab a copy and join us for a thoughtful discussion at our first meeting!

Caste by Isabel Wilkerson



February 2021

February 5th - Lunar New Year Celebration

We invite all parents and students to join in the celebration. We have a dance, a talent showcase and more planned for this exciting event.



Highlights from recent BTHS PA events

December PA Workshops Resources

The PA Events and Volunteers Committee organized and hosted the workshops for parents on December 12th. Please see the resources from these workshops below:

- If you missed "The College Checklist - Year by Year, Grades 9-12 ", please see [here](#).
- If you missed "Navigating Naviance", please see [here](#).



Highlights from the December PA Meeting

- **PA Co- Presidents** shared that based on feedback received, teachers and Tech staff will receive Seamless e-gift cards as appreciation in lieu of the annual PTC Fall dinner that was traditionally held; conferences were held remotely this year due to Covid-19.
- **PA Diversity & Community Engagement Committee Update** - Emails with detailed information on the events will be sent out. Volunteers (parents and students) are needed for the dance and the Talent Showcase. Parents are asked to sign up for the BTHS PA's new [YouTube channel](#) as it needs to have at least 100 subscribers. There is also an upcoming book club meeting. Please contact us with new ideas, suggestions or questions about the upcoming Lunar New Year celebration or the Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Club.
- **PA Events and Volunteers Update** - Four different workshops were held last weekend on Naviance, DDP, College and Navigating BTHS for Freshman. More workshops are being planned focusing on topics such as college readiness and other topics.
- **PA Communications Committee Update** - Parents are encouraged to sign up to receive Tech Talk, the PA newsletters. Parents are also invited to connect with the BTHS PA on different social media platforms and to volunteer to help with keeping them updated. Volunteers are also welcome to help us translate Tech Talk into additional languages.

Social Emotional Support Services - AP Johnny Ventura - spoke about the Social Emotional Support surveys that were sent to students and parents. He mentioned that they would like for many more parents to complete the survey so that the school can make the needed services available during this difficult time. He introduced staff members, Kathryn Lyng and Social Worker, Christina Martinez and discussed the support they will be providing to the students. The PA will send the [survey](#) out again so that more parents can respond. Parents suggested the idea of including Advisory for all grades.

Principal's Report - David Newman - On December 23, 2020 all classes will meet but for shorter times and SEL sessions. Lots of activities are planned and if it works, we will do it periodically. The school's calendar shows the dates for finals. The PSAT will be on January 26th if we are in the building, otherwise it will be canceled. The school is looking to consolidate cohorts so the students who are hybrid will get an opportunity to be in the building more provided the school can do this safely.

BTHS Library News

Librarians, Joanna Drusin and Joy Ferguson, have several upcoming events this week and during the upcoming winter recess for our students.

This Week: Dec. 22nd at 2:20 pm ~ Book Tasting





During Winter Recess: Dec. 30th at 4:00 pm ~**Book Club Meeting**

Register [here](#) to participate in these events and for more information.

If your student did not get to attend one of the information sessions on Sora, the new ebook platform that connects to the BTHS library and public libraries, or if they would like more information, the **self-guided tour** is [here!](#)

School Device Drop-off, Pick-up or Swap

An email was sent out last Friday evening with details regarding any students who need to pick up, drop off or swap out a school device:

When: Monday December 21st 9am - 1pm

Where: SOUTH EAST ENTRANCE (South Elliott Place)

What to bring:

1. Completed [BTHS Student RLD Contract](#) - parent signature is **REQUIRED**
2. Identification
 - a. Students: Brooklyn Tech ID Government
 - b. Parent and/or Guardian: Government- Issued ID

Appointments: If you need to pick up, drop off or swap a device, please confirm if you can make it within that time frame and at what time between 9am-1pm. Appointments take 5-10 minutes at most. **Contact:** rld@bths.edu

Students: If you have class, please let your teacher know that you need to pick up a device at the school. A parent can also pick up the device for you. If you schedule an appointment and cannot make it please email rld@bths.edu.

Social Distancing: All students/parents must wear proper face coverings and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Thank You to the November Donors!

Thank you for the generous financial support received during these uncertain times. This helps us continue to nurture the Brooklyn Tech community for our kids.

Alexander Ng	Anatoliy Rubinshteyn	Andrew Greenblatt	Anna Rousakis
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Yue Wei Cao			

College Corner

The College Office has shared several ways to stay updated on events, information and scholarships. Please feel free to follow them:

[Facebook](#)

[Pinterest](#)

[BTHS College Office webpage](#)

Students can follow them too - [Google Classroom](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Some [scholarships](#) listed have a closing dates approaching this week.

BTHS Tutoring: Tech offers several opportunities for peer tutoring:

Mathematics

Algebra 1& 2, Geometry and & Precalculus - BTHS Mu Alpha Theta
Monday - Friday 2:30 - 4:00 PM via discord
Interested students should sign up [here](#).

Chemistry

ACS Chem Club Tutoring
Monday - Wednesday 2:30-3:30 PM
Interested students should sign up [here](#).

Computer Science Principles

Online Tutoring Club
Tutoring in various subject areas including AP CSP.
Interested students should visit their Discord server [here](#).

Albert.io for the 2020/2021 School Year: With Albert.io, students work through practice questions to help them prepare for difficult academic subject tests such as the AP exams, Regents, SAT, and ACT. See [here](#) for additional details.

BTHS Library Resources: Please see [here](#) for resources and information from our librarians.

Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

Joining Clubs: It's not too late to join clubs! Please see [here](#). Find out more about the SGO sticker and purchase one [here](#).

Princeton Review Discount for Tech students: Please see this [link](#) for details.

BTHS Test Policy: See [here](#) to review the new Assessment Schedule for Hybrid and Remote Learning, its rules and details for Make-up exams and more.

Support & Services During Remote Instruction:The following support and services are available during the current school closures:

Take-out Meals for Students & Families: Visit [here](#) for additional details, menus and locations. Weekdays -9:00 a.m. and noon. No identification or registration needed.

Technology Support: [Tech Support](#), [DOE iPad issues](#), [Internet connection issues](#) or call the **DOE IT Helpdesk** at **718-935-5100** and press **5**.

Please visit the [PA Website](#) for information about the Brooklyn Tech Parent Association.
