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Greetings from the PA Presidents

Dear BTHS families and caregivers,

We hope everyone had a terrific summer and here's to the new school year!

We look forward to seeing all of you at the first PA General Meeting at 6 PM this Thursday IN-PERSON at the BTHS Auditorium. This year, we intend to alternate meeting formats between in-person and on Zoom to accommodate as many parents as possible. We thought it important to start the school year by allowing parents the opportunity to see our magnificent school (many for the first time). October's meeting will also be in person and we will start alternating in November.

See you Thursday!

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PS. BTHS Gym uniforms will be available for sale before the PA meeting. We will need a couple of parent volunteers to help run the sales table. Please let us know if you're available.

Important Dates

- **Sept. 19** - 6 PM - Executive Committee meeting via Zoom (code available upon request)
- **Sept. 22** - 6 PM - First PA General Meeting, In-person, BTHS Auditorium
- **Sept. 26-27** - NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashana
- **Oct. 5** - NO SCHOOL - Yom Kippur
- **Oct. 10** - NO SCHOOL - Italian Heritage/Indigenous People's Day
- **Oct. 25** - PSAT administered to Juniors (in school)
- **Nov. 8** - NO SCHOOL - Election Day
- **Nov. 11** - NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- **Nov. 17** - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Nov. 18** - Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal

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

September PA General Meeting

The September PA general meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 22 at 6 PM** in the Riggio Auditorium at BTHS.

The meeting will be led by PA co-presidents Hamilton Cain and Mia Lu. Unfortunately, Principal

Newman will not be in attendance, but the administration will be represented.

Proposed General Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Co-Presidents' Report: Hamilton Cain, Mia Lu
 - Introduce Mary Huhn and Executive Board members;
 - Breakfast with Mr. Newman (starting on 10/6)
 - Lunar New Year celebration
 - Translation options
 - SLT and Alumni Foundation
 - Vaccination policies
3. Treasurer's Report: Ellen Goldstein
4. October Elections
5. Q&A
 - Wi-fi accessibility
 - Cafeteria policies
 - Lunch forms
 - Gym lockers/uniforms
 - Princeton Review SAT prep and registration
 - New Student IDs
 - New system for grades
6. Concluding reminders
7. Meeting Adjournment

Reminders

Blue Cards: We need to have a digital blue card on file for every student. If you have not filled out the blue card, please do so **here**. Parents will not be able to access their NYC Schools Account without this. (And, that NYC SA will take some time to set up.)

Lunch Form: Everyone gets free lunch, however, our kids need to **fill out their lunch forms ASAP**, as it determines something far more important - Fee Waivers for SAT/ACT tests, College Applications and AP Exams. School Day PSAT and SAT are free for everyone. Every family has to fill this out every year. You can decide not to submit financial information, but please fill out and check that box.

Students' Email: Please go to the **BTHS.edu** website for information on how to set up student email accounts. Use your **NYCStudents.net** account for information and schedules (see next item).

Students' Schedules: Your student should have received their schedules online. They are available through **Teach Hub** after they sign in with their NYCStudents.net account.

Emergency Contact Information: All families must update their info, in particular, their emergency contact information and student's health information, in the **NYC Schools Account**. This is different from the blue card, so we need full participation.

Parents: Because PupilPath is no longer used, you can follow your child's progress and grades on **the NYC Schools Account** (NYCSA). If you need need a creation code, please contact parent coordinator **MaryHuhn**. Please be patient, and Mary will get it for you.

Gym Uniforms: BTHS gear will be required for P.E. this year. Students can buy uniform items at the S.G.O. store on the 7th floor during the second week of school. Please wait for more information from your P.E. teacher.

Shop to Donate

The Tech PA benefits from the following vendors when you click through

the links 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.
- Designate "Brooklyn Tech Parent Association" on your **Target RedCard**. Enroll your card in the "Take Charge of Education" program and Tech PA will receive a 1% contribution when you shop online and at all Target Stores.
- Shop at more than 2000 stores through **GoodShop** and **OneCause**. Choose "Brooklyn Tech Parent Association" as the school cause—the PA will receive donations at no additional cost to you.
- **Goodsearch** is a search engine run by Yahoo. Choose "Brooklyn Tech Parent Association" as the school cause and donations are made to the PA with every internet search.

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