

# techtalk

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE TECH PA

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## Greetings from the PA President

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Dear BTHS Families and Caregivers,

Our December PA meeting took place this past Thursday. We would like to thank Principal Newman and our Parent Coordinator Mary Huhn for lending their time to speak to us. We want to thank all our PA executive team members for bringing our school communities up to date with our meeting agendas. Special thanks to Susan Small and Patricia Correge - Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising for organizing BTHS's Annual Teachers' Photo Day Luncheon last week. Please see the [PA Meeting Recaps](#) section for additional details.

The PA has obtained discounts for students from Kaplan. Please see the [SAT Exams and Kaplan Classes](#) section for details. Mr. Newman has answered many questions about SAT in the PA meeting. You can find the link to the video in the Recaps if you would like to listen.

Preparations for the Lunar New Year Celebration are in full swing. You can find details and donate to support on [here](#).

As you know, Covid-19 is still an issue, and we need to be mindful and remember to follow the [DOE's Health and Safety guidelines](#). Please note that only unvaccinated students get Covid testing in school. Percentage of unvaccinated students in BHTS is very small. Students exhibiting any signs of illness should remain home regardless of their vaccination status, and they must report to the school if they have tested positive outside of the school. The school will only close if it is determined by the DOE or if there are 20 cases in 7 consecutive days. [Four different types of letters that parents might expect from the school](#) are listed on the homepage of the PA website.

Additionally, BTHS's Health and Safety Team is aware of the recent TikTok rumors across the school community in the US. Please see the [School Safety](#) section for the DOE's updates.

Please note Tech Talk will be suspended on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, and resume on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. I want to take this opportunity to wish all our BTHS community members a happy holiday, and a safe and festive New Year!

In the meantime, please continue to reach out to me at [papresident@BTHS.edu](mailto:papresident@BTHS.edu).

Keep well,

Lincoln Favours  
Brooklyn Tech PA President

## Important Dates

- 12/21/2021, PA Event – Meet Principal Newman, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 12/24 – 12/31/2021, Winter Recess; School Closed
- 01/03/2022, School Resumes
- 01/14/2022, World Language SEL related lessons in the classroom
- 01/2022 – AP exam fees due, please check email from school.
- 01/17/2022, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, School Closed
- 01/25 – 01/28/2022, **Regents Exam**, See [here](#) for all final examination dates in Jan 2022

## Thank You November/ Family Appeal Fund Donors!

We want to thank all donors who have made it a priority to contribute to our Family Appeal Fund. These donations have made an immediate impact on our children's education.

Our PA, in partnership with our parents, strives to give Brooklyn Tech students the best education BTHS can provide.

Because our kids are worth it!! [www.brooklyntechpa.org/donate](http://www.brooklyntechpa.org/donate)

### Brooklyn Technical High School Parent Association Inc. List of Donors November 2021

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## December PA Meeting Recaps

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Our PA meeting schedule and minutes have been updated and are now available on the [PA website](#). See below for specific reports.

- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, PA meeting minutes – [here](#)
- December 2021 Treasure Report - [here](#)
- Recording to the PA meeting - [here](#)
- PA Event – The “Meet Principal Newman” event has been postponed to December 21, Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Register [here](#)

## Community Service Hours/Club Directory/Attendance Questions

- SGO Student Government [Links](#) for questions regarding volunteer hour requirements.
- A Temporary Club [Directory](#) has been created for parents/students’ references.
- [Link](#) to submitting volunteer hours, students CANNOT use NYC.Net student emails.
- Please check email with the subject line of “Clubs Only Dailies: Week Ending MM.DD.YY” for specific club details every Friday for updates.
- [Link](#) to see service hour requirements, any questions, please send email to [announcebths@gmail.com](mailto:announcebths@gmail.com), students should cc email to your advisor.

Please see Absence [Form](#) here for students’ references.

## SAT Exams and Kaplan Classes

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Kaplan’s website has been updated [here](#) and interested families can now sign up for the January 2022 classes. Brooklyn Tech families are offered \$249 off a SAT online course with code, **BTECH450**, which includes the \$25.00 shipping cost for books. Parents must purchase the package at least seven business days prior to the class start date on January 16, 2022, to save the \$25.00 shipping cost.

See College board’s website below for ALL SAT Exam dates. **The next SAT Date will be March 13, 2022.**

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

## Tutoring

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This is the [home page](#) 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](#)

The NHS Tutoring Committee is offering one-on-one tutoring, both remote and in-person, during free periods and after school this semester. If you are struggling in a particular class and feel that you would benefit from a peer tutor, please fill out the following form to be matched with an NHS tutor [link here](#).

## School Safety

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Please read Chancellor Porter’s letter [here](#) on social media platform. DOE made reference to Digital Citizenship about Parent and Student Responsibilities to make sure your child acts responsibly to understand the Discipline Code. Please see here for specific details about [Digital Citizenship](#) on how to be a good digital citizen.

## BTHS College Office Updates

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- [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](#).

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