

# 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,

We hope this issue of Tech Talk finds everyone well. Just a few things I want to highlight for you this week:

This past week, the PA diversity and Community Engagement Committee discussed our virtual Lunar New Year Celebration and the Social Justice/Racial Equity book, *We Are Not Like Them*. For those who have missed the meeting, there will be a second meeting for the book discussion with the authors on **Dec. 7**. For those who likes to learn more about the Lunar New Year Celebration, please let the [committee](#) know and we will be sure to get you on board.

On Friday, November 19, the PA Fundraising Committee hosted the PA Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon. I want to thank the PA fundraising Committee members, Patricia Correge, Susan Small, Shanny Bang and all volunteers who made this a successful event.

We also completed our first Parent Teachers Conference this week and hope all went well. Please feel free to reach out to individual teachers for a separate appointment for those who missed the conferences.

Our next PA meeting is Monday, November 22 at 6:30 PM. The link for the PA meeting will be sent out prior to the meeting. We will have a few guest speakers, including Lia Aran, a BTHS alumni parent, will speak about [LUK](#). Mr. Ventura, our BTHS AP for Pupil Personnel Services will also be speaking. Please submit all your questions to [papresident@BTHS.edu](mailto:papresident@BTHS.edu) no later than noon on November 22 before the PA meeting. Mr. Newman will be there to answer questions as well.

Lastly, for those who signed up for the BTHS Kaplan prep class, 2022 SAT Exam Dates will be available on or about December 1. For those who missed the "Meeting with Principal" event, there will be another session on **December 15**.

Next weekend is Thanksgiving; Tech Talk will be suspended next weekend and resumed on December 5. I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving!

Please continue to reach out to me at [papresident@BTHS.edu](mailto:papresident@BTHS.edu) for questions.

Keep well,

Lincoln Favours  
BTHS PA President

## November 22<sup>nd</sup> Tentative PA Meeting Agenda

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- I. Call to Meeting Order
- II. Lincoln Favours, President's Report:
  - Introductions and Welcome
  - Introduce E-board members
  - Upcoming Meeting with Principal Newman
  - Kaplan SAT prep class for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, SAT Exam
- III. Michelle Cheung's Treasurer's Report:
  - Budget Review
- IV. Kim Jalet and Jennifer Lu – Co-Vice Presidents for Diversity & Community Engagement
  - Diversity announcements
- V. Patricia Correge / Susan Small - Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising
  - PA Teachers Appreciation luncheon
  - Family appeal
- VI. Guest Speakers
  - Ms. Mary Huhn - Parent Coordinator
  - Mr. Johnny A. Ventura– Assistant Principal of Pupil Personnel Services
    - IEPs
  - Lia Aran - BTHS alumni parent
    - Introduction to LUK
  - Mr. David Newman – Principal
    - Principal's Report
    - Question & Answers
- VII. Call for meeting Adjournment

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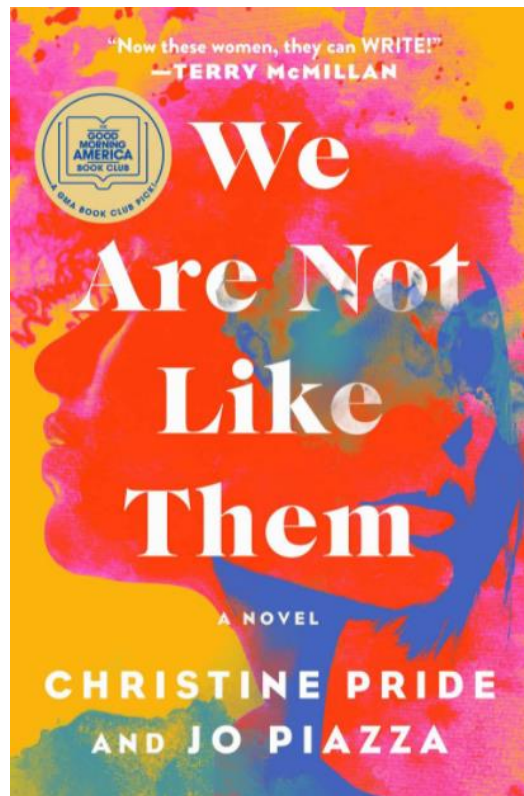
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## PA Event - Book Club

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The Diversity Book Club book for the fall is *We Are Not Like Them* by **Jo Piazza and Christine Pride**. This book tells the story of two childhood friends, Riley and Jen, one of whom is Black and the other white. They question their friendship and just everything around them when a tragedy happens that involves Jen's husband.

**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.

**We held our first meeting on November 15. Thank you to those who attended the meeting. Especially thanks to Lisa Marsh who host the discussion.**

**The second meeting, tentatively set for the week of December 6, will include our continued discussion along with a Q&A with the authors Jo Piazza and Christine Pride (schedule pending).**

The book is currently on promotion at [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) for \$16.08. Or available at any local bookseller.

We look forward to a lively discussion.

## PA Event – 2022 Lunar New Year Celebration



**The Diversity and Community Engagement Committee has begun planning for the 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> LNY Celebration the best one yet!

## PA Event - Meet Principal Newman

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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](#).**

## Important Upcoming Dates

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- Mon. Nov. 22, 6:30 PM – PA General Meeting
- Thu. - Fri. Nov. 25-26 – Thanksgiving Recess
- Wed. Dec. 15, 6:30 -8:00 PM – Meeting with Principal Newman
- Fri. - Fri. Dec. 24 - 31 – Winter Recess

## 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](#).

## Academic Resources

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### 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

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- Annotated Bibliography

### NHS Peer Tutoring Committee

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](#).

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