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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE TECH PA

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Greetings from the PA President

Dear BTHS Families and Caregivers,

Welcome to our second Tech Talk for the New Year! We have several updates and reminders for this week.

First, schools will be closed on Monday, Jan 17th for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Day.

Secondly, [our next PA meeting will be on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM](#). The Zoom link for the meeting will be in a separate email. Please see the [PA January General Meeting](#) section for additional details. DOE might create a short-term remote option for this school year, but there is no solid plan as of now. Parents are welcomed to submit questions to papresident@BTHS.edu prior to Thursday's meeting so we can ask Principal Newman for any school updates.

Lastly, as you are aware, New York City suffered one of the worst fire disasters in the Bronx this past Sunday. Please take fire safety precautions seriously by checking fire alarms and smoke detectors periodically. In the meantime, please keep those fire victims and their families in our prayers.

In the meantime, please keep safe.

Lincoln Favours
Brooklyn Tech PA President

Important Dates

- 01/2022 – AP exam fees due, please check email from school
- 01/17/2022, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, School Closed
- 01/20/2022, January PA Meeting
- 01/25 – 01/28/2022, **Regents Exam Canceled** until further notice. See [here](#) for all final examination dates in Jan 2022, **school will open despite of Regents being canceled**.
- 01/28/2022, Lunar New Year Celebration
- 01/31/2022 - Professional Development Day - NO CLASSES
- 02/01/2022 - Lunar New Year, SCHOOL CLOSED

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

PA January General Meeting

Date: [Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM](#)

The Zoom link for the meeting will be sent to parents in a separate email prior to the meeting.

The **treasurer report for December 2021** is [here](#). Previous reports could also be found [here](#).

Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Meeting Order
 2. Lincoln Favours, President's Report
 3. Michelle Cheung, Treasurer's Report
 4. Kim Jalet and Jennifer Lu
 - Diversity announcements
 5. Susan Small and Patricia Correge
 - Family appeal
 6. Parent Coordinator, Mary Huhn
 7. Principal David Newman's Report
 - Question & Answers
 8. Meeting Adjourn
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Lunar New Year Celebration

Brooklyn Tech PA is proud to host the 5th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration on **Friday, January 28, 2022**, and will be broadcasted on our YouTube Channel.

We held a Mega Raffle and successfully sold 500 tickets. Thanks to parents who participated! Especial thanks to all members of the Lunar New Year Celebration committee for your hard work!

If you are willing to donate to support the Celebration, you may [donate here](#). All proceeds will go to Brooklyn Tech PA and help our students.



Thank You, December 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.

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From Previous Tech Talk

COVID and Health Policy

As a new strain of Covid-19, Omicron is still an issue, and we are all concern about the safety of our students and ourselves. Our school will continue testing students for the Covid-19 and will report all positive tests to parents and caregivers on a regular basis. The BTHS Health and Safety team, indicated that all students will be given 2 Covid-19 self-test kits each week. All students whether vaccinated or not and exhibit any sign of illness must remain at home and use the test kit. In addition, if you want your child to be tested in school, please fill out the online permission form on the DOE web site. Without your permission the school cannot test your child.

All positive tests by a medical center or a Covid-19 testing site or self-tested must be reported to the school, so contact tracing can be enabled. To report your finding please email your results to ReportCOVID@bths.edu.

Our new School Chancellor, David Banks, has sent a [recent family letter](#) on January 5th welcoming students back into the new school year. In his letter, he encourages families to get tested for COVID-19, get vaccinated and to consent to in-school testing. Chancellor Bank also sent a family letter regarding school-based testing [here](#) dated January 3rd. Please read the service update entirely and understand the New Quarantine Policy.

BTHS's Health and Safety Team also sent families an email about procedures on how to report positive COVID cases within the school communities. For those who might have missed the email, please see [here](#). Per school's website, students should email teachers to request Asynchronous Work/Office Hours for those who tested positive for COVID.

As per the DOE health policy, asynchronous instruction is provided to students who test positive for COVID. Students should email teachers if they have tested positive and need asynchronous instructions. Asynchronous remote instruction is not an option for those who choose to self-isolate or have been in close contact/live with someone who has COVID. Your child will be marked absent for the days they are out.

Important Forms/Links/Contacts

- [Student Survey for Positive COVID Test](#) Contacts : reportcovid@bths.edu
- Questions on Take-Home Test Kit- Contacts: stayinghealthy@schools.nyc.gov
- Consent Form to be testing at school: [Link](#)
- Vaccine Portal for those that needs to update their vaccination status, including the booster: [Link](#)
- Updated Health Screening [Form](#) as of 01-03-2022
- Health Screening [Link](#)

Current and previous Tech Talks can be found [here](#).

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