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BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

2020-21 PA meetings

TBD

All meetings are on a Thursday and will start at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted.

Executive board meetings immediately precede at 5pm.

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Special THANKS to our June Donors!

特别感谢我们的六月捐助者!

Brooklyn Tech is a special place with special families. THANK YOU for your generous support in these challenging times.

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Welcoming New Students!

欢迎新生!

Greetings from the Brooklyn Tech Parents Association! The Tech PA warmly welcomes those who are joining our school community for the first time -- our new Freshman and Sophomore student families.



The Parent Association plays an active role in enriching the educational experiences of Tech students by:

- Communicating important information about the school to families through workshops, meetings, Tech Talk, ad hoc notification emails, [BTHS PA Facebook](#), the [BTHS Parents Facebook Group](#) and the [PA website](#);
- Raising money to support special projects and programs in the school;
- Building a constructive community of families and teachers working together to support Tech students

Every parent/guardian of a Tech student is a member of the PA (i.e., If you received this newsletter via email from the school, you are probably a PA member). We encourage and welcome you to participate actively by attending PA meetings and events, volunteering to serve on action committees, helping organize activities. Later in the year the PA will host several meet-and-greet events (either in-person, if social distancing requirements can be met, otherwise via on-line interaction). We will also be holding elections for executive board offices. We enthusiastically welcome all parents and guardians of Tech students to meaningfully augment their students' experience at Tech by actively participating in the PA. You are here for your kids, we are here for you!

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Fall Reopening Updates

秋季返校计划最新消息

We're Going Back To School



Top of mind for everyone at Brooklyn Tech this summer is "what's going to happen in the Fall?" Well, Principal Newman has formed a committee that meets weekly to discuss all the possibilities for Fall instruction. The committee includes a representative from the PA, a representative from the [School Leadership Team](#) and a parent-at-large, among others. Mr Newman has promised to send out an email every Tuesday to update Tech families. In his latest email, dated July 21, Mr. Newman described a plan that will allow 25% of the students in the building each day on a rolling basis; under this plan each participating student will be in the building for instruction once every 4 days. This plan for a blended combination of in-person and remote instruction is designed to maximize the number of people that can safely, with social distancing, occupy the building at one time. In conjunction with the rotating attendance schedule, the school is also developing more robust plans for the remote instruction that will be the cornerstone of at least 75% of the students' educational experience next year. In addition, plans accommodate periods of time when the school or the district might need to transition to full remote. Finally, any family that wishes to may opt for a 100% fully remote learning environment for their student(s). There will be several specific dates during the school year when families under the full-remote program can opt to switch to the blended remote-in person plan, but those dates have not been released yet. Families wishing to adopt the full remote option should [fill out this survey](#) before August 7. On the other hand, any family starting out under the blended program may switch to full-remote instruction at will at any time.

Mr. Newman reported that these plans were submitted to the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") for review and consideration on Thursday, July 23. For the latest information available from DOE, you may take a look at the DOE "[Return to School 2020](#)" webpage. Also, DOE will be hosting a city-wide information session with the Chancellor and Executive Superintendents from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on July 28, 2020; we encourage all BTHS families to [pre-register](#)!

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Summer Opportunities

暑假机会



1) BTHS Library Summer Passion Project

With the lack of summer jobs, internships, and other opportunities in 2020, students are looking for ways to learn and expand their experiences while at home. An independent passion project (aka 20% time project) is a great way to take advantage of this time to delve into personal interests and it also shows student initiative. Passion Projects that involve research and learning can be shared with teachers who write recommendation letters, be incorporated into college essays, and included on college applications.

The Summer Passion Project program involves a student (or a group of students) developing their own project and learning about something they are passionate about, but also sharing the learning in a way that could be useful or potentially useful, and reflecting on their experience.

Students in the program are following their own desires to learn and reach out, mixing and matching among their diverse interests. The projects include time spent learning through books, research articles, interviews, testing, etc. Students in the program are writing and sharing songs, blogs, websites, stories and a novel, poems, computer code, interviewing alumni, teaching classes and mentoring projects for younger students, doing a Ted Talk, making and editing videos, making masks, and starting a baking business. Some will be learning and teaching about the Chinese Exclusion Act, food science, fogponics, gentrification, current politics, the crisis in Yemen, comparing Covid in different countries, discrimination in health care, climate change, how to reduce plastic in businesses, sharing college advice, staying organized with schoolwork, how not to raise a serial killer, photography, how to make miso and more!

While the deadline has passed to sign up, students can do their own passion projects and submit them for sharing; there is still almost a month before projects are due.

If you are interested in sharing your Passion Project with the school community, please mail your finished presentation (Video file, PowerPoint, Google Slides, Presi, etc.) to the [BTHS Library](#) by Aug 25th; we can't wait to see it!

Learning + Making + Sharing + Reflection = Passion Project!

See here for more information:

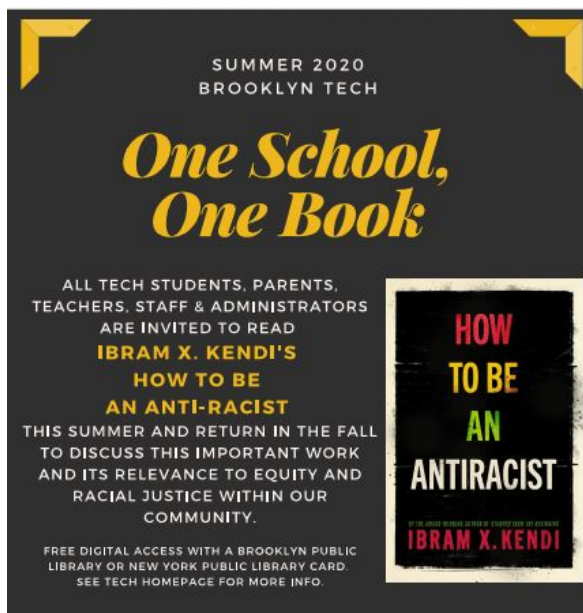
<https://bthslib.weebly.com/summer-passion-project>.

2) Summer Reading

Students should check the Tech homepage for [summer reading assignments](#). Summer homework is due by September 21.

3) One School, One Book

Please see [more information](#) about our chosen book for students, staff and families: "How to be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi. NY Public Library and Brooklyn Public Library have unlimited copies and any New Yorker can [get a library card online](#).



Survey Updates

教育局调查问卷更新消息

Per [DOE's website](#), the Chancellor reminded families to fill out the following survey.

2020 Return To School Learning Preference Survey - DOE created a short, anonymous survey to help individual schools administrators to know your preference of 100% Remote Learning or Combination of In-Person and Remote Learning. This [survey](#) is due on August 7th, 2020.

Princeton Review Discounts for Tech Students

考试预备补习公司给BTHS学生开优惠

The Princeton Review test preparation company offers discounted rates to Brooklyn Tech students. In-person session might have been canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic. See link below for specific updates.

[Princeton Review Link](#) for Brooklyn Tech Students.

College Corner Updates

BTHS 大学联络办公室最新资讯

Click here to [access](#) College Corner Newsletters.

请查看最新版的《[大学申请联络办公室通讯](#)》

SENIORS:

NEW - [College Office Newsletter6.30.pdf](#)

- 1) SENIOR High School to College Transition Checklist
- 2) Helpful Documents for College Students & Their Families
- 3) Summer Internships - All Ages 15 - 18

JUNIORS: Develop your college plans!

Some great new items in the 06/30/20 edition of College Corner feature timeline for juniors to-do list for the summer, such as SAT Fee Waivers, COVID Impact on Testing. In addition, the 06/30/20 edition has many updates on online college fairs and tours! Dream big, plan now; take some tours while you shelter in place. Your Decision Day less than a year away!

ALL PARENTS

Brooklyn Tech's [College Office](#) has loads of information to offer you and your student about the college vetting and application process, including the College Handbook. You can read the [College Office newsletter](#) to get the latest ideas.

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PupilPath Tutorial

PupilPath系统启蒙

Parents, please use PupilPath to keep in touch with teachers. This applies to questions about your students' grades, homework assignments, attendance, as well as other important school messages.

See instructions for accessing the PupilPath website or app at this [link](#); access the PupilPath website [here](#).

欢迎您参阅[此链接](#)上有关访问PupilPath网站或应用程序的说明；在[此链接](#)有个简便的中文PupilPath登记手册。

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