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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE TECH PA

Stay Connected

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month and will start at 6:30pm.

Executive board meetings immediately precede at 5pm. Please email papresident@bths.edu if you would like to attend an exec board meeting.

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Message from the PA Presidents

Hello Parents and Caregivers,

This coming week will have all three cohorts of students in the building on their respective days. The feedback from last week was very positive, there were a few issues that raised some questions that we have put to Mr. Newman. We haven't heard back yet, so as soon as we do we will be putting together a stand-alone e-mail to let everyone know Mr. Newman's responses.

An e-mail went out to students and parents about refunds from this past Spring's AP exam. A form to request a refund was included in those emails. The form MUST be submitted by October 9, there will be no opportunity to request a refund after October 9th according to administration.

Our next PA meeting will be Thursday, October 22nd, at that meeting we will be having elections for the PA as well as the SLT, more info on that meeting will be coming soon.

As always, feel free to reach out to us at PApresident@bths.edu

Stay well.

Regards,
Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue
BTHS PA Co-Presidents

This Week's Edition

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CLICK HERE for freshman specific info

Follow Brooklyn Tech PA announcements in Chinese on the WeChat social media app.
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Back To School Updates
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Safety

Make sure your students take their temperatures at home before they come in. If there are any symptoms of sickness in the household or the student does not pass the health screening please stay home. Each student must complete the health screening prior to arriving at school each day. It can be found here, s e e printable form here if needed. See additional email about entry/moving/exit procedures for blended students if needed.

Please remember that masks are mandatory, and must be worn inside the building at all times. Gaiters or bandanas are *not* acceptable, and masks must *not* have any sort of exhalation valve without a filter. Please see Principal Newman's email about updated Bell Schedules/Textbook Return Schedules.

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Learning tools survey

Please all families fill out this survey to let us know if you have all the tools you need for remote learning. It is a short survey that asks if you have an online device with a camera and microphone to use at home, and WIFI access.

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Update for Families on COVID-19 Testing

Per DOE, testing in schools will begin in October. I n order for us to administer a COVID-19 test to your child, we need your consent. We strongly encourage you to sign and return the **attached consent form** as soon as possible. If your child is tested, we will let you know they were tested and when and how you will receive the results, which will typically be provided within 48-72 hours. Please refer to this **email** for specific questions. You can reach out to the school at any time with any questions or concerns. See DOE's **FAQ** for specific concerns regarding COVID-19 testing. Please note one consent form per student. Parents need to fill out a separate form for each student you have in the school.

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AP Exam Fee Reimbursement

If you paid and your student(s) took an AP Exam during the 2019-2020 school year, you must fill out this form in order to be reimbursed. This form must be filled out by **October 9th.** The form will not be available after October 9th. If you any questions, please contact APTesting@bths.edu for assistance.

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BTHS Website

The October **Calendar** has been updated on the BTHS website, and now includes Cohort information. The calendar for 2020-21 school year is also available at this link.

Switching to all remote Instruction

If parents would like to switch their students to all remote instruction and have not done so as yet please fill out this **form**.

Take Out Meals

Remote Learning Students and parents may pick up a free breakfast and lunch at select locations from 9:00am - 12:00pm. See here search your **nearest** location.

College Corners!
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Welcome back seniors!

BTHS College Office Newsletter has a new **edition** for the week of Sept 21-25th, 2020. Please see updates for important BTHS office events/deadlines. See here for Sept 14-18th edition.

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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Brooklyn Tech Library News

Students are helping the librarians create some class and homework organizational templates for our students.

STUDENT SCHEDULE TEMPLATE!

- **FREE BTHS STUDENT SCHEDULE TEMPLATE**
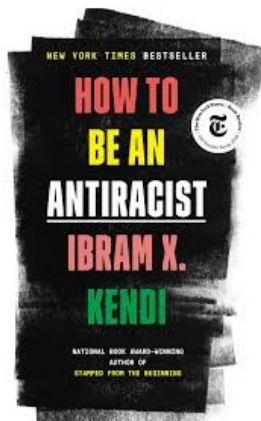- **ALSO, HELPFUL HOMEWORK TEMPLATE**
- **AND ORGANIZATIONAL TIPS!**

Brooklyn Tech High School Library

If you would like to share your favorite tools or other ideas, please reach out to your librarians at library@bths.edu.

- **Brooklyn Tech Library Catalog**
    - Website: https://bthslib.weebly.com/
    - Login: **Prefix of Username @ nycstudents.net (lookup tool),**
    - PW: OSIS, except 9th graders temporary
    - PW: nyclib16

One School One Book

"How to Be an Antiracist" is an important book for examining racism, especially anti-Black racism. Thank you for those of you who have read the book. It is not a required book, and there are no prizes or awards for reading it. However, we hope that students, staff and parents will want to read it and join in conversations about it. You will keep hearing about this book at events and activities throughout the year, and it would be wonderful to have a common language for these conversations.   Reading, thinking, writing and discussing help us understand and take antiracist actions. If you haven't read the book, please listen to Ibram X. Kendi online (there is a Ted Talk and many other recordings about "How to Be an Antiracist) which provides an introduction to the author's ideas. The ebook is available at the public libraries and BTHS library. Wait times are usually not as long as the estimates.
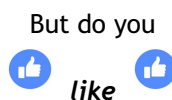
Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

- <u>First PA Meeting Notes:</u> Here is [a summary](#) of topics addressed by PA Presidents Sullivan and Kue, as well as Principal Newman and Ms. Nottingham.

- New PA Budget for Academic Year 2020-21Approved

    - July and August 2020's Treasury Report at this [link](#).
    - Proposed PA budget for the new academic year at this **[link](#)**.

- <u>Important School Apps</u>

    - Make sure your **[NYC Schools Account](#)** **is activated and up to date.**
    - PupilPath Instruction [Link](#)
    - PupilPath Parent Registration [Link](#)

- <u>New York Public Library Card Information</u>
    - Tech students can get a or a NY Public Library card regardless of which borough they live in. Find information on public library ecards **[here](#)**.

- <u>Princeton Review Discounts for Tech Students</u>
    - 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 this [Princeton Review Link](#) for Brooklyn Tech Students.

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