

# techtalk

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE TECH PA

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## Greetings from the PA President

Dear BTHS Families and Caregivers,

I hope all are well and safe. We are officially in spring; it's almost April and Spring Break is approaching.

Congratulation to all BTHS students and parents who have received their College/University acceptance letters. Parents, please remember to read the financial part of the letter carefully. Don't accept it as the final offer — you can ask for more detail if needed, or even more aid.

Congratulation to all BTHS sophomore students on their major selection and assignments. I was told about 99.2% of sophomores got their first-choice pick.

Parents and caregivers who missed our live parent workshop on "**Understanding College Financial Aid and Paying for College**" in March, can view the recordings of the workshop on the PA YouTube channel, in [English](#) and [Mandarin](#).

Here are a few things I want to highlight for you this week:

- The Executive Board meets this week on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 pm.
- SAT day is Wednesday, March 23rd.
- The next PA meeting will be on March 24 at 6:30 pm.
- All Executive Board positions are open, and details of each position are on the [PA website](#). Please consider running/joining — our students need you.
- There will be a parent workshop on "**Strategies for Writing the College App Essay**" on April 5. Please see the details in the section of PA Upcoming Events in this Tech Talk issue.

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

Keep well and be safe,

Lincoln Favours  
Brooklyn Tech PA President

## Important Dates

- 03/23/2022 - In School SAT Exam – Special Schedule
- 03/24/2022 - March PA Meeting
- 03/24 - 03/27/2022 - Spring Musical: *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!*
- 03/25/2022 - DOE Family Survey Due
- 04/07 - 04/08/2022 Parent-Teacher Conferences

For a complete view of important dates, see the [BTHS calendar](#) and [DOE calendar](#).

## PA General Meeting in March

**The PA March General Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 24 at 6:30 pm.** Please save the date and join us. A Zoom link to the PA meeting will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

### General Meeting Agenda

- I. Call the Meeting to Order
- II. Lincoln Favours, President's Report
  1. Graduation Volunteers needed to help with setup at the stadium
  2. Vote on the update PA Bylaws
  3. Elections
    - PA and SLT elections will be held at the May general meeting
4. Special thanks:
  - Special thanks to VP Events & Volunteers committee Sarah Hu and volunteers: Chris Zhang & Samantha Abeysekera
  - Fundraising: Patricia Correge
- III. Michelle Cheung, Treasurer's Report:
  - Budget Review
- IV. Sarah Hu - VP of Events & Volunteers Committee
  - April Parent Workshop
- V. Patricia Correge & Susan Small - Co-VPs of Fundraising
  - Family appeal
- VI. Guest speaker Dr. Read (Topic: CATCH)
- VII. Jemal (Mel) Carter & Judy Clare - Senior Class Parent Reps
  - Seniors graduation
- VIII. Mr. David Newman, Principal's Report:
- IX. Question & Answers
- X. Meeting Adjournment

**The Treasurer Report for February 2022 can be found [here](#). Previous reports can also be found [here](#).**

### Help Us Win a \$20,000 Matching Gift

**A generous donor has offered the BTHS PA a matching gift of \$20,000 if 40% of the school's families make a donation.** The dollar amount is up to you — we suggest a donation of **\$600** per family — but it is most important that each family contributes. **No amount is too small — every dollar counts. What matters is that we all do what we can to participate.**

### [DONATE](#)

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO DATE!**  
Your donation is already counted toward our school-wide participation.

### Brooklyn Technical High School Parent Association Inc. List of Donors - February 2022

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## PA Upcoming Events

**Topic:** *Strategies for Writing the College App Essay*

**Date & Time:** April 5, 2022, 7:00pm-8:00pm

**Presenter:** Jonathan Shapiro

**Registration link:** <https://forms.gle/M8Q69NzdSmY2GaJh7>

Participants will learn effective writing strategies and read successful models for writing the personal narrative, which is very different from the academic analysis and argument most high school students are trained in. Particularly, language choices are very different, as is the role of tone, and organization. Also, the college app essay asks people to share, to delve into themselves, and some students struggle with this inner journey. Awareness of all of the above can help the student and parent find the process more rewarding than stressful.

The talk will address how to write the essay as well as the contingent challenges/opportunities that come with writing personal narratives for college admissions.

Jonathan Shapiro has been helping students write as a teacher and tutor for more than 20 years.

Jonathan's BA is in English from Rutgers College and his MFAs are from Sarah Lawrence College and the University of Washington.

Currently, Jonathan teaches writing and literature at Fordham University and tutors writing for not only college application essays, but also academic and creative writing.

## Working Papers

If you plan on working this summer or during the next 12 months (see opportunities below) you need to submit your paperwork for working papers as soon as possible. Click [here](#) to get the form. Please drop off the paperwork to room 1W2 during your lunch period.

## Summer Opportunities

- **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**

SYEP is the nation's largest youth employment program, connecting NYC youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with career exploration opportunities and paid work

experience each summer. Participants could explore their interests and career pathways, develop workplace skills, and engage in learning experiences that help in developing their social, civic and leadership skills. For more information and to apply, see [here](#).

- **BK DA Spring Internship for HS Students due April 1, 2022**

The Brooklyn District Attorney is accepting applications from HS juniors for a spring internship. For more information, see [here](#).

## Reminders from Previous Tech Talk

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### Parent Volunteers Needed

Attention Senior Parents, our senior class of 2022 needs 20 parents to do some setup at Arthur Ashe Stadium on **June 23 and 24**. Interested volunteers should contact Mrs. Kecia O'Neal at [koneal2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:koneal2@schools.nyc.gov) as early as possible for additional details. Mrs. O'Neal wants to have an initial list list of parent volunteers to plan for the senior graduation.

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### School Survey

At your earliest convenience, we ask that students and families please complete the NYC School Survey. Parents/guardians should complete one survey, and students complete a separate survey. You will need the student's 9-digit OSIS (ID) number, which you can locate on their NYCSA account.

Here are the instructions:

- Visit this link: [NYCSchoolSurvey](#)
- Parents/Guardians: Access Code is the letter "f" (lowercase) followed by your child's OSIS number. (Ex: f123456789)
- Students: Access Code is your 9-digit OSIS

We thank you for your continued efforts as your child strives for educational success at Brooklyn Technical High School. The school survey is due on **March 25, 2022**.

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### School updates

#### Junior Updates

- In school SAT Exam will be held on **March 23** from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm; 25-minute periods for all students. See special schedules [here](#).
- The College office would like to remind you to complete your college office survey by April 1st. An email was sent to you with instructions from your college counselor.

#### Parent-Teacher Conferences

- PT conferences will be held on **April 7 and April 8**. Students have a half day April 8th. Stayed tuned for more information.
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### BTHS College Office Updates

- Click and access the updated [BTHS COLLEGE HANDBOOK \(2021-2022\)](#) for information, resources, and guidance on the college application process.
- The BTHS College Office has updated its [website](#) to help guide students and families through the college application process.
- The BTHS College Office has lots of information about scholarships and financial information on its [Facebook page](#).

- [The College Corner](#) newsletters are updated twice a month. Please take a moment to read it and find information that might be specific to your grade and interests.

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## COVID Modifications

The Department of Education (DOE) announced that face coverings will be optional on school grounds for students in kindergarten through grade 12 beginning Monday, March 7.

Heath Screening - Visitors are still required to show proof of vaccination and complete the daily health screening ([healthscreening.schools.nyc](https://healthscreening.schools.nyc.gov)) before entering a DOE building. See more in the [email](#) from Principal Newman.

### How to report a Covid related absence:

- Complete the Student Survey for Positive Covid Test [here](#);
- Email your teachers to request Asynchronous Assignments/Office Hours schedule.

### How to report a non-Covid related absence:

- Fill out [absence form](#);
- Email your teachers for the work you are missing and check google classroom.

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

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*Thanks to parent volunteers: Karen Li, Iris Chen, Lisa Marsh*



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