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BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

2020-2021 PA Meetings

September 24
October 22 (4th Thurs.)
November 19
December 17
January 21
February 25
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17

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 5:30 pm. Please email papresident@bths.edu if you would like to attend an Executive Board meeting.

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Hello Parents and Caregivers,

Well, what can we say? Those of you who were able to tune in on Friday for our 4th annual Lunar New Year celebration, got to see an AMAZING show. For those of you that didn't, fear not! We now have a YouTube channel! We encourage all of you to tune in and watch (see the link below). Our Tech kids are amazing! How they have time to master singing, musical instruments, poetry, art, cooking, dancing... is beyond us!

Our Diversity Committee, as well as a ton of wonderful volunteers, mastered techniques they never thought possible. Cindy and I can't **thank all** the participants enough. Special shout out to **Jasmin Shao** and **Kim Jalet**, our Diversity Committee & Community Engagement Co-Chairs - you ladies ROCK! Just think that last year's Lunar New Year, was the last event the PA was able to host in person! Although Cindy and I graduate this year, we hope to be invited back as guests to do this again, in person, all together.

Tech is a special place and an amazing community! We should all feel proud to be part of such a great school.

As a reminder, we do not have school next Friday (and the entire week following). We wish all who celebrate Lunar New Year - a happy new year!

As always, feel free to contact us at papresident@bths.edu.

Regards,

Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue

BTHS PA Co-Presidents

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Upcoming Important Dates

Feb. 10, 2021 - Social Justice & Racial Equity Book Club

Feb. 12, 2021 - Schools closed for Lunar New Year

Feb. 15 - 19, 2021 - Schools closed for Midwinter Recess

Feb. 23, 2021 - Panel Discussion: HBO's Between the World and Me

Feb. 24, 2021 - Junior Financial Aid Night

Feb. 25, 2021 - February PA Meeting - 6:30pm

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

"No Place for Hate BTHS Celebrity Tour"

February 9, 2021 at 2:20 PM

Tune into the No Place for Hate Virtual High School Tour featuring stars from the NFL, Action Sports, Olympics, Music, Streaming, Gaming, and Entertainment delivering messages of hope and inspiration to students at Brooklyn Tech.

Please register for the event [here](#).

HATE VIRTUAL High School Tour
An ILL Education Program

2020-2021
NATIONAL TOUR DEDICATED TO PROMOTING BULLYING PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS

BROOKLYN TECH
2-20PM – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
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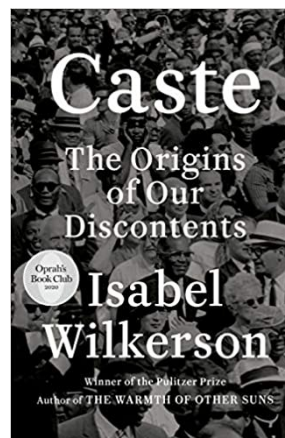


Upcoming Brooklyn Tech PA Events

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We encourage and welcome your participation on committees and in events.*

Save the Date!

**February 10, 2021 6:30-8:00 pm
PA's Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Study Group**



Please join us on Wednesday,
February 10, 2021 for the PA's Social Justice/Racial Equity Book Study Group for parents and staff of Brooklyn Technical High School.

We will be completing our discussion of this compelling book which examines social and racial division in the United States using comparisons with India and Nazi Germany. We will also discuss ways that we can

collaborate as parents/guardians/teachers to have a world without caste.

In addition, we will be soliciting ideas for our next book selection - works of fiction are also welcome suggestions. Email your ideas us at bthsdiversitycommittee@bths.edu.

Please register [here](#) to receive the Zoom meeting link.



Recent Brooklyn Tech PA Events Recap

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The **Diversity and Community Engagement Committee** would like to thank everybody who helped us celebrate the Year of the Ox at 4th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration last Friday. We had a very successful night! If you missed it, please view it [here](#) !



The **Brooklyn Tech Library** kicked off Black Lives Matter at School Week and Black History Month with a Sora collection of books and audiobooks celebrating Black voices and Black joy: poetry, science fiction, history, love, cooking, justice, memoir, and more. See [here](#) for details.

Library February



MENU

Celebrate Black Voices

BLACK VOICES BOOK CLUB

2/23

Select any book by a Black author. Register with the QR code or link below and then meet (optional) to chat about your book (even if you are not finished!) Teachers and staff welcome!

2:30 PM

CELEBRATE BLACK VOICES BOOK COLLECTION

FEBRUARY AND ON!

Log in to Sora (SoraApp.com) and see the "Explore" page--check out our curated collection with more than 80 excellent reads by Black authors!

READING CHALLENGE

NOW THROUGH JUNE!

Take the Reading Challenge by reading a book in one of our special categories! Participants will be entered into a prize drawing bimonthly. School reading, audiobooks, and even one manga book can count!



bit.ly/bthslibevent



BROOKLYN TECH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

[BROOKLYNTECHLIBRARY](https://www.instagram.com/brooklyntechlibrary)



Learn all about Sora, our new ebook platform here: bit.ly/bthssora



Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



Ross Gay



Torri Adeyemi



Ben Philippe

Learning Objectives



Lesson Plans

Black Science

Brooklyn Tech Faculty Members, **Mr. Rashidul Bari** (Physics) and **Mr. Michael Boulis** (Engineering) created a website that enables students to recognize the scientific contributions of a community that has historically been unrecognized in the STEM field. For more information, visit www.blackscientists.tech.



Upcoming Panel Discussion
HBO's Between the World and Me
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 7:00 - 8:30 PM

A message from AP of English, Jess Bonilla:

On **Tuesday, Feb. 23rd** from **7:00-8:30 pm**, Tech will host a panel discussion on **HBO's Between the World and Me**. We will be joined by guests who helped create this powerful film--including Tech alum, Tech parent and film producer, **Ms. Alisa Payne**. The Tech community will be able to view the movie prior to the live panel discussion. The evening event will be a unique opportunity for students, families, and faculty to come together to talk about race. More details are coming soon!



Click the image to watch the trailer!

Grade Change



Parents/guardians have the option to request a change of grade to a CR (credit). A grade of "CR" is a passing grade that holds no weight on a student's grade point average. Thus, a "CR" grade request is for courses in which a student passed with a 65 or higher. This is to process grade requests for the Fall 2020 term ONLY.

You must submit a grade request for each course desired. A separate form must be filled out for each class being changed to "CR" in order to insure proper processing.

The form to submit to change a numerical grade to a CR is [here](#).

College Corner



The College Office has shared several ways to stay updated on events, information and scholarships. Please feel free to follow them via:



[BTHS College Office webpage](#)

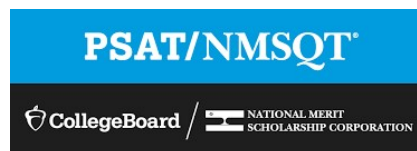
Students can follow them on [Google Classroom!](#)

JUNIORS: If you missed JUNIOR NIGHT, please visit [here](#) for the resources.

Upcoming BTHS College Office Events Students & families are welcome!

Junior Financial Aid Night

- **JUNIORS** - Feb. 24 -5:30 - 7:00 pm -RSVP details are forthcoming.



The National Merit Scholarship Program is allowing a spring SAT to qualify in lieu of the PSAT. To be considered, students must complete this online form no later than **April 1, 2021**. Read more about it [here](#).

Attention Seniors:

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EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN!
DUE February 11, 2021

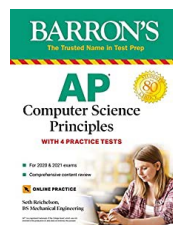
The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free. For more information, please [click here](#).

For more information about other scholarships, see [here](#).

Tutoring & Academic Resources



The Princeton Review offers a great variety of courses offerings, including online prep course, homework help and academic tutoring in a number of subjects at discounted rates for BTHS students. For more information, please click [here](#) and [here](#).



Kindle editions of some Barron's AP prep books are FREE on Amazon right now. They do not have all courses, but there are quite a few. To download use this [link](#).



Albert.io for the 2020/2021 School Year: With Albert.io, students work through practice questions to help them prepare for difficult academic subject tests such as the AP exams, Regents, SAT, and ACT. See [here](#) for additional details.

Reading Challenge 2020/21

BTHS Library Resources: Tech Librarians, Joy Ferguson and Joanna Drusin, encourage families to participate too ! Join in the fun and get details at <https://bthslib.weebly.com/reading-challenge.html>



BTHS Tutoring: peer tutoring is still available.

- **Mathematics** -Algebra,Geometry & Pre-calculus - sign up [here](#)
- **Chemistry** - ACS Chem Club Tutoring- sign up [here](#)
- **Computer Science Principles** - Online Tutoring Club- see [here](#)

Reminders from Previous Tech Talks

Joining Clubs: It's not too late to join clubs! Please see [here](#). Find out more about the SGO sticker and purchase one [here](#).

BTHS Test Policy: See [here](#) to review the new Assessment Schedule for Hybrid and Remote Learning, its rules and details for Make-up exams and more.

Support & Services During Remote Instruction:The following support and services are available during the current school closures:

Take-out Meals for Students & Families: Visit [here](#) for additional details, menus and locations. Weekdays - 9:00 a.m. and noon. No identification or registration needed.

Technology Support: [Tech Support](#), [DOE iPad issues](#), [Internet connection issues](#) or call the DOE IT Helpdesk at 718-935-5100 and press 5.

