Welcome and welcome back, Titan Families!

I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer! As I begin my 5th year at New Town High School, I am particularly grateful for the continued blessing of this community of staff, students, and families in my life, and am eager to see you again on the first day of school, Monday, August 30th. New Town High School is also proud to announce that this year’s class of 2022 has the first opportunity to receive an IB Diploma through our International Studies Magnet Program. Throughout the summer, BCPS and New Town High School have worked hard to provide instructional engagement strategies to assist our students as they transition physically back into the school building. We have had many hours of good discussion about how staff, students, and families can work together to ensure that our students are receiving an education that supports and empowers them as they strive to reach their full potential as young men and women of promise, intelligence, and goodness.

We are proud and excited to launch the 2021-2022 in person school year with our incredibly talented and dedicated teaching staff and your ongoing support and partnership! Let us begin this school year the same way we begin every day with our students, grounded in the mission of New Town High School: The mission of New Town High School is to prepare students for success as knowledgeable and global citizens, future leaders, and life-long learners. We commit to a rigorous 21st century learning environment that is safe and supportive. We exist to help our students grow into resilient, empathetic, and inquisitive individuals who think both critically and creatively and possess the courage and conviction to take action. This will ensure that all students develop their individual potential based on the standards as outlined in BCPS “The Compose” – Our Pathway to Excellence.

All students, faculty members, and visitors are required to wear a mask at all times while in the building, regardless of vaccination status. Universal masking will support our overarching goal of keeping students and staff safe. We encourage all families to visit the New Town High School website for all updates with BCPS and New Town High School:  https://newtownhs.bcps.org/

James Martin, Principal

Dates to Remember:

Freshmen/Sophomore Orientation Day is August 27, 2021, 7:35am- 11:30am!
Contact Molly Muller at mmuller@bcps.org for more information.
Back to School Night for all grades is Thursday, September 2nd, 5:15pm-7:00pm.
The 2021-2022 school year is upon us! The start of a new school year is always one filled with excitement, promise and possibility. This year is no different. Despite the challenges of with COVID-19, remote learning and social issues front and center in all our lives we all have the choice to move forward and preserve. As we return to in person learning do so with a positive attitude and spirit determined to win! I challenge you to take all the lessons you learned last year and set a goal to exceed your personal progress beyond the previous school year. Whatever you choose, start strong, stay connected and be EXCELLENT! I look forward to all the wonderful events and opportunities designed to help our students grow and achieve in the 2021-2022 school year!

Ms. Angela Berry, Assistant Principal (A-G)

Greetings to all New Town High School students and families! I am excited to rejoin the New Town High School Family. We have all experienced varying levels of challenges and triumphs over the past year. There is no time like the present to take heed of all the lessons life has taught us and move forward stronger and wiser. I look forward to connecting with each of you, so do not hesitate to say hey in the hallway or send me an email or message on Schoology. I am here for you! We will work together to make the 2021-2022 school year as amazing as possible. Let’s show up, show out, and make it happen.

With Titan Pride,

Ms. Lyndsey Brightful, Assistant Principal (H-O)

Welcome to the 2021 - 2022 school year! I am very excited for the beginning of the school year and the opportunity to help ensure the success of our Titan students. I’m starting my 17th year in Baltimore County Public Schools and my 7th year as an Assistant Principal at New Town. This year, I look forward to continuing to build relationships with our students and families to guarantee each student is successful. I encourage all students to set goals for themselves this year for their learning. Remember, you are the one that controls your destiny, so make wise choices that will help you be successful. This year, be Titan great and show your Titan Pride!

With Titan Pride,

Joseph Kopec, Assistant Principal (P-Z)

CLASS ADVISORS:

Freshman Class Advisor: Ms. Ermine and Ms. Horah

Welcome, Class of 2025! We are so excited to meet you all! This year, we are looking forward to working with you to raise money towards your class dues and planning class events. We will be posting a lot of information on social media, so please follow us on Twitter and Instagram @NTHS2025. For questions regarding the class of 2025, please contact Kelsey Ermine kwirbicki@bcps.org. See you soon!

Kelsey Ermine
Social Studies Teacher
Class of 2025 Advisor
Green Club Advisor
Sophomore Class Advisor: Ms. Duncan

We are so excited to see you in person this year, Class of 2024! We are going to need your help this year to plan class events and bring spirit to our school! Please check our Instagram and Twitter @nthsco2024 for updates throughout the year. If you have any questions or are ready to get involved, please contact Katie Duncan kduncan2@bcps.org.

Katie Duncan
Dance Teacher
Auditorium Coordinator
Tech Crew Advisor
Class of 2024 Advisor
New Town High School
443-809-1614

Junior Class Advisors: Mrs. Flood and Mrs. Hunt-Reynolds

Welcome Back, Class of 2023!!!!!!

We are excited to start another school year! We have so much to look forward to this school year including service-learning activities, fundraisers, prom, getting class rings, end of the school year activities and much more. We would like to welcome the Class of 2023 class officers and encourage you to reach out to them for all your ideas and to join the committees that will be forming to help us have a successful and fun school year. We will be collecting dues this year for the activities we will be having throughout the year. There will be newsletters that will be sent out to keep you informed of all the upcoming events. Working hard and having fun is the key! We can’t wait to see what this school year will bring.

With Titan Pride,

Mrs. Flood & Mrs. Hunt-Reynolds

Senior Class Advisors: Mr. Ambush and Ms. Randall

Hello parents, guardians and community members of New Town High’s rising seniors. This is it. The year of making all things matter for our seniors. We are excited for this class as we enter back into the building this August. We have so many ideas for our seniors, and we are looking forward to making them feel like this is the best class at New Town. We are excited about activities such as Spirit Week, Homecoming Day, Senior Inauguration, Awards Ceremony, Farewell Day, prom and finally graduation. The cost of our senior activities will be shared next month. Look for announcements for our class on our social media accounts. Along with the activities, we want your students to be ready academically. Be sure your student has their service-learning hours (75) and all classes are completed for graduation. We promise to make this school year as special as possible. We can’t wait to see our seniors.

Mr. Ambush – jambush2@bcps.org Ms. Randall – rrandall2@bcps.org
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**Advanced Placement (AP): Ms. Rollins**

Advanced Placement (AP) is a rigorous academic program in the United States and Canada created by the College Board to offer college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities may grant placement and course credit to students who obtain passing scores on the AP examinations. AP examinations are held in May of each year. New Town High School offers several AP courses for students in 10th - 12th grades. If you have any questions about the AP program at New Town High School, please contact Mrs. Rollins (lrollins@bcps.org) in the school counseling office.

With Titan Pride,

Londyn Rollins – AP Coordinator

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**AVID: Mrs. Sanna**

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! To say that we are going through an educational journey would be an understatement. However, if there is one thing that New Town can count on, it is the consistent excellence of AVID and our scholars. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is a college preparatory program. At New Town High School, we implement AVID strategies in all our classes. In 2016, New Town became the first high school in the state of Maryland to be an AVID National Demonstration School; we are a model school for AVID. In December of 2018, we earned our revalidation as a Demonstration School for another 3 years. In addition to being a National Demonstration School, we are also a Schoolwide Site of Distinction. This is the highest certification level within AVID. As we continue this journey, AVID continues to support our scholars by providing strategies to help them reach academic success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our AVID Coordinator, Mrs. Rebecca Sanna, via email rharris10@bcps.org.

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**Freshmen Coordinator: Molly Muller**

The Freshmen Team, comprised of myself and core grade 9 teachers, are here to aid you and your student during the transition into high school. Our team provides both academic and social supports for 9th grade students throughout the school year.

We will have 9th grade Early Entry Day on Friday, August 27, 2021, from 7:35am to 11:30am. Incoming 9th grade students are required to bring a copy of their New Town High School schedule (print out or digital) to Early Entry Day.

Any questions should be directed to me at mmuller@bcps.org. We look forward to getting to know you and your student.
NTHS International Studies Magnet Program (IB)

New Town High School is an International Baccalaureate World School for the Diploma Programme (DP), the Career-related Programme (CP) and the Middle Years Programme (MYP). These complementary programs provide students with an educational environment that emphasizes intellectual challenge while encouraging them to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world.

Students participate in a rigorous academic pathway of studies, with a focus on global perspectives. In a 1-to-1 technology-based environment, students will study language, social studies, science, mathematics, arts, physical and health education, and design (technology) as interdisciplinary subjects.

Focusing on global citizenship, Middle Years Program (MYP) students in Grades 9 and 10 will participate in real-world, hands-on experiences and complete a personal research project.

Students in Grades 11 and 12, may participate in either the Diploma Programme (DP) or the Career-related Programme (CP). Upon completion of the required coursework, extended essay, and service-learning projects, students take a set of IB external assessments to earn a DP Diploma or a CP Certificate. An integral part of our magnet program is the acquisition of a second language.

For more information about our Magnet Program, contact:  Chanell Owens Johnson: cowens2@bcps.org

Internships: Lynn Jacobs

Welcome Back Senior Interns:

I look forward to working with the senior scholars who have already signed up as interns. This experience will help you develop lifelong employment skills.

I look forward to seeing you for our first MANDATORY SEMINAR in Room 106 on either:
  • A day – Wednesday, September 1 from 2:30-4:00
  OR
  • B day – Thursday, September 2 from 2:30-4:00

If you have any questions, please contact me at ljacobs@bcps.org.

Have a great rest of your summer.
Ms. Jacobs

SAT/PSAT Coordinators: Ms. Choice & Mr. Soler

Welcome back, Titans!

We are excited to announce that we will be offering the PSAT 8/9 to all 9th graders and the PSAT/NMSQT to all 10th and 11th graders free of charge this year. The test will take place on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, during the school day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, and as a bonus, all Juniors are eligible to participate in qualifying for a National Merit Scholarship.

We will also participate in SAT School Day this school year on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. On this day, all Juniors will take the SAT during the school day, free of charge.

If you have not created a College Board account, we strongly encourage you to do so as this site contains a wealth of resources for the PSAT and SAT. Free PSAT/SAT Prep is also available on Khan Academy. If you have
School Counseling Department:

New Town High School's counseling department implements a comprehensive developmental program to address the academic, career/college readiness and social emotional needs of our students within a safe learning environment. Through counseling, coordination, and collaboration, school counselors work with other stakeholders to empower students to overcome barriers and reach their maximum potential as responsible citizens and life-long learners.

We are excited to welcome Christopher Rhone, a fourth full time school counselor, to our team this year. The school counseling team consists of the following members:

Ms. Marites Perriello, student last names (A - E)  443-809-3680  
Mr. Christopher Rhone, student last names (F - J) 
Ms. Londyn Rollins, student last names (K - Q)  443-809-3679  
Ms. Zara Applestein, student last names (R - Z)  443-809-3682  
Ms. Lisa Bach, College and Career Counselor  443-809-1668  
Ms. Zethray Owens, School Counseling Secretary  443-809-1619  
Ms. Ruth Randall, Records Secretary  443-809-3681

Library Media Specialist: Ms. Turek

Welcome to the NTHS Library Media Center!

I’m looking forward to greeting each of you personally when you visit the Library. My goal is to make the Library a friendly and welcoming place for students to read, learn, and relax.

Exciting News! Hundreds of new books, graphic novels, and manga were added to our Library collection in 2021. The Library will be open for in-person browsing, AND you can continue to browse virtually and place hold requests, anytime from anywhere with Destiny (https://baltimore.follettdestiny.com) on your device or smartphone.

Visit our virtual library on Schoology! The NTHS Library Media Center Group is always open for students to:

- access digital eBooks and audiobooks
- find technology support resources, including device troubleshooting tips, instructional tools like Microsoft Office 365 and the NoodleTools research platform, and BCPS Digital Content databases
- get assistance with class assignments and research projects
- participate in fun activities
- make book suggestions and recommendations
- find your next great read and so much more!!

If you aren’t a member of the group yet, join today by signing into Schoology > Groups > My Groups > Join Group > Access Code: VCGJ-GMMN-JFF9J.
Join the Graphic Novel & Manga Book Group to discuss what you’re reading or the anime you are watching with other students and have an AMAZING time! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The first meeting time and location will be announced in school and through Schoology.

Our friends at the BCPL, Owings Mills Branch invite students to check out books (with no overdue fines!) by using their school account (9-digit school ID#). Students may also use their student ID# and the password “0000” to access the BCPL online databases, register for programs, and place hold requests.

Mrs. Turek, the Library Media Specialist, can be reached at kturek@bcps.org. Follow us on Twitter: @LibraryNTHS to see library learning and literacy in action.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE:

Regular school attendance has a huge impact on a student’s academic success. It is the key to high school graduation and college and career readiness. Research has proven that students who regularly attend school and are on time are more likely to read on grade level, less likely to drop out of school, and more likely to graduate on time. Attendance is recorded by the teacher of each class. It is very important for all students to attend all classes that have been assigned to them daily.

Regular attendance = Success in School = Future Leaders and Life-long Learners!

Greetings New Town High School Families:

Welcome back!

We have experienced some trying and unpredictable times over the past year or so, but everyone—especially our students—has proven that they truly are “Titans.” We have faced some unprecedented challenges, but we faced those challenges headlong and showed our collective resilience. We learned that we could do things in new ways and that we could overcome limitations. We head into a new academic year with a sense of cautious optimism but also with a renewed sense of purpose. I would like to invite you—students and parents alike—to join the New Town High School PTSA as we rebuild and seek new ideas and new ways of accomplishing things. Let’s work together to make this coming school year at New Town High School the best year ever! Please be safe and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
Olayta Rigsby
President,
New High School PTSA
president@newtownhsptsa.org
**Emergency Contact Information**

All Parents/Guardians are required to fill out the emergency contact form that is included in this packet and return on the first day of school.

**Directions to find class schedule and classroom numbers in Focus:**

- Log into Focus [https://baltimore.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/](https://baltimore.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/)
- Click on the box that reads "Sign in with your BCPS account."
- Enter your BCPS email ([UserName@bcps.org](mailto:UserName@bcps.org)) and click "Next."
- Enter your BCPS password and click "Sign in."
- Select if you want to stay signed in.
- On a computer, from the menu on the left, click Class Schedule. On a phone, click the 3 menu lines at the top right and select Class Schedule.

The yearlong schedule is visible with a Room Number column.

Any technology concerns please call or email the BCPS help desk.
Phone: 443-809-4672, Email: [helpdesk@bcps.org](mailto:helpdesk@bcps.org)

**Service-Learning Information**

Service-learning hours/projects are available from September 2021 – May 2022. Please contact [rrandall2@bcps.org](mailto:rrandall2@bcps.org) for more information.

Things to turn in on the first day of school:

- Emergency contact form (Every student must turn in)
- Discretionary medicine form
- Updated residency information (If you have not updated, your child will not have a schedule the first day of school) - [rrandall2@bcps.org](mailto:rrandall2@bcps.org)