

AUGUST 2020



Welcome and welcome back, Titan Families!

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer! As I begin my 4th 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, virtually, on the first day of school, **Tuesday, September 8th**. New Town High School is also proud to announce that we have been officially authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) Career Path (CP)/Diploma Path (DP) Magnet School. In the fall we are looking forward to adding on the authorization of IB Middle Years Program (MYP) as well. Last spring and through the summer, education has looked different for all stake holders due to COVID-19. Throughout the summer, BCPS and New Town High School have worked hard to prepare the best virtual learning engagement for all students. 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 have spent the summer working hard to strengthen and enrich our academic program, fortify our identity as the only high school in Baltimore County to offer all three International Baccalaureate/International Studies programs and put systems in place that will facilitate teacher/family communication in every classroom. We are proud and excited to launch the 2020-2021 virtual 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 Blueprint 2.0.**

We encourage all families to visit the [New Town High School website](#) for BCPS and New Town High School updates.

With Titan Pride,
James Martin
Principal

Dates to Remember

Freshmen Orientation Virtually on Schoology on Friday, September 4, 2020 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

First Day of School on Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Student Material Distribution Day on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Back to School Night for all grades on Thursday, September 10, 2020 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



The 2020-2021 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 spring with COVID-19, remote learning and social issues front and center in all our lives, we all have the choice to move forward and persevere. As we enter this new year remotely, 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 2020-2021 school year!

With Titan *PRIDE*,

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



Welcome, New Town family, to what is sure to be an exciting but unpredictable year. I hope this message finds you healthy, happy, and eager to start a new school year. If there is one thing we can count on in 2020-2021, it is the need to be flexible and focused. Over the last month, we have been working hard to create a schedule for virtual learning that not only sets rigorous academic expectations but at its center is focused on the social and emotional health of all our students and the community. This year we welcome the IB Diploma and Career programs for our juniors. Over 130 students in the junior class will begin pursuing rigorous courses across multiple subject areas that will open a world of possibilities and set them up to be successful global citizens. All our students will be exposed to the IB Learning Profiles which focus not only on learning and growing academically but becoming better human beings with the capacity to nurture one another. I once again will be closely working with students with the last name beginning with H-O. I am also supervising the Math and Physical Education Departments as well as our IB program. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any of these areas or for any other assistance you may need over the course of the 2020-2021 school year.

Eric Eiswert, Assistant Principal (H – O)

New Town High School eeiswert@bcps.org



Welcome to the 2020 - 2021 school year! I am very excited for the start of the school year and ensuring the success of our Titan students. I'm starting my 15th year in Baltimore County Public Schools and my fifth year as an Assistant Principal here at New Town. This year, I look forward to continuing to build relationship with our students and families to guarantee each student is successful. I encourage all students to set goals for their learning this year. As we continue 1-1 with each student using a device for instruction, I encourage all students to embrace change. Schoology is the gradebook we will be using this year that will help each of you ensure your achievement. Remember you are the one that controls your destiny. 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 Advisor: Ms. Duncan

Hi! I am excited to welcome you to New Town and serve as your Freshmen Class Advisor! More information will follow. Let's have a great year!

Mrs. Duncan: kduncan2@bcps.org

Sophomore Advisors: Ms. Flood & Ms. Hunt-Reynolds

Hello New Town Parents and Community Family,

We, the class advisors of the class of 2023, would like to welcome back your students to New Town High School. We look forward to serving them as they continue to engage in their learning activities. Truly, we are in a different time of learning, but we know that you and your students are prepared and up to the task.

As your Class of 2023 advisor along with Mrs. Karen Hunt-Reynolds, we are honored to serve your students as well as the community.

Our goal is to support our families to the best of our abilities. We look forward to serving you through different forms of communication. Look out for upcoming information about the class of 2023. We are happy to answer any questions, provide assistance and offer suggestions. Feel free to reach out to our team at cflood@bcps.org and kreynols2@bcps.org.

Junior Advisors: Mr. Ambush & Ms. Randall

Hello Parents, Guardians and Community Family,

Welcome to the New Town family. We are incredibly excited for the class of 2022! Each year we are thrilled to welcome back your sons and daughters to NTHS; their energy and passion inspires our community.

Both I, Mr. Jason Ambush, and Ms. Ruth Randall are honored to serve the New Town Community as the class advisors for the class of 2022.

As your class advisors, we are available to provide support and services to all parents, students and families. Our goal is to provide our families with opportunities to **Learn, Engage, and Connect** with the school. These goals are accomplished by providing comprehensive programming, communication, advocacy, and peer-to-peer outreach.

An example of the resources offered include the Class Newsletter, which is distributed electronically, bi-monthly throughout the academic year. We also sponsor social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), orientation for families during Welcome Week, and live webinars. Throughout your students' academic career, please let us know if we can support you in any way. We are happy to answer questions, provide assistance, and offer suggestions.

Feel free to reach out to our team at jambush2@bcps.org and rrandall2@bcps.org.

Senior Class Advisors: Ms. Wirbicki & Ms. Bernstein

Look how far you've come! We are looking forward to a year to remember! Here are some important reminders:

- Class dues are \$200. Please pay your dues by Friday, February 5, 2021. Payment will be accepted by credit card only. If senior activities are canceled due to COVID, class dues will be reimbursed.
- Because we will be doing a virtual format for the first semester, please follow your class on Instagram @nths2021 for important updates and information!
- Please also begin submitting pictures to your class advisors! We want to have as many memories as possible!

We are so excited to be a part of your final year at New Town! While this is not how any of us planned on spending your senior year, we promise to make it as special as possible. We can't wait to see you soon!

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Robert Shields	AVID	rshields2@bcps.org
David Soler	PE & Health	dsoler@bcps.org
Megan Wrede	World Language	mwrede@bcps.org

Advanced Placement (AP): Ms. Rollins

Advanced Placement is a 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 grade. If you have any questions about the AP program, please see Mrs. Rollins in the school counseling office.

With Titan Pride,
Londyn Rollins – AP Coordinator

AVID: Mr. Shields



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Although things are a little different this year, some things will remain the same. One thing for sure that will not be any different is the “excellence” of New Town AVID. In 2016, New Town became the first high school in the state of Maryland to be an AVID National Demonstration School. In December of 2018 we were revalidated as a Demonstration School for another three years. We are a model school for AVID. In addition to being a National Demonstration School, we are also a Schoolwide Site of Distinction. This is the highest certification level. Even though we may be adjusting to our new normal, the standards set in prior years will remain. As we navigate this new world, AVID continues to develop strategies for our students to learn within our new normal. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is a college preparatory program. AVID strategies are infused in all classes at New Town High School. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our AVID Coordinator, Mr. Robert L. Shields, JD. via email rsields2@bcps.org

Freshmen Team Class of 2024: Ms. Muller

New Town High School’s Freshmen Team would like to formally welcome the Class of 2024 to our Titan family. The Freshmen Team is here to support 9th grade students as they transition into high school. We will be holding 9th grade orientation virtually on September 4th at 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. through Schoology. If you have any questions please email our Freshmen Team Leader, Molly Muller, at mmuller@bcps.org. We look forward to meeting all our new students!

NTHS International Studies Magnet Program (IB)

Our International Studies Magnet Program provides a rigorous, academic program that gives students a global perspective to prepare them for college. Students in Grades 9 and 10 participate in interdisciplinary units across all content areas based on the International Baccalaureate (IB) framework. Students in Grades 11 and 12 transition into the internationally recognized IB Diploma Programme or Career-related Programme. Based on individual interest, students will select and explore a variety of courses in depth and breadth to develop individualized research and community-based action projects. Students completing the requirements may receive college credit for IB coursework.

For more information about our Magnet Program, contact:
Chanell Owens Johnson: covens2@bcps.org or Kimberley Simms: kharrissimms@bcps.org

Internships: Lynn Jacobs

Welcome New Town Interns,

I look forward to working with you this year. I will be contacting you by email, so please be sure to check it daily. Our first seminar will be Wednesday, September 9 with the time to be determined. I will send out an email and invitation with this information once it is confirmed.

Remember you signed agreements to do the following:

- Work scheduled number of hours
- Submit weekly assignments on Schoology
- Attend bi-monthly seminars virtually
- Turn in work hours on time.

I look forward to "Meeting" with you on Wednesday, September 9.

SAT/PSAT: Ms. Choice & Ms. Nwogbo

Greetings Titans!

Mrs. Nwogbo and I are excited to be your SAT Coordinators this year! We know many of you are concerned about how we will progress with SAT/PSAT this year. Information is currently evolving, and we will be sharing updates as soon as we can. As of right now, the PSAT Day for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders has been canceled. Also, there will be no makeup day for SAT School Day for the class of 2021, and Saturday testing has been canceled through November. We understand how inconvenient and disappointing this is. We will be creating a Schoology group that you can join. It will include resources to help you continue to practice the required SAT skills.

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 Jeremy Goldman, 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)
Mr. Jeremy Goldman, student last names (F - J)
Ms. Londyn Rollins, student last names (K - Q)
Ms. Zara Applestein, student last names (R - Z)
Ms. Lisa Bach, College and Career Counselor
Ms. Zethray Owens, School Counseling Secretary
Ms. Ruth Randall, Records Secretary

Library Media Specialist: Ms. Turek

Welcome to the NTHS Library Media Center where the focus is on learning, literacy, and fun!

During remote learning, visit our virtual library on Schoology. The Library Group in Schoology is a friendly and welcoming place for students to:

- access digital books
- find technology resources
- get assistance with class assignments and research projects
- participate in fun activities
- locate fascinating information
- find book suggestions and your next great read!
- and so much more!!

Need help with a research assignment? The Library's got you covered!

- Students have access from home to BCPS One - Instructional Tools, such as *Microsoft Office 365* and the *NoodleTools* research platform, and to Digital Content databases.
- In BCPS One - Digital Content, check out the *Destiny* link and select New Town High School to search our library collection and access hundreds of eBooks on your phone or device by using the Chrome browser.
- Our friends at the BCPL, Owings Mills Branch invite students to check out books (with no overdue fines!) by using their school account/ID#. Students may also use their student ID# and the password "0000" to access the BCPL online databases.

Want to discuss what you're reading with other students and have an AMAZING time?

- Join the Graphic Novel & Manga Book Group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month on Google Meet to discuss the books you are reading and the anime you are watching. Go to [Google Meet](#); use the code: ktureklibrary to join the discussion.
- Suggest e-books for our library collection by submitting a [Requests & Recommendations form](#) (available at <https://tinyurl.com/nthsbooks>) or by posting on the Schoology group discussion board.

The Schoology Library Media Center is always open. If you aren't a member of the group yet, join today by signing into BCPS One > Schoology > Groups > My Groups > Join Group > Access Code: VCGJ-GMMN-JFF9J. Mrs. Turek, the Library Media Specialist, can be reached through Schoology message or directly at kturek@bcps.org. Check out the group resources page for Mrs. Turek's current office hours and 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 shows 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.

During virtual learning, attendance will count. Attendance will be recorded by the teacher of each class. It is very important for all students to attend each assigned class daily.

Greetings New Town High School Families:

Throughout the previous school year, our PTSA Executive Board members have been a valuable part of the New Town High School Community. Our monthly meetings involved a wide spectrum of stakeholders engaging discussions that affect our children on multiple levels. Through these experiences, in conjunction with the vital feedback we've received directly from you, we have been given a much-needed perspective.

This school year, we would like to continue to discuss ways to improve communication between parents and teachers. As always, school administrators will be available to give us updates on upcoming school events.

This new school year has also brought about some unforeseen challenges due to COVID-19. We currently have an opening for PTSA President, as well as chair positions for our committees. We also would like to announce that our previous Vice President resigned, and our previous Secretary has stepped down for personal reasons. Our very own Jason Ambush will be completing the rest of the term for Vice President, and community member Angela Weems will be finishing out the term for Secretary. We are currently recruiting for those positions, as well as Treasurer, to serve in the 2021-2023 term. If anyone is interested in helping to save our PTSA, please call **410-645-0379** or email NTHSPTSA@gmail.com. Teachers are allowed to hold any position on the board except Treasurer. Community members are encouraged to participate and serve as well.

Our first scheduled meeting will be September 21st @ 7pm. We will be moving to an online platform using Microsoft Teams. Microsoft Teams will allow for us to meet virtually (people can also phone in), conduct informational webinars and to vote on various issues which would still allow your voice to be heard. PTSA members that paid their dues for the 2019-2020 school year are still allowed to vote until October 31st, 2020. Please check your emails and mailbox for your nomination ballot for President. We will conduct the actual vote at our first meeting.

Please make sure to support our PTSA because we need all hands on-deck. We look forward to seeing/hearing from you on September 21st @7pm. To pay for your membership, please use PayPal nthspts@gmail.com (friends and family option) and Cash App \$nthspts. We hope everyone has stayed safe and continues to stay safe during these unprecedented times. Remember, together we can make a difference in our school and in our community... and if you miss a PTSA meeting, you miss a lot!

Katrina Jones

Treasurer

New Town High School

Emergency Contact Information

All Parents/Guardians are asked to complete a brief [Emergency Contact Form](#) prior to September 8, 2020.