

Towle BRIDGE

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Things to remember ...

Please remember that we are guests in the buildings we use and should behave accordingly.

- 1. Families and teachers park in the parking lot in front of the church (keeping to the left side as much as possible).** Students are to walk from the parking lot to the gym doors down the left side of the church. The front doors of the church will be locked. Once in the gym, leave your book bags, crates, etc. along the perimeter and walk to the sanctuary for morning announcements, etc. NO drinks or food are permitted in the sanctuary. Once morning announcements are over, we will not go beyond the double doors leading to the sanctuary. We must stay apart from the daycare.
- 2. ALWAYS check IN and OUT with the study hall monitors if coming to school late or leaving before the end of seventh period! You must also check in at the beginning of every study hall.**
- 3. No loitering in the parking lot.** Once at school, you are here for classes or, if available, you may be outside at the basketball "court" during study hall in the back of the building. There is no need to be around cars.
- 4. All backpacks, crates, etc. are to be in the study hall area.**
- 5. Do NOT take food or drink into the classrooms.**
- 6. Keep voices down when in the hallways as there may be classes in session.**
- 7. If weather is a factor, remember to listen to the radio or go to our website.** Campus may close when the Red Clay School District closes. Check the *Student Handbook* for further information.

**"The beginning is the most important part of the work."
~ Plato**

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

A WARM WELCOME from your SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Greetings to One and All! Hope each one of you had a refreshing summer break!

A special and warm welcome to all *new* families who are joining Towle! If you should have any questions or concerns that arise during the course of this year, please feel free to see me or to email me at leezakal@udel.edu.

PSAT will be administered on *Saturday, October 14, 2017* at the Towle site (Pike Creek Bible Church). Pre-registration is required; there cannot be any refunds or walk-ins on the day of the test. All sophomores and juniors are encouraged to register. If you should have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kaliakin leezakal@udel.edu.

Now, for some pointers:

- If you are going to take the **SATs** or the **ACTs**, please use the School Code (aka CEEB) of **080071** in order for Towle to receive a copy of the score report. These scores, however, are **NOT** automatically printed onto your transcript. For that, you must give me written permission.
- To all **Juniors** and **Seniors**, please check your **"Inbox"** (file box) on Mondays, especially in the first half of the year. Inside your folder, you will find hard-copy hand-outs of standardized test (SAT and ACT) dates and other valuable college related information. In general, please stay on top of your email messages, as much financial aid and scholarship opportunities are now being announced via email.
- For **Seniors** who will be requesting teachers to write letters of recommendation as part of the college application: Please give teachers 3-weeks leeway. Also, provide teachers with addressed and stamped envelope.
- For all those taking academic classes as **Independent Study**, please remember to fill out the **necessary paperwork by Week 3!** Any questions? Please ask Mrs. Kaliakin
- Please check out <http://www.nshss.org> for eligibility requirements to join the National Society of High School Scholars. There is a fee associated with joining. An interested student needs to be nominated in order to attain membership status. If interested, please contact Mrs. Kaliakin.

My sincere best wishes to each one of you! Mrs. Leeza Kaliakin leezakal@udel.edu

Welcome!

WELCOME BACK, TEACHERS! And, welcome to our **NEW TEACHERS** who have joined the Towle family. Please extend a warm Towle welcome to each of them! Some other staff changes are: Catherine Alcaraz will be teaching Spanish 1a, 1b and Spanish 3; Lori Bostrom will take on PreCalculus in addition to Algebra 2 that she currently teaches; Bob Ellenberger is adding World History to his teaching duties; Maureen Ernst is teaching Sewing/Woodworking for the high school art class this year; Meredith Slaten is teaching high school psychology (from a Christian perspective) as well as MS Book Club and Grace Watts is no longer a study hall monitor but helps with office duties and is taking on curriculum duties.

Dawn Bell has taught every level of high school English, plus AP English Literature and Composition, for 20+ years and has devoted her life to Christian education. She has a B.A. in English Secondary Education and an M.A. in English. Dawn is excited about teaching American literature, since it is her favorite! She grew up in Phoenix, AZ and was a PK ("Preacher's Kid"). Dawn's hobbies include reading and writing (surprise!), music, and spoiling her 12-pound Bichon dog, Kelly. She and her husband Bruce have two grown sons and four grandchildren, whom they also like to spoil.

Gwen Byers is a wife and a homeschooling mother of three, with her oldest starting full-time at Towle this year in 6th grade and her middle child in the 4th/5th grade class. She is originally from Ridley Township, PA but moved to North Carolina to attend college at UNC-Chapel Hill. After graduating she moved back to PA and her family now lives in Oxford. She has her doctorate in pharmacy and loves science and history, so she is excited to be teaching 4/5 Science first and second quarters and 4/5 Writing about American history during the third and fourth quarters. She loves sports, and two big highlights from this summer were two vacations her family took...one to Boston and one to the Outer Banks. She looks forward to being a part of the Towle family!

Amanda Hall is a homeschool mom of 4, three of which are current Towle students. She was born and raised right here in Delaware. Before entering the world of homeschooling, she taught elementary school. An avid reader herself, Mandy especially enjoys teaching reading. She also enjoys cooking, fine dining, and just eating in general! She is already familiar with several of the Towle students and is looking forward to meeting more of them this year as study hall monitor.

Jamie Irwin is a homeschool mom of three children, two boys and a girl. Her oldest son and daughter will attend Towle this year. Jamie was born

and raised in Fawn Grove, PA. Prior to having her children she was an accountant by profession. A few of her favorite activities are reading, hiking, going to the beach and eating Mexican food. As a new teacher of Consumer Math, she looks forward to an exciting school year digging into the many ways math is practical and purposeful in everyday life.

Susan Iwanoff is originally from Venezuela. Her bachelor's degree is in Engineering Science with a specialization in Chemical Engineering. She has two kids who are students at Towle. She enjoys fitness and traveling and is looking forward to teaching Spanish 1 and Spanish 2!

Natacha Moten moved to Delaware from Long island New York nearly a decade ago, and has been really blessed to build great relationships with many homeschooling families. She is a mother to one son and four girls, one of whom attends Towle. Her oldest son, Kaleb, is entering his third year at the University of Delaware and she's had a full summer with moving her oldest daughter, Bekah, to New York where she will be training with a professional Christian ballet company. Natacha is really excited about sharing her love of literature and writing with Towle's 7th graders. She'd say, "We'll get through grammar together!"

Melanie Owens has been homeschooling her eight children for the past 17 years. Currently, Therese is a 10th grader at Towle and Collette is an 8th grader. Originally from California Melanie earned her Masters of Social Work (MSW) degree from U C Berkeley and also met her husband who was studying engineering. Together they moved to New Jersey and five years ago moved to Kennett Square, PA. Melanie loves preserving her family memories by scrapbooking and photography. She also enjoys reading and cooking healthy meals for her family. She sometimes joins her husband speaking on issues of marriage and family around the country. She's happy to provide child care to the wonderful teachers at Towle.



Stroll for Towle

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us for this year's "stroll" -

SATURDAY, OCT. 28TH 10:00 AM

We will be meeting at the parking lot of Grace Church, 357 Paper Mill Road in Newark

START NOW asking your friends and family members to sponsor you!

FORMS will be available at school and in next month's newsletter. We will again have the option for donations to be made online.



*One of a kind,
irreplaceable,
priceless memories!*

Be sure to order your yearbook!

*Sign up in the office
or at Mapping.*

NOTE: The 2016-17 Yearbook will arrive at the end of September.

Don't change
so people will
like you.

Be yourself & the
right people will
love the real you.

DesiComments.com

PLEASE COLLECT  FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box tops are available on certain Betty Crocker and General Mills products. Each box top is worth 10 ¢ for our school. Last year we earned \$289.70!! For a complete list of products, go to --

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/participating-products>. The website also frequently has contests and games that also earn us more box tops. If you have a facebook page, "like" Box Tops on fb to earn bonus box tops for Towle. Bring your box tops to school and place in designated box in study hall. Please check expiration dates listed on each box top. **They do not have to be cut out nicely!** I will do all the bundling and submission tasks.

Thanks for your support!! *Trish Landa*

2017-18 Lab Schedule

Fall

(Wednesdays – PCBC)

September 13 (Lab **Group 1** on school calendar)

8:30 – 10:30	Physics
8:30 – 10:30	Physical Science (<i>Moving to second lab date this month only!</i>)
10:30 – 12:30	Chemistry

September 27 (Lab **Group 2** on school calendar)

8:00 – 10:00	Anatomy & Physiology
8:30 – 10:30	Physical Science (This month only.)
10:00 – 12:00	Biology; Life Science
12:30 – 2:30	Life Science microscope lab
12:30 – 2:30	Health

October 11 Follow Lab **Group 1** schedule

T B A Earth Science Field Trip; more details to follow

October 25 Follow Lab **Group 2** schedule

November 8 Follow Lab **Group 1** schedule

November 15 Follow Lab **Group 2** schedule

December 13 **To Be Announced** (See **Dec/Jan.** lab schedule)

Towle Bridge Calendar

September 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Week 1 First Day of School! Falcons Volleyball Tri-State Christian JV-4p; Varsity- immed. following	6	7	8	9
10	11 Week 2 4/5 Science Begins— Animal Science	12	13 LAB Group 1	14 First Day of Drama Falcons Volleyball at Tome JV-4p / Varsity- Immed. following	15	16 Falcons Volleyball All-Day Varsity Tournament At Tome
17	18 Week 3 PICTURE/ SENIOR PORTRAIT DAY	19 Falcons Volleyball Calvary Christian (Dover) JV-4p; Varsity- immed. following	20	21 Drama	22	23
24	25 Week 4 Teacher Meeting	26	27 LAB Group 2	28 Drama Falcons Volleyball Aquinas JV-4p / Varsity- immed. following	29	30

Falcons Volleyball Game Locations –

Tri-State Christian – 146 Appleton Road, Elkton, MD

Calvary Christian – 1532 E. Lebanon Road, Dover, DE

Tome – 581 S. Maryland Avenue, North East, MD

Aquinas – 2370 Red Lion Road, Bear, DE (game location TBA)