
TOWLE BRIDGE

NEWSLETTER



“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Jeremiah 29:11

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

- ▶ The ASVAB test, as part of the Career Exploration Program, will be administered at Towle on Friday, March 8th from 9am-12 noon. Students will need to have access to a laptop or Chromebook. The test is FREE of cost. Only 10th through 12th grade students are eligible to take this test. A follow-up meeting, “Interpreting Your Scores” will be held on Friday, March 22nd .

To find out more about the Career Exploration Program, please visit www.asvabprogram.com .

Please let me know if you are interested in taking this test.

- ▶ For Seniors – most of you have finished the process of applying to colleges. What a relief; congratulations! If any of the colleges need a mid-year report, let me know. Please also keep me posted as to where you gain admittance!
- ▶ If you have any questions or concerns that arise, please feel free to email me or stop by the office on Monday mornings.

Mrs. Watts

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STUDY SKILLS TIPS!

How Do You Look at Homework?

That word “Homework” is often dreaded! But does it have to be this way? How much are students coloring this word? Homework never intended to be mean-spirited, but rather a helpful and eye-opening process to facilitate learning!

To simplify your life, you need to change your perspective and begin viewing homework as your “friend”, and not a “fiend”.

In personifying homework, we can realize that it is gently quizzing our knowledge of the new subject matter that is being learned in a specific course. Just because the teacher introduced new concepts in a particular class, does not mean that the material has really “sunk in”. Learning is a process for which homework serves as a guide! Homework exercises the brain, so that any new information gets integrated into the mind.

So, next time you sit down to do homework, think of saying, “Hello my Friend!”

-- Mrs. K

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The Towle Lions had their first games the week of December 11, with the boys securing a win in their first game of the season. Please come out and support the teams in one of our upcoming games.

Go Lions!

January Game Schedule

- **Fri, Jan 12 - Home Game vs Providence; 4pm Girls, 5:30pm Boys (Ogletown Baptist Church, 316 Red Mill Road, Newark, DE)**
- **Thurs, Jan 18 - Game at Bethany Christian School; 4pm Girls, 5:30pm Boys (1137 Shadyside Road, Oxford, PA)**
- **Wed, Jan 31 - Game at Delaware School for the Deaf; 3:30pm, 5pm Boys (630 E Chestnut Hill Road, Newark, DE)**
- **Fri, Feb 2 - Home Game vs Bethany Christian School; 4pm Girls, 5:30pm Boys (Ogletown Baptist Church, 316 Red Mill Road, Newark, DE)**

-- Mrs. Chick

TAU XI INDUCTEES



On December 11th, 2023, Towle's Homeschool Honor Society, called "Tau Xi", welcomed two new members: Emily Matthews and Noah Watts! Pictured above are in back row: Alexandra Irwin, Noah Watts, and Mrs. Kaliakin; in front row: Mrs. Watts, Autumn Hall, Abby Watts, and Emily Matthews. Heartfelt congratulations, Emily and Noah!!!

NEW TO TOWLE!

Meet Anthony Pugliese

Interview by Mackenzie Riley

Where did you go to school before Towle?
Delaware Valley Classical School (DVCS)

Do you have a favorite subject?
History

Do you have any pets? If so, what kind of pet(s) do you have?
Two cats, Linus and Lucy (named after characters from The Peanuts)

What is your favorite holiday and favorite thing to do during that holiday?
Christmas, and the traditions my family do during Christmas time

Meet Rylan Bradford

Interview by Kelly McHugh

Where did you go to school before Towle?
I was homeschooled.

What do you like to do in your free time?
Draw, play football and basketball and create things.

What's your favorite season of the year and why?
I love winter because you can build snow forts and have snowball fights.

How many siblings do you have? What are their names?
I have 3 siblings - my 9 year old brother Kellen, a 4 year old brother Leo and an adorable 18 month old sister McKenna (aka The Queen).

Do you listen to music? What kind?
Mostly praise and worship music.

What's your favorite food and why?
My favorite food is pizza because its bad for you.

What is your favorite subject in school (if you have one)?
My favorite subject is Ancient History because I like learning about things that have happened in the past and comparing it to now.

What is your favorite food and/or restaurant?

My favorite restaurant is La Casa Pasta, and my favorite food would be any pasta from that restaurant.

What is your favorite place to go on vacation?
Cap Cod with my family

What is your dream vacation spot? (A place you've never been)
Europe, specifically Germany and Italy to explore the history and the landscape

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
Teleportation



BULLETIN BOARD



Upcoming Spirit Day Events:

January 29th Pajama day

February 12th Valentines

March 25th Color wars

March 25th Tourist day *COMPETITION*

May 20th Twin day

Bible Quiz Info Session & Practice Preview Dates

Thurs Jan 11th 3:30pm

Sun Jan 28th 11am

text Faith Miller 610-322-9833 or
email faith@onetruehealth.com

CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR THROUGHOUT HISTORY AND AROUND THE WORLD

HISTORICAL ORIGINS BY MACKENZIE RILEY

Here in America, many of us have the same traditions that we do every New Year. We set off fireworks, drink sparkling cider (or champagne, for those of the age to do so), and watch the ball drop from our TV screens. However, many other countries celebrate the coming of the new year as well. Although they may not celebrate their new year on the same day or even within the same calendar as us here in the US, many still have celebrations and customs. Here are a few of their traditions that could be integrated into your festivities this year.

- **Clothing:** Many cultures wear specific clothing items in special colors. This is done to invoke good luck, such as in Brazil, where they wear white as it is the color of prosperity. Similarly, Japan celebrates in traditional kimonos, which symbolize good fortune and longevity.
- **Food:** Almost every culture has a traditional food that they eat in festivity; they are all very different. Folks in Spain eat 12 grapes to show 12 months of good fortune in the coming year. In the Jewish New Year, individuals eat fruit dipped in honey to symbolize sweetness in the following year. Dutch people enjoy small dough balls covered in powdered sugar called “oliebollen”, or ‘oil balls’. Swiss citizens place dollops of ice cream on their floor at midnight to channel wealth and abundance in their home.
- **Bouts of Permitted Violence:** Although it sounds bad now, many countries have traditions that usually would seem like acts of anger. Nevertheless, they aren’t done in rage or anything of the sort. In the Netherlands, people burn both their Christmas trees and YES, their cars! This is to move past the old and welcome the new (although I feel as though there must be a less expensive option to do so). In Ecuador, people set fire to large effigies, for reasons very similar to the Dutch people. This tradition unfortunately started in 1895 with the yellow fever epidemic, where many coffins had to be burned to stop the spread of infection. However, the custom has taken a lighter tone in today’s day and age.

Spend some time looking up some traditions from cultures in your background. You never know what you might find out!

HISTORY OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS BY KELLY MCHUGH

Why do we celebrate New Years the way we do? Civilizations all around the world have been known to celebrate the new year for a very long time as far back as Babylon some 4,000 years ago. Later Julius Caesar made January 1 the first day of the new year because the month was named after the god of beginnings, Janus. The ancient Romans celebrated the beginning of the year by giving sacrifices to Janus. In America now we celebrate by gathering, eating some snacks, or watching the annual New Years Ball Drop. Another new year tradition is new year resolutions. Why do we make new year resolutions? New year resolutions have become traditional because people can view things as a new start from a blank slate in the new year. So the answer to the question - it is really just tradition.

CIVIL AIR PATROL PROGRAM

What is Civil Air Patrol?

Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary of the Air Force. The corporation was established in 1941 and aided in American defense during World War II. Today, members of Civil Air Patrol participate in community service and emergency missions, such as search and rescue operations.



From left to right ---Cadet Airman 1st Class George Stinson, Cadet Master Sergeant Jonathan Petrucci, Cadet Senior Airman Anthony LaMonica, 1st Lieutenant Michelle Petrucci, Commander, Brandywine Squadron

What do Civil Air Patrol members learn?

Members of Civil Air Patrol learn military drills, about aerospace and using special technology in emergency situations, and how to properly wear the uniform.

What are common activities during meetings?

Members of Civil Air Patrol participate in leadership exercises, drills, games, STEM challenges, search and rescue activities, and summer camps. Members also have the opportunity to practice flying and navigating an airplane during orientation flights (commonly known as o-flights). Civil Air Patrol pilots monitor local traffic and complete surveys from the air.

How often do members meet?

Each squadron meets once per week. However, there are additional, more frequent activities in which members can participate.

One of the best parts of Civil Air Patrol is...

“...learning to cooperate with others and participating in Cyber Patriot,” Cadet Master Sergeant Jonathan Petrucci.

“...learning with friends, participating in aerospace activities, and serving on the Cadet Advisory Council,” Cadet Senior Airman Anthony LaMonica.

“...participating in aerospace education, witnessing the friendships in my squadron, and seeing the accomplishments of each cadet,” 1st Lieutenant Michelle Petrucci, Commander, Brandywine Squadron.

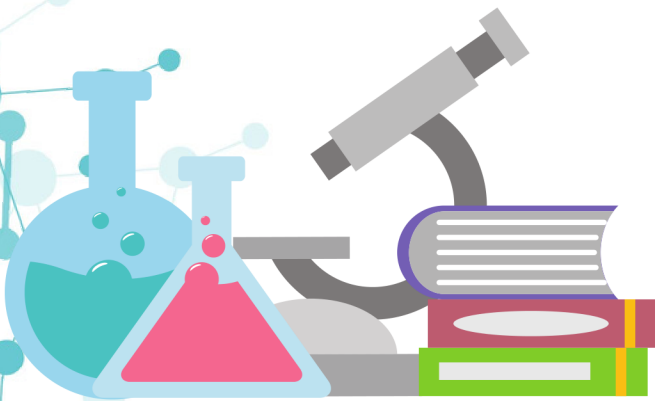
Contact Jonathan Petrucci, Anthony LaMonica, or Mrs. Petrucci for more information. All Civil Air Patrol applicants must be twelve years of age or older.

GINGERBREAD WARS



SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY

FAIR PHOTOS!

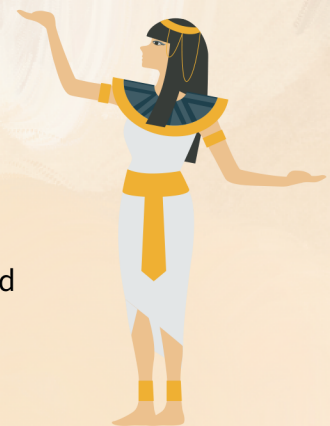


Ancient History Field Trip

Penn Museum



On Tuesday December 5th, Towle's 6th grade Ancient History class and other interested parents and students went to the Penn Museum in Philadelphia. We saw lots of interesting things while at the museum. First we had a tour through the Egyptian exhibit. We saw a small Sphinx that was about 8 feet tall, a mummy, and other artifacts like canopic jars and art work. After that, we explored the other exhibits on Africa, the Americas, Greece, Rome, Asia, and the Middle East. We saw statues, artwork, and examples of metalwork (weapons, coins and jewelry) from each culture. It was a great trip to get a glimpse of ancient times.



--Noah and Mrs. Hollinshead



Teen Bible Quiz

*A fun, challenging and skill developing way to
Hide God's Word in your heart!*

What is Teen Bible Quiz?

A team sport that cultivates discipline, memorization techniques, critical thinking and litigation skill-building through studying scriptures in order to compete in question-and-answer matches at a local, district, regional and national levels.

Bible Quiz benefits:

Deepens relationship with God & His Word

Transferable memorization skills

Logic & Reasoning development

Cultivates Critical Thinking

Builds discussion, argument building and litigation skills

(when contesting rules and regulations - not God's word/theology)

Details:

6th-12th Grade

Season runs from September -March

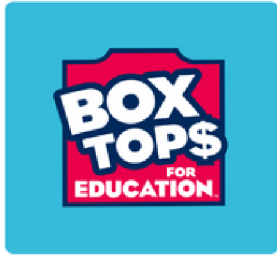
One (1) Meet per Month

Weekly practices

**Email Faith Miller for details or to come and preview a Quiz Practice in
Hockessin Thursday Afternoon or Sunday this January or February.**

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January 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day No School	2 Week 15	3	4 Drama	5	6
7	8 Week 16	9	10 Labs	11 Drama	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Week 17 4/5 Ends Zoology	16	17	18 Drama	19	20
21	22 Week 18	23	24	25 Drama	26	27
28	29 Week 19 Pajama (Spirit) Day 4/5 All things fun & Fascinating pt I	30	31	Notes:		

Barker & Louie

Winter Wonderland



Louie, don't bluebirds migrate for the winter? Why are you still here?



Well, I was enjoying having the birdbath all to myself when I realized I was stuck.



Besides, there's snow place like home!

Emile Matthews

2023-24 Lab Schedule

(Wednesdays-WCEC)

First semester

January 10th

Time Slot	Course	Course
8:30 - 10:30 am	Health	Anat. & Physiology
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Chemistry	Biology

February 14th
March 13th
April 17th
May 22nd
Summer Break!