
TOWLE BRIDGE

NEWSLETTER



“And now these three
remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is
love.”

I Corinthians 13:13

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

The **ASVAB** test, as part of the **Career Exploration Program**, will be administered at Towle on Friday, March 8th from 9 am-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. The deadline to register is Monday, February 19th.

Summer Opportunities – This is the time of year to begin planning! **The University of Delaware’s Edge Summer College Program** is just one example. It offers rising high school juniors and seniors (ages 15 to 17) opportunities to enrich and expand their academic experience, including earning up to 7 fully accredited college credits and living on campus for the 5-week summer session. It is intense but very rewarding! Visit <https://www.udel.edu/apply/undergraduate-admissions/precollege-programs/edge/> for more information and deadline application dates!

Numerous (not all) colleges have similar summer programs. Check the websites of those colleges that you are interested in attending. It’s a great way to “check out” that college!

Extracurricular activities will play an important role in the college application packet. Please make every effort to accrue meaningful experiences and keep track of them.

For all **High School-aged students**, it is not too early to begin looking into summer volunteer opportunities. Don’t forget to ask your relatives and friends for ideas as to where to apply.

It is the student’s responsibility to keep a detailed list of any **academic honors and/or awards** earned in high school. *Please give me a copy of that list at the end of the school year, so that I can include this information onto your transcript.* Keep in mind, that you need to note the level of the competition (school, county, state, regional, national, etc.), the exact name of the competition, and the specific award earned (first place, honorable mention, meritorious award, superior ranking, etc.). For example: Second Place, Individual Exhibit Category, School-level National History Day Competition.

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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NOTES

8 STUDY SKILLS TIPS!

Who has heard the word, "responsibility", and then, shuddered? Often associated with this word are feelings of shame and guilt. Most of us are all too familiar with that gnawing feeling when we fall short of handling our responsibilities.

Inherent to 'responsibility' is the opportunity to influence the outcome of a particular task. If you take the responsibility of studying, for example, you influence the outcome - that is more often than not - to be positive. In the process of wrestling with a responsibility, new techniques and/or skills are developed. New insights and fresh perspectives are born. Isn't this priceless?

Taking on a responsibility - any kind, from pet caring, to studying, working -- is an invitation to grow. Nothing ventured, nothing gained! Don't shirk from taking on a responsibility! Embrace it for what it is - an opportunity to grow and strengthen oneself!

-- Mrs. K

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Come cheer on the Towle Lions at their last game of the season on Tuesday, February 6th, a home game against New Covenant Christian School.

The game will be held at our home court at Ogletown Baptist (316 Red Mill Road, Newark). The girls' game will start at 6pm and the boys will start immediately after, around 7:30pm. There is an admission fee for these games: \$1 for students, \$2 for adults, \$5 for family - children under 5 are free!

You are also welcome to join us for the parent/alumni vs. player games. These games will take place at Ogletown Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 13th with the girls starting at 6 and the boys starting at 7. These are fun games where former Towle basketball players come and join ranks with the players parents to take on the current players! There will be no admission fee for these games!

-- Mrs. Chick

WESTERN CIV ARTS



The Western Civilization class got to experiment with making egg tempera paints like the Renaissance artist would have done. We mixed various spices (cinnamon, paprika, turmeric, and sage) with an egg yolk/water solution to get our desired colors. For the blue and purple we mixed hand sanitizer with food coloring. The finished product was pretty cool!

SENIOR FEATURE

JONATHAN PETRUCCI

BY KELLY MCHUGH



What are your plans after you graduate?

My plans are to go straight to college to get a bachelor's degree in Cyber Security and minoring in Criminal Justice then get a job that involves both fields as soon as possible. My goal is to become a cybercrime investigator. I will also eventually buy my own house with no mortgage. If I'm dirt poor after that, I'll barely have to pay any taxes. When I finally do earn my money back (which will take who knows how long) I'll prevent myself from having to pay greater real estate tax from expanding my home by digging my own hidden underground laboratory with my own tools and hands so the government doesn't register my home as having a higher value. ☺

What are some of your hobbies or activities?

I enjoy creating new things, playing or making video games, playing chess, singing, dancing, hacking, drawing, playing basketball, skateboarding, writing, hardwood flooring, Civil Air Patrol, flying cessnas, rizz, being annoying, American Sign Language, talking about the Fourth Dimension, antimemetics, thinking, astronomy, psychology, learning languages, learning a new skill, learning in general, and finding loopholes in anything and everything that exists.

What is your dream snow day?

My dream snow day is gathering a bunch of people together at the top of a giant hill called "SLOPE." Why? Because it equals $mx + b$. Then beginning a really competitive sled race to the bottom.

What is your favorite class?

If we are talking about favorite class that has ever been taught at Towle, it would be 6th grade science, or earth science. As of this year though, worldview is my favorite class at Towle. (I really like my American Sign Language class.)

What is the best ice cream flavor?

The deepest, darkest chocolate flavour. (I already know I just made a ton of enemies just for answering that.)

What is your best Towle memory?

My best Towle memory is talking about Physics in the Fourth Dimension with last years' seniors in Physics class and later presenting it in the last class of that year.

What has been your biggest challenge in high school?

Lethargy.

Describe yourself in three words.

Friendly, weird, resilient.

How many siblings do you have? What are their names?

I have three sisters. I have two older sisters named Katie, and Victoria, and one younger sister named Julia. I know the minds of girls and all the types because of growing up with them.

Who's your biggest role model?

Jesus

What has been your biggest accomplishment in high school?

Scoring in the top 25% of participants across America in the CyberPatriot competition with my friend David.

Also if you don't mind can I have a picture to put into the newsletter?

Yes.



NEW TO TOWLE!

Meet Sophia Miller

Interview by Mackenzie Riley

Where did you go to school before Towle?
WCS (Wilmington Christian school)

Do you have a favorite subject?
English or lunch

Do you have any pets? If so, what kind of pet(s) do you have?
A fish named Starburst. I had more but they died.

What is your favorite holiday and favorite thing to do during that holiday?
New Year's Eve. I like to play capture the flag with my cousins at midnight.

What is your favorite food and/or restaurant?
Mexican food, and Wawa or Five Guys

What is your favorite place to go on vacation?
Cape Henlopen

What is your dream vacation spot?
A big cabin in the middle of the woods with my family.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
The ability to slow down time.



Josh Cericole

Interview by Emily Matthews



Where did you go to school before Towle?

I went to Cherry Hill Middle.

Do you have a favorite subject?

I like history because I like learning about World War II.

Do you have any pets?

I have two dogs. Their names are Goose and Bean.

What is your favorite holiday?

I like New Year's and the New Year's Eve fireworks.

What is your favorite food and/or restaurant?

I really like Italian food and my favorite restaurant is Enzo's

What is your favorite place to go on vacation?

I enjoy camping because I like being outside and going fishing.

What is your dream vacation spot?

I want to go to Alaska in the summer because I would want to see the nature there.

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

Having infinite money

BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming Spirit Day Events:

February 12th Valentines

March 25th Color wars

March 25th Tourist day *COMPETITION*

May 20th Twin day



PERFECTED IN LOVE

Faith Miller



English is a tricky language. Generally speaking, there is a looseness in the way we use words today. Many words seem to be as malleable and interchangeable as sweaters for shorts in changing seasons. To ask someone for a definition of love today is to walk into a vastness that considers our modern-thinking, secular cultural influence, personal experience and linguistics. There is simply an endless array of answers that we have accepted can be as subjective as the person answering the question and their perspective.

What does the Bible say about Love? As the one and only source of truth on the earth, I find that the easiest way to cut through confusion is start there and search what God has revealed to us about Love.

As it turns out, Love is described with such variety because God Himself *is* Love. The Most High Creator of the universe is so multi-faceted that trying to describe Him is a task without an end, a depth without a bottom, an idea without a limit. God is *everything* and so there is a picture of Love in everything He has made for us.

Adonai created the reality we live in today in order to reveal Himself to us through that very creation to the unseen rulers in the air (1). He created relationships of all kinds which each show us a faint shadow or image of a facet of Himself which is Love.

The relationship of a Father to child shows us the deep responsibility and sometimes heavy weight of having to teach lessons that strengthen us, often through struggle.

The relationship of Mother to child is a whispered likeness of the way the Holy Spirit is given the same description as Eve was given in the garden as “The Helper”(2). Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “The comforter”(3). These are both wonderful descriptions of characteristics of motherly love.

We can look at our own relationships and see how we as children respond to and receive parental love and then mirror some of those experiences and emotions to how we respond to our Father and the Helper in heaven. When we become parents, God shows us the sort of heart He has for us and that mirror allows us to see a reflection of ourselves in our children and how limited the understanding we have when it comes to what is best for us. God also gives us friendships and reveals to us what Love looks like when you choose someone and invite them to connect with you who wasn't already built in. We see God refer to Abraham and Moses as His friends (4), and Jesus refers to His disciples as friends(5). These were examples of

the love that is gifted and chosen for someone not automatically placed in your life as a family member, it is someone we *choose*.

Then there is *Jesus*; described as a Bridegroom(6) and a Brother(7), Lord and Savior(8), Kinsmen Redeemer(9) and Avenger of Blood(10). He is known as the Sacrificial Lamb(11). Jesus embodies the characteristics of God that love *unto death*. There is a certain amount of giving up one's self just simply by entering into a marriage covenant. The Bible tells us that when a man and woman form a union they “become one”(12) and by definition that means each person has to give up half of themselves. We even understand today that when reproduction happens, only half of the DNA information from each parent is retained in order to form a new life!

In 1938 Harvard embarked on what would ultimately become the longest human study in history of over 80 years(13), only to discover that the Bible really *is* teaching us the key to lasting happiness : how we treat our neighbor. The study concluded that the primary factor contributing to peace, happiness and health is human relationships. Jesus tells us that loving one another is equally as important as Loving the Lord Our God with all of our Heart, Soul and Strength(14). Paul writes to the Galatians that the whole of the perfect Torah can be fulfilled in the single command of loving your neighbor as yourself(15). This is what Jesus came to do and to show us. The only complete way to love another as one's self is being willing to exchange your life, your security, and your very breath for the salvation of another. That is love in it's most complete expression.

The Hebrew language is much less liberal with how words are used than the English, and in Hebrew each letter has it's own concept and symbol attached to it. This makes learning Hebrew very easy and very exciting, because you can decipher the meaning of a word simply by combining the symbolic meanings of each letter, sort of like a puzzle to understand the word itself.

The Hebrew word for Love is Ahava (16) אהבה and the letters that make up the word can be deciphered as “*God Reveals Himself to His Family.*” Our Creator, who embodies every single type of relationship we can imagine in it's perfect fullness, came to us, lived as one of us, suffered and sacrificed parts of Himself that we will probably never fully understand until we are with Him, in order to reveal to us the true and complete nature of Love, which is, the true and complete nature of He Himself.

Maranatha!

Bibliography - <http://tinyurl.com/bdet9yt6/>

TOWLE ALUMNI

AN INTERVIEW WITH MIKE RILEY BY MACKENZIE RILEY

How long did you go to Towle, and what year did you graduate?

Two years, in 2019.

What have you been doing since you graduated?

College at University of Delaware and working at the Delaware Museum of Nature and Science.

How would you rate Towle's preparation for college studies/ life?

7/10, the way that you get used to managing your time for Towle's work is very useful for managing your time for college work.

What advice would you give our seniors graduating this year?

Don't be worried about knowing for sure what you want to major in in college. You really have until junior year to make a firm decision of what you want to do, and even then, it really is not a big deal if you need to switch later and take longer to graduate.

What advice would you give to our younger high schoolers (juniors, sophomores, ect.)?

Do your best and make it through. College is so much better than high school.



YOUNG WRITERS AWARD!

Kelsey Cook and Sophia Miller received recognition for their essays being published as part of Young Writers' SOS Sagas: Hunted contest.

Hunted: Chasing Daylight is scheduled for publication on April 30, 2024



SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS!

Rylan Bradford --- Top Researcher
McKenzie McMahan -- Excellent Presenter
Melina Keathley -- First Place Project
Rory Slaten -- Well-Rounded Scientist
Carrie Keathley -- Awesome Display



REAL LOVE

A POEM BY EMILY MATTHEWS

Love can be soft and fierce and firm,
Steadfast amid all life's sorrows.
Love is the flower that grows from the heart.
It'll be there for every tomorrow.

Love can be messy, and love can be work,
And it can seem like it's not worth it,
But true love is a bond that will always be strong
If you are willing to unearth it.

So look to others before yourselves,
And offer what you have to give,
For true love is selfless and gracious and pure,
And makes it a true blessing to live.



Go LIONS



U.S. Presidents

CROSSWORD

by Kelly McHugh

Across

9. Which president was often mocked in the press for his unkempt appearance?

11. Which president and his wife received a Siamese cat as a gift from the American consul of Bangkok?

13. Who was the shortest president?

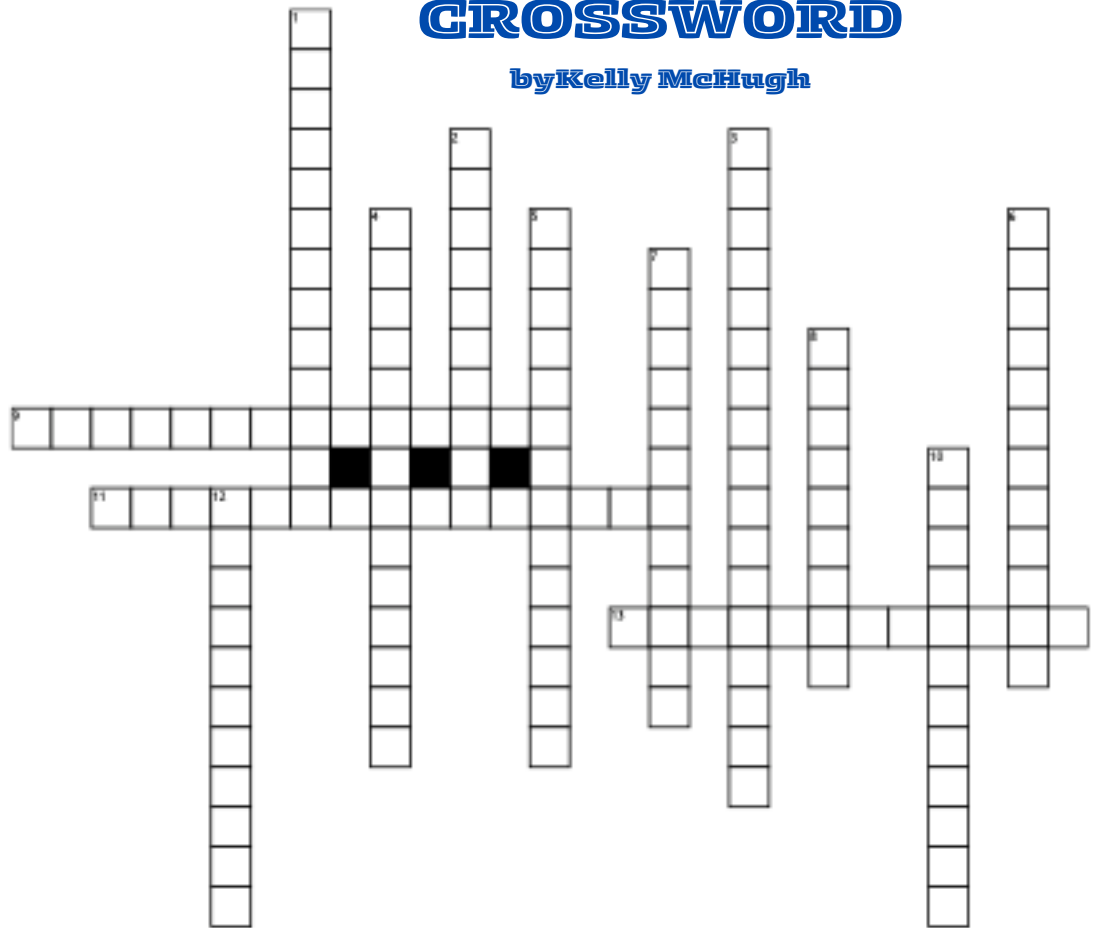
Down

1. "Old Whitey" was the beloved horse of which president?

2. Which president worked as a model for Cosmopolitan magazine in the 1940s?

3. Which president hated his painted portrait so much that he eventually burned it?

4. Who is the only president to be born on July 4?



5. Which president was known as a "little magician"?

6. Which president was a classically trained pianist and played 4 other instruments?

7. Which president made Christmas a national holiday?

8. Who was the first president to live in the White House?

10. Which president also served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

12. Which president and his wife met in the fifth grade, were high school sweethearts, but did not marry until their mid-thirties?





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 on a Sunday this January or February.**

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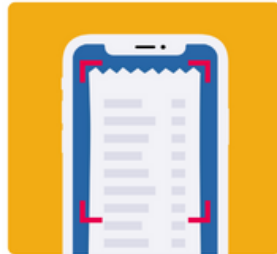
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WHAT IS LOVE?

ELIZABETH KALIAKIN

According to the late Pastor Greg Barrier who formerly taught the Worldview course at Towle, "Love is a decision, it is not only an emotion."
 To love is to choose the loving way in every moment of one's life. It is to choose to respond with love in every interaction with others, no matter how annoying the other person is! It is to choose to let yourself be humbled instead of trying to win an argument. It is to choose to take on loving mercy when interacting with someone who trespasses against you. It is to choose to joyfully share your food with someone who is hungry.

Who is the best Teacher of Love? Christ.
 Where does one go for the source of all Love? To Christ.

2023-24 Lab Schedule

(Wednesdays-WCEC)

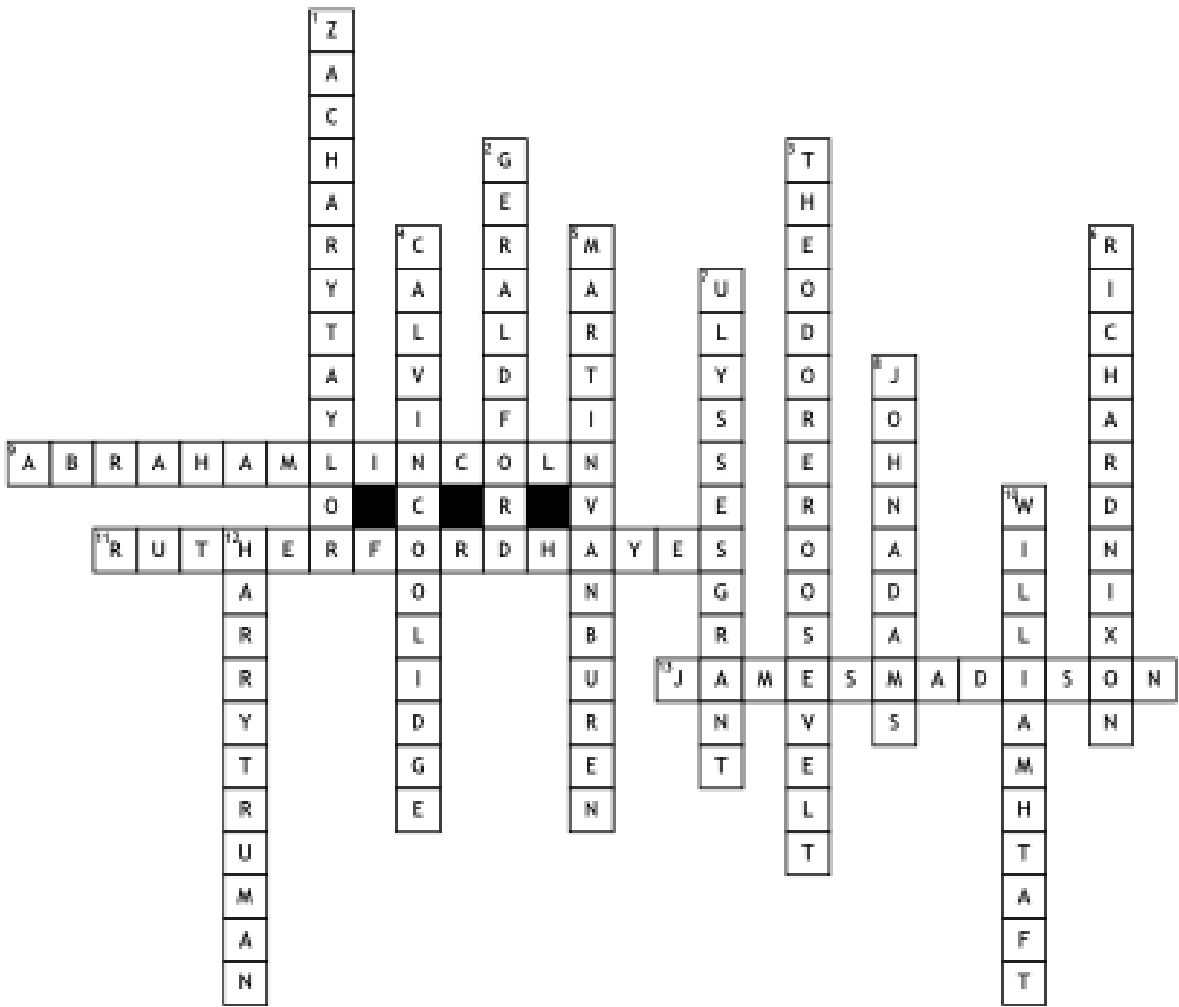
First semester

February 14th

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

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

US PRESIDENTS CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY



HAPPY
**Presidents
Day**