
TOWLE BRIDGE

NEWSLETTER



“It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”

John 13:1-3

ACADEMIC ADVISING REMINDERS

- ❖ **REMINDER for all High School Students:** Week 33 (**May 13, 2024**) is the deadline date to hand-in your paperwork for obtaining **PE and/or Music** credit for this academic year.

For academic courses taken as **Independent Study**, please follow the deadline dates established by the Department Head.

- ❖ **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!

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ 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, 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 anytime on Mondays.

Mrs. Watts

jill.watts@towleinstitute.com

Notes

What's Your End Game?

Why do you go to school?

Aside from the fact that it is dictated by law that all young people must attend school, what is your goal for attending classes? In which of the following two broad categories do you fall into?

Category #1: I want to learn whatever is being introduced, understanding that I am learning to learn, which is a skill that will be useful throughout life.

Category #2: I just want to pass the classes to be able to get a high school diploma.

If you chose category #1, I'm willing to bet you will be able to maintain good motivation levels throughout your school years.

If you chose category #2, you are missing the big picture. School is meant for you to exercise your "learning muscles" that you will need in post-high school studies and in future employment.

Change your perspective – it will change your entire life!

-- Mrs. K

YEARBOOK



TOWLE 30TH ANNIVERSARY COVER CONTEST !

The 2023/2024 school year marks the 30th Anniversary of Towle Institute. We want to create a unique yearbook cover to commemorate this momentous occasion.

Towle students are invited to enter an original 30th-anniversary cover design for the Yearbook Cover Contest. The winning design will be featured on the cover of our 2023/2024 yearbook, and the winning artist will receive a free yearbook!

The submission deadline is April 22nd.

Please submit designs to Mrs. Slaten at meredith.slaten@towleinstitute.com or in person.

GUIDELINES:

Designs can be either hand drawn or graphic designs (Canva is a great tool for this)

Designs can be no larger than 8.5 x 11 (no lined paper)

Must stick to the theme of the 30th anniversary

Must have the school year 2023/2024
Must have the school name (Towle Institute)

Must be an original idea - Be creative!
Artist must be a current Towle student

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK?

Do you have pictures that you think the yearbook staff could use? You can email them to meredith.slaten@towleinstitute.com or use the QR code to upload them directly to our yearbook photo collection. The link will ask you to pick a category. If you don't know which category to use or don't see the one you need, please use Miscellaneous.

Thanks for your help in making this a fabulous yearbook!





APRIL FOOLS

BY EMILY
MATTHEWS

APRIL IS HERE, AND WITH IT COMES APRIL FOOL'S DAY! THIS OCCASION HAS BEEN OBSERVED FOR YEARS AND HAS GIVEN RISE TO SOME PRETTY OUTRAGEOUS APRIL FOOL'S DAY PRANKS, SUCH AS:

- **IN 1957, THE BBC AIRED A FEATURE ABOUT THE "SWISS SPAGHETTI HARVEST," WHICH CLAIMED THAT FARMERS IN SWITZERLAND HAD REAPED AN UNUSUALLY LARGE CROP OF SPAGHETTI THAT SEASON AND SHOWED FOOTAGE OF PEOPLE "HARVESTING" SPAGHETTI FROM TREES.**
- **IN 1980, THE BBC WORLD SERVICE ANNOUNCED THAT THE BIG BEN CLOCK WOULD BECOME DIGITAL AND BE RENAMED "DIGITAL DAVE."**
- **IN 1996, TACO BELL ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD BE PURCHASING THE LIBERTY BELL AND RENAMING IT THE "TACO LIBERTY BELL." HOWEVER, THE FAST FOOD COMPANY PROMISED TO KEEP THE BELL "ACCESSIBLE TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FOR VIEWING."**
- **IN 1998, BURGER KING ADVERTISED A "LEFT-HANDED WHOPPER" THAT WOULD SUPPOSEDLY ALLOW LEFT-HANDED CUSTOMERS TO BETTER ENJOY THE SANDWICH. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BELIEVED THE JOKE AND TRIED TO ORDER THE NONEXISTENT BURGER.**
- **IN 2013, GOOGLE RELEASED A VIDEO STATING THAT ITS NEW FEATURE, "GOOGLE NOSE BETA," WOULD ALLOW USERS TO SEARCH FOR AND SMELL A VARIETY OF SCENTS, SUCH AS CAMPFIRES, COOKIES, AND PRINTER PAPER.**
- **IN 2017, MCDONALDS ADVERTISED THEIR NEW "MICRO MAC" BURGER THAT WAS SUPPOSEDLY PERFECT FOR WHEN "YOU'RE ONLY A TINY BIT HUNGRY."**

Works Cited/Sources

<https://www.mybib.com/b/zOk3py>

Senior Spotlight

Autumn Hall

BY KELLY MCHUGH

What are your plans after you graduate?

My plans after I graduate are to attend the University of Delaware and pursue a History major with a minor in Museum Studies.

What are some of your hobbies or activities?

My hobbies are collecting history facts, visiting museums, and practicing Chinese martial arts at my kung fu studio. (I have just earned my black sash this year!)

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

My favorite thing to do in the summer is sleeping in (big surprise there) and hanging out with my friends.

What is your favorite class?

My favorite class at Towle has to be my Ancient History Class in the sixth grade, that has always been my favorite type of history :)

What is the best ice cream flavor?

Mint chocolate chip, hands down... unless the UDairy Creamery is selling Salt of the Earth.

What is your best Towle memory?

My best Towle memory has to be the accidentally exploding crucible in my Physical Science lab in my freshman year. It scared us half to death, but it was awesome.



Do you have any finals tips?

My best tip for taking finals is to not get yourself so worked up trying to study, because you don't actually absorb any information that way. Study bits and pieces and make sure that sticks.

Describe yourself in three words.

Umm. Inquisitive, driven, and short.

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

I have three siblings: Alanna (Towle alumni 2020), Emily (Towle alumni 2022), and Connor (middle schooler)

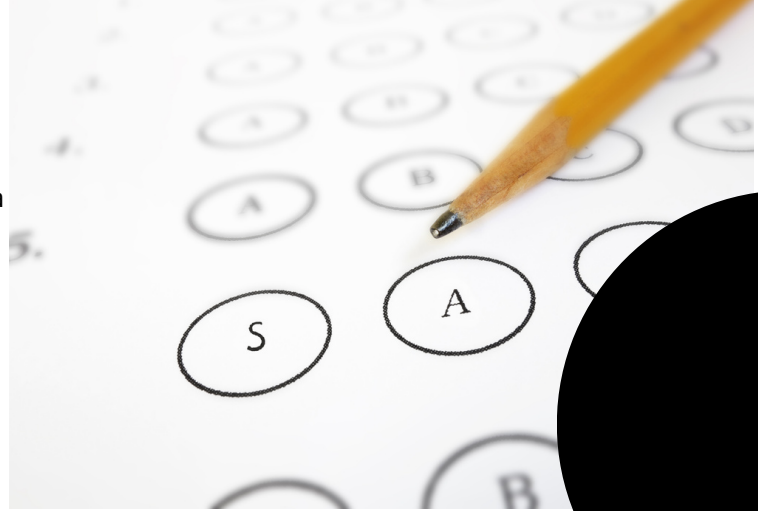
Who's your biggest role model?

I don't place other people on pedestals, because we all make mistakes sometimes, so Jesus and Mary are my biggest role models.

Who should take the PSAT?

Those who will be Sophomores in the fall are encouraged to take this test as a practice for the SATs. The PSATs are often used as a benchmark in assessing the student's readiness for scholarships, summer internships and/or volunteer positions.

Likewise, those who will be Juniors in the fall are encouraged to take it in order to determine National Merit Scholarship status. Freshmen are welcome to practice their test-taking abilities but please be forewarned that there is a lot of algebra in the math section of the PSAT.



PSAT / NMSQT

Towle Institute will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT test on October 12, 2024.

The test will be administered 100% online. Instead of paper and pencils, students will need to bring their fully-charged computers with the downloaded Bluebook App (available via College Board's website).

Date: **Saturday, October 12, 2024 • 8:30 am**

Location:

**Wilmington Evangelical Community Church
1512 Brackenville Road
HOCKESSIN, DE 19707**

Registration Deadline: no later than **Monday, September 16, 2024**, spaces are limited and filled on a first come first served basis.

Fees, Payment & Registration

Please send in payment with a note that provides the following information:

1) Student's full name, 2) student's grade level in Fall of 2024 and 3) a reliable contact email address.

\$21 for full-time Towle students

\$24 for part-time Towle or non-Towle students

Please make checks payable to Towle Institute.

Payment is required upon signing up. No refunds. No walk-ins on the day of the test.

Towle's mailing address:

Towle Institute

Attn: PSAT

P O Box 580

Hockessin, DE 19707

Please feel free to email Mrs. Kaliakin with any questions and / or concerns Elizabeth.Kaliakin@towleinstitute.com.

NEW TO *Towle*

Carrie & Melina Keathley

Interview by Emily Matthews



Where did you go to school before Towle?

Providence Christian Academy

Do you have a favorite subject?

History!

Do you have any pets? If so, what kind of pet(s) do you have?

Our family cat Coco

What do you do in your free time?

Play Sports (flag football, handball, u-frisbee, soccer, dodgeball)



What is your favorite holiday and favorite thing to do during that holiday?

Christmas - we love to make Yule cake!

What is your favorite food?

In-N-Out

What is your favorite place to vacation?

California, to play with my baby cousins at the park.

What is your dream vacation spot?

Hawaii I want to visit the volcanoes

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

Telepathy, so I can read my sister's mind and talk to her without anyone knowing.



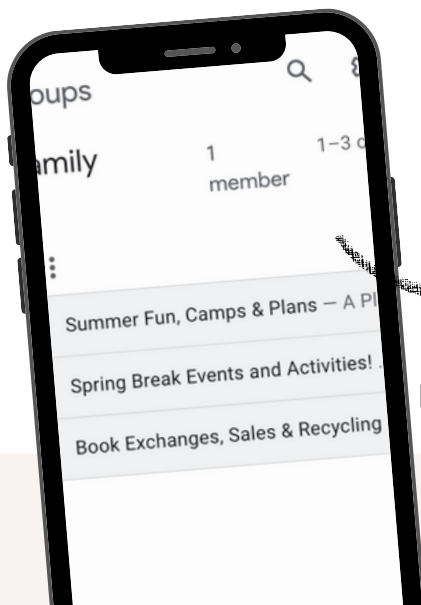
Towle Parent-Teacher RESOURCE FORUM



Share & Seek Books,
Tips & Activities ...



A place for Towle families to connect and share and ask for anything from practical tools and tips to fun and unique activities and events for homeschoolers.



Sign up!

JOIN THE GROUP FORUM!

<https://groups.google.com/g/towle-family-forum/>

Towle Alumni

JESSICA PROTHERO BY MACKENZIE RILEY

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

I started going to Towle in 4th grade for the 4 & 5 Writing class, then continued in 6th grade all the way up until I graduated in 2020.

What have you been doing since you graduated?

I graduated with my Associates in Animal Science and now work at a Veterinary Hospital.

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

7 out of 10

Was there a specific teacher or class that stood out as being particularly helpful after graduating?

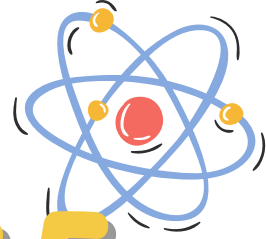
Everyone and everything was helpful in their/its own way.

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

I would say gradually start taking the steps you need to take for college/your future, rather than waiting until the last minute and feeling rushed and/or pressured.

What advice would you give our seniors graduating this year?

Take it one step at a time, you don't have to know everything right now. You need to do what is best for you rather than what you think others expect of you.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



From left to right: (Back Row) Josh Cericole, Dominic Waritz, Darby Slaten, Audrey McHugh, Kelsey Davis, Micah Watts. (Front Row) Michaela Heavner, Christopher Mao, Piper VanDyke, Penelope Schlabach, Anna Lester, Kelly McHugh



From left to right: Noah Watts, Abby Watts, Abigail Hollinshead, Emily Matthews, Anthony Pugliese, and Jonathan Petrucci



TOWLE INSTITUTE DRAMA
PRESENTS

“THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA”

*From the book by Gaston Leroux
Book and Lyrics by Joseph Robinette
Music by Robert Chauls*

Thursday April 25 and Friday 26,
2024 at 7:00PM

Saturday April 27 Matinee at
1:00PM

Everspring Church @ Commadore
Community Center
1701 S. DuPont Hwy., North St.
Georges, Delaware

This exciting musical goes to the essence of Gaston Leroux’s classic love story as it weaves the lives of the singer, Christine (Abigail Hollinshead), her suitor, Raoul (Mason Merritt), and the omnipresent “Opera Ghost” into a tapestry of love, mystery, and intrigue in the 19th century France. It also takes full advantage of the often-neglected humor in this classical thriller. In addition to the principals, we meet the good-hearted opera managers, Montcharmin (Gracen Slaten) and Richard (George Stinton), our lovely stage manager, Marie (Julia Petrucci), the relentless Commissioner of Police, Mifroid (Caleb Hollinshead). The mysterious visitor who is known only as “The Persian”. The prima donna, Carlotta (Darby Slaten) who inexplicably loses her voice and plays the delightful usher Mame Giry. We also meet the opera cleaning woman, Yvette - dual roled by Laura Lee Armstrong and Rory Slaten.

An interview with Abby Holinshead by Mackenzie Riley

How long have you been acting for?
have been acting for four years!

What role do you play in this musical?

I play Christine Daae. She is the main female character who takes voice lessons from the Phantom.

Do you relate to your character? Why or why not?

I relate to her passion for music, but I don’t know if I would take lessons from a creepy man who wants to kidnap me heh.....

What is your favorite part about participating in this play?

I love the music and goofing off with my fellow actors/actresses.

How would you describe the storyline in 3 words?

Musical, spooky, mysterious

Do you think others should come and enjoy this show?

YES!!!! Please come and help support your fellow classmates! It is a really interesting show with fabulous music and amazing actors. We would love to have everyone there to see us use the talents that God has given us.

**Tickets • \$14/Adults
\$10.00/Ages 2-8**

**Towle Immediate Families
Ticket \$40/Family**

**For tickets see a Towle
student, visit the office or
call 302-602-1638**

“Produced by special arrangement with DRAMATIC
PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois.”



APRIL
19
FRIDAY



BIBLE QUIZ

+ *Information Session*

Meet the Trinity Quiz Teams • Ask Questions
• See a Quiz Match in Action

TEEN & JR. QUIZ TEAMS

Grades 3 - 12

4PM-6PM @ THE WELL
6949 LANCASTER PIKE, HOCKESSIN, DE 19707

**Book and Lyrics by
Alan Jay Lerner**

**Music by
Frederick Loewe**

LERNER AND LOEWE'S

Camelot

Cheryl Shields / Director

Kim Provo / Music Director

Christopher Ponce / Pianist

Friday, April 12, 2024 ~ 7:30PM

Saturday, April 13, 2024 ~ 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 14, 2024 ~ 2:00 PM

For tickets use the QR code or

www.everetttheatre.com

www.godspowerandlightco.org

Adult (18 and over) \$15.00 — Students (3 to 17) \$10.00

All Tickets are General Admittance

No Assigned seating

Original Production Directed and Staged By Moss Hart

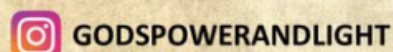
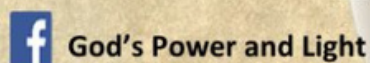
Based on The Once and Future King By T.H. White

LERNER and LOEWE'S Camelot

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.mtishows.com



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2023-24 Lab Schedule

(Wednesdays-WCEC)

Second Semester

APRIL 17th

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

**May 22nd
Summer Break!**

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Hockessin, Delaware 19707

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Fax: (302) 993-1409

March 2024

Dear Parents,

It is time to start thinking about Standardized Testing (CAT TerraNova 3rd ed.). Here are the details:

When: Monday, June 3 (8:45 am – 12:05 pm) **and** Tuesday, June 4 (8:45 am – 11:45 am)

Where: Wilmington Community Evangelical Church, 1512 Brackenville Rd, Hockessin, DE 19707

Who:

- All full-time Junior High students (grades 6-8) are required to test and will not be charged. **These students do not need to register.** Parents, please see reverse side for service hour opportunities.
- Fourth through 8th grade siblings of full-time students and junior high part-time students may test at a cost of \$30 per student. You **do** need to register these students. In order to ensure adequate tests and adequate space, you will need to enroll your child/children by **Monday, May 6, 2024**. Please complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to the school office. Enclose payment to *Towle Institute* for each child tested in grades 4 - 8 (**who are not full-time Junior High students**). If your form and payment are not received by this date, we cannot guarantee an available test for your child. There will be no registration at the door on the day of testing.

Should you have any further questions, I may be reached at mshollinshead@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Hollinshead
Testing Coordinator

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Parents' Names (please include first and last): _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student Name

(please include last name if different from parent)

Grade

Fee (4th - 5th graders, part-time, and siblings of full-time students)

_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

TOTAL FEE: _____

For office use only:

<p><u>Towle students:</u></p> <p>___ Sibling Program (4th-5th grade)</p>	<p><u>Non-Towle Students:</u></p> <p>___ Part-Time (6-8th grade)</p> <p>___ Outside Towle (6-8th grade)</p> <p>___ 4th-5th graders not in Sib Prog</p>	<p>Paid cash \$ _____</p> <p>Paid check # _____ for \$ _____</p> <p>Date Received _____</p> <p>Received by _____</p>
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Dear Parents,

If you have not yet fulfilled your service hours, now is your chance! Below is a list of jobs that need to be filled. If you are able, please indicate your availability and job preference. This is needed for the CAT testing on Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4 and for finals/placement testing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3-5.

Please fill out the bottom of this form and return it to the office. You will be contacted to confirm your availability. Once completed, don't forget to fill out a service hour form so that your family can receive credit. You need not register your child, nor even have a child testing, in order to volunteer for these tasks.

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Testing Days Service Hours Sign-Up Form

Parents' Names (please include first and last): _____

Please mark your availability with an "X"

<u>Job</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Testing Aide	_____	_____	_____
Book return	_____	_____	_____



◀ Mar		April 2024					May ▶
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	Happy Spring Break!						
7	8 Week 28	9	10	11 Drama	12	13	
14	15 Week 29 - Report Cards	16 Prospective Families Info Session 7pm	17 Labs	18 Drama	19	20	
21	22 Week 30	23	24	25 7pm Phantom of the Opera Play	26 7pm Phantom of the Opera Play	27 1pm Phantom of the Opera Play	
28	29 Week 31	30	Notes: Upcoming Spirit Day Events: April 29th Tourist day <i>COMPETITION</i> May 20th Twin day				

