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GROWING THROUGH THE FROST

Kelsey Davis



The earth begins its slow exhale in March. A shedding of winter's heavy, silver shroud. It's the month where the skeletal reach of the trees starts to soften and the air, once sharp and biting, carries the first damp promise of life. Just as a forest heals from the scars of a flame, the land now pulls itself from the numbing grip of the frost. It finds its pulse in the lengthening light and the persistent, quiet push of green through the muddy frost. This is the time, the moment where the darkness and the dawn stand in perfect balance before the world tips irretrievably toward the sun. As the iron-grey skies of February dissolve into the restless, wandering blues of early spring, there is a sense that the silence of the soil is finally breaking. What was once dormant and brittle now feels the ache of returning warmth. Cold can only last so long. Subtle thrumming that signals the end of the long, white sleep. We stand on this threshold not as spectators, but as part of the thaw, watching the ghosts of the cold retreat as the first defiant buds prepare to bloom in the wake of the retreating ice.

2nd Quarter Honor Rolls

2025-26

Congratulations to the full-time students who completed all coursework for the first quarter and earned all A's or a combination of A's and B's.

<i>A</i> Honor Roll	<i>AB</i> Honor Roll
Emma Betts	Asher Brock
Amari Bunton	Kelsey Davis
Alyssa Cannon	AJ DiLodovico
Aubree Colasanti	Jude Fursdon-Welsh
Eve Fursdon-Welsh	Michaela Heavner
Mikaela Kendzierski	Carrie Keathley
Anna Lester	Melina Keathley
Delaney Liebl	Anthony LaMonica
Emily Matthews	Frances McHugh
Kelly McHugh	Chloe Phillips
Audrey McHugh	Juliette Renneisen
McKenzie McMahan	Katherine Sewell
Lola Monaghan	John Slaten
Anthony Pugliese	Darby Slaten
Alana Rossney	Aurora Slaten
Mercy Santucci	Riley Thompson-Purcell
Penelope Schlabach	Daisy Wilkins
Noah Watts	Joy Wilkins
Micah Watts	Gloria Wilkins

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

- For 10th – 12th graders taking the **ASVAB Career Exploration exam on Friday, March 6th**, please keep checking your email for any additional details and updates.
- **REMINDER for all High School Students:** Week 33 (**May 11, 2026**) 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.

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Senior Spotlight

Anthony LaMonica



What are your plans after you graduate?

Army

What are some of your hobbies or activities?

Army

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Army

What is your favorite class?

Anatomy or consumer math I can't decide

What is the best ice cream flavor?

Can't eat ice cream and dairy free is disgusting

Do you have any finals tips?

Try to do everything you might find something your actually good at

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

I have two siblings my sister Morgan and a brother both of which went to Towle around 10 years ago



INTERVIEWS

By: Kelly McHugh

Alana Rossney



Loving, Athletic,
Bookworm

Alana was homeschooled before Towle. Her favorite subject is Math. She has two younger sisters, Josie and Noelle, and she has eight pets: a dog, a cat, and six ducks. Lastly, Alana's favorite restaurant is Skinny Legs in the US Virgin Islands.

Lola Monaghan



Easy-going, goofy,
sweet.

Before coming to Towle Lola went to St. Anthony of Padua grade school. Her favorite subject is history and she has two younger siblings, a younger brother named Kai and a baby sister named Ivy. And her favorite food is pizza, because pizza.

Mrs. Schlabach

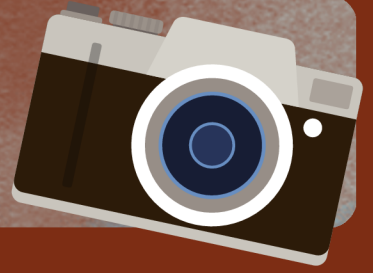


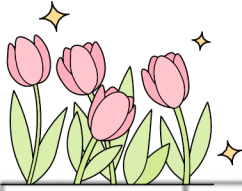
Chosen, Transformed,
Grateful

Mrs. Schlabach teaches MSM 1 and Pre-tip. Her pro tip is to always ask questions, because she loves it! She's been married for 16 years to her high school sweetheart (You say "awwwh"), and they have four kids (Penelope, Claire, Patrick, and Joanna). Tacos are her favorite food because who doesn't love tacos? Super power? "I would love to be able to add time to my days. Is that a superpower?" She said her dream vacation is a long road trip with tons of hiking through national parks along the way. What about favorite holiday? She said, "My favorite holiday is New Year's Eve. Since I was a little girl, my family has had the same tradition that involves pizza at the beach, a wild trip to KMart, games, snacks, cousin time, and banging pots and pans at midnight. I look forward to it every year."



SNAPSHOTS WINTER FORMAL





HELLO March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Week 24 Elementary Skit in Morning Assembly	3	4	5 Drama	6	7 Sr. High Science Olympiad
8	9 Week 25	10	11 Labs	12 Drama	13	14
15	16 Week 26 Elementary Skit in Morning Assembly	17	18	19 Drama	20	21 Jr. High Science Olympiad
22	23 Week 27	24	25	26 Drama	27 Franklin Institute Field Trip	28
29	30 Week 28 Color Wars Towle Family Skate Night	31	UPCOMING LAB DATES: March 11, April 15, May 20			

LAB SCHEDULE
8:30AM - 10:30AM
Biology • Chemistry • Anatomy & Physiology



Barker & Louie

Blossoms & Butterflies

Um, Louie, what happened to the garden?



Oh, well, after such a long winter, I was afraid the bees and butterflies wouldn't be able to find the daffodils when they finally bloom...



...so I decided to help!

NEW! Fine Dining Coming Soon!



Make reservations NOW!