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Towle Institute Monthly Newsletter

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the full-time students who completed their third-quarter coursework.

ALL A'S HONOR ROLL

EMMA BETTS
JUDE FURSDON-WELSH
MELINA KEATHLEY
ANNA LESTER
DELANEY LIEBL
EMILY MATTHEWS
AUDREY MCHUGH
FRANCES MCHUGH
PENELOPE SCHLABACH
KATHERINE SEWELL
MICAH WATTS

A/B HONOR ROLL

RYLAN BRADFORD
SOPHIA GREGG
CARRIE KEATHLEY
VALERIE KENDALL
KELLY MCHUGH
CHLOE PHILLIPS
ANTHONY PUGLIESE
JOHN SLATEN
NOAH WATTS

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

- **REMINDER** for all High School Students: Week 33 (May 12, 2025) 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 fully accredited college credits and living on campus for the 3-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 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 in 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 anytime on Mondays.

Mrs. Watts

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High School



COSMIC Writer's CLUB

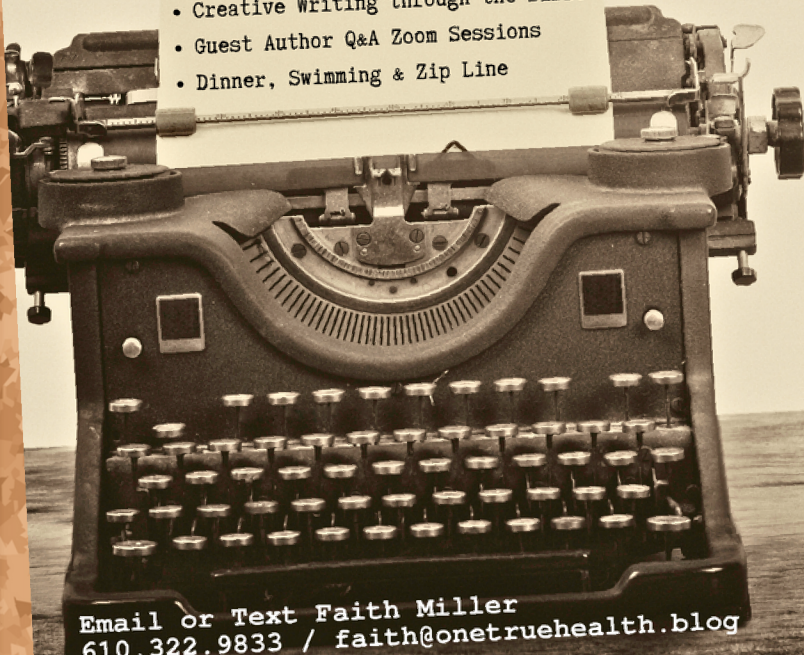


Cosmic Creative Writing Club

Collaborative Creative Writing
Centered around Christ

Begins
June
16th

- Monday Afternoons 2pm-6pm
- Creative Writing through the Bible
- Guest Author Q&A Zoom Sessions
- Dinner, Swimming & Zip Line



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2024-2025 YEARBOOK

TOWLE INSTITUTE



order
now!

True Light Productions "Summer Theater Camp"

Our Camp Dates for this year: June 16-27, 2025

(Two fun-filled weeks!)

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - No weekends

New Covenant Church - 1125 Jamison Corner Road
Middletown, Delaware



Show dates June 26 and 27, 2025 - 7:00pm



**Note: Audition for show
Saturday, May 24 - 10am to 12:00
Can't make it? Video accepted!**

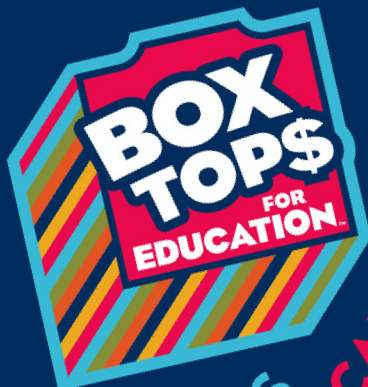
Ages 8-17 both male and female roles

Ahoy, Maties! C'mon! Hoist yer boot straps and climb aboard the Kayla May and sail with Capt. Bree along with her crew of lady pirates in this swashbuckling musical comedy!

Captain Jennings crew jumps ship ... leaving him with a handful of salty crew and the pretentious Madam Prescott. Come join in and find also her nephew Samuel and niece Julia who wants to become a pirate. Arrrghh! Will the British Navy be in time to save the day? Will there be a little romance? Shiver me' timbers! That remains to be seen! Come and join in the fun!

Call or text Cheryl Shields at 302-602-1638

True Light Productions is a Christian company, offering faith-based productions for the community - Welcome!



YES
I CAN!

Summer's Colors

By Sophia Miller

I can't believe it's May already.
February seems like yesterday!
Looking back, the way time passes so quickly, it would be wise of us not to squander it. Due to the weather these past weeks, my goal has been to finish as much homework and school in a short period of time as possible. I encourage you to do the same. Give yourself time to climb a tree, lay in the sun and read a good book, spend time in the woods, or just lay on the grass



We are all eagerly waiting for the summer holidays to begin; it is literally just around the corner! At the same time, we all want to be razor sharp for the beginning of the new school year next September, right?

How do we do this?

Fundamental Rule: Keep all things in balance – avoid any extremes! Enjoy your break and do fun things! At the same time, make sure to mix in activities that are good for your brain!

SOME IDEAS

Read: visit the local library! Read all types of books and articles! Reading is great for the brain! It's also a fun activity!

Reduce screen time: Go outside and play! Form a neighborhood softball team! Help your parents by weeding the garden. Find out the names of your favorite flowers.

Volunteer: a great way to help your community and possibly figure out what you'd like to concentrate on in your future studies.

Attend Educational Camps: check, for example, the offerings from Newark Parks and Recreation.

Make the most of your travels: Use your travels as a segway to read up on the unfamiliar area(s). What kind of history does the town / city have? •

and look up at the sky, taking in the colors of God's wonderful creation. The varying greens of leaves, the deep nutmeg of bark on tall and narrow trees, the bright brilliant blue of a clear sky, and rich orange clay exposed by a stream. Notice the way the sunlight hits certain things, like a gray rock or a small stream, or even just how it feels on your skin. Take advantage of the beautiful weather while it's still bearable, because summer is coming! Hold onto every cool breeze until the last second, while also grasping at whatever warmth from the sky you can find.

What is the city's main source of economic revenue? Go to local museums, planetariums, botanical gardens.

Document your experiences: write down thoughts and reflections in a diary! Writing is a powerful tool to help you organize and solidify your thoughts and feelings on a given subject.

Challenge yourself: learn to write in cursive! There is plenty of research to prove the cursive handwriting enhances brain development! Approach cursive writing as an art form!

Tackle home projects with the help of your parents that would have you practice problem-solving skills. How much wood flooring do we need to purchase to cover our bedroom floor? How much mulch do we need to order this year?

In summary, learning opportunities are literally everywhere! The key is to pay attention to what is going on around you and to reflect on how to wisely incorporate these experiences into your narrative.

Ideas taken from <https://www.bgca.org/news-stories/2024/June/5-ways-to-stop-the-summer-slide-and-help-kids-keep-learning/>

NEW TO TOWLE

By Kelly McHugh

Where did you work before Towle?

Before working at Towle, I worked for AET Enterprises. AET provides executive-level coaching in the behavioral health care space. I did a little bit of everything there! I still manage the business finances while teaching at Towle, but I'm no longer involved in coaching.

What classes do you teach?

I teach 2/3 Science and Writing, 4/5 History, and Geometry.

Do you have any kids or pets?

I have three wonderful daughters, and they all attend Towle! We don't currently have any pets.

What is your favorite food and/or restaurant?

It's a tie! I love the eggplant salad from Alibab's in Newark, DE, and the Yellowtail with jalapeño sushi from Johnny's Sushi House in Perryville, MD.

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

If I could have any superpower, I'd choose teleportation. Imagine being able to instantly travel anywhere in the world- no airports, no traffic, just zip-zip and I'm there! It'd be the ultimate way to visit new places and still make it home for dinner.

Describe yourself in three words. Curious, thoughtful, dependable.

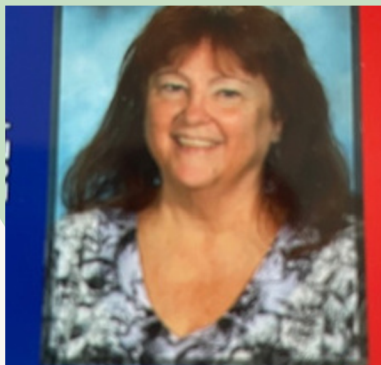
What is your dream vacation spot?

The Maldives! I've never been, but I'd love to one day relax in one of those overwater bungalows surrounded by crystal-clear ocean.

Mrs. Lester



Mrs. Strickler



Where did you work before Towle?

Worked for Cecil County Public Schools, Elkton, MD

What classes do you teach?

I Taught ESL for 25 years; elementary, Middle and High school

Do you have any kids, (grandkids), or pets? If so, how many?

I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. We have 2 dogs.

What is your favorite food and/or restaurant?

Italian is really my favorite food, but Hispanic food is a close second!

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

Strength would be my superpower, so I could keep working and feel good (and also be able to open a jar LOL)

Describe yourself in three words.

3 words to describe me; Loving, helpful and caring

What is your dream vacation spot? (A place you've never been)

Dream vacation La Costa del Sol, Malaga, Spain, of course! Maybe someday I'll get there!

PSAT/NMSQT REGISTRATION



8:30 AM
OCTOBER 11, 2025

Who:

9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Students

Test fees:

\$24 for non-Towle students

Testing Location:

1512 Brackenville Road
HOCKESSIN, DE 19707

Pre-registration is required. See the description for more details.

Students must bring a fully charged computer as this test will be administered online.



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.

Payment Info:

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

Deadline

Friday, September 12, 2025 First come basis. Seating Limited.
Please send in payment with the following information:
1) Student's full name, 2) student's grade level in Fall of 2025 and 3) a reliable contact email address.

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

May



2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

LAB SCHEDULE MAY 21ST

Biology & Chemistry 8:30-10:30am

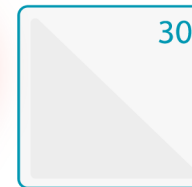
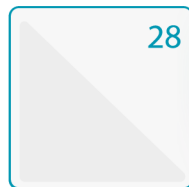
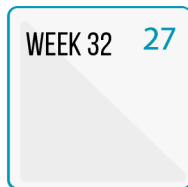
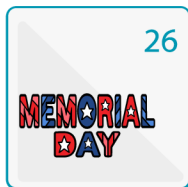
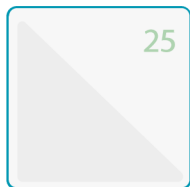
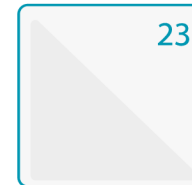
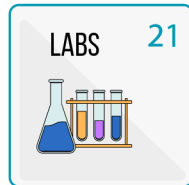
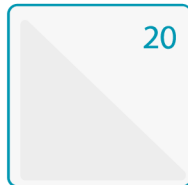
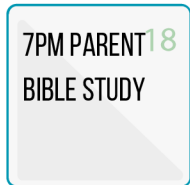
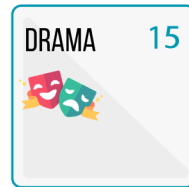
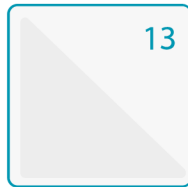
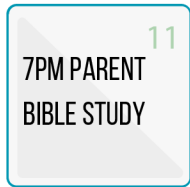
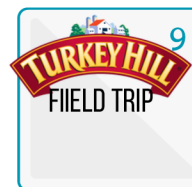
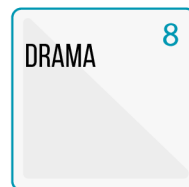
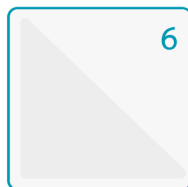
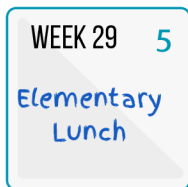
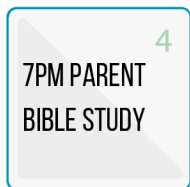


MAY 19TH

SPIRIT DAY • WILD WEST \$1



Anastasia



Barker & Louie

Kite Catastrophe

Thanks for trying to help me get down, Barker. I still don't know how I got so tangled up in my kite string.



Are you okay, Louie?



Oof.

Whoosh!

Well, I wonder if this is how a piñata feels!



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March 2024

Dear Parents,

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

When: Monday, June 2 (8:45 am – 12:05 pm) and Tuesday, June 3 (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 next page for service hour opportunities.
- Fourth through 8th grade siblings of full-time students, Towle 4th & 5th grade 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 5, 2025. 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 (include last name if different from parent)

Grade

Fee

_____	_____	\$30
_____	_____	\$30
_____	_____	\$30
_____	_____	\$30

Total fee: _____

For office use only:

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