

## Stay Connected



## 2018-19 PA meetings

September 20  
October 11  
November 8  
December 13  
January 10  
February 7  
March 14  
April 11  
May 2  
June 13

All meetings will be held at 6:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Executive board meetings immediately precede at 5pm.

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School is closed on Mon, Nov. 12 for Veterans' Day

Lots of new, important info in this issue:

- PA Meeting #3 recap
- College application info for 12th grade families
- And more college application info for 12th grade families
- Free online SAT vs. ACT practice test
- Big Apple Teacher Award nominations
- Come see the fall play this week
- Library DonorsChoose project



## PA Meeting #3 Recap

家长会第三次会议的摘要

- Principal Newman provided these updates:
  - Renovation work on Tech's athletic field has started!
  - Girls swimming, volleyball, and bowling have all made it to playoffs or finals.
  - Tech is forming a JV baseball team soon, possibly by this spring (2019), but maybe not till spring 2020.
  - There is now a girls rugby club, with plans to make it a varsity team for spring 2020.
  - Tutoring by Tech teachers is available in every subject every week (see [schedules](#)). It's best if students tell the tutors which specific topics they want to work on (e.g. "physics" is too general, but "torque" is specific) or bring a recent test.
  - A new math AP will be starting soon
  - The morning swipe-in notification system has been having problems with delayed or missing messages. School administrators will look into it.
  - Wondering why there are boilers parked outside school on Dekalb? See this [excerpt](#) from a Tech Talk last year.

- Ms. Quinn from the College Office spoke about college application strategies for Tech students. Meeting notes to follow next week.
  - She will be giving a full College Process presentation aimed at 9th and 10th grade families on Nov 27 at 6pm. Please [register](#). 11th grade parents are welcome to attend as well, though there will be a College Process presentation for 11th grade families in the spring.
- College admissions consultant Caroline Koppelman spoke about the importance of extracurricular activities for students who are applying to very selective schools. Her company's [blog](#) has useful information, though it can be a bit intimidating.
- Mrs. Nottingham gave a few updates:
  - Halloween at school and the 12th grade Masquerade Ball went off very smoothly -- the kids were great.
  - Juuling/vaping is becoming a bigger problem nationally, including at Tech.
  - Vaping devices vaporize a flavored liquid containing nicotine to be inhaled. They are powered by tiny batteries and produce a vapor that can be hard to see.
  - Parents may not be aware that their students are vaping, as the vaping devices resemble USB memory sticks or pens. Vaping is harmful, and the liquid contains highly addictive nicotine.
  - In addition to the health impact, students found using these devices in school can be suspended, and disciplinary actions are included on college applications.
  - Mrs. Nottingham mentioned [this article](#), which explains vaping and its dangers. Parents should discuss this issue with their kids.



- All six candidates for the Audit Committee were elected.
- The PA Diversity Committee will meet Tue, Nov 20 from 5:30-6:30pm in 1E17. Agenda details to follow.
- The Lunar New Year dinner will be Fri, Feb 15.

## College Application Info

申请大学的资讯

12th grade parents: Please read the College Office's Nov 5-9 edition of [The College Corner](#) newsletter. We recommend you read the whole thing, but here are some highlights:

- College lists** in Naviance close on Wed, Nov 14 at 3pm. That means that your student must have her college list (the colleges she is applying to) finalized by then.
- For students applying to **Macaulay**:
  - Remember Macaulay has an early deadline of Dec 1
  - Macaulay won't request recommendations from teachers until a student submits the application
  - Students should tell their teachers now, so teachers can have recommendations ready by Dec 1
  - Submit the application early if possible

- Students can register for **On-the-Spot Admissions** sessions in December and January. (Four colleges are coming to Tech to meet with students and make on-the-spot admissions decisions.)
- At the very, very end of The College Corner is a **great guide to filling out the Common App** ([read it here, too](#)). It has suggestions for how to respond to every question, including each of the essay prompts. Worth reading -- send it to your kids.

## More College Application Info

更多申请大学的资讯

- You *may* be able to save money on reporting SAT/ACT/SAT Subject Test scores by **self-reporting**. *Some* colleges allow students to report scores on the Common App, and only require an official score report if the student is accepted (e.g. see [Binghamton's policy](#)). But check carefully -- many colleges still require official score reports. To check, look at each college's admissions website.
- Students applying to **multiple CUNY schools only need to send one score report**. Use the code 2950 for both SAT and ACT scores. The scores will be sent to CUNY UAPC, which will then send the scores to all the CUNY schools where the student applied.
- Many colleges offer applicants the chance to **interview** with an alum who lives in NY or at the college with an admissions officer. Generally it's a good idea to do these interviews, if offered. Most colleges provide a link or website to request an interview only after the student has submitted an application. But some colleges want students to sign up for an interview in the fall, even before submitting an application. Again, the only way to know is to check the admissions website for each of the colleges your student is applying to. Check out the College Board's [interview tips](#).

## Free online SAT vs. ACT practice test

Kaplan补习班提供免费SAT vs. ACT 模拟考。11月17或18日。 [请报名](#)

10th and 11th grade families: Wondering if your student should take the SAT or ACT? The test prep company Kaplan is offering a free, online practice test with both SAT and ACT-type questions. Kaplan will score the test and suggest whether the SAT or ACT would be a better fit for the student. Offered Nov 17 and 18. [Register](#)

(Wondering how the PA knew about this opportunity? We read about it in the College Office's Nov 5-9 edition of [The College Corner](#) newsletter. All students and parents should try to read *The College Corner* regularly.)

## Fall Play: *Praying for Rain*

请来看秋季的戏剧

The fall play this year, *Praying for Rain*, will be performed this week only. School dramatic and musical performances are consistently awesome. We recommend you attend if you can. (Also, PA contributions help support Tech dramatic performances.)

Wed, Nov 14, 4:30pm

Thu, Nov 15, 4:30pm

Fri, Nov 16, 6:00pm



See [play poster and ticket sale info](#).

## Big Apple Teacher Award Nominations

The DoE has opened up nominations for the Big Apple award for teachers and college counselors. To learn more about what the Big Apple awards are and to nominate a Tech teacher, please visit the DoE's [Big Apple Award page](#).



## DonorsChoose Project

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The library has a new [DonorsChoose](#) project for an iPad has made good progress! The library will use the iPad for things like making instructional videos for students. Please consider [donating](#).

## Reminders from Previous TechTalks

再度提醒您

- Tutoring by teachers is offered by every department, multiple periods every week. See the [schedule](#). Many kids say this tutoring has been very helpful.
- Princeton Review is offering SAT and ACT prep courses, both at Tech (and across the street at LIU) and elsewhere around the city. Students receive a 25% discount on their course with code BTHS25, and 10% off private tutoring with code BTHS10. See [course schedules and pricing info](#). (The PA receives a referral fee.) 补习班提供的SAT/ACT考试的补习课
- Parents of 11th graders: At the Oct 11 PA meeting, Ms. McKinnon presented a junior checklist -- the things that 11th graders should be doing this year to prepare for the college process. See the [PA's summary and related links](#).
- Parents of 12th graders: If your student has **questions about the college process**(finalizing a college list, applications, letters of recommendation, etc.), please encourage her to sign up for a one-on-one meeting with a College Office advisor. Details and sign up link are in the Oct 3 edition of the College Office's [College Corner newsletter](#).
- See the College Office's 2018 Senior Info and FAFSA Night [presentation](#) 申请大学的资讯会
- College Night for 9th and 10th Grade Parents Tue, Nov 27, 6pm  
Ms. Quinn from the College Office is hosting an info session for parents of 9th and 10th graders. While 11th grade spring is when the college process really starts, the PA recommends that 9th and 10th grade families start learning a bit now -- it will make 11th and 12th grade easier. Please [register](#). 9, 10年级的家长：申请大学资讯会。11月27日（周二）晚上6点。 [请报名](#)

- And I said, what about breakfast with the principal? [Sign up](#) for a small group breakfast or dinner with Principal Newman. 请来学校跟校长Principal Newman见面!
- Questions? Answers.  
Tech can be a little overwhelming at first, but trust us, you and your kids will figure it out quickly. To get up to speed, here are [helpful sources of information and places you can go to ask questions](#). 如何寻找关于学校的资讯
- Nag Your 11th or 12th Grader to Sign up for College Info Sessions  
From now through Nov, college reps are coming to Tech for info sessions. The PA highly recommends that 11th and 12th grade students sign up for these info sessions. To see the list of colleges visiting Tech, log into [Naviance](#), then at the top right, choose the Colleges menu -> Research Colleges -> College Visits. Students also need to fill out the permission form on the [College Office website](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to see the form). This form gives them permission to miss class to attend an info session. 请提醒孩子报名大学资讯会

## School Calendar Notes

学校的行事历的摘要

- Fall parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Thu, Nov 29, 5:30-8:00pm and Fri, Nov 30, 12:30-3:20pm 秋季家长教师会议
- Check out the [school calendar](#) 查看学校的行事历
- Check out the [Dept of Education's calendar](#) for the 2018-19 school year 查看教育局的行事历



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