MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 18, 2020  Tuesday B Day

➢ It’s almost lacrosse season!! Any girls interested in girls lacrosse should be sure to turn in their physicals to Mrs. Rowe before February 28th! See you on the fields!

➢ A reminder to all National Technical Honor Society junior members, your dues must be in to Mr. Kather by Friday, February 21st in order to ensure induction into NTHS. You may also pay dues at “Online School Payments” on BCPS One.

➢ The National Technical Honor Society will be having a meeting this Thursday after school in Mr. Kather’s room 231. This meeting is for all new members and will go from 2:10pm to 2:45pm.

➢ This Thursday at 6:30 pm in the conference room, the Parent Teacher Student Association will have it's general meeting and talking about After Prom Party activities. Come join us to help plan your celebration. All other students are welcome to come as well!

➢ Attention Sophomores and anyone else interested in buying a Class Ring! A Balfour Representative will be here this Thursday and Friday during lunches and afterschool on Thursday from 4-6pm to collect order forms and payment for class rings. Grab a flyer in the office for more info.

➢ The boys varsity basketball team won in convincing fashion 61-40, over Chesapeake, on Friday night. Walter Carr led all scoring with 24 points, while Charles Neverdon also scored 16 of his own, including a highlight dunk. Walter recorded a double double with 24 points and 10 rebounds. While Donovan Leak
managed 10 plus rebounds and assists, collecting the unusual double double the hard way. The team plays at home, for their senior night, on Wednesday at 5:30 PM against Owings Mills. We hope you will come out to send off Walter, Will, and Nate!

➢ On Friday, the varsity girls basketball team celebrated senior night in style with a dominating 52 to 12 win over the visiting Chesapeake Bayhawks. Seniors Maya Britton, Tiffany Manning, Kayla Jackson, and Troi Williams scored 47 out of 52 points as the physical Wolverines held Chesapeake to a single second half point. Manning led the team with 22, followed by Britton and Jackson, both with careers highs of 11 and 9 points. Williams chipped in an additional 5. The team travels to Owings Mills Wednesday for the last regular season game before preparing for the county title game on Tuesday, February at SECU Arena, Towson University.

➢ Congratulations to all students competing in the Future Health Professionals (HOSA) 2020 Competitions. We are very proud of the following students for placing in the Future Healthcare Professionals-HOSA Regional Competition. For Medical Math, Sophia Nguyen placed 11th and Allison Atkins placed 13th. For Medical Spelling, Olachi Uradu and Judith Yartel tied for 2nd place, Yuxin Zou, Ogechi Uradu, and Victor Rabines tied for 4th place, and Raven Gwathney placed 5th. For Medical Terminology, Dunni Ojumu placed 2nd, Mamoona Khan placed 5th, Ivana Obima placed 7th, Larissa Zacharias and Victor Rabines tied for 8th, Kate Olid placed 12th, Nazia Nora placed 13th, Raven Gwathney placed 19th, and Allison Atkins placed 24th. Congratulations to all of our competitors! We are very proud of you and wish you all the best as you proceed to the State Competition in March!

➢ Come out and support the Junior Class’ Fundraiser at Kung Fu Tea in Owings Mills THIS Thursday, February 20th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Fifteen percent of all proceeds go to the Junior Class. Receive a 10% discount on your purchase with a student ID. Participate in the Bubble Tea Pong Competition to win exciting prizes. Hope to see you there.

➢ Attention all athletes interested in playing a spring sport: Physicals are due to Mrs. Rowe by this Friday, February 21st. Don’t forget to register on FormReLeaf!

➢ In honor of Black History Month, today we celebrate Zora Neale Hurston. Long before Andre 3000 took to the stage at the 1995 Source Awards to famously proclaim “the South got somethin’ to say,” Hurston was laying the intellectual groundwork for such a case. Hurston had the pesky habit of writing the way black people in the South — and in particular the all-black town of Eatonville, Florida, where she was raised — actually spoke. Furthermore, she wrote with confidence
giving a voice to the people she knew best. Stop by the bulletin board outside of the library to learn more.

➢ This week’s featured Black History Month reading recommendation is...

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood is the memoir by comedian and The Daily Show host Trevor Noah about growing up as a mixed-race child - first under apartheid, and then in its wake. Part tribute to his mother, part indictment of his white oppressors, this coming-of-age story paints a vibrant picture of Johannesburg in the 1980s and '90s, and beyond. Born to a black mother and a white father in 1984, Noah and his family navigated many unusual challenges, on top of the usual hardships faced by black families in that time and place. Noah's parents, an African woman and a Swiss man, had an unusual relationship. They never married, and Noah isn't sure to what degree they were even romantically involved. But after Noah was born, his father decided that he wanted to be meaningfully involved in his life. Fans of Noah's stand-up comedy or The Daily Show will find plenty of his trademark sharpness and humor even as he relates memories of suffering poverty and abuse.

Stop by the library today to check out this and other featured titles.

**SAT Word of the Week**

**IMPLICIT**, an adjective meaning “understood, although not put into words; assumed or taken for granted”

“In any essay assignment, there is an IMPLICIT agreement between writer and audience that the work is original.”