



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

January 25, 2021



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Welcome Back Students!



The staff of TIS was thrilled to welcome students back into the building on Tuesday. The enthusiasm and positive energy from students was a welcome addition to the building. Both in-person and remote learners were able to reap the benefits of being together again.

HAWK's Nest

Our monthly HAWK's Nest focused on our January whole school attribute of empathy. Our HAWK's Nest gatherings begin with a student check in by asking them to participate in a Fist to 5. This activity simply asks students to indicate how they are feeling by holding up one through five fingers, with one indicating you are struggling and five meaning you are doing awesome. The HAWK's Nest lesson on empathy included a discussion on the definition of empathy: when someone is able to share or understand the emotions and feelings of another person. The lesson then included a story about empathy or a brief video. The culmination of the HAWK's Nest enabled students to provide

examples of how they have shown empathy and how they've used their senses to determine how someone else is feeling.

1:1 Chromebook Initiative

As part of our new district Chromebook initiative, partly funded by our amazon PTO, all Tolland students will be required to have a school issued Chromebook. The only cost for the Chromebook is an optional insurance policy, as well as an option hard shell case. Below is an overview outlining the need for students to have a district issued Chromebook:

Software: There are many applications and extensions that students will be expected to have on their devices during class. The district is able to automatically install and update these apps and extensions by having student devices enrolled in the district's online device management tools. Students with personal devices may not be able to receive all of the apps that will be required for their use. Some apps, such as the state's secure testing app, only work with specific versions of ChromeOS. The district is able to ensure that student devices enrolled in its management tools stay on supported versions of ChromeOS. Update control is something the district is unable to do with personally owned devices.

Much of the software the district deploys is licensed per device. By using device management tools, the district is able to install software and license keys to devices, then remove them when they are no longer in use. On personally owned devices, the district can't verify that software has been uninstalled.

Web filtering: When students use a district device, they are required to sign in with a district-provided username and password. This information is forwarded to our web filter and allows us to easily identify which sites students are browsing. Personal devices can be logged in with non-district accounts which makes it more difficult for the district to track where students are browsing.

T.I.S. CALENDAR



IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE – Please Review

The TPS In-service day scheduled for January 21 will be rescheduled for Wednesday January 27th. The High School mid-semester day will also be January 27, 2021 as well. Teachers will still attend any scheduled PPTs or meetings.

January 21st is now a regular school day.

There will be no classes on Wednesday January 27th.

January

- 18 Martin Luther King Day/NO SCHOOL
- 20 Hawk Nests
- 20 Coffee with the Principal, 10:15 (see flyer below)
- 27 NO SCHOOL (see above)
- 29 Sports Team Day



Unified Arts Update for January 2021

Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education

Ms. Ballard - Art

In the month of January, Cohort 6 & 1 will have Art. Both cohorts are fourth grade classes. The current Cohort 6 will be finishing up on Jan 22nd, 2021. The students will be finishing up their Shadow Box projects, their Scratch Art projects and their Origami projects. Cohort 1 will join me for the beginning of the second half of the year. The new projects for them will be Robots, Mosaics, and Clay. It is up to the students if they would like to bring in a smock to wear during class. All materials, projects and smocks must be taken with the students every day.

Each student received art materials from the first day of art class. All students are asked to please bring those materials to art class. Everyone was given or sent a yellow folder with the art material in it. Please bring the folder along with your ziplock bag of materials to art class.

If your child did not receive those materials please let me know.

Each student will be responsible for keeping track of their materials and bringing them to class every day. Materials will be given out to new students during the first week of class. On Virtual Wednesdays students will need to take part in Art class from 11:45am. to 12:15 pm. online.

I look forward to seeing you all and creating new art projects!

Mrs. Hill - Library Media

During the month of January, the fourth grade cohort groups of Bockus, Slayton, and Wunsch have Library as their Unified Arts special. Students will be practicing skills they learned in third grade such as library arrangement, Destiny searching, and basic technology applications. In addition, they will show competency in opening, editing, and turning in assignments for Google docs, slides, and forms. Students will learn about seven different winter holidays and share their own holiday traditions, review six fiction genres, complete a STEM project, and of

course check out lots of great books. There is always so much going on in Library class!



The third grade cohort group of Arner, Babiec, Cyr and Fischer will start their next Library classes on Monday January 25th. Looking forward to seeing my very first cohort group again from September!! ****EVEN IF YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT HAVE LIBRARY AS A SPECIAL, THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE!** Your student is encouraged to put books on hold at school or at home and the library staff will deliver the books to their classroom! So easy!

Ms. Baker - General Music and Grade 5 Chorus



Let's celebrate diversity!

Let's Welcome Ms. Baker's student teacher, Vanessa Menendez



Grade 3 general music:

Third graders please keep working on your recorder karate and singing independently. I will be sending out some all school musical slideshows for you to enjoy!

Grade 4 general music: The fourth graders will be learning about the music of Asia, Africa, and Europe. The students will be learning how to play songs on their recorders at home using the recorder karate program.

Grade 5 general music: The fifth graders will be learning how to play the ukulele. There are resources on the google classrooms for students to continue playing on their own. *Students are not required to purchase their own ukulele but, if you or your student are interested in investing in your own ukulele contact me in order to find a quality instrument at a reasonable price.*

Grade 5 Chorus: Grade 5 chorus has begun. Please sign into our Wednesday Google Meets at 12:15.-12:45 If you still would like to join send Ms. Baker an email and she will send you an invitation to her Chorus classroom.

******At this time we are not planning a live concert for third grade. Please watch this Unified Arts page for future updates.

Mrs. Marchesani - Band/Chorus/UA Exploratory Music



Grade 5 Music 2 Class: In January, the 5th grade cohort groups consisting of students from Grabowski, Racco and Yaglowski are participating in “5th grade Music with Mrs. Marchesani” class. The overarching theme is Percussion. Students have listened to recordings of percussion around the world. We are learning body percussion routines and students will be composing some as well. A variety of rhythms are being reviewed so students have plenty of rhythms

in their “rhythm bank”. The culminating activity will be students bucket drumming their own compositions!

Grade 4 Chorus: 4th grade chorus continues to meet on Wednesdays. The google meet begins at 12:15 and ends at 12:45. Click on the meet link in the 4th grade Chorus Google Classroom to join the meet. Please email nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us if you want to participate in 4th grade Chorus and Mrs. Marchesani will send you an invite!

Grade 4 Band: Wind instrument classes begin during the week of February 1st!!! If you missed the 4th grade Band sign-up, here is the link:
<https://forms.gle/jhgPv9cqJP81HCv8>

If you need to rent an instrument, please see this link: <https://gerrysmusicshop.com/rentals/>

- An Instrument
- A Red Standard of Excellence book for your instrument
- Music Stand for home practice is optional
- Reeds, cork grease, valve oil, slide oil etc. depending on which instrument

Being part of the band means that each week, students have SMALL GROUP instruction time whether you are an in-person learner or a remote learner. This year, we are using a rotating pull-out schedule during the school day. 4th grade Band Students will have their Band class on a fixed day of the week (either Tuesday or Friday) but the time of the class will change weekly. We are using special music masks and bell covers on our instruments when we play in school just like Band members in TMS and THS. Band is a graded class. 60 minutes per week of Home Practice is recommended for success and is an important commitment for students to make.

Any questions? Contact Mrs. Marchesani: nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us

Grade 5 Band: The 5th Grade Band small group classes have been meeting in person in Mrs. Marchesani’s room and remote from home students are included in the schedule. We are using a rotating pull out schedule so Band students do not miss the same class every week. We are using special music masks and bell covers on our instruments when we play in school just like Band members in TMS and

THS. Our playing eighth notes review is going very well! “Regal March” is taking shape in small groups. Students have completed the Concert Bb “Scale Preps for Beginning Band” by Mike Hannickel and have begun learning the Concert Eb scale preps. The Concert Eb Scale Preps will help with learning “Montego Bay” and many other songs in our Standard of Excellence book. .

Inclement Weather policy: On early dismissal or late start days, small group Band classes WILL meet. Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns! nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 x 40226



Mr. Downing – Physical Education

Fifth grade: Students will be engaged in an exercise routine consisting of a warmup and exercises designed to elevate the heart rate. The five components of health related fitness will be stressed. The students will also be playing several invasion games. Teamwork and sportsmanship will be the focus.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY??

TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL



Wednesday, January 27
4:00 - 5:00 PM on ZOOM

- Design your own library programs.
- Earn community service credit hours.
- Have a say in the YA books, movies, and games that YOU want in the library.
- Teen voices matter and we want to hear yours!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - AGES 13+ - FREE

Call **(860) 871-3621** or email **ageary@tolland.org** and signup today

TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
21 TOLLAND GREEN EXT. - TOLLAND, CT 06084



CARTOON CLUB

DO YOU LOVE TO **DRAW**?
ARE YOU OBSESSED WITH **GRAPHIC NOVELS**,
COMICS, **CARTOONS**, **ANIME**, AND **MANGA**??

Join us **Wednesday, January 20 @ 4:00 PM** on ZOOM
for tips, tricks, exercises, and free-drawing fun!

Meets **EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY**. Registration is required.
Call (860) 871-3621 or email ageary@tolland.org to sign-up!
Kids & Teens Ages 7 & Up - FREE

TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY - 21 TOLLAND GREEN EXT - TOLLAND, CT 06084

Take Your Child to the Library Day



Saturday, February 6, 2021

This year, we're bringing the library to you!

*Virtual escape rooms for kids & teens,
take-home crafts, a children's story hour, & more!*



Call (860) 871-3621 or
email ageary@tolland.org
for more information

Tolland Public Library
21 Tolland Green Ext. - 06084



Super Duper Story Time

TUESDAYS @ 10:30 AM
[ON ZOOM]



Stories & Songs for Littles, Kids, & Caregivers - FREE

Register for our brand new 8-week program session

Tues. January 5th - Tues. February, 23rd

Call (860) 871-3621 or email ageary@tolland.org today

Tolland Public Library - 21 Tolland Green Ext - 06084



PAJAMA STORYTIME

January 7 & 21
February 4 & 18
6:00 PM on ZOOM

Jammies, stuffies, rhymes, and stories!

Registration Required

Call (860) 871-3621 or email ageary@tolland.org

Littles & Kids Ages 0-6 - FREE

Tolland Public Library - 21 Tolland Green Ext - 06084

FROM THE NURSES' OFFICE:

The nursing office is looking for donations of unisex sweatpants or athletic pants. Elastic waist is best. Child sizes 8 to 16 are welcome!



WINDHAM-TOLLAND 4-H CAMP

326 Taft Pond Rd Pomfret, CT 06259

www.4hcampct.org



PUT SOME FUN IN YOUR 2021 SUMMER!

June 20 to August 13, 2021

Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp, located in Pomfret Center, Connecticut, has provided summer camp experiences for thousands of youngsters for over 60 years. The camp has both overnight and day camp programs for boys and girls 6-15 years of age. The camp is located on 270 acres containing woodlands, cabins, recreation areas and scenic lakes. The Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp maintains a state license and ACA accreditation. Campers need not be 4-H members.

Our caring, camper-centered, college-aged and trained staff is committed to providing a safe, educational, and fun experience for every child.

All campers have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs each week including:

- Arts & crafts
- Low and Mid High Ropes courses & Horizontal Climbing wall
- Swimming
- Self-defense
- Fishing
- Sports
- Drama
- Dance
- Archery
- Outdoor Education
- Zip-line
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Knitting

4-H Camp offers a variety of specialty programs also available on a weekly basis for an additional cost.

Horseback riding, farm camp and cow camp

CAMP PRICING 2021

- Day Camp (ages 6-15) \$325 per week (Lunch & Snacks Included)
- Resident Camp (ages 9-15) \$525 per week
- Teen Leadership Program (ages 15-17) Starts at \$525
- Overnight Clover Camp (ages 7-8) \$275 per session (3-day Sessions)

THEME WEEKS FOR 2021

A **stayover weekend** (July 10th-July 12th) includes a **TRIP** New England Aquarium, Imax and Duck Tours for campers who attend both weeks 3 & 4.

- **Week 1 – June 20-25- Scooby Dooooo Week**
- **Week 2 – June 27-July 2 – Medieval Week**
- **Week 3 – July 4-9 – Carnival Week**
- **Week 4 – July 11-16 – Game Show Mania Week**
- **Week 5 – July 18-23 – International Week**
- **Week 6 – July 25-30 – Decades Week**
- **Week 7 – August 1-6 – Water Splash Week**
- **Week 8 – August 9-13 – Capture the Flag! (Day Camp Only)**

Visit our **website** at **www.4hcampct.org** for Online Registration

E-mail us at registrar@4hcampct.org for a camp brochure or additional information or

Call the Camp Registrar at (860) 974-3379



OPEN HOUSES

Sunday January 31 & Sunday, February 21

Sunday March 14 & Saturday April 18

From 2:00 to 4:00 PM Each Day

OPEN HOUSE EXTRA – April 17

Please join us April 18 - 12:30 PM for an informational parent panel on the benefits of Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp for you and your child.



Call or email to request a brochure (860) 974-3379 ~ registrar@4hcampct.org

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TIS SPIRIT DAYS!

November 20TH
HAT DAY



April 30th College Spirit Day



December 22nd Crazy/Silly
Sweater Day



May 21st Patriotic Day



January 29th Sports Team
Day



June 11th Wacky Tacky Day



March 12th PI Day



News from the Cafeteria



DID YOU KNOW...

BGP & TIS serves breakfast every day that lunch is served at school?

Both Breakfast & Lunch are Free to All students at this time?

You can order both meals on all remote learning days?



MAKE MORNINGS EASY!

Please see the Free School Meal Flyer for more information.

If you ever have a question regarding meals in Tolland Schools, please contact, Abby Kassman-Harned, Food Service Director at 860-870-6854 or aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS
FOR ALL CHILDREN
UP TO AGE 18
through June 30, 2021**



REASONS TO GET SCHOOL MEALS

***Supports our school district and keeps staff working* Saves you time & money*Includes fresh fruits, vegetables, milk and whole grains*Is prepared by Food Service professionals trained in food safety*Extends your household food budget* Great tasting, nutritious, kid-friendly choices**

**REMOTE MEAL ORDERING
INFORMATION**

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT ORDER FORMS:

Remote meal menu available on each form

Note that this menu is different than the in-school menus

**For Tolland Public School Students
and their siblings [click here](#)**

You must have an account set up in ["myschoolaccount"](#)

**For all other children in the
community [click here](#)**

This is a google form

**ALL PREORDERED MEALS MUST BE PICKED
UP DAILY AT TOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL
BETWEEN 11:30 – 12:30**

**How will my children
get their free meals?**

In School:

K-5 students will come through the service line. All food will be placed on trays by the kitchen staff; students will touch only their own tray.

6-12 students will sign-up in the morning for a grab & go meal to pick up on their way out of the building at the end of the day.

Breakfast is now be offered at all schools each morning.

Remote Meals:

Available with a preorder.

NEW - Weekend meals now available – Must order by Monday for Wednesday pick-up.

Daily Breakfast & lunch orders may be placed by a parent or guardian the day before or up until 7am the day of pick-up.

**Please see Ordering
Information**



Questions?

Food Service Office

860-870-6854

aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us

kmecteau@tolland.k12.ct.us

We are here to help!

You Are Cordially Invited To:



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL
2020-2021

T.I.S. Coffee with the Principal will be VIRTUAL this year.

September 23, 2020

February 18, 2021 (Thurs. mtg.)

October 21, 2020

March 17, 2021

November 18, 2020

April 14, 2021

No December meeting

May 19, 2021 (which is a

January 20, 2021

special Math meeting)

(all meetings begin at 10:15 a.m.)

Please RSVP

to Pam Babey (pbabey@tolland.k12.ct.us) by the day before the meeting date you would like to attend. You will then receive a link to the meeting.



Join
Mrs. Webster, K-12 Math Supervisor
and
the TIS Principal, Mr. Dineen

to learn about math placement for incoming 6th graders.

Current 5th Graders

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021
(Coffee with the Principal Meeting)
Time: 10:15am - 11:15am

Google Meet information:
<https://meet.google.com/vnz-qfee-wbr>

Join by phone
(US) +1 252-843-1044 PIN: 914 453 207#

You can find more detailed information on our Tolland Public Schools Middle School Math Placement website. It can be accessed directly with this link:

<http://tps.sharpschool.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=891651&pageId=47149004> or by following the pathway on the Tolland Public Schools website: Departments, Curriculum, and Mathematics.

TOLLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

**SPRING BASEBALL &
SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**

Visit
TollandLittleLeague.com
for more info.



Tolland Intermediate School

Photo Release Form

2020-2021

**Please do not release any photos of my child in the
following media**

(check all that apply):

_____ Yearbook

_____ Outside Media Sources

_____ Tolland Public Schools Superintendent's Bulletin/**T.I.S. Digital Backpack**

_____ Tolland Intermediate School Website

*****This form does not need to be returned if photos
can be used in all of the above media areas.**

Name_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Teacher_____



The End